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## Shelburne opens park dedicated to Natasha Paterson

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Summer is in full swing and Shelburne youth have a new playground where they can swing, climb, and slide.

The Town of Shelburne announced July 28 that after three months of construction the newly upgraded Natasha Paterson Park playground is open to the community.

Natasha Paterson Memorial Park/Hyland Park at 340 Gordon Street is the town's primary baseball facility with three ball diamonds.

Originally known as Hyland Park, a portion of the park was officially renamed "Natasha Patterson Memorial Park" in 2016. The decision to rename a portion of the park came after local resident Duncan Paterson and his family requested the renaming to honour Natasha, a young girl who was tragically killed in an accident at Fiddlefest in 2015.

In the 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, it was noted that the playground equipment at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park was "scattered" and "lacks accessible pathways" to allow for connection to the playground areas.

The town completed the tender process

for the project in October 2024 and awarded it to Openspace Solutions Inc. for a unique playground design.

"Their design goals were to provide a wide range of age-appropriate play experiences, develop a theme that would fit within the environment, and provide inclusive opportunities for users of all ages and abilities," according to a release from the municipality. Construction at the park began at the end of April, with early work including the removal of the old playground equipment and preparing the area for the new installation.

Upgrades at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park focused on centralizing the play structure into a single, larger playground area located near the washrooms and pavilion for convenience and improved usage.

The new playground structure has accessible ramps and transfer stations and also includes features such as sensory panels, universal carousel, non-verbal communication board, rubberized surfacing, suspended nest,



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**IN HER MEMORY:** The park at 340 Gordon Street in Shelburne has now been dedicated in the memory of Natasha Paterson.

and swings, including an accessible seat and one seatbelt seat.

Community members have left positive responses on the town's announcement of the opening of the new playground structure.

"Wow, that is amazing. Thank you for including those with special abilities," wrote one community member.

"Thank you to the Town of Shelburne for doing such a beautiful job of the Natasha Paterson Park. We are so grateful that you made this happen," added another resident.

The cost of the project was included as a capital project in the Town of Shelburne's 2025 Budget

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# Strong mayor powers create changes to Shelburne Council's budget timeline

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Shelburne Town Council has approved amendments to the budget process schedule for 2026 in response to strong mayor powers.

During their meeting on Monday (July 28), the Shelburne Town Council received a report from Carey Holmes, director of financial services, regarding the 2026 strong mayor budget schedule and recommended changes to the legislated timeline.

"The budget schedule is similar to previous years; we just had to amend it a bit to get in the legislative changes that allow for amendments to the budget," explained Holmes. "For the most part, with this term of council, it will seem very similar."

The Town of Shelburne was one of 169 additional municipalities announced in April by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and

Housing to have been granted strong mayor powers from the provincial government. The strong mayor powers went into effect on May 1.

As part of the strong mayor powers, the duties of proposing and adopting the yearly budget for the municipality were assigned to the town's mayor.

Under the legislation, once the mayor has proposed the budget, known as the "Mayor's Budget", council has 30 days to pass a resolution amending the drafted budget. The mayor then has 10 days after the council amendment to veto the changes suggested by the councillors and is required to provide written reasoning for the veto to each member of council and the Town Clerk. After notification of the veto, council has 15 days to override the decision with a 2/3 vote, or the budget passes.

Back in May, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills passed a directive which authorized the

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the director of financial services to prepare and present the proposed 2026 budget to council.

In her report to council, Holmes recommended shortening the council amendment period to 15 days, the mayoral veto period to 2 days and the council override period to 6 days. The Town of Shelburne's amendments to the budgeting schedule would take the timeline from 55 days to 23 days.

Holmes said the regular Shelburne Town Council meeting scheduled for Oct. 27 will have a presentation of the Mayor's Budget.

Under Holmes' timeline suggestions, Shelburne Town Council would have from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11 to provide amendments. From there, the mayoral veto period will run from Nov. 12 to Nov. 13 and the council override period from Nov. 14 to Nov. 19.

"Anything can get pushed out. We may not have the budget ready by October, but this

gives us a timeline to go through and hopefully have the budget adopted before the February deadline," said Holmes.

Holmes also noted to council that the Municipal Grant Funding process will also see changes.

Typically, groups and organizations looking to receive grant funding from the Town of Shelburne will present their case to the whole of council during the first meeting in September. Changes to the process will now see these applicants present to the grant funding committee only.

"The grant committee will then supply their recommendations to finance and we will incorporate those into the first draft budget that council will see in October," said Holmes.

Under strong mayor powers, the town mayor has until Feb. 1, 2026 to present a proposed budget for the year, or it defaults to a budget process voted by council.

# Main Street Dental and Dr. Gary Magder mark 50 years of smiles in Shelburne

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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Main Street Family Dental and Dr. Gary Magder are celebrating 50 years of dentistry in the Shelburne community.

"We didn't know what we were getting into all those years ago. It's amazing to be here now, having employed dozens of people, changed many lives, and to hand it over to three wonderful young dentists taking it to the next level," said Dr. Magder. "It's been rewarding and amazing, and I appreciate this town more than you can imagine."

Dr. Magder studied at the University of Toronto from 1971 to 1975 and graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. After working for a dentist in Alliston for a few months, he came across an advertised dental space opening in Shelburne and decided to take the leap into starting his own clinic.

"I've always loved small towns coming from Toronto and the atmosphere has always intrigued me," recalled Dr. Magder. "The fact that I could immediately get established because there wasn't any competition and there was a need. They needed a dentist and I needed patients so it worked out great."

