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**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** The Amy Experience, a tribute to singer Amy Winehouse, performs at Fiddle Park on Aug. 9 as part of Shelburne's Sunday Concert Series. The nine-piece band, featuring a full horn section, was the headlining act for the evening, which also featured local performers The Matlocks. The free concert series continues throughout August with live music featuring tribute acts, local artists and a variety of musical styles.



## Shelburne Rotary Youth Exchange finds new life after 25-year hiatus

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**  
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After roughly 25 years on the sidelines, the Shelburne Rotary Club's youth exchange program has returned — and its first year back has been more successful than organizers expected.

The revival began when local student Mike Niedzwiecki approached Rotary about participating in the International Youth Exchange program.

Bill Waite, the Youth Exchange chair for the Shelburne Rotary Club, said that Niedzwiecki was the driving force behind the revival of the exchange.

"If it wasn't for our outbound student Mike, who ended up going to France, reaching out to us, we probably wouldn't have done this exchange this year," he said. "Once he did raise the possibility to us, we thought that this was a really great program and opportunity. We've been uninvolved for a very long time, but [thought] let's look at this again."

Niedzwiecki's interest prompted the club to reconsider a program it had discontinued 25 years earlier and ultimately led to Niedzwiecki travelling to France for an 11-month exchange. That same interest ended up being why Niedzwiecki was chosen as the outgoing student.

"We were already behind the curve for this year's exchange program," Waite said. "We knew that we already had a student that was already interested, so we thought,



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**A YEAR ABROAD:** Natalie Worst, an exchange student from Switzerland, spent 11 months in Shelburne and the surrounding area, experiencing life as a Canadian student. Worst got to experience Canadian school life, family living and outdoor activities in the Canadian wilderness. She described the experience as the best in her life. Pictured here with Rotary Club members who helped facilitate her journey, Worst has made lasting connections and new friends.

why not talk to Mike, and if he's a suitable candidate, why don't we go with him? In some respects, he kind of deserves it, because he was the one who got us going."

At the same time, Shelburne welcomed Natalie Worst, a 15-year-old student from Switzerland who turned 16 during her stay. It was her first extended time away from home, and she spent nearly 11 months living with three different local host families.

The arrangement was designed to give Worst a broad experience of life in the Shelburne area. She stayed with Karen and Terry Webster, then with Niedzwiecki's family, and later with Janet and Brian French of Lennox Farms. The different households exposed her to cottage life, school and family routines, winter activities and farming.

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# From Shelburne to Paris: Special Olympics athlete represents Canada on world stage

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Shelburne’s Yazmine Wilson-Daponte returned home from Paris, France, with a fourth-place finish, a Women’s Fair Play Team Award and memories of representing Canada on the international stage.

But for the 22-year-old Special Olympics athlete and her family, the trip was about much more than what happened on the soccer field.

It was Yazmine’s first time travelling overseas without her family, giving her an opportunity to compete for Canada, make new friends and experience a part of the world she may otherwise never have visited.

“It truly is a trip of a lifetime,” said her mother, Karrie Daponte. “To be able to go for a sport on her own, with a group of peers, was amazing.”

Yazmine was one of six athletes with intellectual disabilities on Ontario’s Unified women’s team, which represented Canada at the 2026 Special Olympics Unified Football World Cup in Paris from July 6 to 11.

The tournament brought together 24 teams from around the world, with Unified teams featuring athletes with and without intellectual disabilities competing side by side.

Canada faced Egypt, Slovakia and Hong Kong in group-stage play before finishing fourth overall.

For Yazmine, who had never previously travelled outside North America, the experience began long before she stepped onto the field.



She and her teammates spent months preparing for the tournament, including additional goalie training after she was selected as a backup goalkeeper about a week and a half before leaving for Paris.

The selection itself had been something of a surprise.

When Yazmine first attended the tryouts, her mother told her they were simply going to play soccer and learn some new skills. Yazmine did not realize she was being evaluated for a spot on Team Canada.

Daponte believes her daughter’s enthusiasm and ability to encourage her teammates helped set her apart.

And that same enthusiasm followed Yazmine to Paris.

Canada was recognized with the Women’s Fair Play Team Award, honouring the team’s sportsmanship and conduct throughout the tournament.

Yazmine said she was proud of the recognition, particularly seeing her teammates cheer each other on and show respect to the other teams.

“It was all about sportsmanship and teamwork,” Daponte said. “They were giving high-fives to everybody. They were very polite to the other teams.”

The Fair Play Award was particularly fitting for a player whose selection had been influenced by more than athletic ability.

Special Olympics Ontario said the athletes chosen for the team were selected for their commitment to inclusion, teamwork and community leadership, as well as their athletic skills.

