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Headwaters Health Care Centre welcomes children for playful Teddy Bear Clinic

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

A visit to the hospital can be scary, especially if you've never been.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) gave local children and their families a first-hand look into the health care system, as they hosted their annual Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday (Sept. 6).

"The hospital is an important place when you need to come to it, and the last thing we want is for a child to feel uncomfortable or scared when they're in this environment," said Juliann McArthur, manager of patient experience and lead of the Teddy Bear Clinic. "There's lot of bells going off, it's busy, it can feel chaotic at times, and we really just want them to know that this is a safe place for them and that we're going to be there for them in a comforting way to provide the care they need."

Started in 1998, the purpose of the Teddy Bear Clinic is to help reduce childhood anxiety surrounding hospitals and medical care by inviting children to bring their stuffed toys

to the hospital for a fun, pretend healthcare experience.

The Teddy Bear Clinic starts with the child and their stuffy going through the registration process, where they receive a health card and wristband for their stuffed toy and for themselves. From there, they head into triage, where the vitals of the stuffy are taken and the reason behind their visit is given. The teddy bear and child then head to the waiting area to be seen in one of the clinic's six treatment rooms. Meeting with a Headwaters physician or nurse, they learned about the treatment needed for their stuffed animal, the treatment plan, and received a prescription. The trip to the Headwaters Teddy Bear Clinic concluded with stops at Teddy Nutrition, Teddy Pharmacy, and Teddy Hygiene, a new addition to the clinic that teaches children about handwashing techniques and germs.

Mono resident Jessica Willow attended the Headwaters Teddy Bear Clinic with her seven-year-old son, Mason, and his stuffy - Firebreath.



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FUZZY CHECK-UP: A child's stuff animal receives care during Headwaters Health Care Centre's Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 6.

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Let's talk about it: More discussion needed about fire board's fate

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Shelburne officials have indicated a desire to disband its district fire services board.

It's proposed that the board, which is comprised of representatives of some Dufferin County municipalities, be dissolved in early 2026. But Mono officials believe a little more time is needed to fairly consider Shelburne's issues.

The agreement that established the Shelburne and District Fire Department outlines a process to be followed should a participating municipality wish to leave the board.

Shelburne has indicated its intent to establish the Shelburne Fire Department, which includes a model where municipalities, including Mono, may purchase contracted fire services.

It's similar to what's done with fire services from Orangeville.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix, Councillor Melinda Davie, and Mike Dunmore, the town's CAO, met July 17 with Town of Shelburne

representatives to discuss the future of the Shelburne District Fire Department and its board.

Mulmur, Melancthon, and Amaranth were also represented at the meeting.

In a report to Mono council, Dunmore said the meeting's purpose was to get details of Shelburne's concerns about the board.

Those concerns were about unfunded board administration services provided by Shelburne, according to the report. That unfunded service includes cyber security, IT services, human resources, treasury, and water provision from the Shelburne Water Department.

"It's very clear to us that Shelburne would like to leave and dissolve the board," Dunmore said during Mono council's Aug. 26 meeting.

While he can't speak for other municipalities that have representation on the board, Dunmore said he sensed support for "continued collaboration at a board level."

He acknowledged that representatives of

some towns were silent at the July meeting.

"I think the board deserves the opportunity to address the concerns of the Town of Shelburne," Dunmore said.

It wasn't clear if board members were aware of the financial impact and administrative concerns identified by Shelburne.

"I feel there was a general consensus to work towards retention of the board with improved collaboration rather than dissolving it," Dunmore said in his report.

But that's only Dunmore's opinion and may not be shared by other board members or their municipal councils.

"I will agree that Shelburne does have some issues that are legitimate," Nix said.

He suggested that Shelburne needs to provide specific details to board members about the administrative costs. Then a full-some discussion can be had about those operating costs and how to cover them.

And that's the substance of a motion passed by Mono council during the Aug. 26 meeting.

Coun. Ralph Manktelow said administrative service could rotate among the board's municipalities, similar to what's done by the Rosemont and District Fire Board. Mono is also a member of the Rosemont group.

"We haven't got the fee assessed of what the administrative help would be before we can even talk about rotating," Dunmore said. "I think you're onto a good matter, which would be a potential for rotating."

"This is a power move," Davie said. "There's no question about it that this is a power move."

She said Shelburne's board representatives feel strongly that their town has done the heavy lifting and has paid heavily for the board.

"What they (Shelburne) are proposing is not allowed by the agreement," Dunmore said. "The goal is to let Shelburne know we're happy with the services of the board right now and the board should have an opportunity to respond to the issues that really are troubling to Shelburne."

Talk with farmers and learn about agriculture at upcoming Dufferin Farm Tour

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents and tourists have the opportunity to learn about and see firsthand the day-to-day operations of select local farms.

The Dufferin Farm Tour is set to return for its 26th annual event on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We are very proud to keep this wonderful community event happening for 26 years," said Marci Lipman, a Dufferin Farm Tour committee member. "Every year people get more and more interested in understanding where their food comes from. Having this experience up close and personal with the farmers is really a tribute to our local agriculture."

The Dufferin Farm Tour was established in 1998 by a group of dedicated farmers who wanted to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities by bringing them together on working farms to hear firsthand the challenges of providing safe, nutritious food and the importance of local agriculture.

According to the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA), agriculture is one of the most significant economic contributors in Dufferin County, with over 700 farms in the community. The top five farm commodities in Dufferin

County include cattle, dairy, potatoes, soybeans, and corn.

With over 700 farms in the community, the connection between how food goes from farm to table can be lost. The goal of the Dufferin Farm Tour is to close the gap between the two by fostering dialogue and providing a look at modern farming practices.

"When people understand how their food is grown and raised, they are more likely to support local farmers and contribute to the local economy," said the Dufferin Farm Tour.

Each year, for one day in the fall, a different group of farmers in Dufferin County opens their doors to the public to showcase their farm, allowing families to talk with the farmers, experience the animals up close, ask questions, and watch demonstrations.

