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**ON THE ROAD:** The Town of Shelburne was a pit stop for a team of cyclists on Thursday (Aug. 28), hoping to raise money to send underserved youth to camp. The cyclists - Eric Koehn, Eric Johanssen, Jarlath Byrne-Rodgers, and Konstantine Palanski - were travelling roughly 950 km from Toronto to Manitoulin Island over a five-day span to raise funds for Amici Children's Camp Charity. Those interested in supporting the cyclists in their fundraising efforts can donate at: amici.akaraisin.com/ui/Gearheads2025/the-gearheads

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## Shelburne's automatic speed enforcement cameras to begin issuing fines tomorrow

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Drivers travelling through the Town of Shelburne will want to keep a close eye on their speed or be prepared to pay a hefty fine.

The Town of Shelburne is set to officially implement a speed enforcement program in the community as of Friday, Sept. 5. Fines will be issued to any drivers travelling 1km/h over the speed limit of more.

Shelburne Town Council received an updated report on the automated speed enforcement (ASE) program during their meeting on Aug. 25.

"As communicated through the entirety of this project, the primary objective is to enhance road safety by effectively reducing vehicle speeds," said Jennifer Willoughby, director of legislative services. "ASE aims to encourage lasting behavioural changes of drivers, fostering safe driving habits and protecting vulnerable road users."

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is a traffic calming program that captures an image of a vehicle when it exceeds the posted speed limit in a designated area. The image is reviewed by a provincial offences officer,

who then issues a ticket to the registered owner of the vehicle.

The automated speed enforcement program is part of the Town of Shelburne's efforts to address speeding concerns on community streets, which have been raised by residents for many years.

"We ultimately want to eliminate the excessive speed that we know we're experiencing and that the community has told us [is] dangerous," said Denyse Morrissey, the Town of Shelburne's chief administrative officer (CAO).

In December 2024, Shelburne Town Council approved an agreement to start a three-year pilot project for ASE. The Town of Shelburne was required to have a 90-day notice period informing the community of the upcoming ASE program, and on June 5, signs were installed at the five locations notifying drivers that the speed enforcement program would be "coming soon".

Through the ASE program, the Town of Shelburne has installed a total of 10 cameras, which have been placed in both directions of five streets within the town.

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**AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT:** Drivers will have to be very mindful of the speed they travel at in several areas of Shelburne. Starting tomorrow, Sept. 5, fines will be issued through Shelburne's Automatic Speed Enforcement Program. Drivers travelling 1 to 19km/h over the speed limit will be fined \$5 for each kilometre over the speed limit.

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# Leisa Way to celebrate 100 Years of Grand Ole Opry with upcoming concert

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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The songs of legendary country singers and songwriters who have graced the stage of the Grand Ole Opry will soon be heard as Orangeville-based performer Leisa Way travels through 100 years of history in "Opry Gold."

Under the musical direction of Mulmur-based pianist and composer Bruce Ley, Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band are set to bring "Opry Gold" to the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"We've taken [Opry Gold] across Canada, from East to West, and this is the first time we're bringing it to the Gibson Centre, which is unbelievable," said Way. "[Opry Gold] is about the music and these little gems of stories."

Written, produced, and performed by Leisa Way herself, 'Opry Gold' celebrates the history of the Grand Ole Opry through the stories and music of the legendary artists who have performed on the stage.

Way and her band originally debuted the 'Opry Gold' concert nearly a decade ago and have gone on to perform the show in roughly 50 theatres across Canada.

During the show, Way and her band take the audience through the decades of the Grand Ole Opry by singing to songs of early country legends such as Dolly Parton, Hank Williams, and Patsy Cline to modern-day country stars, including Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Garth Brooks, and Lady A.

The inspiration behind "Opry Gold" was Way's own mother, Eileen.

It was the mid-2010s and Way, at the time, had already written, produced, and performed around eight own her own shows. Recognizing that her mother was getting older, she wanted a way to include her in a show, so she brought to life one of her

mother's "greatest loves," The Grand Ole Opry.

"I wanted her to be able to come see a show that was the music she was brought up on," said Way. "I thought it was a really cool idea to share the stories of the artists who appeared on the Opry; the stories of their songs, of the artists themselves and how they got to be there."

The return of "Opry Gold" comes as the country music world prepares to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry this fall.

The Grand Ole Opry began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925, when Nashville radio station WSM became one of the first all-country music stations. The Grand Ole Opry was held at the Ryman Auditorium from 1943 to 1974, before moving to the custom-built home, The Grand Ole Opry House.

Over the decades, the Grand Ole Opry set the stage for country music legends, including Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, and Tammy Wynette, as well as today's stars like Shania Twain, Keith Urban, Taylor Swift, Darius Rucker, Kenny Chesney, and Zac Brown Band.

While "Opry Gold" was created nearly 10 years ago, the show has undergone numerous redrafts and changes, with each performance different from the next.

"We switch the songs out often because, how can you possibly cover all these artists



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**GOLDEN TOUR:** Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band are on tour and will soon be performing at the Gibson Centre in Alliston.

in two hours," said Way. "We also change it depending on what songs are popular,"

Way's multi-talented band includes vocalist/guitarist Brant Garratt (Duke Street Turnaround); bassist-singer Mark Dunn (Jim Galloway's Wee Big Band); Don Reid on drums (Orchestra London & Pauly and the Goodfellas); and Alex George on fiddle (Natalie McMaster), who are all rising stars in the Canadian music scene. New to the show this fall is Matt Ballagh on lead vocals and bass, an up-and-coming young star

who has performed for Drayton Entertainment in "Fiddler on the Loose, Sorry I'm Canadian."

Tickets for 'Opry Gold' at the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sept. 11 can be purchased at <https://gibsoncentre.com/our-events/opry-gold-sep-11-2025> or by calling 705-435-2828.

More information about Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band, including future shows, can be found at [www.waytogoproducts.ca](http://www.waytogoproducts.ca).