For Yazmine, those qualities have been developed through years of participating in sports and community programs.

She now takes part in a long list of activities, including Special Olympics baseball, bocce and track and field, as well as bowling, basketball and curling during the winter. She also participates in snowboarding through a program at Horseshoe Valley Resort in Barrie.

Her involvement in sport has helped build confidence and independence, according to her mother.

“She is just very proud,” Daponte said. “She doesn’t always have the words to say it, but she’s very proud.”

The trip to Paris was another significant step in that development.

Yazmine travelled without her family, something Daponte described as an accomplishment in itself. Although Yazmine has experience attending overnight camps, traveling by plane to another country and spending more than a week with a new team was a different challenge.



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**COMPETING ABROAD:** Yazmine Wilson-Daponte (third from right, back row) competes for Team Canada during the 2026 Special Olympics Unified Football World Cup in Paris, France. The Shelburne athlete helped Canada finish fourth overall.

“She went on her own, so that in itself was a big accomplishment,” Daponte said.

Once in Paris, there was little time to sit still.

The team had early-morning games after a heat wave forced organizers to adjust the schedule, along with practices and other activities. When she wasn’t playing soccer, Yazmine and her teammates had opportunities to explore the city.

She saw the Eiffel Tower, took a boat tour, visited a museum and spent lots of time walking around Paris.

She also experienced the camaraderie that comes with being part of a team travelling halfway around the world.

“We had a lot of fun,” Yazmine said.

For Daponte, watching her daughter experience those moments brought the significance of the trip into focus.

Yazmine was once nonverbal, and Daponte said she has spent years watching her daughter reach milestones that might seem small to others but carry enormous meaning for their family.

Getting to Paris was another of those milestones, made possible in part by the support of the local community.

Yazmine raised more than \$2,500 toward her trip, exceeding her individual fundraising target. The team’s fundraising efforts also helped support athletes who were unable to raise enough money themselves.

In June, a celebrity server fundraiser at Orangeville Boston Pizza raised \$762.25 toward Yazmine’s travel costs, with additional sup-

port coming from local businesses, families and residents.

Yazmine said she was grateful to everyone who helped her reach Paris.

“Thank you, everyone in Shelburne. Thank you, Orangeville, Dufferin County. Thank you to everyone that donated to Team Canada,” Yazmine said.

The community also followed along while she was overseas, with supporters watching livestreams of the games and cheering her on from home.

For Daponte, the trip represented something much bigger than a soccer tournament.

She recalled people questioning whether Yazmine belonged in a mainstream school and doubting what she would be capable of accomplishing.

Then, roughly a year later, her daughter was boarding a plane to Europe as a member of Team Canada.

“I don’t like when people don’t think that they can do things,” Daponte said. “With the proper things in place, they can.”

Now home, Yazmine has already moved on to her next challenges.

She continues to play sports throughout the year and is looking forward to more opportunities with Special Olympics.

But for Daponte, the significance of Paris goes beyond the result on the field. It is another milestone in a series of accomplishments that once seemed far less certain.

“Those little successes may not mean anything to anybody else, but to her, to us, it’s a big thing,” Daponte said.

# Shelburne Backpack Program to give kids in need a supportive boost as they return to school

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**  
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As the back-to-school season approaches, the Shelburne Rotary Club is once again working with the Shelburne Food Bank to make sure local children have the supplies they need to start the school year on equal footing.

The Backpack Program has been operating for about seven years after the food bank identified a need for assistance with school supplies.

Rotarian Bobbi Ferguson said that the program equips students in need with the essentials.

“We really look after the basics,” she said. “Every kid gets the essential items for the start of the school year through the program. That’s a backpack, a lunch kit and a water bottle. The food bank makes sure that they have food to carry in said backpacks.”

The partnership divides responsibilities between the two organizations. The food bank registers students and families throughout July and August, providing the local Rotary Club with weekly numbers and the ages of participating children. Rotary then purchases the supplies needed for the students.

When extra funding allows, the program also adds school supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons and pencil crayons. Communi-

ty partners and individual donors also contribute supplies, including handmade pencil cases.

Ferguson said that the program started much smaller several years ago, but as knowledge and need spread, that has changed dramatically over time.

“The program has been in existence for about six years now,” she said, “At the start, we had maybe 50 students. Last year, we were up to over 200 students.”

This has greatly multiplied the price of the program, which cost approximately \$12,000 last year, with the cost of quality backpacks, lunch kits and water bottles adding up quickly.

Organizers emphasize that the program is designed to protect students’ dignity and won’t compromise on cheap substitute products.

“You want to be able to get a decent backpack that’s going to last,” Ferguson said. “You want the zippers to last all year. So the backpacks range from \$40 to \$50. A decent, insulated lunch kit is \$20 to \$25, and the cheapest water bottle that’s still good is around \$10. When you put that all together, it adds up.”

