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PULLING AHEAD: The 158th Shelburne Fall Fair returned to the community from Sept. 12 to 14 with the horse pull competition. This year's theme was "Barns, Boots, and Bales" and attendees enjoyed a variety of agricultural displays, activities and competitions. See more photos from the fair on Page 7.

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Shelburne mayor says ASE 'not a cash grab'

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

The Town of Shelburne is standing firm behind its decision to implement automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras on local streets in the face of divisive comments from Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

Last Thursday (Sept. 11), the Town of Shelburne released a statement in response to comments made by Premier Ford, who suggested that automated speed enforcement (ASE) is a "cash grab" and that Ontario municipalities should end their use.

"Automated speed enforcement is a proven, evidence-based public safety tool," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "When drivers know that a camera is in place, they slow down. When speeds are reduced, collisions and serious injuries decline. That's not a cash grab; that's a community safety success."

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 threshold of speed over the limit to issue a ticket is not being disclosed.

The Town of Shelburne's automated speed enforcement program went live on Sept. 25

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

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.

The Town of Shelburne has previously said the locations of the cameras were based on speeding concerns and pedestrian safety, and that the location of the cameras can change based on changing needs.

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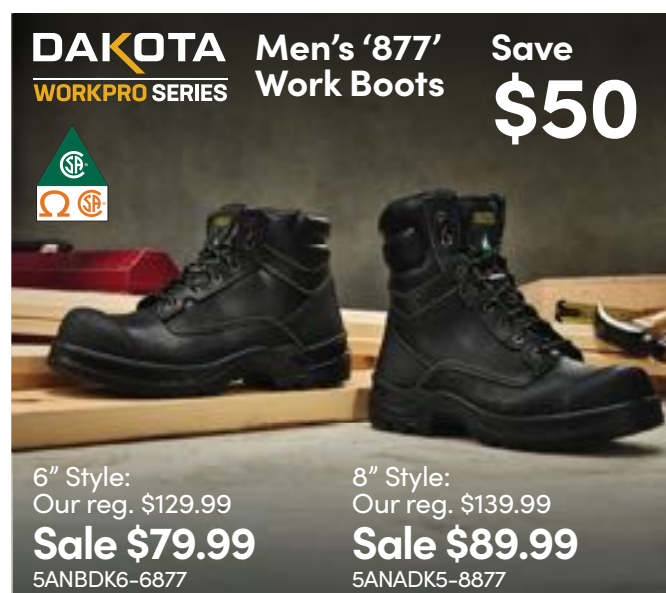
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Shelburne Rotary Club seeking student applicants for youth exchange program

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Shelburne is looking for a student from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) to participate in a youth exchange.

The Shelburne Rotary Club has announced they are now accepting inquiries and applications for its 2026/2027 Youth Exchange program, where two students swap places with one another in different parts of the world.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about another country, its culture, and its people. When you're immersed there, living as they do, you learn a lot, and it opens up to amazing experiences of other cultures," said Bill Waite, youth exchange officer for the Shelburne Rotary Club. "You're experiencing something that a lot of people don't get a chance to experience, and it might be the best thing you've ever done in your life."

The Rotary Youth Exchange is a program for young students, typically between the ages of 15 and 19, to spend time living in a foreign country with host families while attending school. During the exchange program, students act as ambassadors for their home country and culture, gaining valuable personal growth, acquiring new language skills, and broadening their worldview. The goal of the program is to foster global understanding and cultural exchange.

"It really is a once in a lifetime experience," said Caroline Mach, publicity director of the Rotary Club of Shelburne.

The Shelburne Rotary Club used to participate in the Youth Exchange program on a regular basis, but discontinued the program more than 25 years ago.

Speaking with the Free Press, the Shelburne Rotary said they decided to revive the program after they were approached last year by Mike Niedzwiecki, a student at Centre Dufferin District High School.

"Mike had read about it and asked if the Shelburne Rotary Club does the youth exchange. We all kind of looked at each other and said 'no', but maybe we could," explained Waite. "It was a wake-up call to ask why are we not doing it again. We're glad Mike did [ask] because we're all excited about doing it again. Mike was the instigator for getting back into it so that was one of the reasons we selected him."

For the 2025/2026 school year, the Shelburne Rotary Club has sent Niedzwiecki to France and has welcomed Natalie Worst from Switzerland.

While the school year has just started, the Rotary Club of Shelburne is already looking for a local high school student for the 2026/2027 school year, with applications open.

The application process for the Youth Exchange program starts with the student reaching out to the Shelburne Rotary Club



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LEARNING ABROAD: (Left) Centre Dufferin District High School student Mike Niedzwiecki was the first student selected by the Shelburne Rotary Club to partake in the Rotary Youth Exchange after discontinuing the program more than 25 years ago. Niedzwiecki is spending the 2025-2026 school year in France through the exchange program and at his first Rotary meeting there he presented them with a Canadian flag. (Right) The Rotary Club of Shelburne has welcomed exchange student Natalie Worst from Switzerland through the Youth Exchange program. Worst will be spending her time in Shelburne between three host families.