During the 26th annual Dufferin Farm Tour, visitors will have the chance to experience a homestead in Mono with beef cattle and chickens grazing on pastures, see robotic milking at a high-tech 35,000 square foot Holstein dairy barn, horse around at a school of horsemanship, go for a side of veggies at a market garden and hydroponic greenhouse operation, and jump early into the winter festive spirit with a wagon ride through a Christmas Tree Farm.

The Dufferin Farm Tour is a self-guided



FILE PHOTO

A DAY ON THE FARM: The 26th Annual Dufferin Farm Tour returns on Sept. 27, providing residents with opportunities to see farming operations and animals up close. The annual event provides a great opportunity to learn about the state of agriculture, and its impact, in the region.

tour that begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. on Sept. 27. Families can follow the provided route on their own time while trying food and refreshments, along with added attractions along the way.

"Bring the whole family, from your littlest kids to grandparents, because the whole family is going to enjoy this tour," said Lipman.

Donations to local food banks are being collected and can be made at the time of registra-

tion or at farms during the tour day. Last year, the Dufferin Farm Tour raised over \$3,000 for local food banks and, in its history, has raised well over \$13,000, as well as thousands of pounds of food to support residents facing food insecurity.

Those interested in touring the farms can register by visiting the Dufferin Farm Tour website at www.dufferinfarmtour.com. Spaces may be limited.

Clarification

A story that ran the front page of the Sept. 4 edition of the Shelburne Free Press titled "Shelburne's automatic speed enforcement cameras begin issuing fines tomorrow" stated fines will be issued to drivers who travel at 1km/h over the speed limit or more. However, the threshold for a ticket to be issued through ASE is not being disclosed by the Town of Shelburne. Drivers can ensure they won't receive a speeding ticket if they travel at or below the posted speed limit. Tickets issued to motorists travelling between 1 and 19km/h over the speed limit will cost \$5 per kilometre. The Free Press would like to apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this article may have caused.

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OPINION

Self defence

A recent incident in Lindsay, Ont., has caused some controversy when a victim of a crime was charged with some very serious offences after an intruder broke into his apartment around 3:20 a.m.

The victim, who was alone in the middle of the night, did the obvious thing and defended himself against an intruder in his home.

However, in the aftermath, the police charged the apartment dweller, the victim, with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

The intruder was no Boy Scout. Also from Lindsay, the man has been charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, break and enter, theft, mischief under \$5,000, and failing to comply with probation. Police said he was also wanted on unrelated offences.

The intruder was not the kind of guy you want in your home at any time – and certainly not as a stranger in the middle of the night.

As a result of his criminal activity, the intruder ended up in the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

As he spends time in his hospital bed, severely injured, hopefully, he can reflect on his decision to break into someone's home in the middle of the night.

The incident has many people, including Ontario Premier Doug Ford, ques-

tioning why the victim in this case was charged with a crime.

In Canada, a person can defend themselves with 'reasonable force' against an attack or home invasion.

This isn't Florida with its 'stand your ground' law, where you can open fire on a trespasser simply for being on your property.

'Reasonable force' is a common sense way of saying you can defend yourself, but it's not your place to seek revenge for an incident.

If you are attacked on the street and a person raises their fist to you, reasonable force would be to defend yourself and hope you are a better boxer than the other guy.

In the case of an intruder in your home, the stakes are much higher.

I'm sure in this mentioned case, the apartment dweller was scared to death to find a stranger in his home in the middle of the night. Having a strange, shadowy figure in your bedroom would no doubt cause you to believe they intend to do harm to you or your family.

So what would constitute 'reasonable force' in a case like this?

A baseball bat to the side of the intruder's head would likely be considered reasonable. It would be better to swing a bat than wait and find out the intruder is

armed and intends to harm your family.

However, if you give him a good beating and drive him out of the house, your part in the incident is over. It is then that you call the police and let them take it from there.

Using unreasonable force, would be if you chased the intruder down the street and beat him into a coma several hundred metres from your house.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her family were getting ready for bed around 11 p.m. She heard her husband call out, 'Call 9-1-1, there's an intruder in the house.'

Her husband had discovered a young man, around early 20s, in his daughter's unoccupied bedroom, wearing only boxer shorts, his clothes lying on the floor.

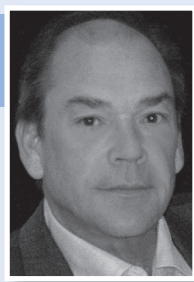
The man had a minor scuffle with the intruder as the stranger tried to leave the premises.

The stranger seemed more confused than threatening. After a few moments, the husband let the guy walk out through the front door.

It was the middle of winter and -20 degrees. The police found him standing on a street corner in his underwear and freezing.

It turns out the guy had gone out drinking with friends. He knew he was too drunk to drive, so he called for a taxi.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



He gave the taxi driver his home address. However, the location where he was picked up was between two towns.

The taxi driver dropped him off at the right address, but in the wrong town.

It just happened that my friend and her husband both thought the other person had locked the home entrance from the garage that night.

The intruder simply walked into the house because, in his drunken state, he thought he was home.

What would have happened if my friend's husband were a gun-toting feller with a 'shoot first and ask questions later' philosophy?

Part of the problem in cases like what happened in Lindsay is the reluctance of police to provide information to the public. Ontario police are notoriously tight-lipped when it comes to keeping the public informed, always stating that providing information will 'compromise the case.'

Although most people probably sympathize with the victim in this case, knowing the full story might provide insight as to why the police thought it was necessary to charge a person, even though they were the apparent victim of a crime.

Gaza – not so much a genocide; more a real estate opportunity

A motley band of greedy fantasists got together at the White House a week ago (Aug. 27) and came up with a cunning plan to bring peace to the Middle East while lining their own pockets at the same time. It was 'leaked' within days, as it was clearly meant to be, and since then the sound of outraged clucking has been loud in the land.

It is "a Trumpian get-rich-quick scheme reliant on war crimes, AI and tourism," wrote the Israeli daily Ha'aretz.

"It's a textbook case of international crimes on an unimaginable scale: forcible population transfer, demographic engineering and collective punishment," said Duncan Grant, head of Swiss-based human rights group Trial International.

