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RALLYING AROUND RANDY: To show support for local resident Randy Hunter's nearly 900 kilometre charity bike ride, supporters showed up to the Orangeville Food Bank with bikes of their own for a proper send off in late September. Hunter returned from his 10-day charity ride on Oct. 5 and raised over $13,000 in donations. Turn to Page A4 for a full story.



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Boo on Broadway takes over downtown core this weekend

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Downtown Orangeville will soon become a Halloween extravaganza as Boo on Broadway and Beyond returns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"Families can enjoy a full morning of free, family-friendly activities, with costumes encouraged," said Orangeville Business Improvement Association executive director, Alison Scheel.

Trick-or-treating will run from 10 a.m. to noon, or while candy lasts, and Broadway will be closed to traffic for the event.

This year's activities include a visit from the Orangeville Fire Department's brand-new ladder truck and a DJ dance party hosted by Orangeville-based Dufferin DJs. A pumpkin carve-off display, freaky face painting, glitter tattoos, a petting zoo, pony rides, and character visits are also planned for the day.

The final Orangeville Farmers' Market of the season will also take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Boo on Broadway & Beyond is a great way for families to celebrate Halloween together and enjoy everything our downtown has to offer," said Scheel. "We're grateful to the local businesses who make this event possible."

There's a wide variety of activities being presented by various OBIA businesses during Boo on Broadway.



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SPOOKTACULAR SIGHTS: A skeleton decoration on Broadway adds to the spooky atmosphere ahead of Boo on Broadway & Beyond in downtown Orangeville.

For those looking for a little friendly competition, The Lobby gaming lounge is presenting a costume contest and Spooky Pinball high-score challenge. Omni Law Group is inviting visitors to put their detective skills to the test with its "Who Stole the Halloween Candy?" mystery game.

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Large quantities of fentanyl, cocaine seized in Dufferin OPP drug bust

Dufferin OPP and its Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), have charged eight individuals and seized illicit drugs following a drug trafficking investigation in Dufferin County.

Police seized roughly $64,500, over 2.1 kilograms of suspected cocaine, 624 grams of suspected fentanyl, 24 grams of suspected methamphetamine, about 39 grams of an unknown white powder, 51 hydromorphone tablets, 13 oxycodone tablets and three opioid pills. Police also seized drug trafficking paraphernalia, such as scales, packaging material, a hydraulic cocaine press and vacuum sealers.

A Denali .380 calibre handgun and ammunition of various calibres were seized, along with multiple luxury bags, watches, and pieces of jewelry believed to be purchased through the proceeds of crime.

Dufferin CSCU conducted an extensive investigation beginning in April of 2026 into the trafficking of controlled substances within Dufferin County.

As a result of the investigation, six locations in East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Orangeville, Etobicoke and Innisfil were identified as being involved in the trafficking of suspected cocaine and fentanyl.

On Sept. 11, members of the Dufferin CSCU, assisted by the Caledon, Muskoka, Collingwood and Nottawasaga CSCUs, executed three Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrants at the identified locations.

On Sept. 29, members of the Dufferin CSCU, assisted by the Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), arrested a male at a residence in Etobicoke.

Officers subsequently executed three more Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrants at locations in Etobicoke and Innisfil. During the execution of those warrants, two other individuals were also arrested.

As a result of this lengthy investigation:

Krista Johnston, 46, from East Garafraxa, has been charged with:

- Trafficking in a Schedule I Substance (Cocaine)
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine)
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (Fentanyl)

Meghan Macdonald, 48, of Amaranth, has been charged with Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (Fentanyl).

Wynter Anderson, 43, of Brampton, has been charged with Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (Fentanyl) and Failure to Comply with a Release Order.

Tom Winstanley, 40, of Orangeville, has been charged with Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (Opioid Other Than Heroin).

Steven Gallagher, 44, of no fixed address, has been charged with two counts of Failure to Comply with a Release Order.

Ryan Oneil Douglas, 39, of Innisfil, has been charged with:

- Trafficking in cocaine
- Trafficking in fentanyl
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine (three counts)
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl (two counts)
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine
- Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm
- Careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition (two counts)



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DRUGS SEIZED: Dufferin OPP seized suspected cocaine, fentanyl, other drugs and approximately $64,500 in cash during a drug trafficking investigation in Dufferin County.

- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- Possession of proceeds of crime over $5,000
- Fail to comply with a release order (twelve counts)
- Operation of a motor vehicle while prohibited (four counts)

Shante Miller, 34, of Etobicoke, has been charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm
- Careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition (two counts)
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- Possession of proceeds of crime over $5,000

The last individual's identity cannot be released as it is protected by a court-ordered publication ban.

The publication ban was issued to protect the person covered by the order and remains in effect.

The individual has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine and possession of proceeds of crime over $5,000

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity is encouraged to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online at www.cstip.ca.

Share the Bounty to host free community meal in Orangeville at the end of October

Orangeville residents are invited to come together for a free, warm meal this month as Share the Bounty returns to Westminster Orangeville's Community Kitchen for an event focused on food security and supporting those in need.

The event will take place Sunday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Westminster United Church, at 247 Broadway in Orangeville. The indoor gathering will offer attendees a free, nutritious meal, with the charitable organization encouraging community members to attend.

The event is being held in partnership with Westminster Orangeville, a member of the United Church of Canada. Organizers are welcoming residents to join them for an evening centred on providing food and bringing people together.

Those interested in supporting the initiative can also volunteer. Share the Bounty is seeking volunteers to help with its work, with registration available through the organization's website.

Individuals who have not previously registered must complete the required documents before volunteering.

Share the Bounty is a charitable organization dedicated to providing free, healthy meals to people experiencing food insecurity. Its work focuses on ensuring that people have access to nutritious food regardless of their financial or social circumstances.

The organization works with local businesses, including grocery stores, farms and restaurants, to collect surplus food that might otherwise go to waste. Volunteers then use these supplies to prepare meals and food packages, which are distributed to shelters across south-central Ontario.

Alongside its food distribution work, Share the Bounty organizes community events where prepared meals are served directly to people who need them. The organization also identifies personal hygiene products as an important need for vulnerable community members.

Through partnerships with local businesses, donors and volunteers, Share the Bounty aims to expand access to healthy food and strengthen community support networks.



The organization is registered as a charitable corporation and can be reached at 226-979-1926 or info@sharethebounty.info.

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Governance review will look at county council effectiveness

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Sometimes you have to spend money to find ways to save money.

That holds true for upper tier councils, too.

Dufferin County council has considered the idea of a governance review that will provide an evidence-based assessment of governance options to support decisions on representa-tion, voting, council effectiveness, and public participation.

The scope and framework of a comprehensive governance review of county council's pro-cesses, practices, and structure was devised in September by the Governance Review Task Force.

The proposed review will examine key areas including council composition and representa-tion, weighted voting, alternative governance models, council effectiveness, the consent agenda, and public understanding and participation.

The proposed six-phase methodology will incorporate research, benchmarking, stakeholder engagement, analysis of governance options, and recommendations to council.

It's hoped the review could be finished by the end of 2027.

County Coun. Todd Taylor, Orangeville's deputy mayor, said during county council's Sept. 24 meeting that it seems as though there's some misunderstanding as to what the in-tent is behind a governance review.

"To be honest, it's very frustrating to me," he said.

Municipalities are in the midst of election races as voters will mark ballots on Oct. 26. As a consequence, he said there are a number of "Monday morning quarterbacks" who are ques-tioning how much money has been set aside for the review.

Taylor said up to $100,000 has been earmarked for the report. There's been some question as to why a governance review should be undertaken.

"There is a need to understand the value of council and the work that we do moving for-ward," he said. "I think that things like understanding the size and efficiency of council is a really important thing that we do."

Taylor said it makes no sense to him to have staff do that review. County staff are already stretched to capacity with other tasks.

According to a report to council, the scope of work will require significant staff resources and cannot be fully absorbed within existing Clerks Division capacity.

Taylor said the county should also look at which representatives from municipal councils can sit at the upper tier council table. Currently, only a municipality's mayor and deputy mayor are eligible to have a voice at county council.

"It should be decided who should be in these positions moving forward," Taylor said. "To that, I think there's great benefit in discussing about whether these are elected positions or not."