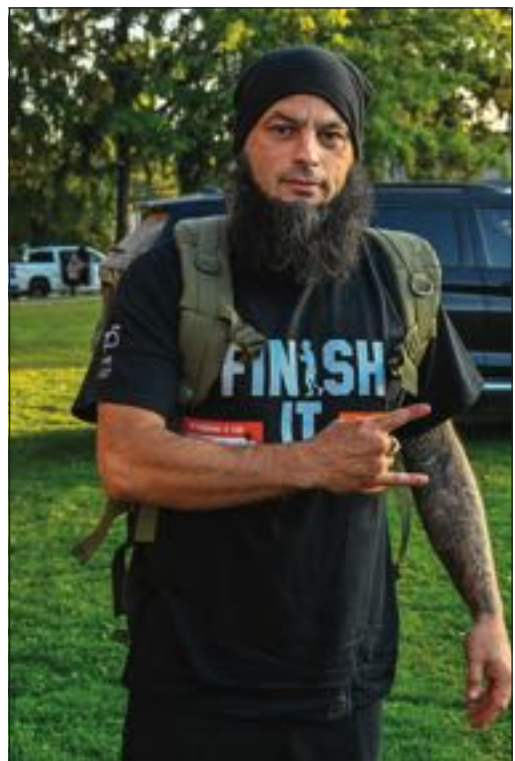
to inquire about the program and filling out the first of two application forms. The student will then go through an interview with the Shelburne Rotary Club, followed by an interview with the Rotary District.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne is expected to select the student for the 2026/2027 Youth Exchange sometime in the new year.

Only one student from CDDHS will be selected to participate in the next Rotary Youth Exchange.

"We're looking for somebody who is open to the experience and who will be able to come back as an ambassador for the program. The Rotary has a lofty goal that people who go through this program can be the peacekeepers of tomorrow," said Waite.

Students interested in learning more about the local Rotary Youth Exchange program are encouraged to contact Shelburne Rotarian Bill Waite by email at bwaite999@gmail.com before Oct. 31.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE: The annual Shelburne Terry Fox Run came to Natasha Paterson Memorial Park on Sunday, Sept. 14 for the 45th year, raising funds for cancer research. Shelburne firefighters participated in the event in full gear, and supported the cause. To date, over \$8,000 has been raised through the Shelburne run.

Clarification

The front page photo of the Shrigley Missionary Church ribbon cutting in the Sept. 11 edition of the Shelburne Free Press had a cutline that incorrectly spelled Pastor Gavin Sullivan's name as Favin. The Free Press would like to apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused.

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OPINION

The Simpsons were right

The Simpsons is the longest-running animated TV show in history, having debuted in December 1989.

I used to watch the show, but haven't really seen it in years.

The Simpsons may be a cartoon, but if you really watch it, many episodes are very clever.

The series has a reputation for predicting the future. Many episodes have storylines that, oddly enough, came true later.

There was one clever episode that aired years ago as part of the show's annual Halloween trilogy of spooky fantasy shows.

For reasons I can't remember, all the advertising logos in town came to life. The giant statues were terrorizing the town and causing destruction all over Springfield.

Finally, Lisa Simpson, the eight-year-old prodigy of the show, along with singer Paul Anka, for some reason, comes up with a solution.

"Just don't look," they tell the residents of Springfield.

When the local residents turn their backs on the advertising logos and refuse to acknowledge them, they all collapse and are no longer a threat.

That, of course, is a real thing. Advertising only works if someone takes notice of

the ads for a product or service. If no one takes note, advertising won't work.

The same is true in the world of politics. If a local communist party member was going to deliver a speech, I wouldn't be interested in what they were going to say, so I wouldn't attend a rally.

Even if I decided to attend, just to hear what they were going to preach about, I certainly wouldn't go back a second time if I disagreed with their rhetoric.

Charlie Kirk was murdered in cold blood in front of 3,000 supporters on a university campus in Utah last week. A single bullet ripped through his neck, snuffing out his life as fast as blowing out a candle.

He was a political activist, author, and media personality.

To be honest, before this assassination was reported, I didn't know the name Charlie Kirk.

I do recall seeing a couple of videos that came across my video feed over the last few months that featured him speaking at different campuses. However, I didn't really know who he was.

He came across as very intelligent, poised, well-researched, calm, and confident.

When one of the students would challenge him, his response was quick and made sense from his point of view, he

used a common-sense type of approach and turned the tables very quickly.

Charlie Kirk apparently had quite the following. There were also people who didn't like his way of thinking.

That's politics. Not everyone is going to agree with you.

For some reason, people who didn't agree with his philosophy or beliefs kept showing up when he was speaking on a campus.

Why would you attend a rally that was opposed to your way of thinking or lifestyle? Just stay away.

The investigation into this murder is still in the early stages, but a suspect is already in custody.

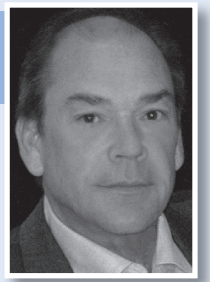
A headline in Saturday's news already predicted he would be facing a firing squad in Utah. There hasn't even been a trial, and the news media are already predicting the sentence and final outcome.

The suspect is a 22-year-old man who, at least with the current information, acted alone.

Was this another guy who figured he would become a folk hero in the eyes of certain people and revel in the glory of his admirers, or is he just an angry kook with access to a deadly weapon?

This suspect, if he did it, has accomplished nothing good here – nothing good at all.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



A young man is dead for his beliefs. A young woman is now a widow, and two very young children will never know their father.

The suspect, according to US Customs, if convicted, will never have a free day for the rest of his life.

Maybe 30 years from now, if he isn't beaten to death in prison, he will be sitting in his 8x4 cell at some super-max prison and reflect on his decision to kill a man in cold blood.