Children and families can choose backpacks appropriate for their age, rather than receiving identical items that could distinguish them from their classmates. The goal is



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**SUPPORTING THE KIDS:** Rotary Club of Shelburne members pack backpacks for its back-to-school Backpack Program.

to ensure students return to school with the same basic tools as their peers.

The program continues to rely heavily on community support. Important partners like the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign contribute funds in support of the backpack program.

Monetary donations are particularly valuable because they allow organizers to purchase exactly what is needed, while donations

of basic school supplies are also welcomed.

Contributions can be made through the beginning of the school year, with extra backpacks kept available for families who need assistance later, as the need does not disappear once classes begin.

The backpack program is set to continue being an important lifeline for families well into the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, call 519-278-4578.

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# Day Fore Memories raises \$11,000 for Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The fifth annual Day Fore Memories raised \$11,000 in support of the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, bringing together approximately 100 people, including 72 golfers at the Orangeville Golf Club.

“Kevin and Nicole Stone organize this tournament each year in memory of Kevin’s mother, whom he lost to Alzheimer’s disease 10 years ago,” said Jenna Hunter, community engagement coordinator with the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County.

“They are tremendous supporters of the Alzheimer Society and understand firsthand the dementia journey and the importance of having support available within the community.”

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post was among those who volunteered at this year’s event and said the tournament has grown from a personal tribute into an opportunity to help other families affected by Alzheimer’s disease.

“A huge thank you to Kevin Stone, who continues to pour his heart and soul into Day Fore Memories in honour of his mom,” Post wrote in a social media post. “This started from a place of love that helps make sure the next family facing Alzheimer’s has access to the support, resources and care they need.”

Hunter said the funds raised will support programs and services for people living with dementia and their caregivers throughout Dufferin County.

“The purpose of the tournament is to raise vital funds for the programs and services we provide to individuals living with dementia and their caregivers throughout Dufferin County,”

she said.

The fundraiser comes as the Alzheimer Society reports a significant increase in demand for its services.

“Community events like this are especially important as referrals to our organization have doubled compared to this time last year,” Hunter said. “The funds raised help ensure we can continue meeting this growing need and supporting local individuals and families throughout their dementia journey.”

Post said the event is meaningful because it combines remembering those who have died with supporting families currently navigating Alzheimer’s disease.

“That’s what makes this day so special - remembering those we love while helping families who are walking that road right now,” she wrote.

Hunter thanked those who contributed to the event, including the organizers, golfers, sponsors and volunteers.

“We cannot thank Kevin, Nicole, the golfers, sponsors, volunteers and everyone who supported the event enough,” she said. “Their generosity will make a meaningful difference for local families.”

The Alzheimer Society also hopes events such as Day Fore Memories raise awareness about the growing need for dementia services in Dufferin County.

“We also hope this event raises awareness of the rapidly growing need for dementia services in Dufferin County,” Hunter said. “We encourage anyone who is able to consider donating so we can continue providing these essential programs and supports.”



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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** The fifth annual Day Fore Memories brought approximately 100 people, including 72 golfers, to the Orangeville Golf Club in support of the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County. The event raised \$11,000 for local dementia programs and services.

# Murder, mystery and mayhem take the stage in Theatre Orangeville’s latest production

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
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Sherlock Holmes is back — and is bringing plenty of laughs with him.

Theatre Orangeville’s Dramatic Young Company is diving into Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery by Ken Ludwig. This fast-paced theatrical romp combines the familiar ingredients of a classic murder mystery with comedy, physical theatre and a healthy dose of stagecraft.

At the centre of the story are Holmes and his loyal sidekick, Dr. Watson, as they attempt to unravel a deadly mystery involving suspicious characters, unexpected deaths and clues that may not be quite what they seem.

“It’s basically going to be every classical murder mystery,” a Young Company member said. “There’s villains, clues and of course, our detective Sherlock and his sidekick Dr. Watson. They’re going to be meeting a whole bunch of characters and will try to solve the mystery of people who have been dying out of the blue.”

For audiences unfamiliar with the famous detective, the production promises to work simply as an entertaining murder mystery. Sherlock Holmes fans, meanwhile, can enjoy

the familiar characters and references woven into the story.

The production is anything but conventional.

With a cast of young performers taking on more than 40 characters between them, some actors are switching roles at remarkable speed. One cast member is playing five distinct characters, ranging from a wise doctor to a creepy butler and an escaped convict.

The performers say the extreme differences between the characters help them jump from one personality to another.

“It’s actually quite easy to find distinct personalities for each of my characters,” one Young Company member said. “There are no two characters that you could possibly confuse with each other. They are all very unique.”