He isn't interested in blowing up or tearing apart the way things are done. He said the pos-sibilities should at least be considered. In order to do the work that a governance review entails, the county is going to have to pay, he said.

Taylor said consultants are not necessarily a bad thing. They allow council to push forward initiatives that will eventually save money.

"It's just not something that we can put onto town staff," he said. "Quite candidly, by sug-gesting otherwise, it says that you don't understand what you're talking about."

Coun. Darren White, the mayor of Melancthon, said there has been some talk that the $100,000 to cover the review has been a waste of money.

"But I don't see it that way," he said.

He attended the September task force meeting and initially thought there would be disa-greement that would arise from the discussions. He was pleasantly surprised that a number of things were discussed.

There was even the suggestion that a university student be hired to undertake the work, he said. Somebody pursuing a subject in line with such studies as a governance review.

Post-secondary students could help ensure council receives an objective, evidence-based assessment of available options.

"I don't think the final total will be anywhere near $100,000," White said. "At the end of the day, many of the things that are scheduled to be talked about as part of this review, they have the potential to generate their own savings.

"That would be ongoing savings and some of those savings, I would think, would be well along the lines of probably more than $100,000."

Coun. John Creelman, Mono's mayor, agreed about the review's price tag.

Coun. James McLean, Melancthon's deputy mayor, acknowledged that there seems to have been robust debate on social media about the issue. And that's ultimately a good thing.

McLean said it would be interesting to pursue the review as its scope is laid out currently.

"But I think there's still some fundamental questions that we need to wrestle with, like what problems are we trying to address?" he said. "That, to me, hasn't been laid out."

He said council should be crystal clear about the challenges that need to be addressed.

"What is the research question that we would be handing off to these graduate students?" McLean said. "That would help them kind of focus their attention more as opposed to giv-ing them broad strokes, blue sky to work on."

Coun. Janet Horner, Mulmur's mayor, said she wasn't certain that the review's reason was to save money. Rather, she said it's primarily a means for council to understand how to more effectively work together.

She said the review should be driven by Governance Review Task Force members with the help of a facilitator.

"I think we're going to get some great results if they're supported in the proper way," Horner said about the task force.

Orangeville Fire receives $15,500 donation for purchase of new grip hoist

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Orangeville Fire received a $15,500 donation from Enbridge Gas Ontario on Oct. 1, helping to offset the cost of a new grip hoist.

The specialized piece of rescue equipment allows firefighters to safely stabilize and move vehicles, debris and other heavy objects during complex rescue situations.

The new grip hoist will help protect local firefighters and strengthen their ability to respond to emergencies.

"Strong communities rely on dedicated, well-equipped first responders, and we're proud to support the important work of Orangeville Fire Services through a $15,500 donation," said Mike Ovsonka, director of work management services for Enbridge Gas Ontario.

"This funding for a new grip hoist will help enhance emergency response readiness and contribute to the safety of both firefighters and the community. Investing in community safety is an important part of our commitment to helping build safe, vibrant and resilient communities across Ontario," Ovsonka added.

To celebrate the donation, Orangeville Fire Chief John Snider and council members met Enbridge Gas at the local fire hall on Oct. 1. While everyone was gathered, firefighters showed how the new equipment will be used in rescue scenarios, This demonstration highlighted the new gear's role in improving emergency response capabilities and supporting firefighter safety.

"This new grip hoist will be a valuable addition to our rescue equipment inventory," said Snider.

"Having access to specialized tools like this enhances our ability to safely manage challenging rescue situations and helps ensure our firefighters have the equipment they need to protect the community."



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FUNDING BOOST: Members of Orangeville Fire welcomed representatives from Enbridge Gas Ontario and the Town of Orangeville to the fire hall on Oct. 1 to celebrate the donation of $15,500 for a new grip hoist. Pictured, from left, is Enbridge advisor Desiree Swance, firefighter Tyler Sloan, Cpt. Sean Pryce, firefighter Marc Anthony, Deputy Chief Mike Richardson, Enbridge senior advisor Devon Smith, Mayor Lisa Post, CAO David Smith, Fire Chief John Snider, Enbridge director of work management Mike and firefighter Emily Marfleet.



Local man raises $13,300 for food bank with nearly 900-kilometre bike ride

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local resident and Orangeville Food Bank volunteer Randy Hunter has raised $13,300 through a 10-day charity bike ride across the region, which concluded on Oct. 5.

Hunter rode through 892 kilometres of roads and rail trails, with strong support from the community, friends and family helping push his initial fundraising goal of $10,000 well beyond his expectations.

I'm just absolutely amazed at the support I've got from the town and my friends and family. It was a combination of rail trails and roads, and I got treated really well along the way by people," he said.

Hunter started in Orangeville, then travelled to Guelph, Elmira, Goderich, Kincardine, Owen Sound, Wasaga Beach, Midland, Orillia, Barrie and then returned to Orangeville.

The journey brought its share of challenges, including rain, muddy roads and occasional navigational mishaps.

Relying on GPS to find his way, Hunter sometimes found himself travelling in the wrong direction, including one detour that sent him several kilometres down a muddy road before he discovered a gate blocking his path and had to turn back.

"I ended up doing about nine or 10 kilometres. I had already done probably seven or eight kilometres going the wrong way, and then nine or 10 kilometres down this muddy road… I got to a spot where there was a gate across the road… So I had to do the muddy road all the way back."

Despite the obstacles, Hunter described the experience as a rewarding adventure, with opportunities to take in the scenery, observe wildlife and meet up with friends along the way.

The final day proved particularly difficult, with strong winds making the ride home a challenging finish to the 10-day journey.

Hunter arrived home late Sunday evening, grateful for the community support and ready to enjoy some well-earned rest.

The fundraiser exceeded Hunter's expectations and has already inspired him to consider another ride next year. He is exploring potential routes and hopes to enlist additional help with fundraising preparations, allowing him to spend more time cycling.

Hunter acknowledged that the $13,300 raised represents only a small portion of the food bank's overall budget, but emphasized the importance of community fundraising efforts in helping address local food insecurity.

He also pointed to other local initiatives supporting the Orangeville Food Bank, noting that contributions from across the community add up.

Several local businesses helped make the ride a success.

"If I can give a special shout-out to the Dufferin Group, they did my shirts for me and donated them," Hunter said. "And a special thanks to Zach and the gang at Cycling Elements. They gave my bike a once-over and made sure I was good to go for the 10 days, and it made me feel a lot more confident in my riding."



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FEARLESS FUNDRAISER: Orangeville resident and food bank volunteer Randy Hunter holds a cheque for $13,300 raised through a 10-day charity bike ride covering 892 kilometres. He stands with the cheque at the Orangreville Food Bank on Oct. 5.

With the ride complete, Hunter is looking ahead to next year's fundraising efforts while encouraging continued community support for the Orangeville Food Bank.

To donate to Hunter's campaign onl ine, visit: orangevillefoodbank.my.site.com/campaign/701au00000JwIXx

Two young teenagers charged with violent robbery, carrying concealed weapon in Shelburne

Dufferin OPP officers have arrested and charged two youths following a robbery investigation in Shelburne.

Officers responded to a reported robbery in the area of Cedar Street in Shelburne on Oct. 12 at approximately 8:30 p.m. Upon arrival, officers located all parties involved. The complainant reported being assaulted by the accused individuals and having clothing items stolen.

As a result of the investigation, a 15-year-old male from Tiny Township has been charged with:

- Robbery with violence
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court
- Carrying concealed weapon
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose

In addition, a 14-year-old male from Midland has been charged with:

- Robbery with violence
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Carrying concealed weapon
- Person under 19 years - possess cannabis

Due to the age of the accused, their name will be withheld in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Orangeville resident charged with aggravated assault following road rage incident

An Orangeville man has been arrested after a Brampton resident sustained life-threatening injuries following a road rage incident.

Dufferin OPP said the dispute occurred on Saturday, Oct. 10, shortly after 5:30 p.m. on Third Street in Orangeville.

The road rage incident turned into an alleged assault resulting in a 44-year-old Brampton man sustaining serious injuries and being airlifted to a local trauma centre, where he remains in life-threatening condition.