"It's insane," said H.A. Hellyer of the

Royal United Services Institute.

They are right, so far as they go – but they only know the half of it. The other half is that this is an insane crime that could actually happen.

As you would expect at a meeting chaired by Donald Trump, half the participants were real estate developers by trade – himself, his ignorant 'Special Envoy for the Middle East' Steve Witkoff, and his son-in-law Jared Kushner. Marco Rubio was there as National Security Adviser, and former British prime minister Tony Blair to raise the tone a bit.

He can't raise it all that much, because he is a war criminal himself. (He has admitted that he would have invaded Iraq even if he had known that there were no 'weapons of mass destruction' there.) But he and

his Tony Blair Institute (TBI) have spent the past nine years scrounging money from various Middle Eastern potentates and investors, so he has contacts.

The meeting was intended to flesh out the plan for 'cleansing' Gaza of its 2 million current residents that Trump first mooted early this year and replacing them with an unspecified but wealthy 'international' population who would turn it into 'the Riviera of the Middle East'. You know, like Saint-Tropez, Antibes and the Cinque Terre, only flatter and farther east.

The Palestinians who are living and dying in Gaza now would be 'relocated' to some other country while 40 million tonnes of rubble, unexploded ordnance and decomposed bodies are cleared away and a shiny new city is built on the ruins. Property owners will be given digital tokens that they can spend to resettle elsewhere or maybe even buy property in Gaza again.

The United States will govern Gaza as a 'trusteeship' for at least 10 years, with no information on what happens after that. The immense cost of clearing up the devastation and building a new 'Land of Oz' would be borne by private investors, who could expect a fourfold return on their capital in a decade. And everyone will live happily ever after.

There are different levels of self-deception operating among the various political and financial groups that may be inveigled into supporting this bizarre and illegal project. Most naive are those who believe this is a sincerely meant and viable plan. This may include Donald Trump, who is probably blinded by the ever-receding vision of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Then there are those who pride themselves on their cynicism and have worked

out that it is just 'a cover story for ethnic cleansing', as the Washington Post put it. It gives Israeli Prime Minister Bin-yamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu something to say while his troops drive the Palestinians into exile, and he can just 'change his mind' later about letting them return.

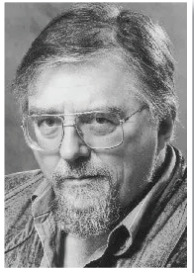
And then there are the true cynics, most of them Arabs, who know all of the above and still think that the Riviera of the Middle East may come to pass. They base this view on their conviction that the governing Arab elites have given up on the Palestinians and would accept Israeli annexation not only of the Gaza Strip but also of the West Bank.

Here's what Ragheda Dergham wrote on Aug. 31: "Trump and Kushner have calculated that Arab states, particularly in the Gulf, will not jeopardize their prized bilateral relationships with the Trump administration. Eventually, they believe, these countries will accept the new status quo in Gaza and, later, the West Bank, however bitterly..."

"Neither Arab states nor the Islamic Republic of Iran, nor Turkey or the broader Islamic world, will do more than protest – albeit in varying forms – against US support for Israeli plans to remove Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank through either forced or 'voluntary' displacement, in service of the biblical project to remake these territories into a singular Jewish state."

I'm afraid she may be right, in which case Israel may have 'King Bibi' forever. Of course, Ragheda Dergham lives in Lebanon. In most other countries of the Arab world, she'd be in jail.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: At Streams, discovery is always on the menu

Every summer, for one week, I take off my Executive Director hat and slip on an apron.

I teach Blissful Baking, a full-day program where kids get their hands deep into flour, sugar, eggs, and butter. Lots of butter. But it's never just about baking—at least not for me.

The program is structured a bit like The Great British Bake Off, which is actually where I got the idea. Each day has a theme: bread day, pie day, cookie day, and then two full days of layer cake baking, designing, and decorating. They knead. They roll. They measure. They whip. The energy is focused but joyful—like a well-loved kitchen during the holidays.

They work in pairs, sharing workstations and learning to take turns with tools. At first, that part can be tricky. Sharing space and slowing down enough to collaborate isn't always easy. The truth is, sometimes I'm pulling my hair out from repeating myself a hundred times. But teaching this class keeps me grounded in our mission and reminds me why I love what we do at Streams.

At our core, we are in the business of discovery. It's like archaeology—not of ancient bones or lost cities, but of human life.

A child walks in with layers built up by



fear, distraction, or self-doubt. And then, slowly, through creativity and connection, something starts to emerge. A piece of who they are begins to take shape.

And sometimes, the real magic isn't just in the transformation of the individual. It's in the togetherness that forms.

Take Day One—Bread Day. One of my pairs decided to eyeball the amount of water for their focaccia dough. No measuring. Just vibes. Why? I couldn't tell you. I give them fully written recipes. I do a full teacher demo right in front of them. But there we were, elbow-deep in a watery dough that was definitely not going to rise. We had to toss it and start again from scratch.

And you know what? They did. No tears. No drama. Just a quick regroup, a little more listening the second time around, and another go—this time with a measuring cup. What struck me most, though, was the response from the rest of the class. No teasing. No rid-

icule. Just quiet support and a shared sense of "let's keep going." There was something beautiful in that moment: the willingness to try, fail, reset, and try again. Together.

One of my students told me on the last day of camp that she'd been terrified walking in on the first day. She thought everyone would be mean. What she found instead was a warm, welcoming space where she was met with kindness.

That small shift—from fear to belonging—is the kind of transformation I never get tired of witnessing.

It's moments like that, not perfect cookies or flawless cakes, that stay with me.

This fall, we know we'll see more of that, too. After-school programs are starting back up. Our team is prepping for classes in art, music, sewing, pottery, performance, and yes, more baking.

We're also gearing up for one of our most anticipated events of the year: the 5th Annual Word of Mouth Monologue Competition. Launching this month, the competition invites youth to choose and perform curated monologues that speak to real experiences and emotions. It's a celebration of voice, vulnerability, and the courage it takes to step into a story—and we can't wait to see what

this year's performers bring to the stage.