Another Young Company member, however, takes a different view.

“It is challenging for me,” they said. “But it also really keeps you on your toes, and it means there’s never a dull moment in this production.”

That rapid pace extends to the scenery.

Rather than stopping the action for set changes, the production is designed to transform. Rolling and sliding set pieces, actors hidden behind scenery and seamless transitions

will help shift the action from one location to another without bringing the momentum to a halt.

The cast describes the effect as visually striking.

“I think the word that’s been used has been cinematic,” a Young Company member said. “Some plays might have blackouts to move things. Here, things will be moved in front of your eyes, and I think that’s something that will be very exciting to see.”

And while there are plenty of deaths and even stage combat, the show doesn’t take itself too seriously. The cast says Ludwig’s comedy is carefully placed, allowing the humour to complement rather than overwhelm the mystery.

Audiences are also encouraged to play detective themselves, watching closely and deciding who they suspect before the answers are revealed.

For the young performers, Baskerville is

more than another production. It is a chance to stretch their skills, tackle multiple characters and explore a style of theatre quite different from their previous fantasy-focused shows.

“There’s a lot happening, and it’s different,” a Young Company member said. “There’s some scenes like when we’re just out in London, and everyone is involved in that, then it moves to scenes with two people, and then suddenly, someone else comes on, and you’ll think ‘I just saw this person as another character two seconds ago.’”

And for the audiences? The cast hopes it offers exactly what theatre can do best: an opportunity to step away from everyday life, enter another world and simply have fun.

With a mystery to solve, bodies to discover, characters to suspect and plenty of theatrical surprises along the way, Baskerville looks set to make Dramatic Young Company’s latest adventure one worth following closely.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**UNFORGETTABLE TIME:** The youth cast of *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* is eager to accept the challenge that comes with this production. Over 40 characters played by less than half that number of actors is a huge undertaking, but Theatre Orangeville’s Dramatic Young Company is ready to hit the ground running and promises to make each character unforgettable.



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## Of mala, baseballs and a messy metaphor

Baseball and meditation are closely aligned, I think.

This may be the cheesiest thing I'll write for this space. But bear with me. I'm on deadline.

There are 108 beads on the mala used by Buddhists. It's that looped string of beads you see them using when they're meditating or chanting mantras, using the beads to count them off and to keep track, like balls and strikes over innings. Or you see the Buddhists simply carrying them and worrying the beads between their thumb and finger. A calming action, I imagine, like fidgeting with something to still one's mind.

It's all meditating, I suppose.

An official baseball has 108 double stitches. It begins as a cork pit with rubber around it. That's the jewel in the lotus. And that's wrapped in wool string or yarn. I've read there's something like 400 or 500 yards of it wrapped and pulled tight around its core and rubber centre. The

leather that encloses the whole thing is held by 88 inches of thread.

I only mention all that because it shows the nature of baseball that's meticulous, like what I think meditation could be.

A pitcher on the hill, toeing the rubber shuts out the world beyond the field, focused on the task at hand, which is to hurl that ball in a specific way. There's the bit about striking the batter out, either looking or swinging. But I think the actual task is in throwing a chosen way. A certain pitch to fit the situation at hand.

I can throw neither a fastball nor a changeup. I was hit or miss throwing for accuracy most of the time when I used to lace cleats as part of a beer league baseball team. I'd like to blame that cock-eyedness on the beer, but I'm a realist. As with many things for me, the beer was an excuse.

The strike zone is only as wide as home plate. It starts at the batter's knees and extends to midway between the batter's

shoulders and the top of the pants. I didn't know that. I always thought it was the shoulders. So basic baseball ignorance and the beer were both factors in how I fared on the diamond.

Okay. That's a realization. I accept that. This is a good exercise for me, like therapy or meditation.

Granted, the accuracy has to be a skill attained over many seasons of practice, but there are deeper aspects to standing all alone on that pile of dirt 10 inches high and staring down the 60 feet or so to the batter and the catcher.

It's in the choices and situational responses.

To throw at a certain speed as part of a pitch is ridiculous. Being able to consistently toss a higher-velocity fastball, whichever-seam, or a slower-velocity off-speed changeup or slider is unique to varying degrees across people. Just as how well or easily people weather many of life's differences over good days or

bad. Some of us are scarred more than others.

We leave the house and choose our pitches through the day, see where they land and what comes from them. The real work most often is in how we deal with the outcomes of our pitches, our actions.

I've heard it said that the jewel is compassion and the lotus is wisdom. I think that means learning from all the things wrapped and stitched around your life and your respective world. Some fastballs find success straight down the middle, but other times you're best off to just barely paint one of the strike zone's corners. And after so many of those, a change of pace is best, even when you can't see the signs to know which pitch is being called.

