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Music in the Hills to feature high-energy bands in Mulmur

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

The Kinette Club of Shelburne is looking to use the sound of music to help tackle youth mental health in the Dufferin County community.

The Kinette Club of Shelburne will be hosting a fundraising concert called Music in the Hills on June 7 from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Mansfield Ski Club in Mulmur.

The 2025 Music in the Hills concert features a lineup of local bands – The Campfire Poets, The Matlockes and Crowded Table.

“These bands have great energy and a great following in the Dufferin County area. We looked at all the local reviews of the bands and when people have had them perform, they’ve had a great time. We’re really excited to hear them,” said Francine Burt, president of the Kinette Club of Shelburne.

The Campfire Poets is an Orangeville-based band that has played all over Ontario for more than 25 years. They cover music from a wide range of genres including rock, pop, reggae, Celtic, and folk. Some of the artists ‘The Poets’ cover include Steve Miller, Great Big Sea, Sublime, Zac Brown Band, Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Queen and Jason Mraz. The Matlockes are a Shelburne-based band consisting of Steven Thompson, Cole Barber, Dylan Lillie, Colt Fawcett, and Evan

Harley. The band formed in April of 2022 and plays a range of original songs and covers from Metallica, Black Sabbath, Foo Fighters, Greta Van Fleet, and more. The Matlockes were the winners of the 2022 Dufferin Rising Star Competition.

Crowded Table is a lively, kitchen party band that brings people together with a mix of instruments including acoustic guitar, accordion, tin whistle, cajon drums and more. The band looks to create an unforgettable, toe-tapping sound that gets crowds dancing and singing along.

The first Music in the Hills fundraiser was held in 2021 and was organized by the Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin in partnership with Go With Crowe Real Estate. The inaugural concert raised a total of \$15,000 for youth mental health services and initiatives within Dufferin County.

The Kinette Club of Shelburne took over the event for 2025 and chose to host it with the proceeds dedicated to youth mental health services through Family Transition Place (FTP).

“We’re all moms who live in and around the Shelburne area, and over the last few years, we’ve seen a lot of [mental health] impact with our children. It really hits home so we wanted to put money into that,” said Burt. “We decided on FTP because they have a program for kids in school every year that



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YOUNG TALENT: The Matlockes will be performing at Music in the Hills at the Mansfield Ski Club in Mulmur on June 7. Pictured here is the Matlockes performing at the Town of Shelburne’s Fridays in the Park concert series in 2024.

concentrate on helping kids build health family relationships, communication and non-violence.”

In addition to the concert, the Kinette Club of Shelburne is also organizing a vendor’s market, which will run at the event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local businesses interested in reserving a spot in the market can reach out to the Kinette Club of Shelburne – shelburnekinettes@hotmail.com.

Tickets for the 2025 Music in the Hills can be purchased by visiting www.musicinthehills.ca.

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New executive director named at Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) has appointed a new executive director.

The Board of Directors for CDVS announced earlier this month that Julie Elsdon-Height has been named the incoming executive director. Elsdon-Height will replace the organization's previous executive director, Dorothy Davis, who retired after more than 25 years with CDVS.

"I'm deeply honoured to have this position and, of course, excited. CDVS plays such an important role in our community, and stepping into this position feels incredibly meaningful," Elsdon-Height told the Free Press in an email. "I've lived and worked in Dufferin for most of my life, and I care deeply about the people here. This work matters, and I feel grateful for the chance to work alongside the dedicated staff and volunteers who show up every day for people in our community."

Elsdon-Height is a registered social worker and completing her Master of Social Work at the University of Waterloo after obtaining an Honours Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work from Laurentian University.

Over the last 10 years, Elsdon-Height

has focused on community-based work in supporting people dealing with trauma, mental health struggles, addictions and violence. She has worked in private practice, co-founded an Indigenous non-profit called the Brave Canoe and been involved in grassroots efforts around harm reduction, healing and inclusion.

"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," reads a statement from the CDVS Board of Directors.

Speaking with the Free Press about her decision to move into the victim services sector, Elsdon-Height said, "CDVS responders are often the first point of contact for someone experiencing the worst moment of their life. To be part of a service that meets people with dignity, care, and concrete support — that's meaningful to me."

She added, "For years, I've walked alongside survivors of violence, loss, and systemic injustice. I know the importance of trauma-informed advocacy, of having someone in your corner who can help you make sense of what just happened and connect you to the right next step. CDVS does that, and I

want to be part of growing that impact."

Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services is a not-for-profit, charitable organization serving Caledon and Dufferin County. The agency offers free, one-to-one, confidential assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to support individuals affected by crime and tragic circumstances.

As she prepares to take on the role of leading Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, Elsdon-Height said her vision for the future of the agency is focused on listening to the community, staff, volunteers, CDVS partners and survivors. She is also looking at developing CDVS as a hub of collaboration and a trusted partner for local safety and wellness efforts.

"That means strengthening partnerships with first responders, community social services and health teams, ensuring our services are inclusive and culturally safe, and exploring innovative approaches to rural and mobile service delivery," she explained.

Elsdon-Height also noted the importance of evolving with the needs of the community.

"We're seeing more complex trauma, more diverse needs, and more calls for wrap-around support," she said. "I believe CDVS is an organization that exemplifies commu-



Julie Elsdon-Height, Executive Director, CDVS

cult challenges, and we have a responsibility to evolve with intention. That means being responsive, reducing barriers to access, and deepening collaborative care relationships to ensure no one falls through the cracks, especially in moments of crisis."

Elsdon-Height's role as executive director went into effect on May 12.