He will realize his actions resulted in him never getting married, never having a family, missing family weddings and events, and not being able to attend his parents' funerals. He will never again speak to a childhood friend or go to a high school reunion.

He will not be able to make a single decision for himself for the rest of his life. He will never go out for dinner at a restaurant, visit Europe, or spend a day at the beach.

What a waste.

One man is dead, another man's life is ruined, and countless other people's lives are affected in a negative and horrible way.

What a waste.

Qatar and Poland

I'll get to the Russian drones shot down over Poland, but I'll start with the Israeli air strikes on Qatar because that's a much bigger deal.

Israel has bombed Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Yemen repeatedly in the past few months, so hitting Qatar might seem like just one more demonstration that Israel can now attack any country in the Middle East with impunity. Yes, Qatar is America's closest ally in the Gulf, but so what?

What makes it such a big deal is that Qatar was hosting the arms-length talks between Israel and Hamas on a cease-fire in Gaza, where a huge new Israeli 'final offensive' is getting underway. Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's target in Qatar was precisely the exiled Hamas leaders with whom Israel was negotiating the cease-fire.

The usual panels of 'experts' were soon on the air – the statutory politicians from left and right, somebody from a local think-tank, maybe a retired general too – trying to explain why Israel did that without mentioning the one screamingly obvious reason: that Netanyahu wanted to avoid a cease-fire.

Killing the other side's negotiators is a sure-fire way of ending the talks, even if Israel's air strikes don't get the most senior ones. It also puts every Arab country (and Iran) on notice that nobody is safe: the dwarf superpower of the Middle East can cross every red line, and even Donald Trump can't (or at least won't) rein it in.

It was almost comical watching the television experts try to slide by the obvious questions without saying the unsayable. Why did the Israelis try to kill the people they were negotiating with? Why didn't

they give the United States advance warning? What was Netanyahu really thinking? And what happens next?

Good questions, and they all have obvious answers. However, for some reason none of the television experts seemed to know the answers. It was Monty Python time: grown-up men and women with impressive job titles diligently searching high and low (with no success) for answers so blindingly bright and clear that they should have been wearing sunglasses.

Netanyahu tried to kill the Palestinian negotiators because he wants his 'final offensive' to drive all two million surviving Palestinians in Gaza into a tiny corner of the Strip, and thence into permanent exile. A cease-fire would stall that process.

There was a risk, however small, that Hamas might return all the remaining Israeli hostages, agree to disarm, and voluntarily go into exile, because the only alternative is exile for all Palestinians. Hamas has rarely been that rational, but it was a risk that had to be stamped out.

Why tell President Trump about the strike only at the last minute? Because there was a risk, also very small, that he would put his foot down and say no if given early warning. As in his dealings with Vladimir Putin, the harshest thing Trump is normally able to say to Netanyahu is that he is 'not happy', but why take a chance?

And what was Netanyahu really thinking? Over the past six months he has probably come to realize that Donald Trump's presidency is presenting him with an unexpected historical opportunity to end the 'Palestinian problem' by expelling all the Palestinians from what would then become Greater Israel.

Yes, the Gaza war has allowed him

to stay in power politically, to evade responsibility for letting the murderous Hamas attack happen on his watch, and to at least postpone his final rendezvous with the courts and possible jail time, but these are now probably minor issues in his mind. He is in full messianic mode, unilaterally deciding Israel's Future.

First, clear out the Gaza Strip and send its inhabitants to Libya or Somaliland or wherever will take them (with enough financial inducements). The three million Palestinians in the West Bank will rise up in anger, so then Israel can expel them too.

There will be huge international opprobrium and doubtless some boycotts and sanctions. The 'Abraham Accords' will crumble, but that's a small price to pay. And Trump will protect Israel from the worst of it and maybe get his 'Riviera' in Gaza as a reward.

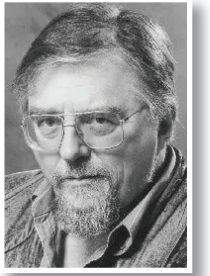
People will call it a genocide and technically they will be right, but it doesn't require actually killing millions of Palestinians. Tens of thousands, yes, but not millions. Besides, time heals all wounds; who talks about the Armenians now?

I have no access to Netanyahu's secret thoughts, but what he says and does would serve these ambitions.

As for armed Russian drones over Poland: investigate. If it was a malfunction, send Moscow a stiff complaint. If it was a deliberate provocation, consider basing European NATO fighters and surface-to-air missiles in Poland to shoot down Russian ballistic and cruise missiles over Ukrainian-controlled territory.

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Family Transition Place celebrates 40 years of empowering and supporting survivors

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is marking a milestone in the organization’s history as it commemorates four decades of providing support to the community.

“It’s a bit bittersweet in a lot of ways. We talk about how we wish... the community didn’t need the services we have, but we’re really proud and appreciative of all the work we’ve done over the years, of the support of the community, the support of our donors, and the trust our clients have put in us,” said Lynette Pole-Langdon, executive director of Family Transition Place.

Family Transition Place (FTP) was founded in 1985 by a determined group of community members committed to creating a safe space for families in transition. The organization was originally based out of a small home on Hillside Drive, where it got its first namesake, Hillside House.

In 1997, after a successful capital campaign and receiving funding from the province, Family Transition Place moved to its current Bredin Parkway location and consolidated all of its services under one roof. Since then, the organization has expanded to operate two satellite locations based out of Bolton and Shelburne.