# Shelburne's automatic speed enforcement cameras to begin issuing fines

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The locations of the automated speed enforcement cameras include: Greenwood Street, from Rintoul Crescent to Robert Street; Main Street, spanning Simon Street to Jelly Street; Owen Sound Street, stretching from Second Avenue West to O'Flynn Street; Victoria Street, from Franklyn Street to Andrew Street; and William Street, running from First Avenue East to O'Flynn Street.

"We've gone very aggressive with respect to five cameras, two each way, we should see some drastic changes in behaviour probably within 30 days," said Morrissey.

The Town of Shelburne said the locations of the camera were based on speeding concerns and pedestrian safety, and noted that the location of the cameras can change

based on changing needs.

Drivers who find themselves travelling over the speed limit in these zones can expect to see a range of fines that are based on the number of kilometres over the maximum speed limit.

The fines associated with speeding in community safety zones include:

- 1 to 19 kilometres over the speed limit is \$5 per kilometre
- 20 to 29 kilometres over the speed limit is \$7.50 per kilometre
- 30 to 49 kilometres over the speed limit is \$12 per kilometre
- 50 kilometres or more over the speed limit is \$19.50 per kilometre

"These fines are set and regulated by the province," explained town staff.

In recent years, the Town of Shelburne has implemented a range of traffic calm-

ing measures, including digital radar speed signs, enhanced crosswalk signage, expansion of designated/marked on-street parking, flexible bollards for seasonal lane delineation, pavement markings, and seasonal speed cushions.

In 2021, the majority of streets in Shelburne were designated as community safety zones, and Shelburne Town Council approved and passed a motion to reduce the speed limit in town, with the exception of

connecting link roadways, to 40 km/h.

The Town of Shelburne plans to continue using these other methods of traffic calming throughout the community while also implementing the ASE program.

"Though people might not like all these visual impediments everywhere, it actually slows people down," said Morrissey.

More information about the automated speed enforcement program can be found at [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).

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# OPINION

## You don't agree?

As a columnist, I don't expect everyone to agree with my opinion.

It would be a very boring world if we all thought the same way and we all had the very same opinion about everything.

If you throw a bunch of strangers in a room and ask their thoughts on a particular subject, it would be very rare to find a group of people who all thought the same way. I guess it could happen, but it's not likely.

For the most part, I get a lot of positive feedback from readers. Many approach me in public or at events and mention a column that I've written, and they liked.

That is especially true if I have tried to promote something that would help people.

For example, a few years ago, I wrote about the misuse of handicapped parking spaces.

That involved several weeks of observation, as well as an incident where a friend of mine, who has been physically disabled since birth, had to be carried into a hockey game because all of the handicapped parking spaces were full, and he could not walk the entire distance from where he had parked.

I received a huge amount of feedback from people who were thankful this was pointed out, as they had handicapped family members who went through the same

frustrating situation of not being able to find parking, only to see a family with several able-bodied children run from their car to the front door of an arena.

This type of feedback makes me feel that, in some small way, I have helped promote something that will help other people.

I also get negative feedback from time to time. Sometimes it is from someone who just doesn't like what I've written.

Other times, I have received some pretty nasty notes. Although the real nasty ones, complete with name calling, have come from organized groups from outside of the region.

I guess some groups monitor all news from across the country, so they attack those who don't agree with their agenda.

I don't mind negative feedback. You have to have a thick skin in such a situation and just let it roll off of your back.

However, when someone sends negative feedback, apparently based on reading a two-word headline, then makes incorrect or completely wrong comments after obviously not reading the entire column – well, that's not good.

I recently wrote a column on the work ethic. The point was, having a job is a good thing that impacts your life, the country, and the economy.

I referenced a guy who made a video

telling his countrymen to apply as refugees when coming to Canada because they would make more money.

A reader wrote in, saying I had been the 'victim' of misleading information.

Well, no, that's not quite right.

If the reader had actually read the column, they would have known I did not make that claim, and never said it was fact.

I was repeating misleading information stated by another person.

The reader states, "Do the ETHICAL WORK of checking the actual facts."

Well, yes, the reader should have done the ethical work of checking the facts and reading the column before accusing me of providing false information.

They obviously did not read the column and absorb the information.

In that column, I also made reference to the fact that Poland does not want refugees.

The reader again tried to argue, saying Poland has accepted almost 1 million Ukrainian refugees.

I guess I should have specified they don't want refugees from the Middle East and other countries.

However, the reader is apparently not up on current world news, as this fact is well known and documented.

"Poland will not accept anyone sending

illegal migrants to its territory, says PM." – Reuters, May 7, 2025.

"Poland suspends migrants' right to apply for asylum." – BBC, May 27, 2025.

"EU will not force Poland to take in more migrants, says PM." – Polish News Agency, May 2024.

"Poland won't accept migrant relocation mechanism, PM says." – Reuters, April 10, 2024.

"Poland shuts asylum door at Belarus border with EU backing." – Politico, March 21, 2025

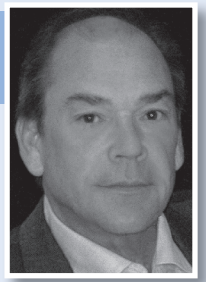
"Migrants face expulsion at Polish border under new law." – BBC Oct. 15, 2021.

Funny enough, the day I received the note from the reader about Ukrainian refugees, the first headline I saw was "Polish president blocks law to extend social welfare to Ukrainian refugees." – AFP Aug. 28, 2025. That was followed by "Poland's president blocks child benefit law for Ukrainian refugees." – The Munich Eye.

If you don't agree with me, that's fine. I'm like Ricky Gervais – "I don't care, I really don't."

But if you do disagree and want to make it known, at least read the column and check your facts.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Greenland, Ukraine and all that

Last Wednesday the Danish foreign minister, Lars Lokke Rasmussen, summoned the top US diplomat in Copenhagen to his office to complain that the United States is running a covert operation in Greenland, a semi-autonomous part of the Danish kingdom.

According to DR, Denmark's public broadcaster, the goal of the operation is to infiltrate Greenland's society and promote the island's secession from Denmark to the US. It's straight out of the Russian playbook in 2014, when Vladimir Putin was subverting the Russian-speaking Donbas in the eastern part of the Ukraine and funding a separatist movement there.