Council opposes provincial legislation, cites environmental protection concerns

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Shelburne Town Council is opposing a newly proposed piece of legislation that seeks to change environmental protections and municipal planning procedures within Ontario.

During their meeting on May 12, Shelburne Councillor Len Guchardi brought forward a motion to oppose Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which was introduced by the provincial government in April.

In his motion, Coun. Guchardi said the proposed piece of legislation is "undermining

environmental protections" and "compromising the integrity of municipal planning procedures."

The Ford government announced Bill 5 in April, and pitched the piece of legislation as a way to "cut the red tape and duplicative processes that have held back major infrastructure, mining and resource development projects."

If enacted, the new legislation would give the province the ability to create special economic zones, exempting businesses and projects from environmental protections or municipal rules. Specific legislative protections at risk include: the Endangered Species Act,

Environmental Protection Act, Environmental Assessment Act, Mining Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and the Species Conservation Act.

"While I fully support the need to build more housing and strengthen our local economy, it must never come at the cost of the environment or thoughtful local decision-making," said Coun. Guchardi.

The Town of Shelburne sits within the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA).

The NVCA is a not-for-profit organization focused on preserving the environment, protecting the watershed from natural hazards, and managing water resources within the Not-

tawasaga Valley watershed.

The Nottawasaga Valley watershed is approximately 3,700 square kilometres and has jurisdiction in 18 municipalities in the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey. Dufferin County municipalities situated in the Nottawasaga Watershed include Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur and Shelburne.

"It opens us up to an awful lot in terms of eroding the environmental protections that we currently have," concluded Guchardi.

Shelburne Town Council voted unanimously in support of the motion to oppose Bill 5. The Town of Shelburne had until May 17 to submit their comments on the proposed bill.

Town of Mono receives funds to purchase bunker gear dryer for Rosemont firefighters

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

It's nice when a grant-bestowing body reaches out to see if there's anything else a municipality needs because more money could be made available.

That's what happened to Mono with the Rosemont District Fire Department.

A transfer payment agreement was signed in January between Mono and the Fire Marshall's Office. That was for \$8,230.43 to cover the cost of a Ram Gear dryer for firefighters. The dryer would remove carcinogenic contaminants from bunker gear worn by the Rosemont firefighters.

The grant was received and the dryer was bought.

But then the Fire Marshall's Office contacted Rosemont Fire Chief Mike Blacklaws and informed him that some money from surplus funds was still available, so additional funds could be sent if the municipality sent a letter of intent.

Les Halucha, the town's treasurer, said a letter of intent was sent and the fire department was approved for an additional \$361.73.

Another transfer agreement has to be signed to receive the money, Halucha said.

"I figure any amount of money is good," he said.

Mayor John Creelman suggested council give the necessary bylaws for transferring their readings to get the money.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said there was an incident about a decade ago in which a truck had gone into water and its diesel fuel leaked into the water. Firefighters went into the mix as part of their response to the incident.

"As I remember it, we had to throw that gear out," Nix said. "We couldn't get the diesel out of it."

He asked if such a dryer would have saved those bunker suits.

Councillor Melinda Davie, a member of a fire board, said it costs about \$8,300 for an

outfit of bunker gear for a firefighter.

"They're very valuable and you don't really want to get them wrecked," she said. "The cleaning of the diesel is a separate issue than drying the equipment. And the longer that it takes to dry is a problem as well. It doesn't actually clean them but it dries them."

"It's so nice of the government to give us \$361 more," Coun. Elaine Capes said. "Why

couldn't they just give it to us instead of costing us how many thousands of dollars to process it?"

Of course, the infusion of money is appreciated, Capes said. Cancer is something that every measure should be taken to prevent.

"And that's what we want," Capes said. "We want to keep our firefighters healthy while they do a job to protect us."

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OPINION

Strong Mayor Powers

The province has now extended the 'Strong Mayor Powers' to more municipalities across the province, giving the leaders of municipalities more control of what happens in their jurisdiction – sort of.

I'm not sure we need a 'strong mayor' policy in place. It seems a lot of mayors aren't so sure about it either.

There hasn't been any rallying cry of change, or any mayor going nuts with power – at least not yet.

Most of the mayors that have made a statement on the issue seem pretty cautious and reserved with regards to how they are going to proceed – and rightly so.

I'm not sure anyone in any town wants a mayor doing what he or she, alone wants. That's why there is a town council.

Even when Kings and Queens ruled Europe with impunity, they didn't do it alone. There was always a King's / Queen's council filled with advisors who were more educated or experienced on some matters.

A wise ruler would make a decision on what the majority of a council was suggesting to be the proper course of action.

A King or Queen who thought they could truly call all the shots may find themselves with their head on a chopping block.

Running a municipality is fairly straightforward.

You have to make sure there is clean water, treatment for wastewater, garbage pickup, the town streets are clean and potholes filled.

Council creates parks, and takes care of things like recreation centres. They make by-laws to avoid common nuisances like people who park junked cars on their front lawn or street, or place unsightly commercial signs in inappropriate areas.

Most municipalities across the country are well-run and organized. Tax money is spent appropriately, even though not everyone always agrees when a council decides to create a new project.

However, if you want a new swimming pool or recreation centre in your town, it costs money, and sometimes a council will go ahead vote to build one, even though there's always that one group who will oppose it.

The truth is, a town is maintained by people behind the scenes. There is a department of parks and recreation, a department of infrastructure, a department of planning, and a department that takes care of the streets and roads.

All those departments are run by competent people and staffed by crews who do a very good job at maintaining the town.

One of the new powers is that of a veto

given to the mayor for certain bylaws that go against provincial priorities. This is not a good thing. Who wants a mayor to veto a bylaw that is good for the town, in favour of a provincial priority that is not good for the town?