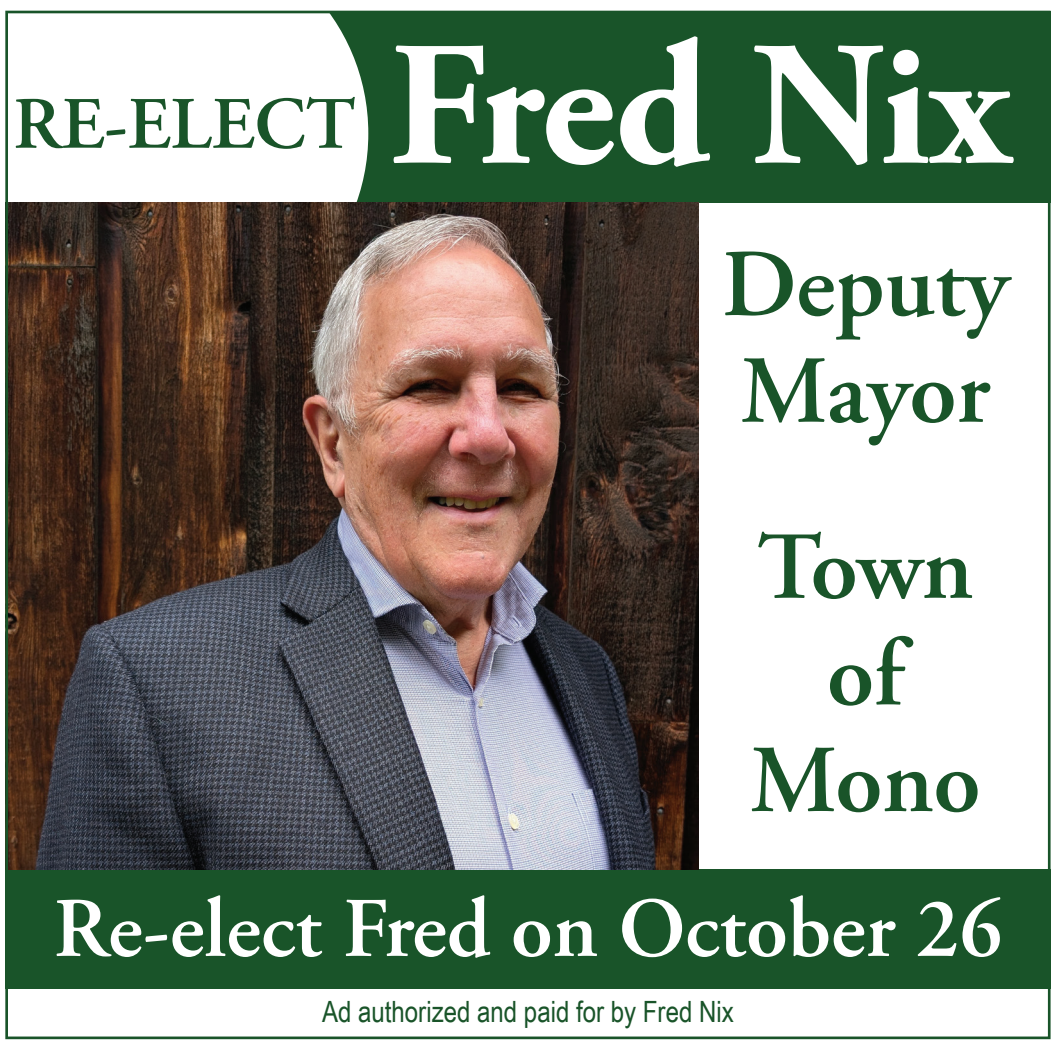
Following the OPP's investigation, Brandon Demerchant, 33, of Orangeville, has been charged with aggravated assault.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and remains in custody.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

The aggravated assault charged has not been proven in court.











JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

GREETING GUESTS: Bringing together hundreds of job seekers and 20 employers across the county on Oct. 1, the Orangeville Job Fair served as a key communication hub between the two groups and offered a wide range of opportunities for attendees.

Orangeville and Area Job Fair helped connect employers with local job seekers

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Orangeville hosted its fall job fair on Oct. 1 at the Best Western Orangeville Inn & Suites.

Job seekers and employers across Dufferin flocked to Orangeville on Oct. 1 as the fall job fair kicked off, providing a direct forum for both groups to connect. The fair was organized in collaboration with Orangeville's Economic Development Office.

Councillor Joe Andrews said that the job fair is a very useful opportunity to see which local businesses are hiring, what skills are needed and that both parties, job seekers and employers, can take away important contacts, lessons and more.

"It's an opportunity for people to learn, to explore, and hopefully get interest in getting employed. Turnout so far is strong, and I think with this going on till 7 o'clock tonight, the uptake is going to be, I think, very very important for prospective job seekers, but also for the prospective employers too," said Andrews, who sits on the town's Economic Development and Culture Committee. "We have over 20 employers that are on site today."

The employers on site featured a very wide range of businesses, with almost every common sector represented, from the food industry and construction to administration, health care, education and more. Each employer had different skills they needed and unique offerings for job seekers, making for a diverse market that could have something for almost everyone.

Among the employers on site was KTH, Dufferin County's largest employer.

KTH manufactures automotive parts, primarily framing components for vehicles such as the Honda Civic and CRV. Its operations include stamping and welding, and the company is the largest employer in Dufferin County, with more than 525 employees.

KTH representative Kait Anselmi said that the company is looking for new positions to be filled in production roles, and that KTH is always looking for new and excited faces to work for them.

"We are recruiting mostly for production, both in our stamping and in our wells production program," Anselmi said. "We are also recruiting for our material services or our forklift department. We do also have roles in our quality department, looking for an accuracy associate."

Government jobs were also being offered at the job fair.

Dufferin County staff were on site, promoting several varied positions they are looking to have filled. Jennifer DiMartino, representing the county, said that they are looking for seasonal and full time staff for infrastructure work and long term care.

"We are promoting personal support workers for Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home in Shelburne," she said. "We're constantly looking for qualified PSWs to work at that home, and we also have a part-time winter seasonal worker that we're looking for, and we're also looking for full-time seasonal workers to plow the roads, so snowplow operators."

For those that are interested in applying, DiMartino encourages job seekers to go to the careers page at the Dufferin County website for more information and more opportunities.

With plenty of opportunities for job seekers of many different trades and educations, the Orangeville Job Fair serves as an important bridge to employment for many.

With a strong turnout observed this year, it's set to continue in this role for years to come.





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STK# 25978A • 112,705 KM •, CREW CAB, 4X4, 5.3L ECOTEC3 V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAV, BOSE PREMIUM AUDIO, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, BACKUP CAMERA, REMOTE START, 20-INCH POLISHED ALLOY WHEELS, TOW PACKAGE, MULTIPRO TAILGATE, AND MORE!

$156 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $46,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.59% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $9,816.37

2018 JEEP CHEROKEE NORTH FWD



STK# 26113AA • 97,456 KM • BLACK CLOTH INTERIOR, 2.4L FOUR-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, FRONT-WHEEL DRIVE, UCONNECT TOUCHSCREEN, APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, BACKUP CAMERA, BLUETOOTH, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, REMOTE START, KEYLESS ENTRY, ALLOY WHEELS, ROOF RAILS, AND MORE!

$136 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $18,621 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% FOR 36 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $2,639.77

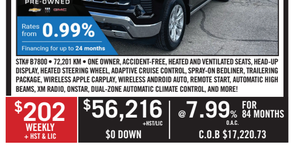
2024 RAM 3500 LIMITED LONGHORN



STK# 25545A • 56,750 KM • 6.7L CUMMINS HO DIESEL, 6-SPEED AISIN AUTOMATIC, 3.73 AXLE, 8FT BOX, 4X4, NAV, SUNROOF, UCONNECT12, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED SECOND ROW, HARMAN KARDON AUDIO, LONGHORN LEVEL 1 GROUP, SURROUND VIEW CAMERA, TOW PACKAGE, REAR AIR SUSPENSION, 5TH WHEEL PREP, TOWING TECHNOLOGY GROUP AND MORE!