There's nothing particularly original about getting some dissident or sold-out minority to call on a great power to intervene in order to provide political cover for what is really an invasion. The old Soviet Union did it to Czechoslovakia in 1968 and to Afghanistan in 1979.

At peak arrogance, when the US was the sole superpower, it didn't bother with such niceties. It just sent in the troops: Dominican Republic 1965, Grenada 1983, Libya 1986, Panama 1989, Afghanistan 2001, Iraq 2003. Now it needs a bit more cover, especially when invading the territory of a long-standing ally, so let's find or buy some amenable Greenlanders.

To be fair, the attempt to recruit a few 'pro-American' Greenlanders to front the operation suggests that the Trump regime prefers a non-violent conquest if at all possible. On the other hand, it also indicates that at least some of the planners in Washington have been instructed to start preparing the ground for an American takeover. (Canadians take note.)

Would the Danes fight if such an invasion took place? Almost certainly not. Resistance would be futile, and anyway it's not really their island. 90 per cent of the population are Greenlanders (i.e. Inuit/

Eskimo) who can vote for independence whenever they want. They're just waiting because they still need the massive subsidies that Denmark currently provides.

Would the Greenlanders themselves fight? A few of them might, just to put down a marker showing that they really want independence, not American citizenship. But it would probably not be a big fight or a very long one.

Would NATO survive? Not really: the basic rule of alliance-making is that members refrain from invading other members. However, most of NATO's other 31 members have depended on American military guarantees, particularly about nuclear weapons, for eighty years. It will take them at least five years to fill the gaps if they create a similar alliance without the US.

That is not an impossible gap to span, because half the Russian army is currently tied down in Ukraine and it would take a while to rebuild it afterwards whatever the outcome in that beleaguered country. Europe's best bet is to keep Ukraine in the war as long as possible (the US won't help) while frantically modernizing and expanding its own military capacity.

It's extremely disagreeable to have to make these calculations when democracy is in retreat and the real emergency is global warming. Those should be our priorities, but we are where we are and Donald Trump is who he is.

Russia is already a fascist state and America may end up as its closest ally if Trump survives. So who is left to defend the rule of law, and above all to protect the fundamental international rule that

nobody may change borders by force?

That was the law, written in 1945 by the survivors of the greatest war in history, that has saved us from far worse wars for the past eighty years. Indeed, there have been no wars even one-tenth as bad as 1939-45 in all this time. Fear of nuclear war forced us to be reasonable, but 'no territorial changes by force' was how we turned that into a policy.

Now Russia has moved outside that law, and the United States is heading the same way. So who's left?

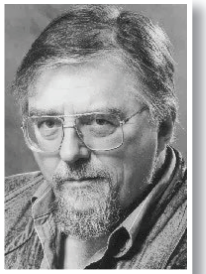
Well, actually, almost everybody else. China's obsession with Taiwan is regrettable, but it is rooted in a civil war between rival Chinese governments. On every other matter, it is a devout defender of the territorial status quo.

The European Union's members will strive to uphold the rule about no border changes by force, as will almost all the democracies of Asia, Oceania and the Americas. Africa's devotion to the rule that borders must not be changed by force is unshakable.

Together, Russia and the United States have about half a billion people – one-sixteenth of the world's people. Yes, they have most of the nukes, but they are really unusable.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: It's nearly turkey time at the Shelburne Food Bank

As the weather becomes crisper and leaves begin their colourful journey to falling, thoughts start to turn to Thanksgiving!

In order to ensure that all our neighbours can enjoy a family meal this coming Thanksgiving, the Shelburne Food Bank is once again looking for businesses, organizations, or individuals to think about donating turkeys.

We have been blessed each year to have enough turkeys donated to be able to give each family one, and we are hoping that this year we can too. If you are interested in donating turkeys, feel free to email us at - shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com - to let us know. Thank you!

September is Hunger Action Month - a time to raise awareness about hunger issues here in Dufferin County and across the province. Food insecurity, according to Feed Ontario, has reached a record high in Ontario, with over 1 million people having to turn to a food bank



to get by. High housing costs and rental rates, low-quality jobs with few benefits, and inadequate social support programs are driving this issue and leaving many Ontarians faced with making difficult choices every month just to get by.

Hunger Action Month is a national campaign that was started here in Ontario by Feed Ontario. It is run in partnership with local food banks to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity.

During the month of September, we encourage the public to take action to end hunger in their communities and across Ontario in four

key ways: Educate. Advocate. Volunteer. Donate.

**Educate** - Feed Ontario has a wonderfully informative website that contains up-to-date information on what hunger looks like and the impact it has on a person. Please take the time to check out its website at [www.feedontario.ca](http://www.feedontario.ca)

**Advocate** - Sign the petition that is on the Feed Ontario site, asking the government to take real action to reduce poverty and increase incomes to align with the cost of living. And ask your local elected representatives what action they are taking to end poverty

**Volunteer** - Lend your time and talents by supporting the Shelburne Food Bank. Whether it's in website design, technology, or arranging a food drive, email us at [shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com).

**Donate** - Every little bit helps! The summer months are when we experience the least

amount of donations, so we look forward to the fall to help restock the shelves. Whether it be items you drop off at the food bank or in the grocery bins at Shelburne's No Frills or Foodland, or a financial donation, all are appreciated!

The Shelburne Food Bank will be marking Thanksgiving with an event on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Shelburne Legion, called the All Shelburne Service Club Thanksgiving Smoked Turkey Dinner!

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for youth under 12. Proceeds generated through the dinner will go to the Shelburne Food Bank.

Let's fill the Legion and celebrate our service clubs!

A strong Ontario depends on strong communities - communities where everyone has what they need to live, contribute, and succeed.

Let's work together to create a strong, vibrant, hunger-free Shelburne.

## Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer fundraiser ready for return next month

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is inviting community members to honour their loved ones affected by cancer with the return of their Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer.