And underneath all of it is the same purpose: keep digging. Keep discovering.

We want every child to have the chance to find what's buried in them. And we want to be the kind of place where what's uncovered is seen and celebrated—not with fanfare, but with quiet affirmation. The kind that sticks. The kind that shapes how a child sees themselves long after the paint is dry or the oven is turned off.

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Written by Juli-Anne James, Executive Director, Streams Community Hub.

Local animal centre seeking foster volunteers for vulnerable animals who need second chance

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Foster volunteers are urgently needed at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

With children returning to school and the house a little quieter, the local animal centre is seeking people who can provide loving care to animals that need extra support before they're ready for adoption.

"Fostering not only gives an animal in need a loving home, it also brings joy, companionship, and purpose to the foster family," says Julie Woods, manager of the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "It's a meaningful way to fill an empty house – and heart – while making a life-changing difference."

Foster care is provided to animals that are

too young, sick, injured, under-socialized, or stressed to thrive in an animal centre environment.

Foster care volunteers provide a temporary home for dogs and cats that need a little extra help learning new behaviours. They also care for animals with medical needs, such as those taking medication or recovering from surgery.

Volunteers support pregnant dogs and help care for their puppies after birth as well, with bottle feeding and round-the-clock care.

To foster an animal, volunteers must have no other cats or dogs in their home already.

To apply to become a foster volunteer and change an animal's life, visit ontariospca.ca/foster

"As a registered charity that does not receive annual government funding, the Ontar-

io SPCA depends on the generosity of volunteers and donors," reads a press release from the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "If you're not in a position to foster, please consider making a donation to help provide care and shelter to animals in need."

Donations can be provided online at ontariospca.ca/donate.

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FOSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is in need of volunteer fosters to help animals who are too young, sick, injured, under-socialized, or stressed to thrive in an animal centre environment. Volunteers provide a temporary home and a little extra help to teach pets new behaviours. In order to foster an animal, volunteers must have no other animals in their homes already.



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Shelburne Town Council considers changes to winter parking hours

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

While the forecasting of snowy weather is still months away, Shelburne Town Council is already making plans for when winter parking hours will start for the 2025 and 2026 season.

During their meeting on Monday (Sept. 8), Shelburne Town Council received a report from Jennifer Willoughby, director of legislative services, and Jim Moss, director of development and operations, regarding winter parking hours and duration.

In November of 2024, Shelburne Town Council requested that staff review the existing winter parking hours and provide recommendations on the duration and hours for the 2025/2026 winter season.

The Town of Shelburne's current winter parking starts on Nov. 15 and runs until April 15, with enforcement between the hours of

12 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Council was presented with three options:

- Option 1: A revised season starting on Dec. 1 and ending on April 15, for a total of 136 days, with enforcement hours from 12 a.m. to 7 a.m.

- Option 2: A shortened season starting on Dec. 1 and ending on March 31 for a total of 121 days and adjusted hours for enforcement from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.

- Option 3: Status Quo

Each of the options included exemption dates from Dec. 25 to Dec. 27 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 1.

In the report, staff recommended Council continue with the status quo as it "maximizes the Town's readiness and ensures compliance with minimum maintenance standards".

"My only concern with shortening it from April 15 is the significant ice storm events we've had in the spring," Willoughby to

Council.

Coun. Dan Sample, who brought up the initial request for staff to investigate the winter parking hours, voiced his interest in specifically having the duration of winter parking pushed from Nov. 15 to Dec. 1 instead.

He noted that in 2024, the Town of Shelburne didn't see significant snowfall until Dec. 1.

Coun. Lindsay Wegner supported the push on the start date, but added that she personally supported Option 1.

"I do think we could push it to the Dec. 1 mark. As Coun. Sample mention we didn't really have too much snow last year right up until that day and even if we did it was very light and not something needing the plows to remove," said Wegner. "I do still like 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. I feel that gives staff more time to make sure they clear as much as they can or make as many passes as well."

Council did not unanimously agree to change the duration of the winter parking hours.

Coun. Len Guchardi raised concerns that a fluctuation in the starting date of the winter parking duration would lead to confusion for residents.

Coun. Walter Benotto also expressed interest in leaving the start date as Nov. 15, not due to winter weather forecasts, but rather parking options for residents.

"It gives residents time to figure out where to park additional vehicles for the winter season," said Benotto.

A motion was brought forward by Coun. Sample to go forward with Option 1, which was seconded by Coun. Wegener. The motion was passed by majority vote.

"We can try it this year, and if we find out it doesn't work, nothing says we can't go back and revisit it again next year," concluded Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

'No threat to public safety' following increased police presence at Greenwood Park

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers say there is "no threat to public safety" following an increased police presence at Greenwood Park in Shelburne.

Last Thursday (Sept. 4), Dufferin OPP released a public notice on social media shortly before 3 p.m., advising Shelburne residents of an increased police presence in the area of Greenwood Park.

Police said the increased presence was connected to an ongoing investigation and

asked residents to avoid the area.

"Although I understand that the public has some concerns, it is a sensitive matter and in trying to respect the privacy of all those involved, we as police, won't be commenting on anything to do with it, other than to say there is no threat to public safety," said

Const. Amy-Lynn Pitton, Dufferin OPP's Community Engagement Officer.

While the Dufferin OPP will not be commenting further on the incident, Const. Pitton did confirm to the Shelburne Free Press that the Greenwood Park incident was not connected to any missing person cases.

Dufferin residents invited to plant 200 native trees at Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve for TD Tree Days

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents have the chance to help plant native vegetation in a well-known local part of the Bruce Trail system.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is working with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) to host TD Tree Days. The planting event is scheduled for Sept. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"This is a really great opportunity to come out and help increase and enhance your local green space while meeting your neighbours, colleagues, and friends. It's also a really great way to just spend time out in nature," said Carolyn Scotchmer, executive director of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

TD Tree Days is a volunteer program created by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, a charity affiliated with the financial institution that has been supporting urban greening programs for 35 years.

Each year, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation works with local not-for-profits, municipalities, conservation authorities, and Indigenous communities to bring a variety of planting events to life in green spaces.