Growth comes from the grind during each outing on the mound and what we take from those experiences.

JAMES MATTHEWS  
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## AI and bio-weapons

'Artificial intelligence' based on Large Language Models is shaping up to be the most efficient destroyer of value since the South Sea Bubble. After the crash, some specific functions of AI will eventually turn out to be genuinely revenue-generating, and a lot of jobs will duly disappear. But the biggest winner (and potentially biggest loser) is medical science.

Dr Brian Hie, a chemical engineer at Stanford University in California, has just revealed that his team has made the first viruses designed by artificial intelligence. They are 'bacteriophages,' viruses that only infect bacteria and are widely used to treat people with infections that resist other treatments.

However, natural bacteriophages sometimes fail, so Dr Hie used generative AI to design new ones that might do the job. The AI generated thousands of designs for new genomes that more or less fit the bill, and he chose around 300 of them to build in the lab. It's hard work, not magic, but he ended up with sixteen 'novel' bacteriophages that might work.

He applied them to petri dishes containing two harmful strains of E. coli, a common bacteria that lives in the human gut, and they killed the bacteria off. It's still early days, but if it is truly becoming pos-

sible to tailor-make bacteriophages that target specific bacteria, then we may be getting a major new weapon in the struggle against antibiotic resistance.

That problem is growing rapidly as the overuse of antibiotic medicines gives bacteria endless opportunities to evolve into new, more antibiotic-resistant forms. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation estimates that 1.34 million Americans will be dying each year from antibiotic-resistant diseases by 2050 (up from half a million now).

The ability to design genomes for unique bacteriophages that target specific diseases is indisputably a Good Thing for health care, but it is not necessarily a great thing for the world at large. "Although this is promising for life sciences application," wrote Prof. Tom Inglesby of Johns Hopkins University, "it also raises urgent biosafety and biosecurity questions."

"The ability to compose viral genomes now exists; the governance to safely steer it does not... Such genomes might encode new pathogens that cannot be contained by existing countermeasures." Probably nothing as bad as the Black Plague or even Covid, but who knows?

There are no mad scientists in this story. Not only did the scientists working on this

project follow all the existing protocols; they bent over backwards to ensure that what they were doing was safe. The training of their AI deliberately did not include the code for any viruses that can infect human beings.

They have not created 'Life' – viruses are not alive – although one day they might be able to synthesize a bacteria (which is alive) if they continue on the road they are following. However, they have already created a new field of biology that goes beyond the natural world. You could call it 'synthetic biology' – and the sky's the limit.

The downside of this triumph is the fact that everybody working in the field, and perhaps already some people with less admirable ambitions, knows that it is now possible, at least in principle, to design new viruses that will do almost anything the designer wants. The cat is out of the bag, and there is no way to stuff it back in.

Science at the sharp end is often like this, with great potential for good and considerable potential for evil. It's people who decide how new scientific breakthroughs will be used, and that's what human beings are like. They are also slow to respond to new risks until some major disaster persuades them that they should

take the danger seriously.

The biomedical and allied trades are currently having a golden age of discovery, and the 'ability to compose viral genomes' is only one of several scientific domains in which great advances are accompanied by high risk. The security in the labs is usually very good; the wider dissemination of sensitive information is not well controlled.

Synthetic biology will doubtless save a great many lives, but it will also make possible a whole new suite of 'low probability, high impact' events. A really bad global pandemic, created with malice aforethought, could be just as destructive as a medium-sized nuclear war. Moreover, it would take a lot fewer people to get a pandemic going.

Scientists are diligently applying the usual biosafety rules to this new biotechnology, but it's still not enough. Stricter rules and closer supervision are needed, even if necessary at the cost of slower progress in the new technology.

Treat it like they treated the new nuclear technology in the 1940s, because the consequences of misusing it could be just as serious.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Get out of the way: Letting young people discover what they can do

This week, I have been spending my days in a room full of 10- to 13-year-olds and a lot of butter, flour, and sugar.

It is Blissful Baking camp week at Streams Community Hub, which means I am doing what I do every summer: teaching young people how to measure, mix, knead, bake, decorate, problem-solve and, inevitably, recover from whatever did not go according to plan.

There is something about working so closely with kids that reminds me of how capable they are and keeps me grounded in why we built Streams in the first place.

Give them real tools. Give them clear instructions. Give them a little time. Then, and this may be the hardest part for us adults, get out of the way.

They will surprise you.

I have spent a lot of my adult life around young people. I lead an organization built around them, and at home I am raising three of my own, now 15, 13 and almost 11. Between parenting and Streams, I have had a front-row seat to thousands of moments when a child is learning something for the first time — and to the adults around them.