The hospital foundation announced that the 2nd Annual Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer will be held on Oct. 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Caledon Ski Club West Lodge, located at 17431 Mississauga Rd., Caledon.

"We're thrilled to bring the community together once again for a cause that touches

so many lives," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "Whether you're hiking in memory of someone, in support of a loved one, or simply to make a difference, your participation matters."

The inaugural Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer was held last year and looks to raise critical funds for life-saving equipment and services. In the event's first year, HHCF was able to raise a total of \$68,000 in support of breast cancer care. This year, the hospital's foundation expanded the mission of the hike to support all forms of cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

"With government funding not covering the cost of medical equipment, every dollar raised helps ensure patients receive the best possible care close to home," said the foundation.

Early bird registration for the Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer is open and will be available until Sept. 12. The cost of registration during the early bird period is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. From Sept. 12 until Oct. 9, the cost of registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth.

"Participants are encouraged to register early to take advantage of discounted pricing and being building their personal fundraising pages."

HHCF is still offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses and organizations to support the fundraising event.

"It's a meaningful way to give back to the community while gaining visibility among engaged participants and supports," the foundation concluded.

Those interested in a sponsorship spot can learn more by contacting Christine Patterson at [cpatterson@headwatershealth.ca](mailto:cpatterson@headwatershealth.ca) or by calling 519-941-2701 ext.2309. For more information about the Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer or to register to participate in the hike, visit: [hcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/hike2025](http://hcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/hike2025).

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# Mulmur man wins \$100,000 after playing ENCORE on recent LOTTO MAX draw

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A Mulmur man who has been playing the lottery on and off for over 35 years picked the right time to buy a ticket.

Arthur Feiner won \$100,000 after matching the last six of his seven ENCORE numbers in their exact order for the July 1 LOTTO MAX draw.

OLG announced Feiner's win on Aug. 29, and said he plans to save for the future, invest, and enjoy a well-deserved vacation with his earnings.

"Winning feels like a dream," he said. "The chances of winning a big prize are small, but there's always hope. Being a winner feels great. It's a pretty cool experience."

Feiner has played a variety of OLG games over the years, including LOTTO MAX, LOTTO 6/49, DAILY GRAND, and LOTTARIO.

He uses OLG's Quick Pick feature for his LOTTO MAX tickets and chooses his own numbers for the others. No matter the game, he always adds ENCORE to his plays.

This time around, playing ENCORE really paid off.

Feiner, a married father of one who works as a software designer, is delighted to share the story of his first big win.

"I received an email from OLG saying I'd won a major prize," Arthur shared while visiting the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to collect his winnings. "I opened up the OLG app to check my account and was shocked to see a prize of \$100,000."

Surprised by the prize total, Arthur quickly shared the good news with his wife.

"I said, 'I think I won something big.' She was freaking out," Feiner recalled with a laugh. "We were both very happy and excited."

ENCORE offers 22 ways to win and can be played in conjunction with most lottery games for an extra \$1. There are two ENCORE draws each day.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**BIG WIN:** Arthur Feiner of Mulmur recently won \$100,000 by playing ENCORE on LOTTO MAX. OLG announced his win on Aug. 29.



## New manager Julie Woods takes the reins at Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a fresh face at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society announced Julie Woods as the new manager of the local animal centre on Aug. 28.

"Woods brings with her a life-long love of animals, and over 20 years of customer service and leadership experience. She has worked in the pet industry in the past and is looking forward to bringing her passion for animals to her new role," reads a statement from the Ontario SPCA

and Humane Society.

Woods has had pets since she was a child, coming in many forms, with some adopted and others that found their way to her family.

"It's just so wonderful to work with animals again. I think working at the Ontario SPCA has just given me more of a purpose," said Woods.

The role is rewarding in many ways, particularly in getting to know each animal at the centre and helping them to find loving homes.

Woods has strong ambitions as the new manager, with the goal of finding loving homes for more than 650 animals this

year. But the animal centre is well on its way, with close to 400 animals already adopted so far in 2025.

"I love seeing the different personalities of the cats and their playfulness, and spending time outside with our dogs is really fun," Woods said. "Sometimes they come in a little bit shy and within a couple days of routine and attention from our caring staff and volunteers, they come around and win everyone over. That's really special."

When Woods isn't busy helping improve the lives of animals at the Orangeville centre, she enjoys spending time at her farm in Belwood with her husband,

daughter, and furry family members.

Dawn Lyons was the former manager of the Orangeville & District Animal Centre for five years before moving into a new role as the provincial operations manager of clinical services with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

Woods looks forward to bringing her expertise to the new role as manager, and the local animal centre wishes Lyons all the best in her future endeavours.

The Orangeville & District Animal Centre is always looking to find new homes for their animals.

To view animals available for adoption, visit [ontariospca.ca/orangeville](http://ontariospca.ca/orangeville)

## Dufferin OPP encourages motorists to remain vigilant of school buses as students return to school

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Students in Dufferin County, and much of Ontario, returned to school on Wednesday, Sept. 3. With school buses back on the roadways, transporting young children to and from school, the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is encouraging motorists to remain alert.

"[Dufferin OPP] along with area school

bus drivers would like to remind all drivers that a stopped school bus with its red overhead flashing lights and extended stop arm requires all approaching drivers to stop," reads a statement from Dufferin OPP on Sept. 2. "Drivers should also adjust their speed and be aware of extra vehicle traffic along with pedestrian traffic during school hours in school zones."

To prevent collisions and promote safety, Dufferin OPP is encouraging motorists to

focus all of their attention on the road and put away unnecessary distractions. As well, drivers need to slow down in school zones and respect the posted speed limit.

There will be a higher-than-normal volume of students traveling between home and school by numerous methods of transportation, so it's important to be aware of school buses with their red flashing lights activated. The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights activated is \$490 minimum

and six demerit points.

"In response to an increase in complaints of vehicles not stopping for school buses in Dufferin County, officers will be conducting extra patrols before and after school hours," said Dufferin OPP.

"Drivers that are found in violation will be served a Provincial Offences Notices for 'Failing to stop for a School Bus' that comes with a price tag of \$490 and six demerit points upon conviction."