Today, the Orangeville facility has 12 inde-

pendent units in their emergency shelter and can accommodate upwards of 28 people, both women and children, at any given time. Pets are welcome as well.

Over the past 40 years, the agency has also grown beyond simply providing a safe space for individuals leaving intimate partner violence, as it also advocates for the prevention of gender-based violence through counselling services and education outreach programs.

Some of the services FTP provides include emergency shelter, rural response outreach, women’s abuse counselling, sexual violence counselling, addictions counselling, 24/7 crisis support line, support for friends and family members of survivors, and youth education.

While FTP has spent four decades expanding its services to address its clients’ needs, it is the clients themselves that FTP holds the most pride towards.

“Every day, the people who access our service show such remarkable strength and courage. It takes such bravery to reach out for help and find a way to rebuild their lives when they’re going through hard times and trauma,” said Pole-Langdon. “They demonstrate resilience and determination, and that’s what inspires a lot of us that work here. It’s their courage that really is at the centre of our work.”

Speaking with the Free Press, Pole-Langdon said, despite their hopes of one day not



FILE PHOTO

40 YEARS OF FAMILY SUPPORT: Family Transition Place (FTP) is marking its 40th anniversary this year. The not-for-profit organization is committed to supporting women and children fleeing domestic violence. FTP also supports survivors of sexual assault and provides emergency shelter services.

needing to exist, Family Transition Place has continued to see an increase in the demand for the various services they provide.

“Unfortunately, organizations like ours continue to be needed in communities, and in fact, we’ve seen that the need for services has really had to expand,” said Langdon.

According to statistics from FTP’s annual report for 2024-2025, the organization assisted 60 women and 33 children through their emergency shelter, supported 5,385 calls through their 24/7 crisis line, aided 139 women and 24 men with sexual abuse counselling, and reached 2,139 students through their youth education program.

“The numbers solidify that there’s still a real need for our services in the community,” said Pole-Langdon.

As they look toward the future, Pole-Langdon said FTP will continue to focus on collaboration and partnership with other local groups to provide services to their clients.

“We know that we can’t continue to do the work as a silo. We’re very dedicated to working with our community partners and making sure clients are getting the services they need, where they need them.”

To learn more about Family Transition Place and the many services they offer, visit www.familytransitionplace.ca.



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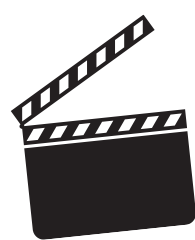
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Comma Echo to present original rock opera 'Castaway' at Grace Tipling Hall

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A storm of music is brewing over the Shelburne community this weekend.

Dufferin County-based rock band, Comma Echo, will be premiering its new theatrical musical production, *Castaway*, on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

"We're super excited about it," said James O'Connor, writer and director of the production. "Comma Echo is a concept band, so you will only find us doing these very intimate shows where we've engaged everyone's attention with telling stories. This might be a one-off [show] so it's very special."

Castaway is a 90-minute journey through music and spoken word, weaving original compositions by Comma Echo with reimagined works from iconic artists including Faith No More, Rush, Ed Sheeran, Maroon 5, The Police, Jason Mraz, and more.

Described as "pop rock meets shipwreck," the show explores what it means to be lost, to endure the storm, and to find light on the horizon. Audiences can expect raw energy, heartfelt storytelling, and a sound shaped by weathered shores.

"I think everyone can relate to getting through something, and a storm is the perfect analogy for that," explained O'Connor. "I'm sort of a water man, and the ocean and being in situations where a lot of people would find it scary has taught me to remain calm. That is a lesson you can use in every aspect of your life, and we pause and talk about it between songs; that there's always something you can hold on to."

Castaway was written and directed by O'Connor with musical input from Tyler Reed, Steve Soper, and Danielle Stevanov, and is produced in association with The Art of Storytelling Inc.

Comma Echo was originally started by O'Connor in his home country of Trinidad. After moving to Canada in 2018, O'Connor revived the band, bringing together musi-



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ROCK OPERA: Comma Echo will take the stage at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne on Sept. 21 for its new theatrical musical production *Castaway*. They will perform original music, spoken word and covers of popular music from artists like Rush, Ed Sheeran, Maroon 5, The Police and Jason Mraz.

cians from Shelburne and Orangeville. The band consists of O'Connor on lead vocals, guitar, and direction; Reed on guitar; Soper on drums; and Stevanov on ukulele.

Tickets for *Castaway* are \$25 and are still available for purchase. There are also a few "tickets in a bottle" hidden in businesses on Main Street, which give finders

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Indigenous reconciliation event coming to Grace Tipling Hall

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Dufferin is inviting community members to learn about Canadian history through an Indigenous lens in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

Dufferin County, in collaboration with the Equity Events Working Group, will be hosting a free event called Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation on Oct. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation will feature speaker Tanya Talaga, an award-winning Anishinaabe journalist and author, who will walk through Canadian history through an Indigenous lens. She will explain how we arrived here and what we can do to achieve a more equitable future for all.

Talaga is of Anishinaabe and Polish descent, and is a proud member of Fort William First Nation in the Robinson-Superior Treaty territory. Through her bestselling books, acclaimed documentaries and podcasts, regular columns with the Globe and Mail, and keynote speaking engagements, Talaga aims to amplify Indigenous voices and stories across Canada and the world.