Dr. Magder officially opened the doors to his practice in September of 1975, with his first patient being the daughter of the clinic building's landlord.

As a dentist in a rural community, Dr. Magder recalled the quick learning curve that came with opening his own practice, includ-

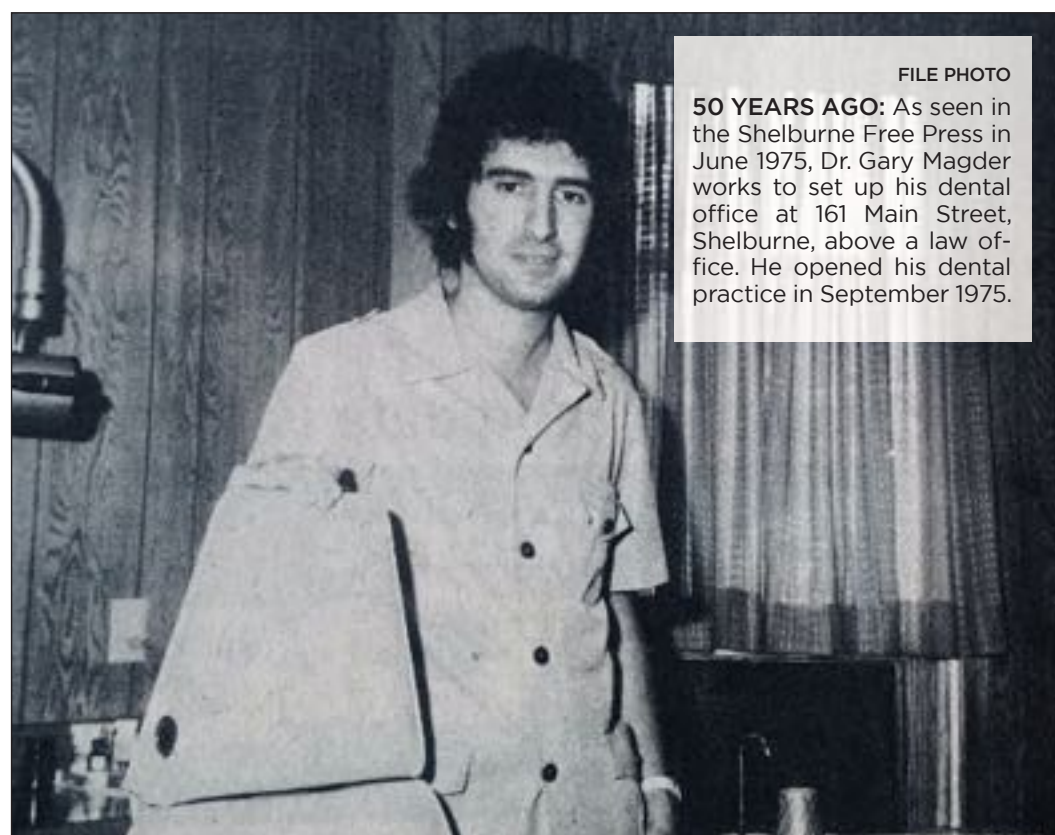
ing becoming comfortable with services like tooth extractions, root canals, and orthodontics.

"I had to learn to do everything very quickly. Many dentists that stay in the city will refer to specialist that are just down the road, but here there were no specialists down the road. We were at the end of the road. So, I learned how to do all the different facets of dentistry," said Magder.

Main Street Family Dental hired its first employee, Denise, not long after opening its doors to the community. Initially hired to help around the clinic, she was eventually trained as the clinic's office manager. Denise was Dr. Magder's longest-standing staff member, spending more than 40 years with the dental practice before retiring.

"Celebrating 50 years of dedicated service to our community, what a remarkable journey," wrote Denise. "Your kind heart, dedication and caring not just for beautiful smiles but for all your patients and staff. Congratulations and thank you for being more than just a dentist, but a true part of all our lives."

Since opening its doors in 1975, Main Street Family Dental has grown from a one-dentist-run clinic to being owned and operated by three dentists – Dr. Christopher Chan, Dr. Sze Sen Samson So, and Dr. Martin Reiss. The dental clinic also employs one associate dentist and 12 staff members, including hygienists, dental assistants, front office personnel, and an office manager.



FILE PHOTO  
50 YEARS AGO: As seen in the Shelburne Free Press in June 1975, Dr. Gary Magder works to set up his dental office at 161 Main Street, Shelburne, above a law office. He opened his dental practice in September 1975.

When asked what he is most proud of in the five decades of his practice, Dr. Magder humbly speaks about the staff members, both past and present.

"This is probably the most rewarding experience I've had. It's a fun place to be," he enthused.

Over the years, Dr. Magder has pulled back from his role at the clinic, but still continues to practice twice a week for his older patients.

"I've had a long-term goal to make it to 50 years, and now I'm here, and I still want to be here," he said.

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# OPINION

## Another day, another murder

It was Boxing Day 2005 when the sound of gunfire erupted on a downtown Toronto street.

Six people were injured, and an innocent teenage girl was killed in the cross-fire.

Fifteen-year-old Jane Creba was out shopping with her family when her life was ended by rival gang members who decided to shoot it out on a public street.

She was an innocent bystander who had her young life cut short because of a bunch of lowlife criminals who had no care for anyone else on the street or in the city.

There were a lot more victims of this horrendous crime, notably Jane's family who had to go through the horror of having a daughter and sister murdered in front of them.