$323 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $89,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $27,566.47

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4 CARBONPRO



STK# 26166A • 87,965 KM • 4X4, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8-FOOT BOX, NAV, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, STEP BARS, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND-VIEW CLIMBA, BOSE AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, MULTIPRO TAILGATE, TOW PACKAGE, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

$166 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $49,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.59% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $10,443.09

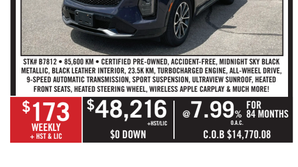
2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN HIGH COUNTRY



STK# 25918A • 133,643 KM • 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, MYLINK W/NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, TRI ZONE A/C, 22 INCH ALLOYS, 7-PASSENGER, SUPER CRUISE, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND/REAR CAMERA, REAR ENTERTAINMENT, LOADED, AIR RIDE, TECH PKG AND MORE!

$228 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $68,789 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.59% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $14,370.56

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE STERLING EDITION



STK# B12808A • 170,509 KM • 3.6L PENTASTAR V6, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, QUADRA-TRAC II 4X4, SELEC-TERRAIN SYSTEM, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAV, NINE-SPEAKER ALPINE AUDIO WITH SUBWOOFER, HEATED FRONT AND REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, CLASS IV HITCH, REAR LOAD-LEVELLING SUSPENSION, AND MORE!

$146 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $19,889 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @9.29% FOR 36 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $2,819.53

2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



STK# 25145A • 159,771 KM • JET BLACK LEATHER, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AUTOTRAC 4X4, SEVEN-PASSENGER SEATING, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, GOOGLE INFOTAINMENT, NAVIGATION, BOSE AUDIO, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 22-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

$186 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $55,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.59% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $11,696.54

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2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT TRAIL BOSS 4X4



STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM **$257** WEEKLY +TAXES

$80,704 +HST/LIC
OCTOBER OFFER: $10,000 NSCDA APPLIED TO $90,704 STARTING PRICE
SALE PRICE $80,704
OFFER SHOWN OCTOBER 2–26, 2026.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2026 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71 CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 23534

FINANCE FROM **$199** WEEKLY +TAXES

$57,320 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.49% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B. $12,301.00

2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4XE OVERLAND 4X4



STK# 10895A • 39,935 KM • BLACK LEATHER, PLUG-IN HYBRID, 4X4, DUAL-PANEL PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, WIRELESS CHARGING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, LANE ASSIST, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$146 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $40,620 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $12,443.19

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD



STK# B7804 • 9,387 KM • HEATED/COOLED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEADS UP DISPLAY, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, WIRELESS CHARGING, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, 360 CAMERA, WIFI HOT SPOT, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, SPRAY ON BED LINER, RAIN SENSE WIPERS.

$332 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $92,616 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $28,371.20

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



STK# B7794 • 17,937 KM • 6.2L V8, 4X4, AT4 PREMIUM AND TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED LEATHER SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, BOSE AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, TONNEAU COVER, AND MORE!

$279 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $77,615 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $23,775.92

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



STK# 236284 • 171,272 KM • ONE OWNER, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, 360 SURROUND VISION, SUNROOF, WI-FI HOTSPOT, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, LEATHER SEATS, AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL, 20" WHEELS, POWER LIFTGATE, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, TRAILERING PACKAGE AND MORE!

$110 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $22,995 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% FOR 60 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $5,573.55

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



STK# B7800 • 22,201 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPRAY-ON BEDLINER, TRAILERING PACKAGE, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$202 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $56,216 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $17,220.73

2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD



STK# 23354A • 39,347 KM • Z71, 2.5L TURBO FOUR-CYLINDER, LL-WHEEL DRIVE, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS CHARGING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$193 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $53,715 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $16,454.60

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT



STK# B7812 • 85,600 KM • CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED, ACCIDENT-FREE, MIDNIGHT SKY BLACK METALLIC, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 23.5K KM, TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, SPORT SUSPENSION, ULTRAVIEW SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY & MUCH MORE!

$173 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $48,216 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $14,770.08

2024 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 4WD SPORT



STK# 108764 • 62,726 KM • BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 6.2L V8, 4X4, SPORT TRIM, 22-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, PREMIUM AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!

$351 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $97,716 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $29,933.49

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STK# TC0004

FINANCE FROM **$165** WEEKLY +TAXES

$54,501 +HST/LIC
OCTOBER OFFER: $3,000
OCL DISCOUNT PLUS $8,500
CONSUMER CASH APPLIED TO $66,001 SUGGESTED PRICE.
OFFER EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2, 2026.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.99% FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. $14,128.20

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4



STK# TT0052

FINANCE FROM **$145** WEEKLY +TAXES

$47,901 +HST/LIC
OCTOBER OFFER: $1,000
OCL DISCOUNT APPLIED TO $48,901 SUGGESTED PRICE.
OFFER EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2, 2026.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.99% FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. $12,417.29

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED



STK# TT0021 • 4,889 KM • DEMO, WITH A SLEEK BLACK EXTERIOR AND ROBUST 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, THIS SUV DELIVERS A DYNAMIC, CONFIDENT DRIVE IN DIVERSE CONDITIONS. IT BLENDS FUNCTIONALITY AND SOPHISTICATION WITH A SMOOTH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, STYLISH ALLOY WHEELS AND A SPACIOUS BLACK INTERIOR.

$219 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $57,246 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $23,012.24

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0001 • DEMO • FINISHED IN STRIKING WHITE WITH A ROBUST 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, THIS SUV PROMISES SMOOTH HANDLING OVER ANY TERRAIN. ITS BOLD ROAD PRESENCE AND ICONIC DESIGN MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT, WHILE THE INTERIOR DELIVERS SOPHISTICATION AND COMFORT.

$209 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $58,106 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $17,799.70

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0029 • DEMO • AN ADVENTURE-READY SUV WITH AN EYE-CATCHING GREEN EXTERIOR AND ROBUST 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, DELIVERING IMPRESSIVE HANDLING AND A THRILLING RIDE ACROSS ALL TERRAINS. THE BOLD EXTERIOR IS PAIRED WITH AN EQUALLY STRIKING INTERIOR.

$217 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $60,521 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $18,539.49

2026 RAM 1500 REBEL

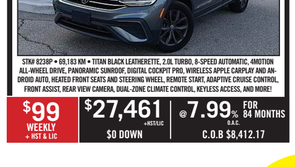


STK# TN0034 • DEMO • PRESENTED IN A STRIKING BLACK FINISH WITH A 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, THIS TRUCK DELIVERS CONFIDENT HANDLING ON ANY TERRAIN AND IS DESIGNED TO CONQUER BOTH CITY STREETS AND OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES.

$354 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $83,396 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $30,192.65

DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A $88,762 SELLING PRICE

2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



STK# U178069 • 45,469 KM • AT4 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE, 3.0L DURAMAX TURBO-DIESEL, NAVIGATION, POWER HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, SMART DEVICE INTEGRATION, WI-FI HOTSPOT, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 4X4, ALLOY WHEELS, BACKUP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT AND REAR PARKING SENSORS, LANE KEEP ASSIST, AND MORE!

$248 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $69,086 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $21,163.22

2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE ULTIMATE CALLIGRAPHY AWD



STK# U072712 • 15,000 KM • 3.5L V6, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, 21-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, BOSE AUDIO, APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, WIRELESS CHARGING, DIGITAL COCKPIT, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, LANE KEEPING ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$219 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $60,971 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $18,677.34

2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



STK# U582631 • 179,414 KM • LONGHORN LEVEL 1 EQUIPMENT GROUP, TOWING TECHNOLOGY GROUP, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, 17-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, REAR AUTO-LEVELLING AIR SUSPENSION, CLASS V HITCH, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, 6.7L CUMMINS TURBO-DIESEL, 4X4, AND MORE!

$287 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $60,021 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% FOR 60 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $14,547.94

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392



STK# U585159 • 57,836 KM • TECHNOLOGY GROUP, 6.4L SRT HEMI V8, POWER SUNROOF, DRIVER MEMORY, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, HARMAN/KARDON 19-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, NAPPA LEATHER AND ALCANTARA INTERIOR, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FORWARD COLLISION WARNING, LANE KEEP ASSIST, REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!