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### Shelburne Fall Fair to mark 158th event with demolition derby, 'Food Frenzy,' agricultural excellence

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The summer season has slipped away for another year, and Shelburne residents are gearing up to welcome in the cooler months with the return of the Shelburne Fall Fair.

The Shelburne District Agricultural Society will be hosting the 158th Annual Shelburne Fall Fair from Friday, Sept. 12, to Sunday, Sept. 14.

"It's a fun three days in the Town of Shelburne with a lot of different activities for all ages. The fall fair is a big volunteer and sponsorship collaboration and we're glad to see the community step up and support to bring it back to the community," said Shelburne District Agricultural Society President Murray Crawford. "We always welcome new people to come out for a great experience and so if you want to have fun come out to the Shelburne Fall Fair."

The 2025 Shelburne Fall Fair will kick off on Friday, Sept. 12, with a "Food Frenzy" of different food trucks for visitors to try while they watch the Junior and Senior Ambassador Competition.

Visitors will enjoy a variety of shows, competitions and activities starting on Saturday, including a pancake breakfast, horse pull competition, dog show, tractor and ATV pulls, and bicycle races.

Families will also get to participate in farm games, including potato sack, egg spoon, wheelbarrow, and round bale races.

The festivities will continue on Sunday with a beef cattle show, sheep show, Dad's stroller race, corn husking, and the penultimate event – the demolition derby.

Last year, the Shelburne District Agricultural Society introduced a children's category for the demolition derby called the "Power Wheels."

"I was very surprised at the response we got. We had 14 kids entered with their power wheels and they had no fear," said Crawford. "The kids really enjoyed it and the crowd loved it."

This year's theme for the Shelburne Fall Fair is "Barns, Boots and Bales."

"It's a mishmash of agriculture around Shelburne and the community. You have the old barns, the bales in the field and the boots the farmers put on to do the chores," explained Crawford.

The Shelburne Fall Fair is the longest standing annual event in the community, even dating back to before the Town of Shelburne was officially established. The first Shelburne Fall Fair was held on the roadside in Masonville in October of 1868 as a one-day event. In 1888, Simon Jelly, the older brother of William Jelly and one of the original family members to settle in town, gave 16 acres of his farm, which to this day serves as the location for the fairgrounds.

In 2017, the Shelburne District Agricultural Society celebrated the 150th anniversary of the fair.

The 2025 Shelburne Fall Fair will be held from Sept. 12 to Sept. 14 at the Shelburne Fairgrounds, located at 377 William Street.

For a complete schedule of the events and their specific times at this year's fall fair, visit the Shelburne Fall Fair website at [www.shelburnefair.weebly.com](http://www.shelburnefair.weebly.com).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY

FOOD TRUCK FRENZIE 5:00-9:00 pm  
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#### SATURDAY 10:00 - 5:00

- 1 PARKING
- 2 PONY RIDES/ PETTING ZOO- ALL-DAY
- 3 INFORMATION
- 4 HURON TRACTOR DISPLAY
- 5 EXHIBITS/6 KID ZONE
- 7 VENDORS -ALL-DAY
- 8 ACCESSIBLE PARKING
- 9 WASHROOMS
- 10 FOOD COURT -ALL DAY
- 11 BICYCLE RACES at 10:00
- 12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 10:30 - 11:30
- 13 HORSE PULL COMPETITION at 11:00
- 14 WOOD CARVING at 11:00 - 3:00
- 15 FACE PAINTING at 10:00 - 4:30
- 16 BABY SHOW /DIAPER RACES at 11:00
- 17 KIDS TRACTOR PULL at 11:45
- 18 FARMER GAMES
  - POTATO SACK RACES at 11:45
  - EGG SPOON RACES at 12:00
  - WHEELBARROW RACES at 12:15
  - DAD'S STROLLER RACES at 12:45
- 19 DAIRY SHOW at 1:00
- 20 GARDEN TRACTOR & ATV PULLS at 1:00
- 21 DOG SHOW at 1:30
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- 1 PARKING
- 2 PONY RIDES/PETTING ZOO - ALL DAY
- 3 INFORMATION
- 4 EXHIBITS
- 5 HURON TRACTOR DISPLAY
- 6 KID ZONE- ALL DAY
- 7 VENDORS -ALL-DAY
- 8 ACCESSIBLE PARKING
- 9 WASHROOMS
- 10 FOOD COURT -ALL DAY
- 11 GLITTER TATTOOS at 10:00 - 5:00
- 12 BEEF CATTLE SHOW at 10:00
- 13 SHEEP SHOW at 10:00
- 14 CALF CLUB SHOW at 10:00
- 15 4-H SHEEP SHOW at 10:00
- 16 PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 10:30 - 11:30
- 17 WOOD CARVING at 11:00 - 3:00
- 18 FACE PAINTING at 11:00 - 3:00
- 19 BABY SHOW at 11:30
- 20 DAD'S STROLLER RACES at 12:00
- 21 FARMER GAMES
  - POTATO SACK RACES at 12:30
  - EGG SPOON RACES at 1:00
  - CORN HUSKING RACES at 1:15
  - KIDS MINI ROUND BALE RACE at 1:30
  - FAMILY ROUND BALE at 1:45
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# SPORTS

## Warriors and Gladiators compete in qualifying match for championship

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It has been a long season for the Shelburne Cricket Club as teams played every weekend at KTH Park in Shelburne.

Fortunately, the weather, for the most part, cooperated this year and provided a lot of good playing days.

The season got underway on June 7, with the first match between the Gladiators and the Knights.

The Club is now moving toward the season championship.

A qualifying match was held between the Warriors and the Knights on the pitch at KTH Park on Saturday, Aug. 30.

It was a low-scoring thriller that kept spectators on the edge of their seats for the entire match.

The Warriors won the toss and chose to bowl first. That decision paid off right away for the Warriors.

Mohammad Bala struck twice in the very first over, dismantling the Knights' top order.

From there, wickets continued to fall at regular intervals.