The Toronto Police managed to capture some of the gang members involved, and they were all sentenced to prison terms.

You would think that any normal person, once denied their freedom and spending time behind bars, would rethink some of the stupid decisions they made.

But some people are just too stupid to go through life making normal and decent decisions.

A friend of mine was in training to be a police officer, years ago, and as part of the training, he went on ride-alongs with police in a few northern towns to experience what the job was really like.

He explained what he observed about the criminal mentality and what the officers he trained with told him. I'm sure if you asked a police officer about this, they would tell you the same thing.

My friend explained how a lot of the time they would catch criminals because of plain stupidity and how the criminal mind works.

He gave as an example a time they were looking for suspects in a burglary. They were driving down a town street and observed a car blow through a red light with total disregard for other people or vehicles.

When they pulled the car over for the traffic violation, the police officer noticed burglary tools in plain view on the back seat. A subsequent investigation turned up stolen items in the trunk.

You would think that if you had any brains at all, and you just committed a crime, the last thing you would do, would be to drive recklessly and bring attention to yourself. But that's how the criminal

mind works. They have no care for anyone else.

The main culprit in the Jane Creba murder case spent 20 years in a federal lock-up. He was granted full parole in January 2025.

Now 43-years-old, you would think Jeremiah Valentine, would at the very least, try to behave himself once released from prison.

Nope, this guy is a Class A idiot. Seven months after getting parole, he has been arrested, again, for shooting and killing a man in Montreal.

This guy managed to last seven months before committing another major crime – after spending 20 years in prison. You don't get much stupider than that.

There are a lot of questions about why this guy was on the street at all.

Why did a man who just got out of federal prison have a gun on him?

Was no one keeping tabs on this guy?

The big question is, why was he released on full parole in the first place?

According to the Parole Board of Canada, a 2021 psychological assessment of this guy indicated he, as an offender, had the highest level of risk. He had a 76 per cent chance of violent recidivism over a

period of five years after release.

And yet the parole board decided a 76 per cent chance of him committing another violent crime wasn't a good enough reason to keep him out of society and off of the streets.

There were four men convicted of crimes in the Jane Creba murder case.

The other three men have all been released – and all three have been arrested since their release on gun violence charges or drug trafficking.

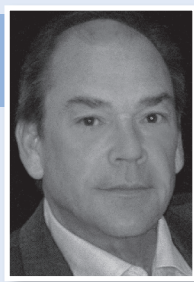
Idiots seem to run in packs. So, who will be accountable for the murder of this man in Montreal, other than the killer himself?

What about the people who signed the document releasing a dangerous man back into society in spite of the fact that it was determined he was at a high risk to commit another violent crime?

Most likely nothing will happen, because no one is ever held accountable for these things.

Things like this are always referred to as a "tragedy," but only after the system has failed, again.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Taiwan: No panic

"I hope I am wrong. My gut tells me we [the US and China] will fight in 2025," wrote General Mike Minihan, head of US Air Mobility Command, in a private memo two years ago. There's still five months to go, but I'm going to go out on a limb and say that he's wrong.

Don't take my word for it, because my recent record in these matters is bad. I didn't think Russia's Vladimir Putin was crazy enough to invade Ukraine, although I knew he was largely detached from reality, and I was wrong. For a long time, I would not use the word "genocide" to describe what Israel's Binyamin Netanyahu was doing in Gaza, and I was wrong again.

In my defence, I had not spent quality time with either man and I was reluctant to predict their actions based entirely on other people's estimates of their characters (especially since most of those people didn't know them personally either).

I still felt compelled to weigh the pros and cons of the case, on the mistaken assumption that facts had some influence on their decisions.

The possibility of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan is a far greater threat to the peace of the world (such as it is) than the relative sideshows in Ukraine and Israel/Palestine. Aircraft carriers and nuclear weapons on both sides. A few poorly planned displays of "determination", and the US is in a war with China – with the two Koreas and Japan not far behind.

China's President Xi Jinping will never rule out using force to "recover" Taiwan, but the story that he has set a 2027 deadline for that terrifying gamble is just a Washington think-tank special. He does harp on about it a lot though.

Successive American administrations have practiced "strategic ambiguity" (i.e. maybe the US would fight to defend Taiwan and maybe it wouldn't), and the fickle

enthusiasms of Donald Trump muddy the waters even further. He is widely seen as a strategic coward (TACO), but he is sufficiently erratic that his response is really incalculable.

As for Taiwan, President Lai Ching-te of the cautiously pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) serves up the usual word salad: "The message of history is clear. Today we share the same values and face similar challenges as many of the democracies that participated in the European war [1939-45]." Evasiveness as policy, so as not to rile China.

Hou Yu-ih of Taiwan's largest opposition party, the Kuomintang (KMT), is even fuzzier: "The current status quo is that the Taiwan Strait is on the brink of war. So, to maintain close ties with the United States while also making peace with China is the solution to the problem."

And although very few ordinary citizens want to be part of China, most people are not bothered by all this. Yes, Taiwan's military are a poorly trained, under-equipped shambles, but the public doesn't seem worried about a Chinese invasion. The United States is willing to sell Taiwan more and better weapons, but some parties don't want to spend the money.

So I will risk my reputation as a soothsayer once again and assume that both Xi Jinping and Lai Ching-te are rational men. In that case, it is unlikely that either man will risk everything on one roll of the dice. Xi will not set the machinery in motion for a sea- and airborne invasion of Taiwan, and Lai will certainly not declare indepen-

dence for Taiwan.