"Dufferin County is proud to present the Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation event in hon-

our of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation," said Janet Horner, Warden of Dufferin County. "Reconciliation is a principle, and to move towards it, we must all focus on learning, unlearning, reflection and action. We encourage residents to join us to learn more about Canadian history through an indigenous lens, so that we can continue to work towards achieving a more equitable future, together."

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) honours the indigenous children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, also recognized on Sept. 30, is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters." The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

Those interested in attending the Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation event can register by visiting eventbrite.ca/e/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-tickets-1640407506009

Registration is required to attend the event.

Dufferin OPP to host open house in Primrose

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are hosting an open house at their Primrose Detachment this weekend.

The event will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20, with a variety of displays and demonstrations.

These include the OPP's Canine Unit, Emergency Response Team, Mobile Crisis Response Team, Community Response Team, Motorcycle Unit Demonstration.

There will also be marine and ATV displays with photo opportunities, booths where attendees can learn about career and auxiliary volunteer opportunities with the OPP, police vehicle displays and the Dufferin OPP Bike Unit.

"Visitors will also enjoy a variety of information booths showcasing OPP specialty units, as well as volunteering and recruitment

programs. A delicious BBQ will be available, generously provided by the Orangeville Flyers U9 team, with all proceeds supporting the team directly," reads a statement from Dufferin OPP regarding the open house.

"We encourage everyone to come out, meet our officers, learn about our equipment and services, and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon. This is a great opportunity to connect with your local OPP detachment and learn more about how we serve your community."

The statement continued, "Bring the family, meet the officers who serve your community, learn more about OPP services, and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon."

The Primrose Detachment, where the open house is being held, is located at 506312 Highway 89, Mono.

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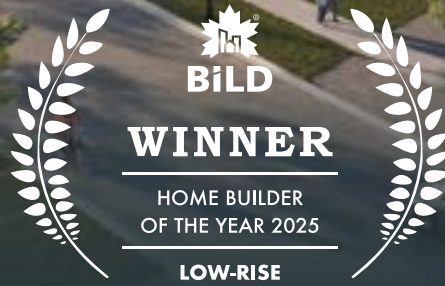
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Shelburne mayor says ASE is for safety, 'not a cash grab'

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At an event in Toronto on Sept. 9, Premier Ford referred to the automated speed enforcement program as a "tax grab" and added that if municipalities want to slow traffic near schools, they need to put up "big huge signs, big flashing lights."

"Calling automated speed enforcement, a cash grab undermines the real issue, unsafe driving behaviours puts lives at risk," said Mayor Mills. "Every resident should

feel safe using our pedestrian friendly community. ASE helps make that possible."

The Town of Shelburne has been working to address speeding concerns on community streets, which have been raised by residents for many years.

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 excep-

tion of connecting link roadways, to 40 km/h. In 2024, Shelburne Town Council reduced the speed limit on its connecting link roadways from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

In recent years, the Town of Shelburne has also implemented a range of traffic calming 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.

"The Town of Shelburne remains committed to prioritizing road safety over revenue and will continue to use tools like automated speed enforcement to protect residents and visitors alike," said the municipality.

At a Shelburne Town Council's meeting on Sept. 8, Mayor Mills noted that ASE fines will only impact those who break speed limit laws.

"It's pretty simple; obey the speed limit. It costs nothing."

Legion Week to be celebrated throughout Shelburne with several local events

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents will soon have the chance to learn more about the role the Shelburne Legion plays in the greater community and its veteran members.

The Shelburne Legion Branch 220 will be celebrating National Legion Week from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27 with various events open to the community.

"We look forward to the general public coming in and seeing what we're all about," said Dan Sample, president of Branch 220.

National Legion Week kicks off every year on the third Sunday of September in honour of Battle of Britain Day and wraps up on the following Saturday.

Started in 2023, National Legion Week is designed to educate visitors on the work their local legion branch is doing for their community, with the hope of driving new traffic to the branches, attracting new members to sign up, and encouraging new volunteers. The observance week also aims to reinforce the important role legion branches play in supporting local veterans while also contributing to the well-being of the community.

During the week, Royal Canadian Legion branches are encouraged to host open-house

style events and activities.

"It's really important that the public knows our mission in supporting the veterans and the many means that we use to support them," said Sample. "Without the public support, these things fall by the wayside and it's harder [for us] to support the veterans."

The Shelburne Legion will start their National Legion Week events on Sept. 21 with a Patio Party BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. featuring music by DJ Sassy Sandra. On Sept. 25, Branch 220 will be hosting "Thirsty Thursday" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with live music by CJ Travler. To close out National Legion Week, the Shelburne Legion will welcome The Hip Machine, a tribute band of The Tragically Hip. Tickets are available in advance at the legion's bar.

Over the week, the Shelburne Legion will also have its regular ongoing events, including Monday Night Bingo, Dart Night, and Wing Special Night.

While marking National Legion Week with various community events, the Shelburne Legion will also be raising donations for Operation: Leave the Streets Behind, a program developed by The Royal Canadian Legion to identify and assist homeless Veterans and those at-risk of homelessness.

Sample said that the Shelburne Legion has been able to assist around four veterans ex-

periencing homelessness during his time as president of the local branch.

"It's something that's out there and people need to be aware of it. We're bringing it to the forefront for everybody to be aware about what's happening with our veterans, and our mission to get them off the streets and help them into places where they can be safe and warm throughout the winter months and find stability for them too," said Sample.