We mean well. We want to help, to protect, to save time. We can see the mistake coming from three steps away, and every fibre of our experienced adult bodies wants to swoop in and prevent it. Sometimes we should. But I wonder whether, in our eagerness to protect children from struggle, we sometimes protect them from discovering what they can do. I learned this early with my oldest daughter,



Akeylah. She was five when she started musical theatre. I remember watching her perform and weeping — not polite little tears, but overwhelmed by the skill, the passion, the precision, and the completely unselfconscious joy with which she performed.

Had someone asked me beforehand whether my five-year-old was ready for musical theatre, there is a good chance I would have said no. “She’s too young.” “Maybe next year.” And I would have been wrong. Worse, my limited view of what a five-year-old was capable of could have robbed her of an experience she was entirely ready to have.

That realization has stayed with me, because I see versions of it constantly. A child reaches for the knife, and an adult says, “Let me do that.” They struggle with the zipper, the line, the recipe, and we rush in because watching the awkwardness of learning is uncomfortable. We know how to do it already. They do not.

And learning can be painfully inefficient. It wobbles. It spills things. It takes too long. It occasionally produces a cake that leans suspiciously to the left. But that is the process. Before a child can do something confidently, they have to do it uncertainly. Before they can do it well, they may have to do it badly.

Before they soar, somebody has to tolerate watching them flap around for a while.

That, increasingly, is what I think our job is — whether as parents, teachers, coaches, youth workers, or simply adults who have children in our orbit. Not to remove every difficult thing, but to create enough safety for young people to attempt difficult things. To teach, to guide, to supervise where safety requires it, and also to know when to take our hands off. Because capability needs somewhere to reveal itself.

I see that in the baking camp. A 10-year-old does not arrive knowing everything required to make bread or decorate a cake. That is rather the point. But I can give them instruction and responsibility appropriate to their age, then allow them the dignity of doing the work themselves. Sometimes they need help. Sometimes there is flour absolutely everywhere. But very often, what follows is that flicker across a young person’s face: I did that.

Not “someone did it for me.” Not “I watched an adult do it.” I did that. There is confidence in those three words. There is agency, competence, and the beginnings of knowing oneself as someone who can figure things out. I wish we gave children more opportunities to earn those three words.

Our children are capable of more than we think. That does not mean throwing them into situations they are not developmentally or emotionally ready for. It means being careful that the ceiling we place over them is not

actually the ceiling of our own imagination.

Akeylah was not too young. I just did not know yet what she could do. Nearly every day since, some young person has given me another reason to remember that.

So perhaps the invitation for those of us raising, teaching and caring for children is a simple one: resist the urge to decide too quickly what they cannot do. Teach them. Stand nearby. Let them wobble. Then give them the extraordinary gift of finding out for themselves just how capable they are.

At Streams, that is part of the work. We create spaces where young people can try things they have never done before, make mistakes with people nearby who know when to step in and when not to, and experience the enormous satisfaction of realizing, “I can do this.”

Of course, this asks something of the adults, too. If watching a 10-year-old crack an egg slowly, frost a cake imperfectly, or generally take the scenic route toward competence makes every nerve in your body want to jump in, we understand. You do not have to watch.

You can support Streams instead. Your support helps us give young people the time, tools, guidance and room they need to try, wobble, recover and surprise themselves. So, if you cannot bear to watch the wobble, support the people who can. You can learn how at streamshub.org.

*This week’s Community Voice column was written by Juli-Anne James, executive director of Streams Community Hub.*

## ‘Talk to me over a burger’: Dufferin–Caledon MP invites community to Fiddle Park BBQ

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Drawing a few hundred people despite sweltering August heat last year, Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is bringing his community barbecue back — this time to Shelburne, with the event moved to September in hopes of more comfortable temperatures.

The second annual Community BBQ will be held at Fiddle Park (105 County Road 11) on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event gives residents an opportunity to enjoy free food and family activities while speaking with Seeback about issues affecting the riding ahead of the fall

session of Parliament.

“I love having some time to talk with the people I represent and to hear their concerns, and for our community to come together for some good food and the chance to catch up,” Seeback said. “We had a few hundred attend last year and I expect we will exceed that number this year.”

Seeback and his team will cook hamburgers and hot dogs, while children can enjoy the new playground equipment at Fiddle Park, along with lawn games.

“It’s also an opportunity for anyone to come and talk to me over a burger about the issues that matter most to them as I prepare for the fall session of Parliament in September,” Seeback said.

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Last year’s event was held in Bolton in the southern end of the Dufferin–Caledon riding. This year, the community BBQ has been moved to Shelburne to make it more accessible to residents in the north end of the riding.

The move from August to September is also intended to provide a more comfortable experience after last year’s event was held during extreme heat. Despite the temperatures, Seeback said the inaugural event drew a strong turnout.