No government of Taiwan, even back in the decades when the KMT (now reformed) was the tyrannical and maniacally anti-Communist single ruling party, has ever seriously considered abandoning the sacred fiction that there is only one China including Taiwan. There is just a persistent non-violent dispute over which government is legitimate, Beijing or Taipei.

As for Xi, who is effectively president-for-life, he faces no special deadline to claim his prize. "Reunification" is his legacy project, but he has just turned 72 and there's lots of time yet. And always before him is the nightmare example of Putin's three-day "special military operation" to bring Ukraine back under the rule of the Russian "motherland."

Above all, there is Taiwan's "silicon shield." The island state manufactures 47% of the world's advanced semiconductor chips, including all of the most advanced ones. Even the United States is one generation behind, and so is China despite its "Deep Seek" triumph in producing much cheaper high-performance AIs (on Nvidia chips made in Taiwan).

Invade Taiwan and all that is gone. It might be irrational, but even the Trump administration might feel that Taiwan is a treasure that it must defend come what may. The game is not worth the candle, and Xi will not invade for at least three years. He probably never will.

There! I said it! Now we wait and see.

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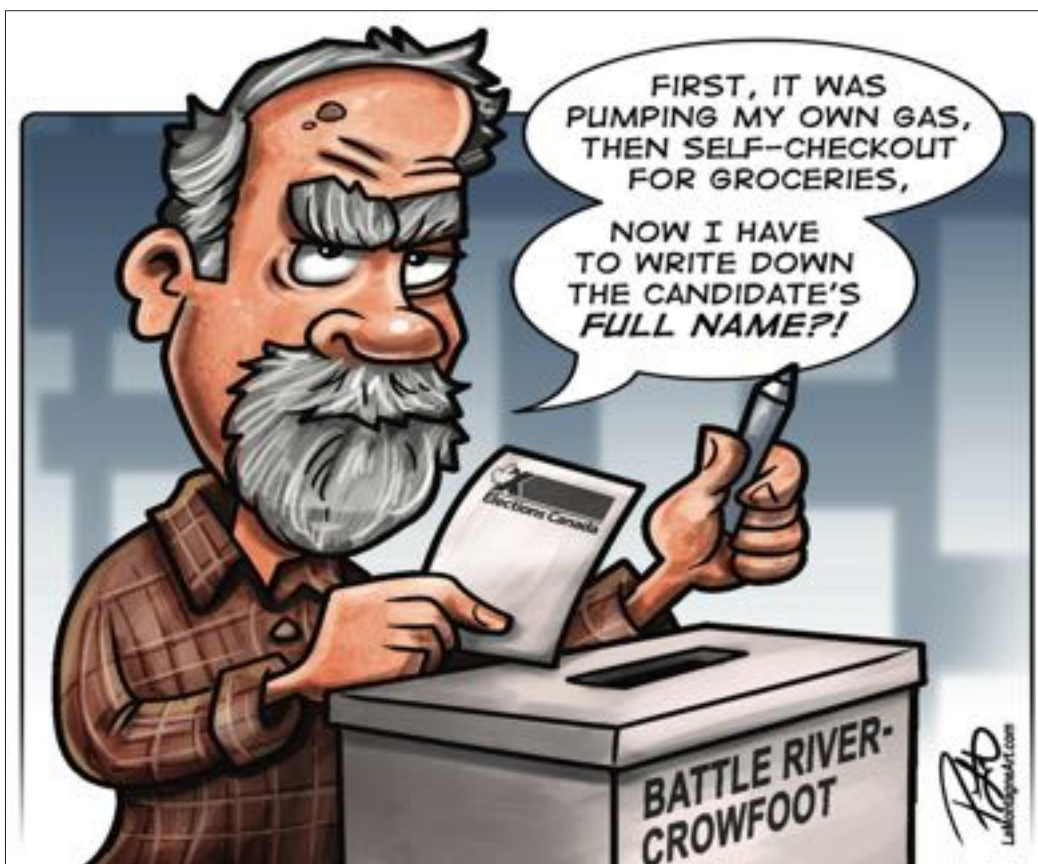
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# Local cancer survivor launches annual fundraiser ahead of Terry Fox Run

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne resident Joan Wallace has launched her annual fundraising campaign ahead of the 45th annual Terry Fox Run on Sept. 14.

"It's something small I can do that makes a big difference, a positive in lives of patients and their loved ones," said Wallace. "If the research can extend lives, or the quality of patients lives while receiving treatment, I'll do whatever it takes to help."

In 1978, at the same time Terry Fox was facing his fight with cancer, Joan Wallace was facing her own battle. Diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and ovarian cancer, she underwent radiation therapy in 1978, chemotherapy in 1979, and numerous surgeries.

"I was so taken with his courage and determination and the want to make a difference. He felt he needed to make a difference in people's lives," recalled Wallace about seeing Fox take up his Marathon of Hope 45 years ago.

Wallace has participated in the Terry Fox run for the last 30 years and even organized the local community run from 2008 to 2018 before passing the torch to her family.

"It didn't matter what it was doing, rain or shine or sleet, I've been out in it all, because I thought he did it. Terry had the courage and determination to try and make a difference, so I've done it ever since."

While the Terry Fox Run has always remained a long-standing and close part of Wallace's life, the annual event has held particular significance for her over the last two years.