The Shelburne Legion branch was first established in 1931 by a group of local veterans as a way to come together, and in December 2021, it officially marked its 90th year. The numbering of legion branches is based on the order in which they were established, meaning the local legion was the 220th to open.

National Legion Week will run from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27.

"I would encourage residents to come on out and see what we're about; what we do for the community and how we support the veterans," said Sample. "It's not necessarily about being a member, but being part of the community, volunteering, and helping."

A complete schedule of the National Legion Week events at the Shelburne Legion can be found on their Facebook page – Shelburne Legion Branch 220.

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SPORTS

Girls' varsity field hockey team starts the season with tournament play

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a good day to be outdoors during the first day of District 4/10 girls varsity field hockey on the field at Centre Dufferin District High School on Monday, Sept. 15.

There are nine schools entered in the District 4/10 competition this year.

High School field hockey uses a tournament format where six all-day tournaments are played at various high schools in the region to determine which teams will move on to the playoffs.

Five teams were on the field on opening day.

Along with CDDHS, teams came from Westside Secondary School, Centre Wellington District High School, and Orangeville District High School.

The CDDHS Royals played two games for the day.

In their first game, they were up against Westside Secondary School with a 1:30 p.m. start.

It was an intense and well-played game by both teams; however, Westside got the edge and won the game 2-0.

"It went pretty good," said Abi Wilson of the Royals' first game of the season. "We

have a lot of new team members so they are still learning. We stayed with what we wanted to do, and that was [to] keep our formation on the field. Overall, it was a solid performance."

Teammate Alyssa Gee agreed that the CDDHS squad produced a good effort in the team's first game of the season.

"I thought we did a good job of working together, even though we have a lot of team members who have never played before," Alyssa summed up.

It can be a tiring day as the Royals played their second game of the day just one hour after the end of the first game.

"It depends on the day," Alyssa said. "Days like today, it can be pretty hot. If it's cooler out, or we can stand in the shade, I'm good to play two games. For today's game, since we had so many new players, I think we did a good job of using all of our players."

The Royals played their second game of the day against Centre Wellington District High School. The Royals had to settle for a 2-0 loss in that game.

The next girls' District 4/10 field hockey tournament day is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Orangeville District High School.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SEASON STARTER: The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals girls varsity field hockey team takes on the Westside Secondary School Thunder on the field at CDDHS on Monday, Sept. 15. It was the first day of field hockey tournament play for District 4/10. The Royals played well but took a loss in this game.

Shelburne Knights capture the 2025 Shelburne Cricket Club's 2025 title

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Cricket Club's 2025 league final on Saturday, Sept. 13, brought excitement, energy, and community spirit to the cricket pitch as the Shelburne Knights lifted the championship trophy after a win over the Shelburne Warriors in the final game.

The Knights won the toss and elected to field first in the final game. It was a decision that proved to be crucial, with the pitch favouring bowlers.

Captain Saga Arora led from the front with a brilliant five-wicket haul, while teammate Harpreet Sandhu claimed four important wickets.

The Warriors never managed to settle and were bowled out for just 47 runs in 12 overs.

With the championship within reach, the Knights stepped onto the pitch to bat. They chased down the target in just 8.4 overs, finishing the match in style with a boundary to seal the victory.

The Knights claimed the 2025 title with seven wickets in hand, sparking cheers from teammates, families, and supporters on the sidelines.

Harpreet Sandhu, who played a vital role with both ball and bat, was named Man of the Match.

After the final game, the Club gathered to recognize the outstanding talent and sports-

manship shown throughout the season.

The following awards were presented:

- Wicketkeeper of the League 2025 – Ahsen Siddiqui (Warriors)
- Batsman of the League 2025 – Abhay Pratap Singh (Gladiators)
- Youth Batsman of the League 2025 – Mohammad Raza (Knights)
- Bowler of the League 2025 – Suresh Sud-

hakaran (Gladiators)

Youth Bowler of the League 2025 – Hisaan Siddiqui (Gladiators)

Fielder of the League 2025 – Sagar Arora (Knights)

Youth Fielder of the League 2025 – Adyaan Siddiquie (Gladiators)

Player of the League 2025 – Harpreet Sandhu (Knights)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CHAMPIONS: The Shelburne Knights celebrate their win in the Shelburne Cricket Club final championship game held at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Sept. 13. The Knights won over the Warriors to claim the 2025 SCC title.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TOURNAMENT PLAY: A bowler delivers the ball during the Shelburne Cricket Club championship game between the Knights and the Warriors at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Sept. 13. The Shelburne Knights won the game and claimed the 2025 SCC title.

North Dufferin Baseball League senior champions series tied at two games each

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior division best-of-seven senior championship series between the Owen Sound Baysox and the New Lowell Knights is tied after New Lowell had a comeback weekend.

Owen Sound was leading the series 2-0 going into the weekend. The Baysox won the series opener 5-4 on Saturday, Sept. 6, then followed up with a 7-2 win the following day on their home diamond in Owen Sound.

Returning to the diamond for Games 3 and 4, on Sept. 13 and 14, the series was tied after clutch hits in the seventh inning of both games sealed the win for the Knights.

Game 3 began with both teams trading runs in the second inning. Owen Sound took a one-run lead in the third, but New Lowell responded with two runs to go ahead 3-2.

The Baysox again had the lead with back-to-back solo home runs from Bryan Post and Steven Barrett.

In the seventh inning, the Knights rallied with key hits to tie the game and walked it off with a single from Brett Elliot for the 5-4 win.