$323 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $56,121 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @9.29% FOR 48 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $11,121.14

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2026 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA COMFORTLINE



STK# JT2647

LEASE FROM **$94** WEEKLY +TAXES

$500 DEALER BONUS INCLUDED
$32,691 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT
PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

3.99% FOR 60 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2026 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS TRENDLINE AWD



STK# TA2682

LEASE FROM **$105** WEEKLY +TAXES

$500 DEALER BONUS INCLUDED
$35,916 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT
PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

4.49% FOR 60 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2024 AUDI Q3 KOMFORT 45 TFSI QUATTRO



STK# B2527 • 17,671 KM • BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 2.0L TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, QUATTRO ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWER DRIVER SEAT, LED HEADLIGHTS, REARVIEW CAMERA, FRONT AND REAR PARKING SENSORS, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, AND MORE!

$127 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $35,431 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $10,854.00

2021 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK# 7321P • 168,485 KM • 3.6L V6 ENGINE, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW CAPTAIN'S CHAIRS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT, NAV, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, FENDER PREMIUM AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$97 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $25,995 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.49% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $8,731.12

2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE



STK# 7603T • 81,475 KM • 5.7L HEMI V8 WITH ETORQUE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, FRONT BENCH SEAT, LARAMIE LEVEL 2 EQUIPMENT GROUP, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, NAV, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HARMAN KARDON AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, AND MORE!

$186 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $45,995 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 72 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $11,937.20

2023 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS



STK# 7686P • 27,412 KM • 2.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4 WITH ANTI-SPIN DIFFERENTIAL, SILVER ZYNITH EXTERIOR, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, COLD WEATHER GROUP, TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MORE!

$158 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $43,995 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $13,477.06

2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION



STK# B2338P • 69,183 KM • TITAN BLACK LEATHERETTE, 2.0L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT PRO, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT ASSIST, REAR VIEW CAMERA, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, KEYLESS ACCESS, AND MORE!

$99 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $27,461 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $8,412.17

2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK# 8025P • 106,032 KM • V6 ENGINE, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAVIGATION, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, FRONT ASSIST, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, 20-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

$133 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $36,495 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $11,312.73

2025 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS CROSS SPORT COMFORTLINE



STK# 7053P 7053P • 18,409 KM • 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBOCHARGED 2.0 TSI ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, APP-CONNECT SMARTPHONE INTEGRATION, APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, REARVIEW CAMERA, FRONT ASSIST WITH AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING, AND MORE!

$165 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $46,195 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $14,150.99

2023 KIA SPORTAGE X-LINE LIMITED AWD



STK# B1101T • 53,223 KM • 2.5L GDI ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, 12.3-INCH DUAL CURVED DISPLAYS, NAV SYSTEM, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, HARMAN KARDON PREMIUM AUDIO, HEATED & VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, SURROUND VIEW MONITOR, BLIND-VIEW MONITOR, SMART POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$117 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $32,695 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS O.A.C. C.O.B $10,015.51

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2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES - Part 3

With the upcoming municipal election on October 26, we invited each candidate to respond to the same three questions about their reason for running, priorities and vision for the municipality, qualifications, and contact information. Their responses are published below as submitted, subject only to length and standard copy editing for style, grammar and clarity.

Candidates were asked to keep their responses focused on their own qualifications, priorities and vision for the municipality. Candidates are listed alphabetically within each position they are running for.

James Jackson — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I will bring a different perspective/lens to council.

When one lives in legislated poverty but has held high positions in business, you get an entirely different view on everything. For far too long, those living in poverty have been a subject around the table, but are never actually invited to the table. Well, I want a seat at the table. A voice that is so needed.

When I was looking after my dad and his affairs, I saw issues in our local government that were not right, so then began my advocacy.

My first was for seniors, and then life moved me to where I am now. I love where I am, disability and all. I get to live out another dream I have, and that is politics.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

What I see as the biggest issues:

• Taxes — I believe if we cannot hold the line with our tax rate, at least make it a low increase. We should look at spending for what we need as opposed to what we want.

• Housing — we need housing that people can afford and get into, like apartments and not million-dollar condos or houses.

• Affordability of our services — so many can benefit from cheaper services, such as swimming.

• Accessibility — we must continue to make accessibility concerns a top priority. Disability does not ask permission. It can affect anyone at any time.

• Infrastructure — we need to make sure our water source is clean and available, and that is just part of our infrastructure.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I have been a local advocate and ambassador for over 12 years. I have sat on several different committees: accessibility, joint accessibility with Dufferin County, men's homelessness, plan steering, community improvement, and the community wellness committee, which is part of the Ontario Health Team.

When a disability changed my world, it gave me a new purpose, an ability to live out what I have always wanted to do, and that is to support the people. What better way than to use my vast array of life experience, knowledge, education and yes, these two diseases I fight every day.

Being an ambassador and advocate has taught me a great amount of things in government policies and procedures. I have been in positions such as CEO, manager, supervisor, trainer and more in the fields of law enforcement, safety and compliance, construction (residential, industrial, commercial, infrastructure, roads), transportation (logistics and warehousing), sales and more.

Now I want to use all I've learned to serve this community as a councillor, fulfilling the oaths I have taken for all. Vote for me, James Jackson, and let me help us all!

Tess Prendergast (incumbent) — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I have always been interested in politics and government, and becoming a councillor was something I had considered even when I was younger. But what actually pushed me to run was a strong sense that if I saw something that could be better, I should be willing to do the work to change it.

I have a strong sense of fairness, social justice and environmental responsibility. I notice who is affected by a decision, whose perspective may be missing and what the long-term consequences might be. As a teacher, parent, conservationist and volunteer, I was already involved in my community. Running for council felt like an opportunity to take that involvement further and have a direct impact on decisions being made.

That is still what I like about municipal government. It is tangible. An issue can start with something you notice or a conversation with a resident, and you can research it, ask questions, bring people together and sometimes actually fix it.

Four years later, I know how much I love this work. I also know far more about how to get things done. That is why I am running again.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

For me, one of the biggest challenges is how we continue providing the services residents expect without simply asking property taxpayers for more every year. More than 80 per cent of Orangeville's tax base is residential. We need to scrutinize spending, but there is a limit to what can be solved by cutting. We also need to bring more money into Orangeville.

That means being much more active in pursuing grants, partnerships and appropriate commercial and industrial investment. Finding more funding and revenue will be a major focus for me in 2026–2030.

Water is just as important. Orangeville relies entirely on groundwater. Growth needs to be tied to confirmed water capacity, while we protect our wells and maintain the infrastructure we already have.

We also need to think further ahead. Extreme weather, housing, infrastructure, road safety and the health of our natural systems are not separate issues. Decisions we make today affect what Orangeville will be dealing with 10 or 20 years from now.

To me, resilience means planning for those pressures while still remembering that every dollar we spend belongs to the taxpayer.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I am an educator and a communicator. I hold a bilingual honours degree in International Studies and History, which taught me to research, question assumptions, look at issues from different perspectives and put what is happening in Orangeville into a broader context. Economic, political and environmental changes outside our borders eventually affect the decisions we make here.

I also know the job. Four years on council have taught me the issues, the municipal process and how to take something raised by a resident and move it toward a staff report, budget decision or completed project.

I do my research and ask direct questions. I can work collaboratively with people I do not always agree with, while still thinking independently and speaking up when something does not make sense.

During this term, I have helped move forward the Challenger Baseball pathway, safer pedestrian crossings, tree sapling and rain-barrel giveaways, pollinator protection and invasive-species planning.

I have reduced my teaching role to part-time so I can dedicate more time to council. I have the education, experience, relationships and time to accomplish more in a second term.

Matthew Smith — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I want to be part of the decision-making process and help bring about positive impacts in the town.

I moved to Orangeville from Toronto in 2016 and became fascinated with the local political scene. In Toronto, I felt removed from the system, as the ward I moved from has three times the population of the entire Town of Orangeville.

However, I instantly felt connected when I moved here. Everything seemed accessible. Town hall is a short walk from my home, meetings are in the evening, council members can be seen in grocery stores, and many of the agenda items are on a much smaller scale.

Instead of billion-dollar subway expansions, Orangeville council discusses a new stop sign.

To me, that seemed like a great environment to be a part of and pushed me to actively become part of the town, especially in the past four years. I'm an active volunteer; I've attended nearly every council meeting, I frequently ask questions, and I have delegated twice.

I enjoy being part of the system to help residents, explain why decisions have been made and give back to the community.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Taxes are always a large issue. They will never be decreased. We need to work towards minimizing increases.