In May of 2024, after attending a routine mammogram scan, a lump was found in Wallace's left breast and was later confirmed to be cancerous. Just two months later, as she awaited the start of her chemotherapy, she was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Wallace started chemotherapy in October 2024 and finished her treatments in December with a ringing out of the cancer bell.

"I got a hold of that bell and I beat the heck out of it. I said to the nurse 'I'm beating the heck out of this bell because I want to beat the heck out of cancer,'" she said. "Since 1978, I've lived my life to never give up and to have a positive attitude. Terry certainly never gave up."

Speaking with the Free Press, Wallace noted the importance of continuing Terry's efforts to find a cure and raise awareness.

"I don't know a person that hasn't been touched by [cancer] in some way. We have to find a cure and improve people's lives," said Wallace.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, two in five Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, while approximately one in four are expected to die from the disease.

Terry Fox embarked on his Marathon of Hope in St. John's, Newfoundland, on April 12, 1980. After running nearly 42 kilometres a day for 143 days (a total of 5,373 kilometres), on Sept. 1, 1980, he was forced to stop outside of Thunder Bay, Ont., because cancer had appeared in his lungs. Terry Fox died on June 28, 1981, at the age of 22.

To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$850 million for cancer research and funded more than 1,300 innovative cancer research projects.

Last year, while in the midst of her sec-



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**SUPPORTING TERRY'S MISSION:** The 2024 Terry Fox Run held particular significance for Wallace and her family as she underwent surgery to treat her second cancer diagnosis. Wallace and her brother-in-law Al are both cancer survivors and wore red t-shirts as part of "Team Terry."

ond battle with cancer, Wallace was able to raise more than \$2,500 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

This year, she is hoping to raise even more, setting a fundraising goal of \$3,000.

"You always have to reach for the stars," said Wallace.

At the time of print, Wallace's fundraiser has collected just over \$1,800.

Those interested in helping Wallace raise money to support the Terry Fox Foundation and find a cure for cancer can donate to the fundraiser by visiting: [run.terryfox.ca/page/joanwallace](http://run.terryfox.ca/page/joanwallace).



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**PASSING THE TORCH:** Shelburne resident Joan Wallace and her family helped raise awareness for cancer research as they took part in the 2024 Terry Fox Run. Wallace has participated in the annual Terry Fox Run for the last 30 years and organized the local run from 2008 to 2018 before passing the torch to her family.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Revolving door justice system must end now

On July 5, 2025, a young man from Bolton, Gabriel Arshad, was left with life-threatening injuries after a horrific four-vehicle crash, caused by a five-time convicted drunk driver who was out on bail.

The man behind the wheel had already been convicted five times for impaired driving. He was under three lifetime driving bans. He should never have been on the road, but he was. And now he's been

released on bail. Again.

A young man from our community is now facing long-term, life-altering injuries — because the justice system failed.

This wasn't just preventable. It was predictable. And it's the direct result of a broken bail system that puts repeat offenders back on the streets instead of behind bars.

For years, Conservatives have been pushing for real bail reform. We've in-

troduced legislation. We've called on the Liberal government to fix the dangerous loopholes they created. But they keep saying no.

As your Member of Parliament, I'm not just going to talk about it — I'm taking action. I will be raising this case directly in Ottawa and will keep fighting until repeat violent offenders are denied bail. I'll continue to push for tougher, common-sense changes that protect our community, and

I won't stop until the system is fixed.

If you believe our justice system should protect victims, not criminals, join me. Speak out. Write to the Minister of Justice. Demand change. Because no more families in our community should suffer like this. Sign my petition now at [kyleseeback.ca/jailnotbail](http://kyleseeback.ca/jailnotbail)

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## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games marks 80 years of celebrations

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is pulling out all the stops for this year's 80th anniversary Aug. 8 to 10.

Elisabeth Bender, the festival's executive director, took time to talk to the Citizen about this year's 80th year celebrations.

"We're very excited about the 80th anniversary, especially since the 75th was virtual and online only," she said. "We are really making up for that this year."

She spoke to the longevity of the loyalty of the many participants that make up the Scottish fibre of the festival.

"The athletes coming year after year, the bands, the clans, the vendors, volunteers - everything that has brought us to this point."

This is Bender's 10th year with the festival and some volunteers have been on deck for as long as 50 years.

"I call it the festival bug," she joked, with the note that everything is on the website.

Back to the festival, coming in from Scotland this year is Toronto-born Charles Vandervant who plays the role of William Ransom in the Outlanders television series. There are scheduled several opportunities to see and meet him over the three days, some ticketed and others by chance.

Charming, in any event no doubt.

Friday night opens the festival with the traditional Tattoo, the amassing of the bands - with "great lighting and a brass band highlights," Bender promised.

A huge draw this year and as a part of the \$90 weekend ticket price is Saturday night concert featuring Albannach, Bay City Rollers, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, an impressive line up.

The festival runs late for this concert and some of the food vendors will hang in for most of it.

This just in: the Canadian Heavy Events Championship hosting has been passed to the Fergus Scottish Festival this year, ac-

ording the information Bender has not long-since received.

"Every area of our festival will have a special event going on," she said.

The Highland Games tradition is to hold competitions on many aspects of the culture, highland dance competition, the pipes and drums bands competitions, plus others and the heavy events competition, including the Toss the Caber, which has to be seen to be appreciated.

The classic elements here in Fergus and unique to the Fergus Scottish Festival is the memorial Flaming Caber which is a special moment to cherish.