The 'strong mayor powers' are fueled by the province's quest to build 1.5 million homes across the province.

This is a major concern for a lot of people, especially those who care about the environment and the current structure of their town.

The province is pushing municipalities to build – anywhere – with little concern for environmentally sensitive areas, farmland, or the existing aesthetics of a town.

According to the province, strong mayor powers are 'related to provincial priorities to support housing', including 'transit, roads, utilities, servicing'.

Of course, a lot of mayors are not embracing this ideology of being a strong mayor. They know very well the tide of public opinion will quickly turn against them when someone makes a decision to build a new housing development on a public park or environmentally sensitive wetland to satisfy the province's insistence that a municipality meet a home-building quota.

Due to the rising cost of houses in

the province, many younger people have resigned themselves to believing they will never own a home. They have been priced out of the market.

Do you think most people really want to live with their parents until they are 50?

Building 1.5 million new homes doesn't mean they will be affordable homes. There will just be 1.5 million homes being sold at the current inflated price, which many people can't afford.

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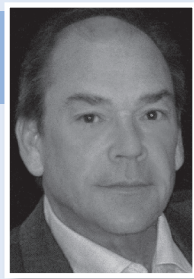
Strong mayor powers won't solve anything.

Most mayors won't take advantage of them because they know that will be a sure-fire way to get on the wrong side of the public.

A mayor's job is to run the town along with the duly elected town council.

If the province wants to build on environmentally sensitive wetlands, then let your MPP take the heat for that, not the town council.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The dogs and the sugar bush

Our late Father owned a piece of bush property several miles away from where we had our home in the country. It is still in our family today. Every spring, he and his dog would go up to the bush property and spend a few weeks there making maple syrup. The property was commonly referred to in our family as the 'Sugar Bush.'

Having been raised on a farm, this was Dad's special time. Making maple syrup was usually a labour of love for him. He had acquired a deep respect and reverence for nature while growing up on the farm and he enjoyed the opportunity to immerse himself in it whenever he had the opportunity to do so.

When spring finally began, Dad and his dog would head to the sugar bush to begin their preparations for making maple syrup.

Further up the road and across from our

sugar bush property was a house, and the people had a dog. Because they were so far out in the country, they would regularly let their dog outside off-leash without any issues. The friendly dog would regularly explore the surrounding countryside, usually coming back home whenever she was called.

Playing outside one early spring day, and hearing activity across the road from their house, the neighbour's dog came down the road to investigate the commotion coming from our bush lot.

As she entered our property, she came face-to-face with Dad and his dog. Because the neighbour's dog was friendly, Dad and his dog struck up a friendship with the newcomer right from the moment they met.

The neighbour's dog followed Dad and his dog into the sugar bush, curious as to what they were doing and eager to play

with her new-found friends. She happily stayed with them for the whole day until Dad and his dog finally had to leave to go home late that afternoon.

From that day on, the neighbour's dog was a daily visitor at the sugar bush. Looking forward to spending every day that spring with Dad and his dog, it got to the point where the neighbour's dog would patiently sit at the end of her driveway every morning and when she saw Dad's truck coming down the road, her tail would start wagging and she would immediately trot down the road to join her friends for a day of fun at the sugar bush.

Because his dog was constantly disappearing for most of the day that spring, the neighbour started to wonder what was going on with his pet. When he finally met Dad and learned what was happening, he just smiled and was quite happy to let his dog enjoy the company of her new-found friends.

Dad's dog and the neighbour's dog became the best of friends, running around and playing for hours on end in the snow on our sugar bush property. Dad would tend the sap boiler fire and watch the dogs for hours, never tiring of the spectacle of the two happy dogs having fun together. He would often bring treats for the two dogs or give them part of his lunch whenever they came to him.

Whenever it came time to leave, Dad would always tell the neighbour's dog to "go home" and come back again tomorrow. Not wanting to leave, it would take considerable coaxing from Dad to get the neighbour's dog to go home. She would finally trot down the road, tail wagging, already looking forward to the next day's adventures in the sugar bush with her new friends.

That spring, I had the pleasure of meeting the friendly neighbour's dog when I accompanied the rest of our family to the Sugar Bush during boiling season to help make maple syrup. After we gathered the sap, we would sit by the warmth of the fire as it boiled down. We would watch the two dogs happily playing together in the snow, enjoy the crisp winter quiet of nature, and wish those Norman Rockwell moments in the sugar bush would last forever.

These days, our Father, his dog, and the neighbour's dog have all been gone long enough now for their memories to finally bring joy to our family instead of sadness.

I take comfort in the thought that somewhere out there in the great beyond, Dad and the two dogs are back together, happily playing, and finally not having to worry about what time they have to go home.

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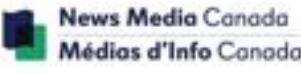



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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: FTP separates myths from facts on accessing services

At Family Transition Place (FTP), we offer a warm and welcoming environment of support to anyone who needs it. Whether it's the support of a caring and compassionate counsellor to help guide them on their healing journey, or a comfortable place to stay, thousands of individuals in our community rely on us for safety, support and hope annually.

While the services FTP offers are vast, we often find that there are misconceptions about our work, both about the violence against women sector and the unique services that FTP offers. To dispel and educate, we'd like to share a collection of myths, alongside the truths, to help support the community's understanding of our work.