The goal of TD Tree Days is to bring employees, friends, families, and members of the community together to plant new vegetation in local green spaces within the TD North American footprint.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of TD Tree Days, and the foundation has set an ambitious goal of planting a total of 30,000 trees and shrubs across Canada.

"TD really recognizes that our local green spaces are of critical im-

portance to our communities. These are spaces that support mental and physical health in communities as well as spaces that provide a place for communities to come together, interact and connect with the people around them," said Scotchmer.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation previously worked with the NVCA in 2018 to plant a total of 300 native trees and shrubs at Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve, with more than 40 volunteers participating.

This year, the foundation is planning to plant a total of 200 native trees and shrubs at Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve, located near Mono and Shelburne.

Ahead of the event, volunteers are recommended to dress in appropriate clothing such as layers for flexible weather conditions, sturdy footwear, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, and gardening gloves.

Students looking to use the event towards their volunteer hours are required to bring their official volunteer form for the TD site leader to complete and sign.

"The event goes rain or shine," said Scotchmer. "With the work of our supporting organization as well as the TD site leader, it's really a fantastic day."

For more information about TD Tree Days or to register for the upcoming event at Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve, visit: www.tdtreedays.com/en-ca/mono-splitrock-narrows-nature-reserve.



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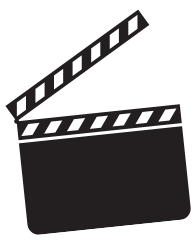
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

New exhibit opens at art gallery, featuring over 30 pieces from local artist

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

What is art?

Shelburne-based artist Megan Mar brings this question to the forefront with her debut solo exhibition, "Threads and Strokes: A Tapestry of Expression" at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit launched on Sept. 8 and will remain on display until Sept. 26.

"It's so exciting and nerve wracking. I've dabbled and been a part of collaborative exhibitions, but this is my first solo exhibition," Mare told the Free Press.

The collection of works in the exhibit features plaster and pigment paintings, bleached textiles, and layered mixed media that explore the intersection of colour, texture, and form. Through her collection of works, Mare aims to invite audiences into a conversation on where traditional craft techniques are reimagined through a contemporary lens.

"I really wanted this exhibit to question what is art. Does it only have to [be] fine art on a canvas or wall, to be considered art? In a contemporary way, I want the viewers to appreciate that any stroke, any colour, any type of texture can be considered art, it's how you bring it together and the passion behind it that should be inspiring," said Mare.

The exhibit consists of more than 30 pieces of work from Mare's collection, which were created between 2024 and 2025. Many of the pieces in the exhibit blend different mediums, from acrylic on canvas and wood to yarn and plaster.

"It really is a reflection of me as a person. I'm multi-faceted and I want [the exhibit] to represent the type of individual I am," said Mare. "What I also want my viewers to take away from this exhibit and all the various types of mediums in the pieces, is to explore. Everyday items you might find at home can really create something special."

Mare studied at the Ontario



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SHARING HER PROCESS: During the reception for the exhibit's opening on Sept. 7, Mare offered a demonstration of the techniques and materials she uses to create her pieces. Mare, who's a program coordinator at Streams Community Hub, will be hosting workshops throughout September, October, and November.

College of Art & Design University (OCAD) from 2009 to 2014, where she received a Fine Arts degree and a minor in English. In 2022, Mare joined Streams Community Hub as a program coordinator. Her work has previously been featured in group exhibitions such as the Streams Town Hall Art Gallery Takeover and the Holiday Art Show and Sale.

"We're extremely proud of her. She's so multi talented and for her to be able to have an opportunity to express all the different aspects of her creative style is so amazing," said Andrew James, co-founder of Streams Community Hub. "I love how she continues to evolve and [I'm] grateful she has this showing so that everybody can see how amazing she is, because we know how amaz-

ing she is."

During a reception for the exhibit's opening on Sept. 7, Mare conducted a demonstration of how she creates some of her artwork.

Mare will be hosting workshops at Streams Community Hub in September, October, and November, where she will teach participants how to crochet their own blanket and how to use plaster to create abstract art pieces.

Mare's exhibit, "Threads and Strokes: A Tapestry of Expression," will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until Sept. 26.

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



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

WHAT IS ART?: Shelburne-based artist Megan Mare has debuted her first solo exhibition, titled "Threads and Strokes: A Tapestry of Expression," at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit consists of more than 30 pieces of art from Mare's collection that range in mediums, including plaster and pigment paintings, bleach-dyed textiles, and layered mixed media. The exhibit explores the intersections of colour, texture, and form to bring forward the question: What is art? "Threads and Strokes: A Tapestry of Expression" will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until Sept. 26.


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SPORTS

Mavericks crowned champions of SSCC in-house tournament

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The grand finale of the Shelburne Sports and Cultural Club's in-house tournament 2025 ended in high drama as the Shelburne Mavericks raised the trophy after defeating the Shelburne Phoenix by 30 runs.

In the final, the Mavericks batted first and had a disastrous start at 15 for five.

Saurav Bedi produced a masterclass under pressure with 79 runs off 50 balls, featuring nine fours and three sixes.

This stabilized the inning and swung momentum back in the Mavericks' favour.

Despite regular breakthroughs from Phoenix bowlers Onkar Sharan (3/42), Amit Modi (2/12), and Himanshu Thakur (2/24), the Mavericks posted 143 all out in 19.3 overs.

Extras proved costly as Phoenix conceded 30 runs, including 28 wides.

Chasing 144, the Phoenix never found its rhythm.

Early wickets of Jasmeet Bhullar (10) and Shivam Kumar (9), and consistent breakthroughs left them struggling at 64 for 6 by the 15th over.

Middle-order resistance from Manjinder Phoenix (24 off 19) and RV Mansahia (19 off 17) wasn't enough, as Phoenix could only manage 113/7 in 20 overs.

Mavericks' bowlers delivered a disciplined performance.

Captain Deepak Thakur led from the front with 4 overs, conceding just 10 runs and claiming 2 wickets. He was well supported by Hardik Modi (1/18), Saurav Bedi (1/12), and Sarpreet Athwal (1/23).