Bender explained, "There is a moment of silence to honour specific individuals who died during the year and, more than that, for people who have lost someone through the year. The huge crowd just goes quiet - it's pretty special."

Along with the souvenirs of which there is "lots of 80th merchandise, programs with history" and more, there are also many independent vendors selling their wares and their goodies to eat, traditional dishes and try the haggis!

Many more than one would think have also been coming to Fergus for many years. They travel to any number of such events during the season, most of which are smaller but still imbued and enthusiastic with the Scottish culture, putting up their tents and set-up; talking and talking to the very many people who come and admit that part



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**TAKING THE TOSS:** The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is returning to Fergus from Aug. 8 to 10 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex. The address of the festival entrance is 550 Belsyde Avenue E. Fergus.

of their attending is to shop here. At the end, vendors pack up their gear and a like a circus circuit go on to the next.

Yet, the merchants provide excellent benefits to those highland games with the fees they pay to attend, the confirmation of tradition they bring with them and the fun they add to the whole.

The entrance ticket prices at Fergus are unchanged for the last three years and there are reduced prices for youth and seniors.

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex.

"I truly love this festival. I get to see all

the things that happen and watch the volunteers all the hours they spend," Bender said.

The average attendance is 24,000 people but, with the extras for the 80th, they are expecting to see more people on site to celebrate.

She said, "When the drums are going, every sense is satisfied; everything is all here in one event, put on by such a dedicated group."

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# Dufferin OPP lay several impaired driving related charges throughout the region

## Shelburne man arrested for impaired driving offences following traffic complaint

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently charged a Shelburne resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On July 25, at approximately 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver along Orangeville's First Street. A short time later, the vehicle was located on 20th Sideroad in Amaranth. After speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Rory Siegel, 32, from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code

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

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

## Dufferin OPP seeking public's help after business storefront shot at

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a shooting at an Orangeville business.

On July 18, members of the Dufferin County OPP responded to call for service at a business on Riddell Road. Police received a call from the business owner just after 10 a.m. reporting multiple gunshot holes to his storefront.

"Upon police arrival the area was cautioned taped while police investigated. A larger than normal police presence would have been observed while the Dufferin County OPP, Dufferin County Crime Unit, alongside the OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) worked to preserve and collect any evidence left behind at the scene," reads a statement from Dufferin OPP.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or anyone who may have dash-cam footage on Riddle Road between Richardson Road and Caledon/East Garafraxa Townline, for the evening of July 17 to the morning of July 18, are asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Crime Stoppers can also be contacted to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Information can also be submitted online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

## Impaired driving charges laid in Melancthon after single vehicle collision

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a Halton Hills resident with impaired driving-related offences following a single motor vehicle collision.

On July 15, shortly after 11:15 p.m., officers responded to a single motor vehicle collision on County Road 17 in Melancthon. Upon speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment, leading to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Tyler Tanton, 29, from Halton Hills, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
  - Failure or refusal to comply with demand
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# SPORTS

## Cubs U15 AA team play well but lose in later innings

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was some good defensive posturing by both teams that led to few hits in the middle innings of the Mansfield Cubs U15 AA game against the Innisfil Cardinals on the diamond in Mansfield on July 22.

Innisfil opened the scoring in the first inning when they scored on an error. They followed up with two more runs on overthrows by the Cubs to lead 3-0.

The Cubs got a man on first base in the bottom of the first, but they couldn't finish.

In the second inning, neither team could get a man on base.

The third inning saw both teams unable to do any real hitting, and it was the same for the fourth inning.

It was a big inning for the Cardinals in the fifth when they got the bats moving and managed to score four runs to take a 7-0 lead and put the pressure on the Cubs to get the bats moving and get back into the game.

The Cubs responded in the fifth inning starting with a single from Logan Senay. Corey Coe followed up with another single to put a man in scoring position.

Another hit from Blake Pyle brought in the first Cubs run of the night.

The Cubs managed to score one more run in the game, but in the end they had to settle for a 9-2 loss.

The Cubs are having a good season and are currently in first place in the 15U AA standings with an 11-5 record and 22 points. They are two points ahead of the second-place Cardinals.

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Aug. 3 when they will host the Newmark Hawks.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**BEATING THE THROW:** The Mansfield Cubs U15 AA team hosted the Innisfil Cardinals on the diamond in Mansfield on July 22. The Cardinals had a big fifth inning and managed to stay ahead for the rest of the game for a 9-2 win. Cubs second baseman Ryan Keba looks for the throw as a Cardinals runner makes it to second base.

## Gladiators and Knights win weekend Shelburne Cricket Club matches in KTH Park

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Cricket Club hosted two matches over the weekend.

On July 24, the Gladiators and Warriors met on the pitch at KTH Park in Shelburne. The Gladiators won the toss and chose to bowl first.

Despite a disciplined bowling performance from Suresh Sudhakaran and Abhay Pratap, who claimed four wickets each, the Warriors managed to post a competitive total of 140. The effort was bolstered by a flurry of key contributions from Maaz Patel and Ahmed Zarkhaiz.

In response, the Gladiators wobbled early, losing quick wickets.

Pratap turned in around with a blistering 41-run knock, supported by Amandeep's steady 19.

The partnership guided the Gladiators to a win, capping off a strong all-round performance from Pratap.

The second match of the weekend had the Knights up against the Samurais on July 27.

The match was played in damp conditions due to overnight rain that soaked the field, making the pitch slower and less bouncy. Conditions made it a challenge for batters in the early going.