1. Myth: FTP only offers support for women with children.

Fact: FTP supports female-identifying individuals with or without children who are experiencing or have experienced abuse or homelessness as well as men and children through a variety of programs. While only female-identifying individuals (16+) are welcomed to stay in shelter (with or without their children), children are supported through our child witness program and men are supported through our community homeless outreach, mobile crisis services, sexual violence counselling and transitional support services programs. FTP, in partnership with Dufferin Child & Family Services, also co-facilitates the Caring Dads Program, which is a program designed for fathers who have used violence in the home and are looking to improve relationships with their children and their children's



mothers. FTP also provides Youth Education programming in many local schools (grades 5-8).

2. Myth: I must leave my partner if I want support from FTP.

Fact: You choose what you want to focus on when accessing counselling at FTP, whether it is recovering from an abusive relationship, working on being safe in your relationship (emotionally and physically), or working on leaving your relationship. Counselling is "client-centred," which means our staff will meet you where you are, and help you create and work towards clear goals that you set. You will never be required to leave your partner to access support for any of our services.

3. Myth: If I access shelter, I will be sharing a bedroom with other families.

Fact: All our emergency shelter units are self-contained and not shared between families. Each unit has a bathroom, living space with a TV, kitchenette and bedroom. We have shared on-site laundry, dining facilities and outdoor spaces.

4. Myth: FTP only supports victims of domestic violence.

Fact: FTP supports anyone who has experienced or is experiencing unhealthy relationships

or abuse. Additionally, we support anyone (male or female) who has experienced or is experiencing sexual violence, homelessness, is unhoused, or in an unsafe living environment.

5. Myth: My pets can't come with me if I'm accessing shelter.

Fact: Recent modifications to our shelter spaces ensure personal and private accommodations for families staying with us. We can welcome most companion pets into the shelter and continue to have long-standing partnerships with local veterinary services, kennels and foster families and the OSPCA through the SafePet Ontario program that can assist in keeping your pets safe.

6. Myth: FTP is a fully funded government agency.

Fact: FTP's services and programs are supported by more than 10 different funding sources, including, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, the County of Dufferin, the Department of Women and Gender Equality, Ontario Health, Region of Peel and Service Canada. Even with these various generous funders, we rely on private donor and corporate support as well as grant opportunities to make up the shortfalls in our operational budgets and to allow us to facilitate our Youth Education Program and Caring Dads Program—both delivered almost exclusively thanks to donor support. Annually, we raise over \$500,000 to support our critical programs and services.

7. Myth: I need to be referred to FTP and pay for services.

Fact: Because of our various funders, our

services will always be offered at no cost to our community. If you or anyone you know is interested in accessing our services, they simply call our 24-hour Support Line to be connected to a counsellor or program. There are no referrals required.

8. Myth: FTP only offers in-person services.

Fact: Our services are client-centred and therefore designed to be as accessible as possible for anyone. We offer in-person services at our Orangeville office (20 Bredin Parkway), Shelburne office (Mel Lloyd Centre – 167 Centre Street) and our Bolton office (Royal Courtyards – 18 King St. E.). Additionally, we offer virtual and phone appointments. In some programs, we offer mobile and rural outreach where we can meet clients at an alternate location, including their home. If transportation is a barrier to accessing shelter or services, we can also provide emergency transportation.

It is our sincere hope, with this collection of facts and helpful information, that individuals in our community are informed and empowered to reach out or refer anyone who may need our support to FTP.

Do you have additional questions? Are you interested in supporting families in our community? Please contact Brennan Solecky at brennan@familytransitionplace.ca, or at 519-942-4122 ext. 240.

If you or someone you know needs support, compassionate staff are available to help 24/7.

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Adoption drive coming to Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre over the weekend

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local residents have the chance to meet a new best friend while also giving animals in need the second chance they deserve.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is hosting an adoption event called iAdopt at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre and 11 other animal centres across the province from May 23 to May 25.

"Springtime brings a wave of new animals into our centres," said Dawn Lyons, manager of the Orangeville & District Animal Cen-

tre. "By opening your heart and home this weekend, you're giving a homeless animal a fresh start and helping us make room for the next ones who urgently need care."

The Ontario SPCA says the adoption event is the perfect time for those considering opening their home for an animal in need by adopting a furry family member.

As part of the event, the Ontario SPCA will also be reducing the adoption fees by 20 per cent for long-term residents, which are animals who have been waiting for more than three times longer than the average time to find a loving home.

"There are so many great reasons to con-

sider adoption," said the Ontario SPCA in a press release. "Not only are you giving an animal a second chance, but animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and go home with food from Royal Canine to help ensure a smooth transition into their new home."

For those who are not able to adopt, the Ontario SPCA is asking them to consider donating to help provide care and shelter to animals in need.

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Arts & Entertainment

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tickets on sale now for 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree in support of local hospital

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Juno-award-winning musician Jim Cuddy will be helping raise funds for health care in Dufferin County as he takes the stage in Mulmur for the 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree.

The intimate outdoor concert will take place at Lyric Pond in Honeywood on June 29 with the proceeds raised from the event going towards Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF).

"We're incredibly excited to be this year's beneficiary of the 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

He went on to add, "This event brings people together in the spirit of music and community, and every ticket purchased helps bring us closer to providing our hospital (with) the equipment they need to continue to provide exceptional care, close to home. We hope to see you at the event."

Started in 2005, the Jim Cuddy Jamboree has served as more than just an annual concert, with the local event holding a long history of helping raise funds for environmental and community-based initiatives.

Recent beneficiaries of the Jim Cuddy Jamboree include the Creemore Community Foun-

datation, the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and the Dufferin Community Foundation.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is the fundraising organization of Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville. The Foundation raises funds for medical equipment, infrastructure and continuing education.

Through fundraising efforts, HHCF has been able to help fund a number of projects at Headwaters Hospital including a new CT scanner, redevelopment of the dialysis unit, updates to the hospital's patient record system, and the community's first magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) suite.