“Last year’s BBQ was a great success,” he said. “People travelled from all across the riding to attend, and everyone seemed to

enjoy themselves, so it made perfect sense to do it again. I had a lot of great conversations last year, and I’m looking forward to having more this year.”

Seeback expects the event to continue growing as more residents become aware of it and spread the word.

“I find these types of events grow every year as more and more people become aware and they tell others,” he said.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP by Sept. 4 at [kyleseeback.ca/bbq2026](http://kyleseeback.ca/bbq2026) or by calling 519-941-1832.

“Talk to me over a burger about the issues that matter most,” said MP Seeback.

## Shelburne Rotary Youth Exchange program comes back following 25-year hiatus

Continued from FRONT

Worst experienced fishing, boating, ice fishing, snowboarding and a trip to Florida, among other activities. She attended the local high school, rode the school bus and took part in everyday family responsibilities, including shovelling snow.

Rotary organizers emphasized that exchange students are treated as members of their host families rather than guests.

“The idea of the exchange is that students are not pampered when they come here,” Waite said. “They’re integrated as part of the host family during their stay. That means they pitch in around the house, help prepare meals, and clean up snow in the winter. They get to live the full Canadian experience. This isn’t to say we didn’t spoil her a little bit, but we wanted to make sure she understands Canadian life and what it’s all about.”

The local school community and Upper Grand Valley District School Board were also instrumental in making the revived program work. Although there were some administrative hurdles to restarting a program that had not been used locally for decades, organizers said the attitude remained consistently focused on finding solutions.

The experience also created connections extending beyond Shelburne. Worst formed close friendships at the high school and with other exchange students from around the Rotary district. Niedzwicki similarly made international friendships during his time in France, with some of those connections continuing into travel plans after the exchange.

For the host families, the experience brought its own rewards. Organizers described the families as enthusiastic and committed. Worst’s eventual departure was marked by the realization that strong bonds had formed during her stay.

Worst later described the exchange as the best experience of her life and said she would do it again.

Niedzwicki also returned from France with positive experiences and new friendships.

Despite the success, the club was unable to find an outbound student for the current exchange cycle. One interested student ultimately decided the program was not the right fit at this point.

Rotary, however, is not giving up. The club remains committed to trying again next year, with the hope that Niedzwicki and Worst’s experiences will encourage more local students to consider the opportunity.

“The club is certainly committed right now to try again next year to find an exchange student,” Waite said. “Now that Mike is back, when we do try again next year, he can come in and speak directly to the school and meet some students who are interested. We’re going to keep going with this, for sure.”

“Its an opportunity for students to have, quite frankly, a life changing experience.”

The Rotary Club believes the successful revival has demonstrated that the program can once again become a meaningful part of the Shelburne community.

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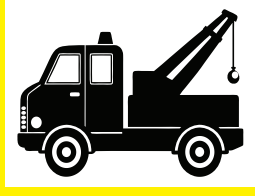
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# Shelburne Public Library to host several community events in weeks ahead

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There is a challenge for every age group, and lots of prizes to be won including gift certificates to Shelburne's new bookstore – Cecil Books.

Save the date for these upcoming events:

- Tuesday, Aug. 18 – Family Movie Night at 4:45 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 21 – TD Summer Reading Club Finale featuring birds of prey from the Canadian Raptor Conservancy
- Saturday, Aug. 22 – Drop in for a cup of tea anytime between 11 and 2 p.m. as we

wish Beverly Ford-Arnold best wishes on her retirement after 36 years with the Shelburne Public Library

- Saturday, Sept. 19 – Literacy Resource Day for parents and educators featuring two workshops: “Read It. Write It. Spell It.” with Minintel from 12 to 1:30 p.m. followed by “Let’s Talk About Dyslexia” with Joud Learning from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Attend one or both workshops.
- Sunday, Sept. 20 – Join Finance Journalist Renee Sylvestre-Williams for an engaging discussion about her book “The Singles Tax” at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 26 – Bedazzle one of your romance novels as you listen to author

Marina L. Reed discuss her sizzling new book “Mr. Tuesday” at 2 p.m.

Recommended Read of the Week

This week’s staff pick from the Shelburne Public Library is “I Eat the Stars” by Sarah Wilson. The book is being recommended by Molly.

“Lately, it hasn’t seemed enough to just blissfully disassociate into a random narrative. This is partially because there are just more books than ever before which makes it tough to choose, but also because — and perhaps this is just me — all the covers are starting to blend into each other,” Molly writes. “Sometimes the writing is just plain bad, and I’m left scratching my head. This

is where ‘I Eat the Stars’ comes in. Wilson thoughtfully asks her readers ‘what the hell is happening to this world’, knowing we are all experiencing this thought on some level.”