The Knights, batting first after winning the toss, were in early trouble with the top order falling fast. Captain Sagar Arora and

Harpreet Sandhu anchored the innings with resilient knocks of 34 and 47, steering the Knights to a respectable 172.

Samurai's Ravi Gill stood out with the ball, claiming three wickets.

The Samurais, however, struggled under the pressure of a tight Knights bowling unit.

Mohammad Raza and Tabish Taufiq ripped through the batting order, each tak-

ing four wickets. Taufiq was named Man of the Match, adding 23 vital runs with the bat to his superb bowling spell.

This Knights' win has placed the team in top place in the league's standings.

With strong individual displays and team spirit shining through, Shelburne Cricket Club's weekend action set the stage for an exciting run-in to the rest of the season.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**CRICKET ACTION:** The Shelburne Knights face the Shelburne Samurais during weekend cricket action at KTH Park in Shelburne July 27. Damp conditions from overnight rain created a challenge for batters in the early going as the ball just wasn't bouncing much at the start of the match.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**CALLEN SWAN**

Playing baseball for four years, Mansfield Cubs U15 AA first baseman/right fielder Callen Swan played when he was very young then returned to the sport.

"I find the game fun to play. I like the teamwork and the competitiveness that comes out in everyone," Callen said of why he likes the sport. "You have to communicate with everyone and stay positive."

Callen is a key player on the squad and makes a positive contribution to the team.

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Dennis's memory will be cherished by Nieces and Nephews, extended family and friends. Special thanks to Headwaters Healthcare Centre for taking great care of Dennis.



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OBITUARY



**Edward Gardhouse**

February 29, 1944 - July 12, 2025

The power of a simple smile was never lost on Edward Gardhouse, who passed away peacefully at Southlake Health on July 12, 2025, at the age of 81. If you ever had a conversation, he probably signed off with a simple, "Keep smiling!" Now, as the community remembers him, they're doing so in the most fitting of ways: smiling with each and every memory.

Born on February 29, 1944, in Malton, ON, Ed had the rare distinction of celebrating only 20 official birthdays — a lighthearted reflection of his unique spirit and big sense of humour. Throughout his life, Ed was known for his kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication to those he loved — and the communities he called home.

Ed built a life marked by hard work, quiet wisdom, and a deep appreciation for life's simple pleasures. Whether spending time with family, enjoying the outdoors at cattle shows or tractor pulls, or offering a helping hand to a neighbour, he lived each day with grace and humility.

Growing up in a family that raised prize-winning purebred Hereford cattle, which were exhibited all across Ontario, including the CNE and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, he began his off-farm working career as a cattle buyer for Gamble & Rogers at the Toronto Stockyards and then Brussels Livestock. Ed later transitioned to being an auctioneer, balancing this work with farming in the once-rural Unionville, and being involved in the local 4-H Clubs as well. When the family relocated to the Schomberg area, Ed started his own auction business, E&M Auction Services, which was a staple in the community for decades.

Ed also loved tinkering, which stood him in good stead when his career shifted from the auction business later in life, first to Reinhart Trailers in Snelgrove (Brampton) then to Hepburn Trailer Sales in Schomberg, where he served as parts manager. If people came in and needed something they didn't have on hand, he didn't hesitate to find a solution or manufacture what was needed — and his family remembers he could build just about anything.

With a voice that became synonymous with countless community events over the years, he was simply driven by a desire to give back, and this extended to his work as a volunteer firefighter in Unionville and surrounding communities in his younger days.

Ed will be remembered for his steady presence, thoughtful words, and the way he made those around him feel seen and valued. He was always a person who could be counted on, was always the first to lend a hand and donate his time. He simply loved people and people loved him.

He is remembered as a big supporter of the Schomberg Agricultural Society and the Georgian Bay Steam Show, bringing laughter, lifting everyone up and making them feel seen and respected, and simply for being a stand-up guy.

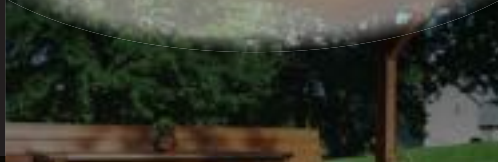
Ed is survived by his wife of 40 years, Martha (née Mulholland), his daughter Becky, whom he was so proud of, and his "buddy" and son-in-law, Tom Freiday. He also leaves behind his dear friend Kevin Holmes (Stephanie), whom he loved like a son. He was predeceased by his sister Linda and his parents, Bert and Bertha Gardhouse. He is sadly missed and forever remembered by his niece and nephew, his cousins, extended family and countless friends.

In keeping with Ed's wishes — and true to the way he lived — there will be no formal service. Ed never liked a fuss and didn't want to see anyone sad. Instead, his wish was for a celebration of his life to be held, where stories could be shared, laughter encouraged, and his memory honored with joy — and smiles.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to the Ontario 4-H Association or the Georgian Bay Steam Show — two organizations close to his heart. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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# Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, recommended read

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Shelburne Public Library's first month of the Adult Summer Reading Challenge has passed and here are some of our stats at the time of writing:

- Record breaking 83 participants.
- 186 books logged.
- 278 badges have been earned in Beanstack.

Questions on how to get in on the fun? Give the library a call at 519-925-2168 or email [frontdesk@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:frontdesk@shelburnelibrary.ca).

Aug. 10 – Authors in the Hills of Mulmur

will feature an afternoon of History, Mystery and Mayhem with authors Kath Jonathon (The Resistance Painter), Bianca Marais (A Most Puzzling Murder), and Sue Hincenbergs (The Retirement Plan).