The key moments of the final included the Mavericks' recovery led by Saurav Bedi, Phoenix's costly wides, and Deepak Thakur's clinical spell that sealed the victory.

The match showcased true competitive spirit, keeping spectators on edge until the last ball.

With the win, the Shelburne Mavericks were crowned champions of the SSCC In-House Tournament 2025, marking a memorable day in Shelburne cricket history.

The Man of the Match honours went to Saurabh Bedi.

Onkar Sharan was named Player of the Tournament.



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WINNING MATCH: The Shelburne Mavericks came out on top with a win in the Shelburne Sports and Cultural Club's in-house tournament 2025. Onkar Sharan was named Man of the Series after the exciting final match.

Owen Sound Baysox leading in North Dufferin Baseball League's final series

The Owen Sound Baysox have taken a two-game lead over the New Lowell Knights in the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) best-of-seven final series for the 2025 Strother Cup championship.

The Baysox are the defending league champions, having won the title in 2024.

New Lowell came to the final series after finishing the regular season in first place with a 17-4-1 record.

Owen Sound finished the regular season in second place with a 17-5 record and 34 points.

With the two top teams in the final series, the stage was set for some exciting playoff baseball.

New Lowell eliminated the Creemore Padres in the first round of the playoffs in a series that went five games.

They went on to dispatch the Bolton

Brewers in the second round in a series that took four games to finish. That series wrapped up on Aug. 28.

Owen Sound eliminated the Midland Mariners in the first round of the playoffs in a series that went four games.

In the second round of playoffs, the Baysox knocked the Ivy Rangers out of competition in a series that went four games and finished on Sept. 1.

The NBDL championship series between the Baysox and the Knights got underway on Saturday, Sept. 6, in New Lowell.

In Game One of the series, Owen Sound left the diamond with a 5-4 win.

Game Two of the series took place the

following day, Sunday, Sept. 7, in Owen Sound.

Owen Sound again came out on top with a 7-2 win to lead the series 2-0.

Highlights of the game include a three-run home run by Ryan McNeill and a two-run home run by Paul Van Cedar.

The series will continue this coming weekend.

Game Three is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, in New Lowell, with a 1 p.m. start.

Game Four of the series will be in Owen Sound on Sunday, Sept. 14, with a 1 p.m. start.

If necessary, Game Five will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m.



DAVID ANDERSON PHOTO

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: Ryan McNeill of the Owen Sound Baysox slides into third base during Game 2 of the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series on Sept. 7, in Owen Sound. The Baysox won the game 7-2 over the New Lowell Knights.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HEADING TO HOME BASE: Shelburne Co-ed Slo-pitch is moving toward the end of the season after a successful summer. A player beats the throw to home plate, but barely, during a game between the Stiff Mitts and the Knights on the diamond at Hyland Park in Shelburne on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

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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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A great experience for kids at this year's Teddy Bear Clinic

Continued from Front

Speaking with the Free Press, Mason said Firebreath was treated for a fever and an upset stomach because he wasn't eating properly.

"[The Teddy Bear Clinic] is a really good community event where you can come with friends and relatives and get used to the services that are available in the area," said

Willow.

Kristy Caulfield, a personal support worker (PSW) with Headwaters, brought her six-year-old daughter, Kennedy, to the Teddy Bear Clinic. Kennedy, who has epilepsy, has had a number of experiences with visiting the local hospital.

"A lot of kids have experiences going to emerge, and it can be a scary one; it's the unknown," said Caulfield. "For us, it's helped

greatly with anxiety, coming to the hospital and seeing it's not all bad. It's a great experience to expose them to the health care system."

After each child's stuffed toy received medical care, families had the opportunity to meet with some of Dufferin County's emergency service members.

McArthur said that roughly 30 physicians and nurses from Headwaters Hospital volunteered their time to help run the Teddy Bear Clinic, and around 60 volunteers assisted throughout the whole clinic.



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TEDDY BEAR CARE: Headwaters Health Care Centre welcomed children and their stuffed animals to the hospital for a Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 6. Healthcare professionals provided pretend care for the animals, helping the kids feel more comfortable if they ever need to use the hospital.



Shelburne author releases new book on pursuing dreams with purpose

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Is it time to dust off those past dreams? Andrew James, co-founder of local youth-arts-based charity Streams Community Hub, is helping readers take the leap of faith in exploring their aspirations through the release of his second book, *Presumptuous: Living Beyond Limits, Labels & Logic*.

Described as part memoir and staunchly not self-help, James dubs *Presumptuous: Living Beyond Limits, Labels & Logic* as mostly a "permission slip" to encourage others to dust off their old dreams and begin pursuing them with purpose.

"A lot of times life happens. We get older, we get married, we have a house with a mortgage and bill, we get into a job, and we get comfortable. But deep inside there are dreams that maybe we've put to the side and forgotten we wanted to pursue in life," said James.

James said he was first inspired to write the book after being asked to be a guest



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REACH FOR THE STARS: Andrew James, co-founder of Streams Community Hub, has released his second book, *Presumptuous: Living Beyond Limits, Labels & Logic*. The book is part-memoir and part "permission slip" for readers to begin exploring their own long forgotten dreams and aspirations.

speaker at a Parent Career Day to discuss his various entrepreneurial ventures. In

sharing those achievements, James realized that oftentimes when exploring new ventures, he'd trust or presume that they would succeed.

"I've done so many things I had no business doing, but they turned out to be successful. I thought this was a good proof of concept, that if you try and you believe you're called to do something; you should do it," said James.

Some of the accomplishments James claims he had "no business" pursuing include the launching of a magazine in 2007 that received national distribution before its first issue, as well as creating a drum competition in the early 2000s, which was nationally recognized and supported by major drum companies.

In titling the book *Presumptuous*, James aims to twist the word from a negative into a positive and reassure the reader that they're supposed to be seeking their goals.

"Usually, you call someone who's overstepping and doing something they shouldn't be doing, presumptuous, but a lot of times,

when you have an idea in your heart and a passion you believe you're called to do, nobody else can see it or feel it."