Knight's captain, Saga Arora, stood firm

with a gritty 18 not out, but with little support for the rest of the batting line-up. The team was bundled out for just 66 runs.

Talha Patel led the bowling attack with four wickets, while Muhafiz chipped in with three.

Chasing the total, the Warriors appeared confident, but the Knights' bowlers fought back hard, making every run a battle.

Mohammad Raza tore through the Warriors' lineup with four wickets and was well supported by Harpreet's three.

The game was hanging in the balance with the Warriors down to their last wicket.

It was Moin Shaikh who kept his nerve, anchoring the innings with a composed 19 not out to steer his side home in a nail-biting finish.

The Player of the Match was awarded to Muhafiz Patel.

With the win, the Shelburne Warriors have secured their place in the finals.

The Knights will now face the Gladiators in an elimination match to decide who will challenge the Warriors for the 2025 title.

That match will be played on Sunday, Sept. 7.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**WINNING MATCH:** The Shelburne Cricket Club is wrapping up the season with the final elimination games to see which two teams will battle it out for the 2025 Club championship. The Gladiators and the Warriors play a match on Sunday, Aug. 24, at KTH Park in Shelburne.

## North Dufferin Baseball League's senior division starts 2025 championship series

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

After a long season that got underway in the first week of May, the North Dufferin Baseball League is ready to start the 2025 senior final series to determine this year's Strother Cup champion.

The final series will match the New Lowell Knights with the defending champion Owen Sound Baysox.

The Baysox claimed the title in 2024.

New Lowell were the Strother Cup champions the two previous years, winning in 2022 and 2023.

The final series will be an epic battle be-

tween two strong teams.

New Lowell finished in first place in the League standings this year with a 17-4-1 record and 35 points.

Owen Sound finished in second place, just one point behind with a 17-5 record.

The playoffs started on Aug. 5, with the top eight teams in the league's senior division battling it out in the first round.

The Knights eliminated the Creemore Padres in the first round in a series that went five games and ended with a 3-0 New Lowell win in the final game on Aug. 14.

In the second round, the Knights dis-

patched the Bolton Brewers in a series that went four games and ended in Bolton on Aug. 28, with a 1-0 New Lowell win.

Owen Sound eliminated the Midland Mariners in their first-round action.

That series wrapped up on Aug. 13, with an 11-1 Owen Sound win.

The Baysox then went on to face the Ivy Rangers in the second round. That series went five games after Game 3 ended in a 7-7 tie.

Owen Sound wrapped it up with a 9-2 win on Sept. 1, on their home diamond in Owen Sound.

The championship series will be a best-of-

seven event that will get underway on Saturday, Sept. 6.

This final series will be a very competitive competition between two talented teams that are both hungry for the win.

The Baysox want to be repeat champions, and the Knights want to claim the title and move to the win column for the 2025 Strother Cup.

New Lowell is coached by Peter Kingham and Jesse McIntyre.

The Baysox are coached by Ryan Bartley and Don Bartley.

The final schedule for the championship had not been posted as of press time.



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**ROUNDING THE BASES:** A player sprints to third base as the ball lands in the infield during a game between the Grime Team and RB 98 at the north diamond at Rotary Park in Orangeville on Thursday, Aug. 28. Orangeville Men's Slo-Pitch heads into playoffs this week with a round-robin style opener.



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**SOCCER SEASON:** There are still a few games on the schedule for Women's Recreation Soccer in Orangeville. Two teams compete on the soccer pitch at Rotary Park in Orangeville on Thursday, Aug. 28.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### HISAAN SIDDIQUI

A well rounded athlete, Hisaan Siddiqui has been playing cricket for five years and brings valuable skills to his team.

"I like how competitive it can get," Hisaan said of why he likes the sport. "If I have stress in my life from school or work, I play the game and it makes me feel really good."

Hisaan plays with his team, the Shelburne Gladiators every weekend during the season.

Hisaan was also an active athlete in high school and is now heading to the University of Windsor to study engineering.

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# Dufferin County author's new book 'Fredbits' offers guidance for a new generation

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

Orangeville author Fred Dyke has spent a lifetime gathering wisdom from faith, family, and experience. Now he has distilled it all into Fredbits – a book of 365 bite-sized, single-page insights that blend his relationship with Christianity and his reflections on life.

For Dyke, the book is a way of passing on guidance, encouragement, and a touch of humor to the next generation, offering lessons learned from years of walking with God and through his many varied careers.

"I wanted to write a book to bring back a sense of sensibleness or common sense to the world," Dyke said. "I feel that there's a lack of an acceptance of truth, and people have gotten away from reality. I know I don't have all the answers, but I wanted to write a book that maybe might help some people find their way."

Dyke never set out to be a writer – in fact, he didn't even like reading.

"I hated reading," he said. "I could read a book and I just wouldn't, I didn't have an idea what it was saying, especially poetry and stuff like that. I could read history, but that was purely for fact checking."

He said that started to change after working in various careers.

"I wrote my first book in 2003," Dyke said. "It was on management, because the more I dealt with management, the more I saw the challenges of management. I discovered most managers never set out to be managers. They started as mechanics or nurses and got promoted, but without the training to go along with it. So, therefore, I felt a need to cover it in a small book, 10 common things that managers should have or should do."

This followed Dyke's aversion to novels and his prior interest in instructional or historical reading.

Years later, Dyke began to notice how much the world had changed – attitudes were shifting, values evolving, and reality itself becoming subjective. He wanted to do something about it.

The challenge, Dyke explained, was how to present his ideas. His writing is deeply influenced by his relationship with God, yet he wanted the book to remain accessible to people of other faiths – or none at all. The

solution came in the form of short, self-contained chapters.

"I debated in my mind for years, but I didn't know how to present it," he said. "I knew if I did a book on Christianity that nobody would buy it, or at least non-Christians wouldn't buy it. The other thing is, most people don't read for long periods anymore. They want to get in and get out. So I decided on one-page chapters. You can read one over coffee, in the bathroom, anywhere really."