There is a need for more land for growth, whether it be residential, commercial or industrial. Orangeville is mostly built out to its borders. If we want to have growth to help support the tax base, we will need land.

With land expansion and development, I hope future land will be used sustainably. We need to ensure we don't have a negative impact on water demand, groundwater recharge, sewage treatment capacity and storm water run off. I see all that as issues we will be facing with the demand for more land.

The future of Tony Rose Arena is a big question mark. We will need to have a facility study to determine the condition of the building and the associated cost of repair.

Pedestrian safety will be an increasing issue as the town continues to grow. We need to provide people with a safe way to get around town. The simple act of crossing a street or walking to school shouldn't be unsafe.

Along with pedestrian safety is traffic calming. Many residents have told me they would like to see more traffic calming measures in town.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

My education and career make me a strong candidate for council.

I have a diploma in Environmental Technology, a bachelor of science in Environmental Science and a graduate certification in Digital Geography and GIS.

My education has given me a high level of understanding of issues relevant to municipal council; Water and wastewater treatment, managing storm run off, sustainable development, hydrology, civil engineering and GIS were all areas where I gained knowledge.

My job requires me to map municipal infrastructure and maintain information about the infrastructure. Water pipes, hydrants, sewers, manholes, light poles, traffic lights, sidewalks, trees and even paint on the road are all examples of what I work with to ensure accurate information is provided to internal and external clients.

I enjoy reading the agendas and associated staff reports. I am comfortable speaking at council meetings and presenting information. I am very passionate about our town and will work tirelessly for residents.

Rick Stevens (incumbent) — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I originally ran for council because I wanted to give back to a community that has been home to my family and where I have worked and volunteered for over 25 years.

I have always believed that if you care about your community, you should be willing to get involved and try to make a difference.

Over the past four years, I have really enjoyed serving on council and getting to know even more people in Orangeville.

One of the most rewarding parts of the role has been hearing directly from residents, listening to their concerns and helping where I can.

You cannot always provide the answer someone is hoping for, but you can make sure they are heard and take the time to look into their concerns.

I am running again because I feel I still have more to contribute. My first term has given me a much better understanding of how municipal government works and where I believe we can do better.

If re-elected, I want to use that experience to be a stronger voice at the council table, ask more questions and make sure there is more meaningful discussion before important decisions are made.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Affordability is one of the biggest issues facing Orangeville. Residents are dealing with increased costs in almost every area of their lives, and I believe the town needs to keep that in mind when making decisions that affect property taxes.

We need stronger scrutiny of the town budget and spending before asking taxpayers to pay more. That does not mean simply cutting services. It means taking a closer look at where money is being spent, deciding what our priorities should be and making sure residents are receiving good value for their tax dollars.

Growth is another major issue. Orangeville will continue to grow and change, but that growth needs to be thoughtful and responsible. We need to make sure our roads, parks, recreation facilities and other services are able to keep pace with the needs of the community.

I also believe there needs to be more open discussion and thoughtful debate at council. We are not always going to agree, and I do not think we should. Different viewpoints and respectful debate are an important part of making good decisions for the community.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I bring four years of experience on Orangeville council along with many years of working and volunteering in this community. I think that combination has given me a good understanding of Orangeville, the people who live here and the issues that matter to them.

There is a lot to learn when you first become a councillor. After four years, I have a much better understanding of how the town operates, how decisions are made and how those decisions ultimately affect residents and taxpayers. I believe that experience would allow me to be an even more effective councillor in a second term.

I also believe a councillor needs to be approachable and willing to listen. I will not always agree with everyone, and I cannot promise everyone the answer they want, but I will listen to their concerns, ask questions and give them an honest answer.

If re-elected, I want to build on what I have learned. I intend to speak up, ask tougher questions when necessary and make sure different viewpoints are considered before decisions are made.

I care about Orangeville, and I am prepared to continue putting in the time and effort needed to represent our community well.

Rob Woon-Fat — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

In Orangeville's last municipal election, roughly 73 per cent of eligible voters didn't vote. For a long time, I was probably more representative of that 73 per cent than the 27 per cent who participated.

Municipal government often felt distant from my everyday life. Like many residents, I was balancing work, commuting and family responsibilities, and I wasn't particularly connected to decisions being made at Town Hall.

That experience is a big part of why I'm running.

I want to explore how we can make local government easier to understand and easier to participate in. My #AmplifyOrangeville platform proposes a "Digital Front Door" where residents could easily see what council is considering, understand issues in plain language, provide input before decisions are made and see what happened afterward.

Town halls and council meetings remain important. I don't want to replace them. I want to add another doorway and make the room bigger.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Orangeville faces important questions around affordability, growth, infrastructure, traffic safety, housing, attracting investment and jobs, and protecting the character of our community.

But underlying many of these issues is another challenge: how do we make better decisions while bringing more residents into those decisions?

I believe we can do more with what we already have. Good municipal decision-making should combine professional expertise and data with the lived experience and ideas of residents.

I'm focused on greater accountability for how taxpayer dollars are spent and whether initiatives actually achieve their intended outcomes; making Orangeville more attractive for investment through responsive municipal processes; safer streets and school zones; and finding new ways to connect residents, youth, seniors and community organizations.

As Orangeville considers its future, there will be difficult trade-offs. Residents should be able to understand those trade-offs, contribute their perspective early, and see how and why council ultimately made its decisions.

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3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I don't believe the best candidates for council are necessarily the people whose names are on the ballot. Some of them are probably at home juggling work, commuting, kids, and bills, and have enough common sense not to run. I'm on a mission to make sure we hear from them too.

I believe Orangeville can do more with what we already have. We have knowledgeable residents, community organizations, businesses, Town staff, volunteers, and technology. My goal is to build better systems that connect those resources and amplify their impact.

That means amplifying community by connecting people who can help with people who need help. Amplifying accountability by making it easier to see what we're doing and whether it's working. And amplifying engagement by creating a system where residents can understand issues and contribute before decisions are made.

I'm not running because I think I have all the answers. I'm running to build a system that helps Orangeville find more of them.

Sandy Brown — Running for mayor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I am running for mayor in 2026 because I have the proven experience to lead council and make things better and more affordable for the citizens and businesses in Orangeville.

I did that from 2018-2022, and I am ready to do it again.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

For the past four years, there has been very little done to correct the imbalance and pressure on taxation.

I have some innovative ideas that I believe will help ease this pressure and expand our Industrial Commercial Tax Base to provide funding for things like the infrastructure funding gap. We need to create an Economic Development Corporation with a Board of Directors populated with experienced, successful, creative local business people who will search for and attract good new employment.

There has been a lot of talk about affordable housing — but no action. I believe the town and/or Dufferin County should become landlords and profit from that.

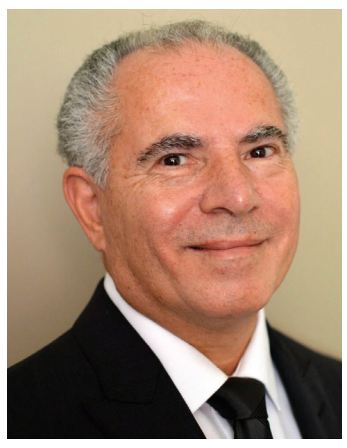
The 65 per cent increase in Development Charges that this council placed on new development should be re-examined in the middle of a housing crisis. We need to look at our Parks and Recreation assets. Tony Rose needs an upgrade, and I believe the town should look at the YMCA as a facility operator.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

My 45 years of varied domestic and international business experience. My 30-plus years of community advocacy and volunteerism in Orangeville and Dufferin County. My understanding of the current affordability crisis and financial stress facing many residents and business owners in Orangeville.

My deep understanding of real estate planning and development. My history of leading a collaborative, efficient and productive council. My history of collaboration with town staff, Dufferin County staff and Dufferin County council members. My track record as mayor from 2018-2022, during which over $50 million was brought into the town coffers through a decision-making process that I led.

Nick Garisto — Running for councillor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I've served before: 10 years as a councillor and three years as deputy mayor. Then I took a little time off, and four years ago I ran for council again, but unfortunately didn't make it.

The reason for running this time is taxes. I did not appreciate the 23.4 per cent increases to our taxes over the past four years. It was 15 per cent from the town, 16.8 per cent at the county, and because we pay half of the county levy, when you add the 8.4 per cent, it's 23.4 per cent.