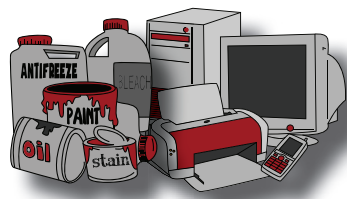
While James shares many of his own anecdotal experiences throughout *Presumptuous: Living Beyond Limits, Labels & Logic*, the book also features interactive components to encourage the readers to start the steps to pursuing their own passions.

In addition to being an author, James is also the co-founder of Streams Community Hub, an arts-focused youth charity based in Shelburne. He is also the creator of Town Tees, a social enterprise that empowers young people through hands-on entrepreneurial experience. James published his first book in 2013, called *Bird Words: Inspirational Thoughts for Everyday Life in 140 Characters or Less*.

Presumptuous: Living Beyond Limits, Labels & Logic is available for purchase in-store at Booklore and Indigo as well as online through Amazon. The audio version of the book is also available on most platforms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER THE AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT

Strada Pit & Quarry

Township of Melancthon, Dufferin County

Name of Applicant:

Strada Aggregates Inc.

Application Details:

This application is for an Aggregate Resources Act Licence for a new pit and quarry.

This application proposes a Class A licence to excavate no more than 2,000,000 tonnes of aggregate each year (annual limit) from a below the ground water table pit and quarry. The licenced area for the new proposed site is 149.0 hectares. The limit of extraction for the pit will be 123.7 hectares and the limit of extraction for the quarry will be 65.7 hectares. The new pit and quarry is proposed to be located at Part of West half of Lot 11, Concession 3, West Half of Lots 12, 13 and 14, Concession 3 (former geographic Township of Melancthon) Township of Melancthon, County of Dufferin.

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An in-person Public Information Session will be held at the Horning's Mills Community Hall located at 14 Mill Street, Melancthon, ON L9V 3G6 on Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Digital copies of the technical reports and Site Plan for the application can be downloaded from: www.StradaQuarry.com

Applicant Contact Information:

For more information about the Application or the Public Information Session, please contact:

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ARAComments@stradaquarry.com

Providing Comments on the Application:

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The last day on which comment(s) may be filed with the Applicant and Ministry is: **The 10th day of November 2025**

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Province increases base funding for Dufferin County paramedics

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Ontario government is increasing its base funding for land ambulances in Dufferin County.

The province announced nearly \$5.5 million on Tuesday, Sept. 9, representing a 11 per cent increase in the amount of money the County of Dufferin receives annually.

"This increase in base funding helps ensure municipalities address increased costs so they can continue to deliver high-quality emergency care. This investment is part of the almost \$1 billion in land ambulance funding Ontario is providing municipalities across the province this year, representing an average increase of 8.7 per cent from 2024," reads a news release from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones' office.

"In addition, to further reduce delays paramedics encounter when dropping patients off at a hospital, Ontario is investing \$327,040 in the County of Dufferin through the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program to hire more nurses and other eligible health professionals dedicated to offloading ambulance patients in hospital emergency departments."

Through the program, paramedics are able to get back out into the community faster to respond to their next emergency call.

Offload times have been reduced by approximately 65 per cent, since peaking in October 2022.

"Our government is making record investments to protect Ontario's health-care

system and connect people to the care they need, when they need it," said Jones, who's also Deputy Premier and Ontario's Minister of Health. "Through these additional investments, we are providing paramedics and emergency departments with the tools they need to connect more people across the province to high-quality emergency care, faster and closer to home."

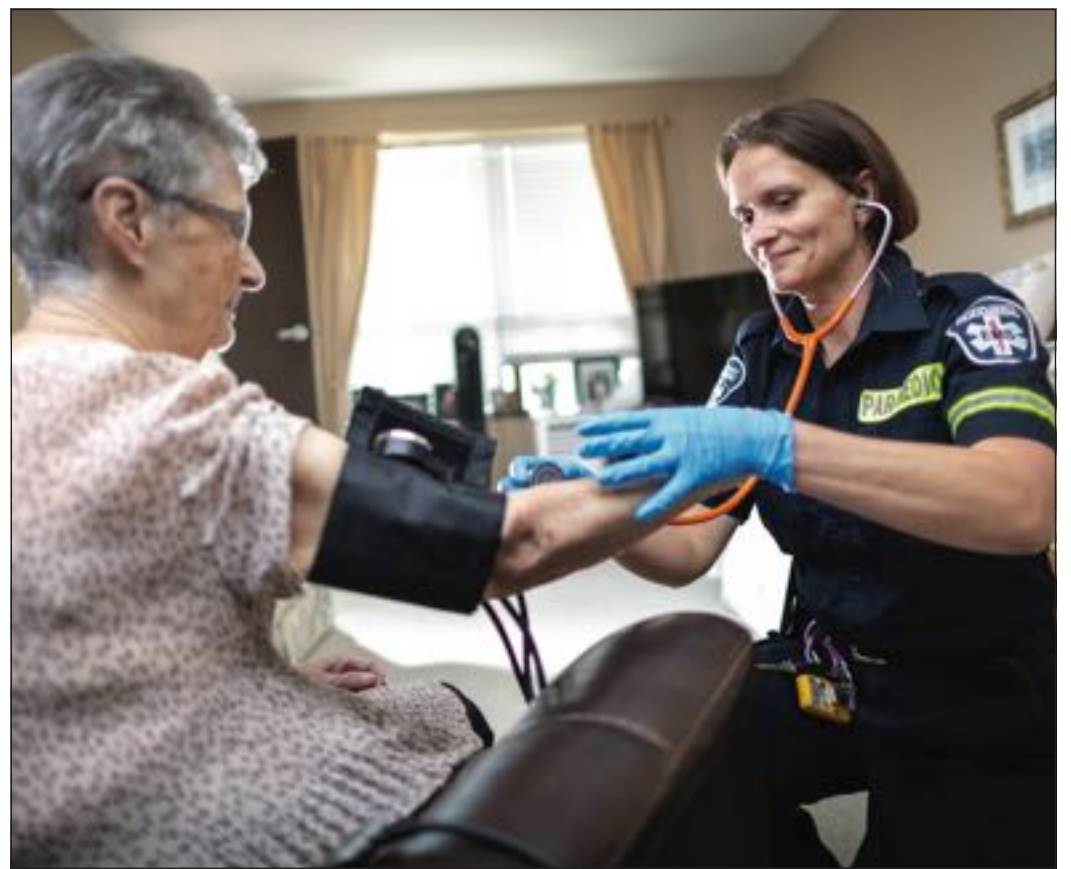
To ensure patients in need receive critical care sooner, the Ontario government is also continuing to implement the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS).