Molly added, “Organizing her chapters around dismantling outdated notions of what it means to be resilient, Wilson draws on personal experience as well as her many interactions as a New York Times journalist. In the final result, she offers us simply something we can all use at any time; clarity of purpose and confidence for the future, however it may look.”

*This weekly column is written by the team at the Shelburne Public Library.*

# Dufferin OPP lay 193 traffic charges over Civic Holiday weekend, arrest six impaired drivers

Dufferin OPP officers laid 193 traffic-related charges during the Civic Holiday long weekend while conducting proactive enforcement across the county.

Between July 31 and Aug. 3, officers also conducted several RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot checks and focused enforcement on the four factors that contribute to serious collisions: impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and seatbelt compliance.

The enforcement resulted in 104 speeding charges, one distracted-driving charge, five stunt-driving or racing charges, two charges for failing to move over for emergency vehi-

cles, six impaired-driving charges and 19 seatbelt charges.

The total number of traffic-related charges across Dufferin County was 193.

**Charges laid across Ontario**

Across the province, OPP officers laid more than 8,282 charges related to traffic and marine safety over the Civic Day long weekend.

OPP officers patrolled roads, trails and waterways over the weekend as part of efforts to promote safety and prevent avoidable tragedies.

On roadways, police laid approximately 8,240 charges, including 3,921 speeding charges, 579 seatbelt-related charges, 77 distracted-driving charges, 188 impaired-driving

charges and 128 charges related to Ontario's Move Over Law.

**Central Region marine and trail enforcement**

The OPP Snowmobile, All-Terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit laid 42 charges and issued 56 warnings during an enforcement initiative focused on waterways.

OPP SAVE Unit officers conducted marine and trail patrols throughout Central Region to enhance safety and enforcement on Ontario's waterways and trail networks from July 29 to Aug. 2.

Patrols took place in Algonquin Park, Georgian Bay, Lake Rosseau, Lake Joseph, Little Lake Joseph, Lake Dalrymple, Sparrow Lake,

Pigeon Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Shadow Lake, the Otonabee River and Rice Lake, as well as surrounding waterways and trails within several communities, including Huntsville, Bracebridge, Collingwood, Huronia West, City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, Northumberland, Haliburton, Southern Georgian Bay and Orillia.

Charges included eight counts of failing to carry or wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD), six Canada Shipping Act violations, two counts of towing a person without a spotter, three Off-Road Vehicles Act helmet violations, 14 Liquor Licence and Control Act violations and five Highway Traffic Act violations.

*In Loving Memory of*  
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Gwendolyn Susan Lawrence was born at the Jenny Dudgeon Nursing Home on Friday, February 2, 1951 and passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre Orangeville on Friday, July 31, 2026. Gwen was the daughter of Ross and Doreen Lawrence, sister of Sandra Lawrence (the late Wayne Davis). Loving aunt to Susan Stinson (John Wallace), Robb Stinson (Paula), great aunt to Annabella and Charlotte Wallace, Cal and Owen Stinson and Victoria Wilson (Will Brown) and family. Gwen leaves behind many cousins and friends.

Gwen lived her life in Shelburne and attended Shelburne Public School and CDDHS. She worked at Bell Thread's in Arthur, was a crossing guard in Shelburne for 20 years, a volunteer member of the Shelburne Muskies and a member of the Shelburne Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Her final years were at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne where she was loved and cared for by an incredible staff. The family can't thank them enough for this ♥

Arrangements entrusted to Jack & Thompson Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place and Gwen will be laid to rest at a private family service in the St. Lawrence Ward in the Shelburne Cemetery with her parents. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)





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Bruce was a family man, a farmer and dedicated public servant. For his entire life, he farmed on the 3rd line of Amaranth Township. Bruce was a Junior Farmer and 4H leader. He was past president of the Federation of Agriculture, Dufferin County Milk Producers and Shelburne Agriculture Society. He also spent many years as a School Board Trustee, a Municipal Councillor and on Dufferin County Council. He enjoyed retirement by joining the New Horizons Club, collecting antique farm equipment, traveling and helping his children with their projects.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Edgar and Mona (Richardson) Horsley, his in-laws Clarence and Margaret (McElwain) Trimble, his sister Donna (Kees) van Poelgeest, brother-in-law Bill Trimble and sister-in-law Helen (Bill) Winthrop.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held in the Warriors Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on August 16, 2026 from 1-4 p.m. We will have a sharing of memories at 2:00 p.m. If you have stories of remembrance of Bruce, we welcome you to share them. Should you wish to make an expression of sympathy, please consider Headwaters Health Care Centre/Orangeville Hospital, Matthews House Hospice in Alliston or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and donations may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)



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