In Game 4 of the series on Sunday, Sept. 14, the Knights were on the scoreboard first, scoring in the first and third innings.

Owen Sound tied the game in the third inning with a two-run home run from Steven Barrett.

The game was deadlocked until the top of the seventh inning when Jake Nicholson hit a bases-loaded double to drive in two runs.

New Lowell retired the Baysox at the top of the order in the bottom of the seventh for a 4-2 win.

The series will continue this week.

Game 5 will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m.

The teams will be in Owen Sound on Sunday, Sept. 21, for Game 6.

That game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

If necessary, the final game, Game 7, will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 27, with a 1 p.m. start.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SAGAR ARORA

Playing cricket for 15 years, Sagar Arora brings a lot of experience to his team, the Shelburne Knights.

"I started playing cricket in India," Sagar explained. "Over there it's a common pastime for kids. I like everything about it – the intensity. It's always intense and it can change at any time."

A dedicated player, Sagar said he plans to continue with the sport 'as long as my legs and shoulders hold out.'

TEAM: SHELBURNE KNIGHTS



DAVID ANDERSON PHOTO

SAFE AT HOME: Tristan Cabral of the New Lowell Knights slides into home plate before the throw to Owen Sound Baysox catcher Travis Bennett during Game 3 of the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series on Sept. 13.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY: The Shelburne Fire Department held an open house on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 114 O'Flynn Street, by the Shelburne Fair entrance, to educate and interact with the public. Firefighters held live demonstrations and met with attendees for a day of fire safety.



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Dufferin Board of Trade to host job fair for area students this fall

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Today's job market can be difficult to navigate, but the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) is here to help with an upcoming event.

DBOT is hosting its 4th Annual Dream Career event indoors at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Oct. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to help area students find a career path of interest to them.

Over 1,200 students are expected to attend. They will learn about everything from skilled trades and post-secondary educa-

tion to volunteering, co-ops, and apprenticeships.

In-demand careers and educational pathways in a wide variety of industries will be highlighted, such as healthcare, technology, business, and the nonprofit sector.

"It's our most important DBOT event, as it exposes students to many different career paths, all in one location," said Doug Harkness, DBOT chair.

Organizers are anticipating 40-50 booths at the career fair.

The goal of the event is to inspire students, particularly those in Grade 11 and 12

who are preparing for post-secondary studies, to discover career opportunities close to home, in Dufferin County.

"We want to highlight the careers that need the next generation to carry on," said Harkness.

The Dream Career event is in its fourth year, and for the past three years, the Career Education Council has partnered with DBOT to make it a success.

Exhibitor booths are currently available for \$125 per space, with a discount available for nonprofit organizations.

Booth registration includes lunch for two

exhibitors, with additional lunches available for purchase. Sponsorship opportunities are also open for businesses and organizations looking to showcase their brand while supporting youth workforce development.

Exhibitors and sponsors can register at Dufferinbot.ca/dreamcareer.

The Orangeville Fairgrounds are located at 247090 Side Road 5, Mono.

"Together, we can inspire the next generation and strengthen the local workforce of tomorrow," reads a press release from DBOT.

Orangeville Nissan honoured with prestigious Best of the Best Award

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Orangeville Nissan has once again been awarded top honours from Nissan Corporate Headquarters for its superior customer service, outstanding sales, and top-notch parts department.

Executives from Corporate Headquarters in Mississauga arrived at the dealership on Thursday, Sept. 11, to congratulate dealership owner Joe Pilla and his team and present them with the Nissan Best of the Best Award.

Only 20 dealerships across Canada, out of a total of over 200, received the award. Orangeville Nissan was also honoured as being in the top five per cent globally.

This is the fifth year in a row that Orangeville Nissan has received this recognition.

"This store has done an amazing job," Mr. Pilla said. "We took over this store in 2006 at the end of the year. When we took it over, the dealership had sold only 98 units for the year, and we were able to bring that up to between 500 and 600, and now we do around 1,200 units per year."

The dedicated team at Orangeville Nissan works hard to make sure their customers are satisfied, treated well, and have a positive experience at the dealership.

"The award means everything," Mr. Pilla explained. "We have a strong team, and the secret is the integrity at this dealership. We go above and beyond to make our customers happy. When we bring people on [as



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TOP DEALERSHIP: Orangeville Nissan was honoured with the Best of the Best award during a ceremony held at the dealership on Thursday, Sept 11. Executives from Nissan Headquarters in Mississauga arrived to present the award. Orangeville Nissan has been named one of the top dealerships in the nation.

employees] we teach them our culture. It's a number of things that come together that bring us this award."

The team at Orangeville Nissan enjoys working in an atmosphere that is positive and supportive.

"I think this really shows the fact that we are doing our job for our customers," said Jamie Patterson, Orangeville Nissan gen-

eral manager, of receiving the award. "The award is based on sales, service, and parts. We are a community-based dealership, and this is a reflection of what our customers feel about the job we do for them. The award is based on feedback from our clients and the relationship we have with them. It's based on the quality of delivery and the quality of service they get when they come into our dealership."

Orangeville Nissan has developed such a solid and respected reputation that many customers arrive from a considerable distance just to buy their new car in Orangeville.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has initiated a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z25/03) and will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in Grace Tipling Hall at the Municipal Office (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007 that has been initiated by the Town. Take notice that the application has been deemed complete so that it can be circulated and reviewed.