Orangeville stands as one of the highest-taxed towns in Ontario.

I've got a small bungalow, and I'm paying close to $8,000 per year already. With the coming tax increase, it's going to be over $8,000.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

I see a lot of issues with the high cost of living, so that's why I'd like to be the mayor, to try to control the taxes and keep them as low as possible, or even at 0 per cent.

Another thing is having more open government, more transparency.

Right now, when you go into to council to ask a question, they give you three minutes.

When I was there before — myself with the other mayors — we used to give five minutes to everyone. Now, if you are a part of the agenda, they give you five minutes, but if you're not, it's three minutes.

To me, safety is a priority as well as attracting business and industry. No new industry has been brought to town. We've had a few small business openings but not one industry.

While I was on council, I helped to attract Quality Cheese and Florentina Foods. I know how to do it. You have to approach these guys in person.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I'm best suited because I have more years of experience than anyone on council.

I have 13 years of experience, which makes me a good candidate to become the next mayor of this town.

What I want to do with taxation is hold a public meeting before council votes on any tax increases.

Before council debates the budget, I will call a public meeting once the budget is set, and I will let people know exactly what the increase will be and why exactly we need to increase those taxes.

Currently, the public doesn't really know what the increase is until council votes on it, and by then that's it. It's done. We need it to be more transparent.

Lisa Post (incumbent) — Running for mayor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I didn't enter public life because I had always dreamed of becoming mayor.

Orangeville has been home to my family for four generations, and I learned early that if you care about your community, you show up for it. For me, that started with volunteering, serving on local boards, fundraising and working with youth.

I first ran for council in 2014 and lost. Instead of walking away, I kept showing up. I attended council meetings, asked questions, listened and started writing about local government so residents could better understand what was happening at town hall.

Eventually, I realized that if I was going to ask my community to expect more from its leaders, I had to be willing to serve.

I was elected to council in 2018 and mayor in 2022. What made me want to run then is still what motivates me today: I care deeply about this community, and I believe good communities are built by people willing to show up, work together and make thoughtful decisions about their future.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Orangeville's biggest challenge is managing growth while protecting the financial strength and quality of life that make this a great community.

Growth affects almost everything we do. We need the water, wastewater, roads and other infrastructure to support new homes and businesses. At the same time, residents expect reliable services, safe neighbourhoods, parks and recreation, and a community that remains affordable and welcoming.

All of that has to happen in a difficult financial environment. Municipalities are facing rising costs and increasing demands while relying on limited revenue tools. That makes good planning and financial discipline especially important.

We also can't solve these challenges alone. Strong relationships with Dufferin County and the provincial and federal governments help us advocate for Orangeville, secure investment and make sure our community has a voice when decisions affecting our future are made.

These aren't separate issues. The decisions we make about growth affect infrastructure, services, affordability and municipal finances. Good communities are built one thoughtful decision at a time.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

Four years ago, I asked Orangeville residents to trust me to lead collaboratively, be accountable, protect affordability and strengthen our community. Those commitments have guided the way I've served as mayor.

Working with council, staff and community partners, we've balanced four budgets, reduced debt and secured millions in provincial funding, including $8.1 million for critical water infrastructure. We're investing in a new fire station, roads, trails, transit and the infrastructure our growing community needs.

I've also learned that effective municipal leadership requires strong relationships beyond Town Hall. As mayor and now warden of Dufferin County, I've worked to ensure Orangeville has a respected voice with our municipal, provincial and federal partners.

I know the job, but experience alone isn't what makes someone a good mayor. Leadership means listening, bringing people together, making thoughtful decisions and doing the work, even when nobody is watching.

Over the past four years, I've shown how I lead and what that approach can accomplish. I'm asking Orangeville residents for the opportunity to keep building on that progress.

Jeremy Williams — Running for mayor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

Taxpayers are frustrated with the apparent lack of respect shown to them by council's spending. I share in that opinion, and I know that I can fix it. That's why I'm running for mayor of Orangeville.

As head of council, a mayor provides guidance. Too often, more effort has been on getting money from other levels of government, rather than spending less. If the money spent comes from our front pocket or back pocket, it's still our money being spent.

We need a mayor who shows respect for taxpayers' hard-earned money. A mayor who is mindful that every dollar spent comes from taxpayer's wallets. And that every dollar spent is one less dollar a taxpayer has for food, clothes or anything else they need.

If you share the priorities I have to respect our taxpayers and to have a renewed focus on controlling the town's finances, vote for me. We have a lot of work to do.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

The biggest issue facing our taxpayers is the amount of tax they pay. I have heard that from virtually every voter I've spoken to. There have been many examples of spending over the recent years that seem to show a pattern of spend first, consider other options later. We don't have limitless money, and the mayor and council need to respect that.

There are good people on council, but without a mayor guiding them to be more mindful of spending, budgets will keep spiralling upward.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

As a former mayor, I have a track record of being conservative with spending. I led the way in implementing long-term budget planning, a first for Orangeville, which saved us a considerable amount of money.

As county councillor, I was able to remove one million dollars in county spending for a building grant. A grant that was covered by wealthy donors instead. A win-win for everyone. My time on the police service board helped hold our budget frozen for four years, with no reduction in service levels.

I've proven I can do it. This is why voters should take the time to get out to vote and vote for me. Or new this year, vote online from home.

Sheila Hall — Running for deputy mayor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I want to be deputy mayor to make a difference. I'm running because I am very concerned about our infrastructure, and our taxes at every level are out of control.

I was out door-knocking, and this is a very big concern for residents. One gentleman said he feels like he is paying for another mortgage because he pays $9,000 in house taxes alone.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

What bothers me the most right now is that our taxes are way out of hand. I have seen so much of our tax dollars wasted in so many ways. My other concerns are infrastructure, housing, homelessness, affordable housing, and so much more.

Our infrastructure is not keeping up with the growth of Orangeville. There are way too many open-air malls, all with the same kind of merchandise — pizza places, nail salons, weed shops — it's not good.

What I'm fighting for is lowering the tax burden, improving our infrastructure, our sewage system, helping our homeless people, building affordable housing and rentals, improving our roads and sidewalks, and looking after our watershed.

For so many years, nothing has really been done except for our taxes continuing to go up, and our services continuing to go down.

I'm here for you, the taxpayers.

As your deputy mayor, I will always work for you, the people. I will be accountable. I'm here to fight for you.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I bring years of practical experience and a passion for serving others to the role. I have a lifetime of service and a commitment to our community. I'm a proud resident of Orangeville since 1985 and a local chaplain.

I advocate for people and animals and believe everyone deserves compassion, having founded Backyard Street Ministry.

I have experience in architectural design and work as a chef by trade.

I will always be available to you — the people who I care about — the people of Orangeville.

It's time for change and accountability. I want a town hall that listens to the people.

I love Orangeville, and I want to make it an even better place than it is right now. I have sat back and watched this town grow in the wrong way; it's not managed properly, and it really never has changed in the way it should have

I am just like you: a resident who cares. And even better, a deputy mayor who cares.

Todd Taylor (incumbent) — Running for deputy mayor



1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I have always been interested in how things work. I saw things in my community that I did not see meaningful progress being made upon. I lived in Settlers Creek at the time and really felt like my community was ignored by the powers of the day.

In addition, I simply was not satisfied with the political leadership that we had in Orangeville at that time. I had confidence that I could make meaningful contributions to Orangeville.

Over the years, I have developed a deep appreciation for Orangeville and the people who make it such a great place to live. I have learned that strong communities require thoughtful leadership, responsible stewardship of public resources, and a willingness to balance today's needs with tomorrow's opportunities.

I chose to run because I believe I can contribute to that process. I enjoy solving problems, building consensus, and thinking strategically about the future.

For me, public service is not about politics. It is about helping to create the conditions that allow families, businesses, and community organizations to thrive. I am driven to make a meaningful contribution to the town in which I live.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

1. Financial responsibility

We must take pressure off the residential taxpayer. How? Drive revenue from other sources such as land lease agreements, advocacy for provincial/federal grants, and Fair Share agreements with surrounding municipalities as it relates to sports arenas and police/fire/ambulance.

2. Managing growth properly

Businesses and development want to come to Orangeville. We need to work with them in ways that will be best for our municipality long term. We cannot have another example of the Hansen Street debacle where infrastructure is not built in a timely manner or where an arena is poorly constructed.