Tickets to the Jim Cuddy Jamboree include a dinner catered by Thornbury's Culinary Designs, as well as a variety of beverages, including Creemore Springs beer, Black Bank Hill wine, and Cottage Springs spirits.

The acclaimed Canadian musician will be joined with friends on stage including fellow members of Blue Rodeo.

Tickets are on sale with a limited number available. Tickets are \$250 for adults (19+), \$75 for youth (aged 12-18), \$25 for kids (aged 6-11) and free for children five and under.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree, visit the official event page: <https://hhcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/JimCuddyJamboree>



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ON THE ROAD: Jim Cuddy, who cofounded Blue Rodeo with Greg Keelor in 1984, is taking the stage in Mulmur for the 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree on June 29. His iconic Canadian sound will be used to fundraise for Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Dufferin Arts Council launching bursary, scholarship programs to support artists in the region

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin Arts Council will distribute \$15,000 to aspiring and semi-established artists through its annual programs later this year.

Submissions for the annual Reed T. Cooper Bursary, geared towards mid-career artists, opens June 1, and the Anne Laurier Scholarship, aimed at students taking post-secondary arts programs, is already accepting applications.

"Once again, the Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) is delighted to offer these development opportunities to the arts community. The arts

are foundational to a dynamic community and to support overall wellbeing," said DAC chair Catherine Carpenko. "We are very pleased to be an organization that helps to grow and foster the arts."

The Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) has awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships through the Anne Laurier Scholarship Fund since 1996. Grade 12 students who live in Dufferin County and will be attending college or university to study the arts, are eligible to receive one of three \$3,000 scholarships.

The scholarships are divided into three streams – visual, literary and performing arts. Applications and supporting documents for

the Anne Laurier Scholarship Fund are due May 30 and can be submitted at dufferinarts.com/awards/ann-laurier-scholarship.

With limited funding streams for adult artists looking to grow their craft, the DAC's Reed T. Cooper Bursary looks to support mid-career artists who have established a sizable audience, a consistent body of work and a defining style. Applicants also must have a minimum of five years of experience as a professional artist and reside in the Headwaters Region (Dufferin, Caledon, and Erin).

Members of the Dufferin Arts Council are also eligible to apply.

The bursary was established by Mulmur

artist Reed T. Cooper's wife Jane, in his memory. He passed away in 2006.

The program continues with the support of Reed and Jane's daughter Sheila, as Jane passed away in December 2024.

Two \$3,000 bursaries are available this year. Applications will be accepted from June 1 to Sept. 30.

Visit dufferinarts.com/awards/reed-t-cooper-bursary to apply.

The DAC is dedicated to supporting the arts and artists throughout the region. The not-for-profit's annual bursaries and scholarships for aspiring and mid-level artists help to further that mission.

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SPORTS

CDDHS girls' track and field team earn first-place ribbons

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Students from Centre Dufferin District High School achieved great results on Day 2 of the District 4/10 track and field championships held at St. James Catholic High School in Guelph on Tuesday, May 13

In the senior women's 100-meter race, Peris Hackshaw finished first with a blistering time of 12.89 seconds and qualified for CWOSSA.

Peris also finished fourth in the women's senior 200-meter race, with a time of 28.52 seconds.

In the junior women's high jump, Karah Graham came out on top with a first-place finish and a jump of 1.30 meters. Melody Campbell tied for third place with a jump of 1.10 meters. Both girls have qualified for CWOSSA.

In women's novice high jump, Katie Fintelman placed third with a jump of 1.10 meters. Katie also placed 17th in the novice women's triple jump with a distance of 6.14 meters.

Anisha Mohandass placed 19th in the women's junior 400-meter race with a time of 1:21.09.

Emmery Haigh finished fourth in the women's junior 1,500-meter race with a time of 5:32.24. Emmery placed sixth in the junior women's 800-meter race with a time of 2:41.61.

Emmery also placed fourth in the junior women's triple jump with a distance of 9.73 meters.

Riley Rayfield placed fourth in the junior women's 3,000-meter race with a time of 14:31.26.

In the women's 4x100-meter relay, two teams from Centre Dufferin competed.

The team of Karah Graham, Ella Honing, Claire Tyas, and Brooke Nezevic, finished in 14th place with a time of 1:00.57.

The team of Emmery Haigh, Riley Rayfield, Emily Dopson, and Anisha Mohandass also finished 14th with a time of 1:01.40.

In the junior women's discus, Brooke Nezevic placed ninth with a throw of 12.37 meters.

Two girls competed in the junior women's javelin throw. Puneet Gidda placed 12th with a distance of 11.31 meters. Brooke Nezevic finished 14th with a distance of 9.28 meters.

In the senior women's 300-meter, Gabrielle Daly finished 8th with a time of 1:07.82. Gabrielle also placed 4th in the senior women's 800-meter race with a time of 2:30.43.

Tahvaya Davis-Tate finished 15th in the senior women's 400-meter with a time of 1:15.27.

In the senior women's 1,500-meter, Chelsea Thalenhorst placed 7th with a time of 5:35.80.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE: The Centre Dufferin District High School girls' track and field team competed during Day 2 of the District 4/10 championships held at St. James Catholic High School in Guelph on Tuesday, May 13, with good results. Abby Hutchinson competes in the senior women's discus. Emily Robertson runs on the track in the senior women's 200-meter race.

Chelsea also placed 6th in the women's 3,000-meter with a time of 13:10.23.

In the senior women's 100-meter hurdles, Julia Fintelman placed 11th with a time of 21.64. Julie also placed 10th in the senior women's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:34.91.