The result is a book readers can pick up and put down at any time. No page is dependent on the last, so you can flip to any spot and find a reflection, a piece of advice, or even a joke.

Some pages deal with practical lessons, like setting daily priorities. Others are designed to spark reflection on relationships, conflict, or generational differences. A few even take on a playful rhythm, like the first page, which Dyke describes as sort of like a rap:

"Do you have all the answers? Well, what are the questions? Are you happy? Are you sad? Does the slightest thing make you mad? What about your moods? Do they vary with your foods? Are you up or are you down? What causes you to frown? What will it take to give you a lift? If I say the wrong thing, will you be miffed?"

Beyond humor, Dyke also confronts deeper themes. The most meaningful passages to him are those that touch on Christianity, truth, and the struggle he sees in today's culture between subjective feelings and objective reality.

"If you look at page 285, there's an example of how subjective truth is and how people twist things," he said. "You hear this expression a lot of times: 'follow your heart.' It's quite common, but Jesus said, 'follow me.' Your heart is not always right, and whether you follow Jesus or not, I'm challenging people to question their feelings, to question their own hearts."

For Dyke, Fredbits is more than a book – it's a legacy. By weaving humor, reflection, and faith into short, daily lessons, he hopes to spark conversations across generations and encourage readers to pause, reflect, and search for truth in a world that often feels short on it.

# Community event held for Overdose Awareness Day

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group of community service agencies and concerned residents are working to increase awareness and decrease the social stigma around substance use, misuse, and overdose.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee hosted its 8th annual Overdose Awareness Day event on Aug. 28 at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Orangeville.

"It's important for our community to be aware of the resources and services that are available in the community to address overdose. This event can give them an opportunity to connect with various service providers to learn about the impact of overdose and how to save lives," said Raman Hansra, co-organizer of the local Overdose Awareness Day event.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness about the impact of overdose and share harm reduction strategies while also honouring members of the community who have been affected by overdose. Orangeville resident Angela Marshall shared her journey to becoming sober and the circumstances leading up to her addiction.

"Little did I think my dependencies and addictions would bring more darkness into my life," said Marshall. "There were shootings, high speed police chases, I was arrested, there were sexual assaults, homelessness and even working in the sex trade."

During the event, Marshall shared that she is 494 days sober.

"If there is anyone struggling, you're not alone. That was one of my biggest fears, because I always felt, asking for help was cowardly or weak," said Marshall. "Knowing how much support there is, especially in Orangeville, I have gratitude for that now that I'm sober and started making amends."

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health, through its health partner reporting system, has learned of about 17 overdose cases in Dufferin County this year.

"However, there are likely other overdoses that are occurring, but aren't getting reported," said Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, associate medical officer of health for WDG Public Health.

While the number of deaths in 2025 as a result of drug poisoning is not yet known, WDG Public Health reports that in 2024, five people

in Dufferin County died due to opioid use.

According to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health, the average age of reported overdose in Dufferin County is 38 years old. In the reported overdose cases, opioids are involved in more than 90 per cent. Women also make up a slim majority of overdose cases so far in 2025, with roughly 59 per cent.

WDG Public Health added that opioids, including fentanyl, still account for the majority of overdoses in the region, with 80 per cent of overdose deaths in 2024 attributed to fentanyl.

In the hopes of mitigating the number of deaths caused by overdose, the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee had Dufferin OPP speak to attendees about the Good Samaritan Act.

Created in 2017, the Good Samaritan Act provides some legal protection for people who experience or witness an overdose and call 9-1-1 for help. A goal of the act was to address reluctance to call for emergency services or remain at the scene of an overdose due to the risk of being charged with drug possession.

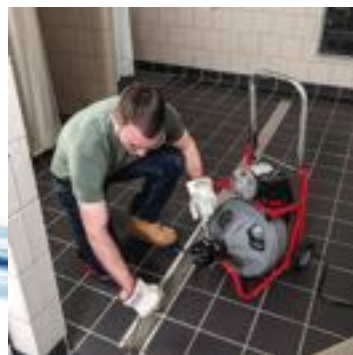
"So many times, we're seeing someone overdose and the person who's on scene freaks out because the police are coming and they take off. They're leaving someone completely hopeless while overdose; that's a problem," said Amy-Lynn Pitton, Dufferin OPP's community engagement officer.

Pitton noted that while police will still respond to calls for service in cases of overdose, they are not allowed to charge for possession.

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), which is recognized on Aug. 31, is an annual commemorative day and campaign aimed at ending overdoses while also remembering those who have died and acknowledging the grief felt by family and friends left behind.

This year, the theme of International Overdose Awareness Day was "One big family: Drive by hope," and focused on the importance of unity, compassion, and collective action in facing the overdose crisis.

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# Rain can't dampen community spirit at Peel-Dufferin Plowing celebration

Written By RILEY MURPHY

The Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association celebrated their 100 years as an association with its annual plowing match on Aug. 28.

Despite the on-and-off showers, Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association president Glen Early shared that "even with the less than desirable weather, the community came out and supported us."

The event had nearly 300 visitors by the end of the day.

Attendees gathered around to celebrate the day, renew acquaintances and see the horse and mule teams as well as tractor competitors.

Some especially enjoyed seeing who was doing the plowing.

MPP Sylvia Jones for Dufferin-Caledon, MP Kyle Seeback for Dufferin-Caledon, and acting Caledon Mayor/Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen all tried their hand at plowing straight, neat, and uniform furrows.

Jones shared with the crowd that, "it is the most stressful thing that I do once a year, so good job keeping me honest."

She said when everyone comes together to celebrate their history, industries, and families, it makes them a community and strengthens them as a whole.

Councillor Sheen, who was crowned victorious in the competition against Seeback and Jones, says that after attending for three years and "learning so much," this was "the straightest furrow that he's ever plowed."

Aside from enjoying the various competitors, attendees also enjoyed the different types of plows.

A Rumely tractor was acting as a people mover that day, bringing attendees around the event.

Not only was a Rumley people mover present, but a Rumley competitor as well, the host farmer of the event Burt Speirs.