The proposed amendment seeks to update the Town's Zoning By-law to amend the Employment (M1 and M1-F) zone for properties on Centennial Road and Industrial Road, to add Medical Office and Clinic as permitted uses. In conjunction with these changes, and as a Town-initiated amendment, the opportunity is being taken to address longstanding issues with parking and access in the downtown core, ensuring that the downtown private rights-of-way are kept unobstructed for required parking.

Maps of the areas which are subject to the proposed amendment are included below.



For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.

The agenda package including a copy of the staff report will be available on the Town's website prior to the meeting.

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Sharon was the loving mother to Amanda Ferrier (Nathan), Amber Gimblett, and Ashley Gimblett. She was the cherished grandmother to Joseph, Justis, Jared, Eli, Aaliyah, Theo, MacKinley, Beckett, and Akiera. She was the loving sister to Lloyd Ferrier (Eva-May), Dorothy Rhodes (late Glen), late Ken Ferrier, late Willis Ferrier, Frank Ferrier (Phyllis), Wayne Ferrier (Debbie), Jean Russell (Don), Arlene Herringa (late John), Alice Ferguson (Bill), Pat Allan (Ralph), Bonnie Kinsman (Jim), late Larry Ferrier, Marie Wood (late Steve). Sharon is predeceased by her parents Elgin Ferrier and Vera (nee Smith) Ferrier.

As per Sharon's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a celebration of life will October 4th, 2025, at the Powassan Wesleyan Church at 2:00 p.m. If desired, donations to a charity of choice would be gratefully acknowledged by her family.

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NEW PASSES

We also have an exciting new addition to our collection of passes available at the library. Starting this week, you will be able to borrow a pass to the Royal Ontario Museum!

These passes allow entry for a group of 4 people. You will need to bring the pass, your phys-

ical library card, the check-out receipt, and proof of identification to the ROM.

If you have misplaced your library card, we will issue a new one to you.

These passes are valid for general Museum admission and special exhibitions (subject to capacity) only; excludes entry to separately ticketed events.

RECOMMENDED READ

The Persians by Sanam Mahloudji: Meet the Valiat family. In Iran, they were somebodies. In America, they're nobodies. Most of them have been here since 1979.

When an annual vacation in Aspen goes wildly awry, the multigenerational family's brittle status quo is cracked open, leading to a grand but half-baked quest to restore the family name.

But what does that even mean in a country where the Valiat's never mattered? Will

they ever realize that life is more than just an old story?

Why Molly Recommends it: Anyone who is captivated by sweeping family sagas will find this novel immensely satisfying. Told in three different time periods from the perspective of three generations of women living in Iran during varied circumstances, Ms. Mahloudji opens the reader's eye to culture, what it means to different people and how it can be shattered through disconnections within the family.

Her characters are spirited, hilarious, tragic and a little unhinged. The book is mostly focused on female family members, because themes of spirituality, emotional labour and autonomy dominate the narrative and, in general, women carry the weight of these. This is her debut, and I am very much looking forward to her next work.

Local police ask the public to be on alert following rise in copper thefts throughout the region

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating an increase in copper thefts across the region.

"These thefts involve telephone wires, utility lines, and cable boxes, and are primarily occurring in rural or poorly lit areas, including parks and other secluded locations, often during the overnight hours. In many cases, the wires are cut from utility poles, dragged to the roadside, and then retrieved at a later date," said the Dufferin OPP in a recent statement.

There have been reports to the Dufferin OPP of individuals committing these thefts in

broad daylight, while wearing reflective gear in an effort to pose as legitimate road or utility workers.

"This deceptive tactic is used to avoid drawing suspicion from the public," said Dufferin OPP.

On Sept. 7, Dufferin OPP officers responded to an incident involving a vehicle suspected in a copper wire theft and a collision.

Shortly after 1 a.m., officers responded to a reported collision in the area of County Road 2 in Melancthon.

"It is believed that the vehicle in question was attempting to remove copper wire from utility poles when it was confronted by a passerby. In response, the suspect vehicle struck

the concerned citizen's vehicle before fleeing the scene," said Dufferin OPP. "A short time later, the suspect vehicle was located in the middle of the road, blocking traffic."

Dufferin OPP describe the suspect vehicle as a black 2003 Chevrolet Silverado. The male suspect is described as a middle-aged white male, approximately 6 feet tall.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has dashcam footage from the area around that time to contact police at 1-888-310-1122.

With this recent copper theft and others plaguing the community in recent weeks, the OPP is reminding residents that tampering with live utility infrastructure is not only a

crime but also a serious public safety hazard.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity, such as individuals cutting wires, handling utility equipment, or vehicles parked on road shoulders, please contact police immediately by calling 911.

"Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to public safety and to working in partnership with the community to prevent and investigate crime. Your vigilance plays a critical role in helping to keep our communities safe," said Dufferin OPP.

Anyone with information about suspected unlawful activity, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Dufferin OPP investigating recent collision along Highway 10 that claimed the life of 75-year-old Amaranth man

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with Dufferin County EMS and Fire Services, attended a fatal two vehicle collision in Orangeville during the early hours of Sept. 14.

Shortly after 3 a.m., officers responded to

the collision, which occurred on Highway 10, between Fourth Avenue and Broadway. The collision resulted in one fatality and one person sustaining minor injuries.

Sadly, as a result of the collision, a 75-year-old male from Amaranth was pronounced de-

ceased at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and wishes to speak to victim services can contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage of the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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