Centre Dufferin had three teams entered in the senior women's 4x100 meter relay.

The team of Trinity Newhook, Emily Robertson, Abby Hutchinson, and Cassie Gansekoele, placed 7th with a time of 56.93.

The team of Ava Ladner, Amberly Snyder, Maggie Long, and Maddison Morrell, finished in 8th place with a time of 57.50.

The team of Melody Campbell, Katie Fintelman, Julia Fintelman, and Isobella Aubree finished in 13th place with a time of 1:01.66.

In the senior women's high jump, Emily Robertson finished in 4th place with a jump of 2.31 meters.

Julie Fintelman placed 9th in the senior women's high jump with a jump of 1.20 meters.

In the senior women's long jump, Emily

Robertson finished 11th with a distance of 4.12 meters.

Peris Hackshaw finished 14th in the senior women's long jump with a distance of 3.86 meters.

In the senior women's triple jump, Trinity Newhook finished 10th with a distance of 8.55 meters. Trinity also placed 11th in senior women's discus with a toss of 18.31 meters.

Cassie Gansekoele finished 6th in the women's senior shot put with a distance of 6.38 meters. Cassie also finished 2nd in senior discus with a throw of 25.59 meters.

Abby Hutchinson finished 15th in the senior women's shot put with a distance of 5.63 meters. Abby also finished in 15th place in senior women's discus with a throw of 15.98 meters.

In the senior women's javelin throw, Cassie Gansekoele placed 7th with a throw of 22.42 meters. Trinity Newhook placed 8th in the same event with a distance of 22.02 meters.

Isobella Aubree placed 18th in the senior women's javelin with a distance of 10.98 meters.

Abby Hutchinson finished 20th place in senior women's javelin with a distance of 8.74 meters.

In the women's open 2000-meter steeplechase, Chelsea Tahlenhorst placed 3rd with a time of 8:14.20.

Gabrielle Daly finished 4th in the women's open 2000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:14.50.

Brooke Nezevic placed 9th in the women's open steeplechase with a time of 10:52.00.

In the women's open 4x400 relay, the team of Emmery Haigh, Emily Dopson, Gabrielle Daly, and Chelsea Thalenhorst placed 6th with a time of 4:36.06.

The team of Riley Rayfield, Ella Honing, Julia Fintelman, and Trinity Newhook placed 13th in the women's open 4x400 relay with a time of 5:11.34.

Top competitors will advance to the regional level at CWOSSA.

Boys' results from Day 2 of the District 4/10 meeting will be in the next edition of the Free Press.

Mansfield Cubs start 2025 season with the North Dufferin Baseball League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The boys of summer are back on local diamonds and the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) has a full schedule of senior league and junior league action this year.

The Mansfield Cubs are returning to the senior division of the NBDL and looking forward to a successful summer at their home park in Mansfield.

The Cubs are a long-time member club of the NBDL and have their home field at the

Mansfield Ball Park on Airport Road.

The senior division of the NBDL has 12 teams entered this season.

Along with Mansfield, senior teams include the Owen Sound Baysox, Barrie Angels, Bolton Brewers, Caledon Cardinals, Clarksburg Blues, Creemore Padres, Ivy Rangers, Lisle Astros, Midland Mariners, New Lowell Knights, and Orillia Majors.

The 2025 senior season got underway on Friday, May 9, with the opening game between the Orillia Majors and the Barrie An-

gels.

The senior division has a 22-game schedule that runs until July 26, before going into the playoffs. The Owen Sound Baysox are the defending Strother Cup senior champions.

The first game of the season matched the Mansfield Cubs up against the Lisle Astros.

That game ended with a 3-3 tie.

The Cubs took a 13-4 loss to the Owen Sound Baysox in their second outing of the season on May 7.

The Cubs will return to their home diamond on Wednesday, June 4, to take on the Caledon Cardinals with a 6:30 p.m. start.

In the Junior Division of the NBDL, there are seven teams entered this season.

Teams include Barrie Baycats, Bradford Tigers, Creemore Padres, Orillia Royals, Richmond Hill Phoenix, and the Innisfil Cardinals, who are fielding two teams this season.

The first game of the season got underway on Friday, May 9, between the Richmond Hill Phoenix and the Barrie Baycats.

The Junior regular season will continue until July 13, before heading into playoffs.

The Creemore Padres are the defending Junior Champions.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AVA DRESAR

As a first year rugby player, Grade 9 CDDHS student, Ava Dresar, said she is really enjoying the sport.

"All of the girls on this team I adore. Rugby just brings everyone together," Ava said of why she likes playing.

"We support each other and it's such a fun game to play. It can get a little rough on the field. You get to do some real cool plays. It's a great sport. It's tough but it's so rewarding."

When she's not on the rugby pitch, Ava is a wrestler and made it to CWOSSA this year.

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Things you didn't know about the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The favourite weekend of the year for many area residents is fast approaching.

The 21st Annual Orangeville Blues and Jazz returns to the downtown core from May 30 to June 1.

While the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival a success, might be difficult to truly measure, here are some little-known facts festival-goers may not be aware of.

1. Over 250 musicians across 50 bands

will be making their way to the Blues and Jazz Festival this year. The festival's organizers are happy to support Canadian artists with 97 per cent of the acts on the lineup residing in Canada and two acts hailing from Australia. Organizers say their longstanding commitment to showcasing local and Canadian talent has become even more important this year.