Tickets are \$40 and available at BookLore in Orangeville, the Shelburne Public Library, and the Township of Mulmur. The Shelburne Public Library can accept cash or e-transfers as payment.

### RECOMMENDED READ

**The Satisfaction Café by Kathy Wang:**

Joan Liang never thought she would leave Taiwan for California, nor did she expect her first marriage to implode as quickly as it did. She definitely did not expect to fall in love with an older, wealthy American and become his fourth wife and mother to his youngest children. Through all this she wrestles with one persistent question: Will she ever truly feel satisfied? As Joan and her children grow older, she makes a drastic change: she opens the Satisfaction Café, a place where people can visit for conversation and to be heard and understood. Through this radical yet pragmatic

business, Joan constructs a lasting legacy.

**Why Rose recommends it:** The Satisfaction Café is a unique premise; who would have thought about opening a café-style business that brings together experts and patrons in an effort to give patrons the ultimate satisfaction—being understood.

Each of the experts brings their individual experiences to the table, which adds value and understanding to the professional relationship they have with the Café's patrons. If you're looking for something different to read, The Satisfaction Café might fit the bill.

# Don't forget Fido: Ontario SPCA issues safety warning for pets during long weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

With the long weekend around the corner, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society are issuing a safety message to pet owners. The SPCA is urging pet parents to plan ahead before taking a trip to keep their animals safe.

Whether it's a trip to the cottage, a backyard barbecue, or hitting the road, it's important to ensure pets are well taken care of.

"Hot temperatures and busy holiday activities can be overwhelming, or even dangerous, for our furry friends," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society in a statement on July 30.

"As part of its annual No Hot Pets campaign, the Ontario SPCA is urging everyone to take precautions and visit [nohotpets.ca](http://nohotpets.ca) to pledge to keep animals safe in hot weather.

Shannon Bury, community outreach coordinator for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre, stressed the importance of planning ahead during the heat of summer.

"Long weekends are a time to unwind, but we can't forget about the needs of our animals," said Bury. "With a bit of planning, you can help your furry companions stay safe, cool and comfortable all weekend long."

The Ontario SPCA has five tips to help pets stay safe through the August Long Weekend.

- When travelling, never leave animals unattended in a vehicle, even for a quick stop. Cars can become dangerously hot in minutes, even if they are parked in the shade with the windows down. Plan pet-friendly stops when bringing an animal, or leave them at home where they are safe and comfortable. Pet-friendly businesses can download a sign welcoming pets at [nohotpets.ca](http://nohotpets.ca)

- During a camping trip, it's important to remember to keep furry friends leashed at a campsite. Provide constant access to water and shade, and never leave pets alone in a tent, camper, or vehicle.

- Pet owners who are boating need to fit their animal with a lifejacket and ensure they stay hydrated and cool. Watch for signs of overheating, like excessive panting or drooling. If your boat doesn't have a top or cabin where an animal can seek shade, leave them at home.

Backyard barbecues can pose a danger to pets. Remember to keep animals away from the grill and human food, especially foods that are toxic to animals, like onions, grapes, and alcohol. Set up a shady, quiet space for them to retreat from noise and crowds.

During cottage time, ensure furry family members have up-to-date ID tags or a microchip in case they wander off. Keep an eye on them around the water, and provide a cool, shaded area where they can relax.

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**BEATING THE HEAT:** The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is reminding the public about the importance of looking after their pets during the long weekend to ensure they don't overheat.

Animal Centre is encouraging animal owners to take the No Hot Pets pledge today at [nohotpets.ca](http://nohotpets.ca) for a chance to win a YETI summer prize pack. Entrants also get access to hot weather safety resources, a downloadable toolkit, and tips to help spread the message of pet safety.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress

needs to take action. Call the government's Provincial Animal Welfare Services at 1-833-9ANIMAL or your local police. In an emergency, call 911.

"Let's make this long weekend safe and enjoyable for everyone – including our furry family members," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

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**\$38,812** +HST/LIC @ **5.49%** O.A.C.  
\$0 DOWN C.O.B \$7,955

2025 CHEVROLET EQUINOX ACTIV AWD



STK# B12506 • 22,652 KM • 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER/SUEDE BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 17 INCH DARK ALLOYS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, CHEVROLET INFOTAINMENT 3, SURROUND CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, CONVENIENCE PACKAGE 3, ADAPTIVE CRUISE!

**\$145** WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$43,712** +HST/LIC @ **5.49%** O.A.C.  
\$0 DOWN C.O.B \$8,959

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!

**\$176** WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$53,012** +HST/LIC @ **5.49%** O.A.C.  
\$0 DOWN C.O.B \$10,865

2022 CHEVROLET EQUINOX RS AWD



STK# B12611 • 62,608 KM • 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC, CHEVROLET INFOTAINMENT 3, NAVIGATION, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, 19 INCH ALLOYS, REMOTE START, REAR CAMERA, BOSE, HID HEADLIGHTS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE, ADVANCED SAFETY PACKAGE, POWER LIFTGATE!

**\$106** WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$31,912** +HST/LIC @ **5.49%** O.A.C.  
\$0 DOWN C.O.B \$6,541

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!

**\$144** WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$43,312** +HST/LIC @ **5.49%** O.A.C.  
\$0 DOWN C.O.B \$8,877



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Saturday August 2nd, 2025 to Monday, August 4th, 2025.  
We will be back to regular hours on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025.