"Great to see the competitors, both on the horse team side, as well as the tractor side determined to come out and compete to the best of their ability in those conditions," said Early.

Early also touched upon how incredible it was to see the interest from the horse team competitors, as "you can imagine the effort it takes to bring a horse team from 20, 50, a 100, 150 miles away."

"It's the great history of the Peel-Dufferin match that attracts the competitors as well. They have a good, sound expectation that it's going to be a good match and it's going to be organized," he says.

Early said the event felt very intimate this year, and it was the smallest footprint he could imagine for many years.

"The foundation principles of this match is seeing people, [that you] maybe haven't seen in a year or more, come out and enjoy and celebrate," says Early.

Early shared the event was another in the series of successful plowing matches for Peel-Dufferin, "continuing on a tradition that started a hundred years ago."

The Albion Bolton Historical Society (ABHS) was in attendance at the event, showcasing research on the beginnings of the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association.

They also brought advertisements for locally made plows in Bolton, some dating back to the pre-1900s, as well as one advertisement



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ON THE ROAD: Caledon Councillor Dave Sheen plows his winning furrow during the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association's 100-year anniversary celebration on Aug. 28.

from 1925, which marks the first date of the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association plowing match.

"We bring some inner knowledge to answer questions and point out things," shared Nathan Hiller, the current president of the Albion Bolton Historical Society.

A map was on display showcasing all the past locations of the plowing matches.

Hiller said the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association asked them to attend because "they understand the historical importance of not only the event, but of the legacy of the farming community here."

A long-standing tradition with the plowing matches across Ontario is the Queen of the Furrow competition.

Each local organization has the opportunity to send the winner of their competition to the Ontario Plowing Match, where approxi-

mately 30 teams compete.

Victoria Kolb was crowned the Peel-Dufferin Queen of the Furrow in 2024, and at the event, Nikki Intranuovo was introduced as the newly-crowned Queen.

Also available at the event was a chicken dinner, which Early said he heard a lot of positive feedback on.

"If you don't do anything else that day, you're going to make sure that the farmers in the area, they're going to be fed well, and if you check that box, that's a big win for us all."

Attendees were able to enjoy their chicken dinners either under the large gathering tent or while walking around, taking in the various plows and techniques, both from the past and the present.

"A big thank you to the sponsors, we're so lucky and appreciative to have that support for the match," said Early.



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# Shelburne Public Library to hold raffle for new patrons and renewals

The Shelburne Public Library is running two exciting initiatives throughout September.

**Library Card Sign Up & Renewal Month:** New patrons can register for a library card with us to be entered into a draw for a Kobo Clara! If you live in Shelburne, Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono, or Mulmur, you're entitled to membership with us, and it's a great time to join! For those who already have a membership with us, don't worry, we haven't forgotten you! Drop by to renew your membership to be entered into a draw for a gift card.

**Biggest Book Sale of the Year:** From Sept. 2 to 13, our KTH Room will be transformed into a book lover's haven! Bring your own bag and fill it with books for \$2 or purchase

one of our lovingly-made SPL bags for \$10 and fill it from the book sale. It's a great time to add to your personal libraries.

### Recommended read

**The Future by Catherine Leroux** – In an alternate history of Detroit, the Motor City was never surrendered to the US. Its residents deal with pollution, poverty, and the legacy of racism. Strange and magical things are happening: children rule over their own kingdom in the trees and burned houses regenerate themselves. When Gloria arrives looking for answers and her missing granddaughters, at first she finds only a hungry mouse in the derelict home where her daughter was murdered. But the neighbours take pity on her and she turns to their re-

silience and impressive gardens for sustenance.

**Why Molly recommends it:** This tale is equal parts tragic, humorous and uplifting. To me, it is a necessary update from The Lord of the Flies, and would be an appropriate replacement to be taught in schools. In this story of family, we follow a grandmother in search of her grandchildren and her misfit neighbours. Mysterious circumstances surround her daughters' death, and the children have gone missing. It's told in separate sections between Fort Detroit and the enormous band of abandoned, orphaned and abused children of the town who have gathered to begin their own society in the forest. Leroux adeptly shines a light of hope through all her characters. The main theme



of this book, though, is the thread of love which moves through all people, animals, water and nature as they rely on each other to move forward.

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

## Man charged with impaired driving after single vehicle collision in Melancthon

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a Wasaga Beach resident with impaired driving following a single motor vehicle collision.

On Aug. 28, shortly before 1 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision in the area of County Road 17 in Melancthon. Upon arrival, officers located the vehicle and spoke with the male driver. During the interaction, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Luke Suszter, 25, from Wasaga Beach, has been charged with:

- Drive motor vehicle - no licence
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Dangerous operation

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

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

## Impaired driving charges laid after suspicious person call

A call to the police regarding a suspicious person has resulted in impaired driving related charges being laid against a Georgetown man in Mono.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a call for service in the area of Hawthorne Road in Mono on Aug. 28, shortly after 3:30 a.m.

Upon arrival, officers located the suspects' vehicle and spoke with the male driver. During the interaction, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Samuel Wight, 30, from Georgetown has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order

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

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

## Traffic complaint results in impaired driving charges for North York resident

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a North York resident with impaired driving following a traffic complaint.

On August 29, shortly after 12 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 10 in Mono. The vehicle in question was located a short time later on Highway 10 in Melancthon.

Officers spoke with the male driver and, during the interaction, observed signs of impairment. As a result, an impaired driving investigation was initiated.

Oleksii Yushkov, 45, from North York, has been charged with:

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

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

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

## Etobicoke man faces impaired driving related charges after leaving business on Hwy. 89

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one individual with impaired driving following a traffic complaint in the New Tecumseth.

Shortly before 4 p.m. on Aug. 15, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint at a business in the area of 6015 Highway 89.

Witnesses reported that a male was refused service due to being intoxicated then attempted to drive off. Officers located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

Based on their observations, officers determined the driver was impaired and placed them under arrest.

As a result of the investigation, Matthew Gillespie, 51, of Etobicoke, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Sept. 11, to answer to the charge.

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