2. Active Lives Canada, a local organization that supports children and adults with neurological and autism spectrum disorders, will set up Ontario's first-ever autism sensory dome at the Orangeville Blues and

Jazz Festival, during the Broadway Ramble on Saturday. The sensory dome is a 20-foot wide, calming, barrier-free retreat right at the heart of the festivities. A soft, inflatable dome, like those used in portable observatories, will transform into a peaceful sensory space. Inside, is dim lighting, tactile activities, noise-cancelling headphones, and a team trained to support anyone feeling overwhelmed by the festival's energy.

3. It costs more than \$300,000 to put on the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival each year. As a registered not-for-profit organization, the festival's organizers strive to operate on a break-even basis with revenues coming from a combination of government grants, sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and other earned revenue sources. Over 50 businesses are sponsoring this year's festival.

4. The total economic impact of the festival on the entire region is well over \$2 million, based on recent studies from the Ontario government's TREIM modelling data.

5. It takes roughly 365 days of preparation to put on the festival, with the planning cycle beginning immediately after the completion of the current year's festival. There's a comprehensive post-event operational analysis, which is part of a strategic planning schedule leading up to the following year's event.

6. It takes over 200 volunteers to plan, set up and facilitate the festival.

7. More than 250 cars are expected to descend upon Orangeville's downtown core for the festival's annual Blues Cruise, all the while pop-up bands and performers on the TD Broadway stage entertain attendees. This takes place on Friday, May 30.

8. Festival organizers are anticipating more than 500 motorcycles will be on display for the annual Blues and Bikes event on Sunday, June 1. All styles and classes of motorcycles are welcome to participate.

9. This is the 12th year the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival has received the Top 100 Festival & Events Award in Ontario.

10. There's plenty to do and see at the festival in addition to music. There will be a Farmers' Market on Saturday, May 31 and over 20 food vendors set up all weekend-long. As well, there will be 15 craft specialty vendors on site.

11. New this year is a limited number of picnic tables set up by the food service area for patrons to sit down at while they eat.

12. Lots of local restaurants will be featuring bands throughout the Orangeville Blues and Jazz weekend. Participating venues include the Taphouse, Black Birch Restaurant, Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church and Revival 1863, located in the basement of Barley Vine Rail.

13. The festival is running three workshops this year. Visit the Mill St. Branch of the Orangeville Public Library for a Harmonica workshop with Al Lerman, a guitar workshop with Juno award winner Teddy Leonard, and Blues Trivia with Escarpment Blues Society President/radio broadcaster Ken Wallis.

14. New this year is a licensed area for beer, wine, coolers and ciders, on Broadway close to the TD Broadway Stage. Same as years prior, there will be alcohol available at the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park and the Opera House.

15. Friday headliner – Kenny Blues Boss Wayne – is considered one of the very best blues boogies woogie piano players in the world. His performance is scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

16. Saturday headliner – Lachy Doley – plays Hammond organ and clavinet with a whammy bar to create unique sounds you've never heard before. He'll be performing at 9:30 p.m. on the TD Main Stage. Expect to be blown away!

17. The Sunday headliner is legendary Jay Douglas, who will bring his mix of blues, jazz, and reggae with his 10-piece band. He'll be performing at 4:45 p.m. A new documentary about his life has recently been released.

18. The incredible Harry Manx blends eastern Indian music with North American blues and plays an 18-string guitar. He'll be performing at the TD Main Stage on Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m.

19. The Opera House will feature Canada's premier jazz piano player Robi Botos with Mike Downs on Bass and Larnell Lewis on the drums on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

20. Steve Strongman, a 2025 Grammy Award nominee, is performing on Saturday in the Opera House at 4 p.m.

21. There will be bands playing on the street all weekend, including during the Blues Cruise, the Broadway Ramble and the Blues & Bikes event.

22. The Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival became a registered not-for-profit in 2004.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTIONS 34 AND 51 OF THE PLANNING ACT

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 and will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtually format as outlined below.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. These applications (File Nos. DPS 20/02 and Z20/02) were deemed complete and circulated with Notice of Complete Applications given on January 18, 2021.

The subject land is comprised of four (4) properties having a combined land area of approximately 9.54 hectares (23.57 acres) 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 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. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the subject land.

The purpose and effect of the Draft Plan of Subdivision application is to create lots and blocks for residential land uses, including 20 single detached dwelling units, 34 stacked townhouse dwelling units, 67 street townhouse dwelling units, two (2) blocks indicated as future residential development proposing a total range between 36 and 109 dwelling units, as well as blocks for open space, a wetland block, a stormwater management facility and buffer blocks. The proposed Draft plan of Subdivision also includes a proposed internal street network with access via an extension of John Street and via a new street completing the fourth leg of the intersection of Main Street West (Highway 89) and Barnett Drive.

The purpose and effect of the related application for Zoning By-law Amendment is to re-zone the property from the Residential Type One (R1) Zone, Development (D) Zone and Natural Environment (NE) Zone to Residential Type Four Exception X (R4-X) Zone, Residential Type Five (R5) Zone, Residential Type Five Exception X (R5-X) Zone, Residential Type Five Exception Y (R5-Y) Zone, Open Space Recreation (OSR) Zone, Open Space Recreation Exception X (OSR-X) Zone, and Natural Environment (NE) Zone. The proposed zone exceptions are requested to permit site-specific zone regulations including setbacks, lot area and coverages and maximum building height, among other site-specific provisions.