"The system helps to better prioritize and triage emergency medical calls and dispatch paramedics sooner," reads the release from Jones' office.

The provincial government has expanded the use of MPDS to Mississauga, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Renfrew, Georgian, Kingston, Lindsay, Oshawa and Timmins. It is accelerating progress to implement the system at the 10 remaining Central Ambulance Communication Centres across Ontario over a year ahead of schedule.

"With the increased funding for Dufferin County Paramedic Service, the Government of Ontario is investing in the dedicated paramedics who work tirelessly, often under challenging circumstances, to provide the highest level of care to residents," said Garry Staples, Chief Paramedic for the County of Dufferin.

"In addition, the Dedicated Offload Nurse funding will help ensure that paramedics remain available to respond to commu-



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FUNDING BOOST: The Ontario government increased the base funding for land ambulances in Dufferin County by 11 per cent. In total, the county will receive nearly \$5.5 million from the province.

nity needs in a timely manner, rather than being tied up in hospitals. This investment improves response times, and enhances the quality of care for all who call Dufferin County home."

Traffic complaint to police results in impaired driving charges in Orangeville

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Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an Orangeville resident with impaired driving following a traffic complaint.

On Sept. 7, shortly before 1:30 a.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded

to a traffic complaint about a possible impaired driver who had just left a sports bar near Centennial Road in Orangeville.

The vehicle was located a short time later. Officers spoke with the male driver and observed signs of impairment. As a result, an impaired driving investigation was initiated.

Michael Tukue, 31, from Orangeville,

has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

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

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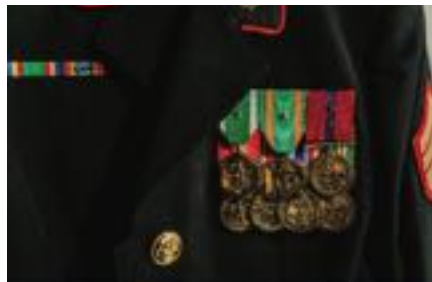


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OBITUARIES

BRUCE GALBRAITH

Bruce Galbraith, in his 77th year, of Shelburne passed away September 8, 2025 comfortably at Matthews House with his family by his side.



Loving husband of Lois, supportive father of Cindy (Lance) and Jason (Kim), proud grandfather to 4 beautiful grandchildren, Jake, Shannan, Abigail and Brianna and 2 step grandchildren Tyler and Cody. He is survived by his caring siblings Linda (Mike), Floyd (Elaine), Colleen (the late Bob), Brenda (Dale) and Brent (Tara) and sister-in-law Janet. He will be greatly missed by his many nieces and nephews and close friends. Predeceased by his parents Lillian and Wilfred Galbraith and brothers Paul and Gary.

Bruce retired from Molson's after 30 years of service and was an active member of the Shelburne Legion for 18 years. Bruce lived a full life enjoying music, baseball, snowmobiling, fishing and of course, cards.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Warrior's Hall at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 1-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice in Alliston or a charity of your choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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Why Rose Recommends it: Adriana Trigiani has become an author I can rely on for a gentle read with excellent characters. In *The View from Lake Como*, we meet Jess, who re-

cently inherited her Uncle's business (and an investigation from the IRS), prompting her to go to Italy to learn more about the business, cooperating fully with the investigation, while making sure she learns what she needs about the business.

Full of charm and humour, you're going to fall in love with Jess, her love interest, and her family.

The gorgeous Italian setting only adds to the beauty of this book, and lets me hang on to summer for just a little while longer.

Dufferin OPP officers busying laying charges for theft and impaired driving

Close to 200 charges issued to motorists in Dufferin County over Labour Day weekend

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid nearly 200 charges while patrolling the region's roadways over Labour Day weekend.

Between Aug. 29 and Sept. 1, Dufferin OPP officers laid 198 total traffic related charges, with speeding making up the majority of charges, with 105 citations issued.

Officers laid 22 charges related to the use of seatbelts, four charges for stunt driving/racing, four for impaired driving, one for distracted driving and 62 "other" charges, according to Dufferin OPP.

"[We] would like to thank the majority of motorists who obey laws and assist in keeping our roads safe," reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

Dufferin man charged in relation to theft from local business

As a result of a police investigation, Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a male with theft.

On Aug. 29, members of the Dufferin OPP were called to a business on Centennial Road in Orangeville. The business owner reported

a male pulling up with a trailer and stealing items from his establishment before driving away. Police located the vehicle a short time later.

Kevin Innis, 42, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Theft Over \$5,000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Several parked cars struck by individual facing impaired driving charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a male with impaired operation related offences after striking several parked vehicles.

On Sept. 4, just before 8 p.m., officers responded to reports of a vehicle striking multiple parked cars on Century Drive in Orangeville.

Officers quickly responded and after engaging with the driver, entered into an impaired driving investigation. As a result, the male driver was arrested and transported to the Orangeville OPP Detachment.

Dennis Weaver, 34, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drug
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Careless Driving

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. His driver's licence was suspended and his vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

RIDE check results in several impaired driving related charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged an Ajax resident with impaired driving-related offences following a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Every-

where) program.

On Sept. 1, just before 1 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting a R.I.D.E. spot check in the area of Broadway in the Town of Orangeville. A vehicle entered the checkpoint but failed to stop and continued driving through.

Officers conducted a traffic stop moments later. Following a brief interaction with the driver, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Christopher Johnson, 64, from Ajax, has been charged with:

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

- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Driver failed to surrender licence
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle

- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

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