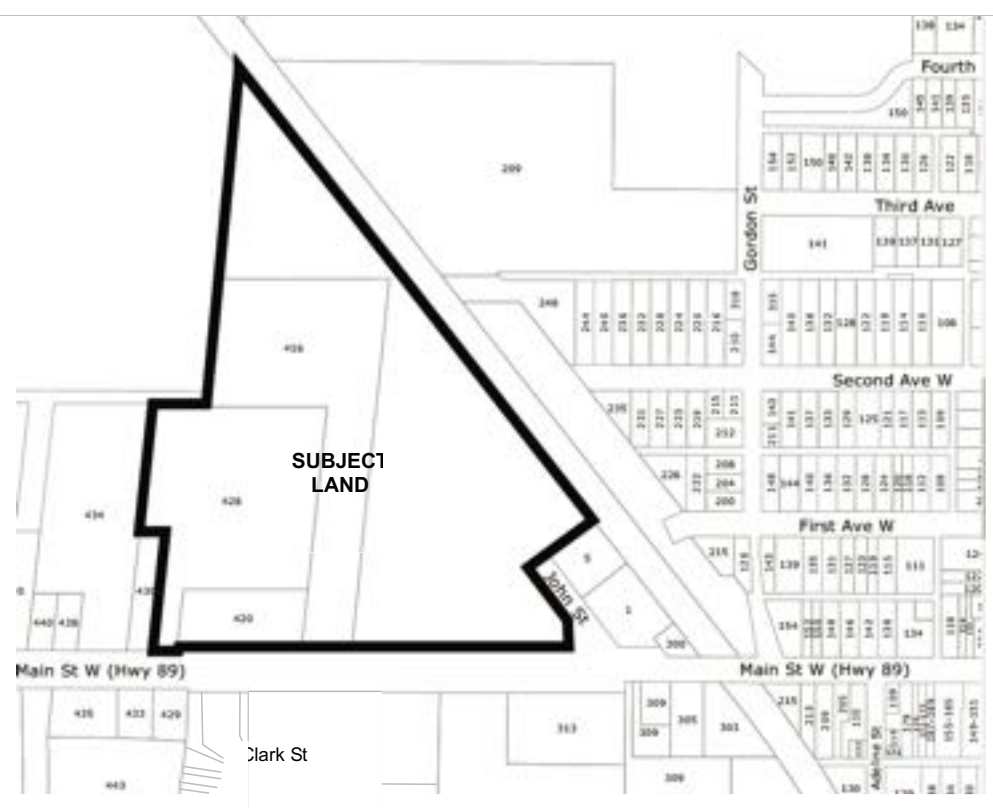
At the meeting you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and indicate whether you support or oppose the Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. Written submissions will be accepted by the Clerk up to 4pm on the day of the Public Meeting. To ensure your questions, comments or concerns will be addressed during the meeting, please submit questions and comments in writing via email by 4pm June 2, 2025 – clerk@shelburne.ca

The Council meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Clerk at clerk@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday May 29th, 2025. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Shelburne to the Ontario Land Tribute but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Shelburne before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Additional information, including a copy of the staff report and the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment will be available on the Town's website (www.shelburne.ca) prior to the meeting, in the Council meeting agenda package. If you wish to be notified of the approval of the Draft Plan of Subdivision and/or the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town at the address below.

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A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Details to follow.



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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:

- June 17 at 6 p.m. – Real or Robot: How archives & libraries are using AI, presented by Museum of Dufferin
- June 22 at 1 p.m. – An Afternoon with Claire Cameron. Co-hosted with STBI.
- Aug. 10 – 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.

RECOMMENDED READ:

The Man Made of Smoke by Alex North: Dan Garvie's life has been haunted by the crime he witnessed as a child—narrowly escaping an encounter with a notorious serial killer. He has dedicated his life since to becoming a criminal profiler, eager to seek justice for innocent victims. So when his father passes

away under suspicious circumstances, Dan revisits his small island community, determined to uncover the truth about his death. Is it possible that the monster he remembers from his childhood nightmares has returned after all these years? In turn emotional, introspective, and utterly terrifying, this is a story of fathers and sons, shadows and secrets, and the fight we all face to escape the trauma of the past.

Why Jade recommends it: Alex North is a must-read author for me because he is a master at crafting menacing characters and settings. Dan rushes to determine who is responsible for his father's death and the disappearance of other Islanders using his own wits and seemingly divine cues from his Dad, which makes him a formidable opponent for the antagonist. What I appreciate most about North's writing is that he lays out the clues fairly, you just have to pay attention to them! I was quite surprised by the culprit in this one.

Duck Day to return to Grand Valley with over \$30,000 in prizes

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Over 80 prizes totalling more than \$30,000 are up for grabs this weekend during the Grand Valley Lions' 28th Annual Duck Race Fundraiser.

Hundreds of community members will gather to watch as 4,000 ducks are hoisted over the Grand River off Hereward Park and dropped in for a ducky race.

The race is set to begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, but there will be a community breakfast at the Grand Valley Community Centre from 8 to 11 a.m. to kick off Duck Day.

There will be free kids' games, free entertainment and dozens of vendors at the event from noon onwards. Live music is being provided by the Aaron Muir Band, a dunk tank will be available with local celebrities, and attendees can enjoy face painting, a children's scavenger hunt or hop on a bouncy castle.

As well, kids can try their luck on the Lions Duck Pond to win prizes, meet Paw Patrol characters, enjoy the Delta Waterfowl Painting Booth, Artsploration activities, paint-a-bus, bucket truck rides with Orangeville Hydro and



a costume display booth.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, Dufferin County Warden Darren White and Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman will do the honours of dropping the ducks into the river to start the race at 2 p.m.

Tickets to participate are available for \$10 but there is a limited number remaining. To purchase one, e-transfer gvionsduckrace@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number and the Lions will fill it in, scan it and send you a copy.

All of the money raised from the duck race goes towards supporting not-for-profits in Grand Valley and Dufferin County or community improvement projects spearheaded by the Grand Valley Lions.

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