3. Safe communities

We need to ensure that rules in place to protect all of our safety are enforced. Speed limits, noise violations, parking insensitivity, drug houses, violence – I hear and see it all from our residents. I will continue to be vigilant with advocacy, enforcement, and follow-ups.

4. Mental health and homelessness

Much work has been done here! It is true, Orangeville does have issues that we need to continue to follow up on, however, we are in good shape vs. other municipalities. (eg. Shelters, Hart Hub, Dufferin County programs, OPP involvement, etc.). We must continue to progress these efforts.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

At some point, my time on council will come to an end, but I will always be involved in our community in some way. I have been a long-term member of the Orangeville Optimist Club, past president of the Mono Nordic Ski Club, Theatre Orangeville Board, chair of the Library Board, chair of the Police Services Board and many other community initiatives. Participating in our community is important to me.

I think my career in business has enabled me to be prepared for the role of council. Skills such as budget management, strategic thinking, building relationships, and solving problems have been well utilized while serving Orangeville.

My work with residents is what I am most proud of. I am direct and honest with people when dealing with an issue. I follow through on commitments and pride myself on being highly prepared regarding all municipal issues. I would describe myself as someone who is responsive, accountable, and approachable to all that I meet.

In sum, I would suggest that the following things make me the ideal candidate to be the deputy mayor of Orangeville:

- Deep community involvement
- Several years of municipal experience
- Business and financial management background
- Reputation for direct communication
- Focus on taxpayer value and fiscal responsibility
- Active engagement with local issues

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Arts & Entertainment
LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Orangeville Community Band celebrates 20 years with free fall concert

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The Orangeville Community Band will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a free fall concert, inviting residents to enjoy a live performance while marking two decades of bringing music to the community.

The concert will take place at New Hope Community Church on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m., where the volunteer band regularly performs its seasonal concerts. The group is making the anniversary performance free to attend, a change from its usual admission fee of approximately $30.

Ron Layton, a member of the band's board of directors, said the organization has sufficient funding to support its activities this year, allowing it to offer the concert to the public at no cost.

"Right now, we have fairly sufficient funds to run through the year, and that's actually why we've decided for our 20th year to promote ourselves and say it's free," he said. "We normally charge anywhere from $30 per concert at New Hope Church, and with that money, we always split the money with the New Hope people."

The band, which has approximately 50 members, is made up largely of musicians who have returned to playing after spending years away from their instruments while raising families and pursuing careers.

Members range in age, bringing together musicians with different backgrounds and levels of experience.

Throughout the year, the band performs at local schools, presents spring and Christmas concerts at New Hope Community Church, and participates in Orangeville's annual jazz festival, typically held in late May or early June.

For this year's fall concert, the group has prepared a varied program of traditional band music, including "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "Lord of the Dance," "Pride and Joy," and "Wolves of Alaska."

In addition to its public performance, the band plans to visit a local retirement residence for a rehearsal-style performance in the days leading up to the concert, extending its anniversary celebrations to more members of the community.

"This year, instead of practicing the Thursday before the fall concert, we are going to actually practice over at the Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence," Layton said. "It's a very big building, and we've arranged with them to do our practice, if you will, a get ready concert, with them."

As a registered charitable, non-profit organization, the band relies on donations to cover expenses such as new sheet music, insurance and other operating costs. Layton helps collect donations from local supporters to keep the organization running.

After 20 years of bringing musicians together and performing for local audiences, the anniversary concert offers residents an opportunity to experience the band's work and celebrate its continued place in Orangeville's community arts scene.

Readers' Choice owner shares approach to stocking shelves with over 50,000 books

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

There is a week called Banned Books Week in the U.S. that is a protest against the banning of books.

Canada protects readership with "Freedom to Read Week." It is Canada's official annual event celebrating intellectual freedom and challenging censorship, held during the last week of February.

Interested in seeing what it takes to provide a wide range of books to everyone, Veronica Cvet, owner of Readers' Choice bookstore on Broadway, joined the Citizen for an interview to talk about the challenges and joy of running her second-hand bookstore for about 20 years.

"I have well over 50,000 books in the shop," she said.

Impressive information, and the question was what makes it work so well. Variety tops the list of how to keep people coming back. After so many years at the business, she has an instinct for keeping the balance between what goes quickly and what is also good reading but can hang around for a while.

Romance attracts a lot of readers, adventure and the classics — Austen, Dickens, Brontë,

Shelly, Wolfe, Orwell are always on the shelves.

A lifelong avid reader herself, owning a bookstore was a perfect fit when she came to it. What Veronica loves to read is part of the collection on the shelves. When she noted that reading a play is as good as a novel, she learned that her customers agree.

"Even poetry sells well," she said.

At the top of her best sellers are Louise Penny and Steven King, commenting , "I can't keep them on my shelf."

Divergent, based on the novels by Veronica Roth, is popular as it was made into a series. Young people ask for it, demonstrating that people can make trends.

She does not carry much about politics except for biographies, saying, "For Canadian history, there is a lot interest in Indigenous history, their spirituality and connection with nature."

She notes that there is a surprising number of young people interested in the Second World War and there are always books about it coming out.

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LOCAL LITERATURE: A view of the interior of Veronica Cvet's Readers' Choice book store on Broadway.

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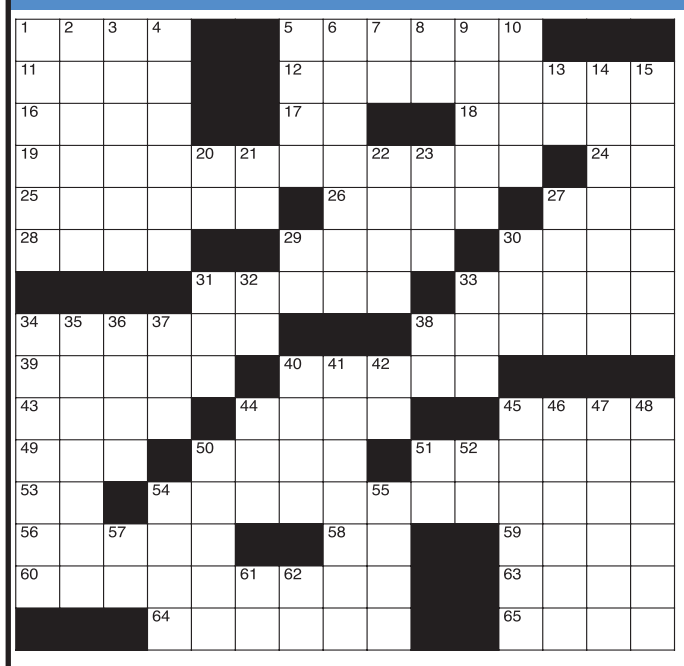
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN
1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit
"But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

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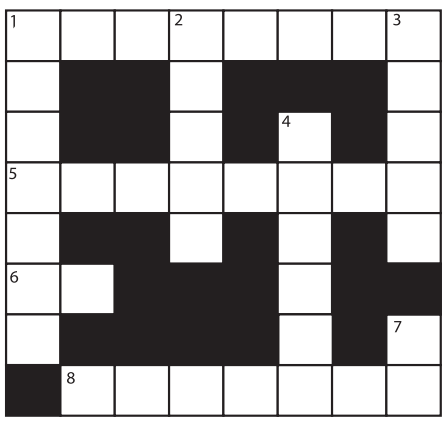


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Spanish: Patinar
Italian: Pattinare
French: Patiner
German: Skaten



ACROSS
1. Slick
5. Casual cotton top
6. Negative
8. Loosen

DOWN
1. Riding on wheeled boots
2. Thick and soft
3. Children
4. Take control of something
7. Opposite of "off"

Health FACT:

This activity can burn between 300 and 600 calories per hour, depending on how fast you move.

Answer: Roller skating

Did You KNOW?

Roller skates may have a toe stop, also known as a plug, which is a rubber brake attached to the front of the skates.



Answers:
Across
1. Slippery 5. Tee shirt 6. No 8. Slacken
Down
1. Skating 2. Plush 3. Youth 4. Hijack 7. On

Readers' Choice in Orangeville celebrates the freedom to read

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For Veronica, the 1800s are fascinating. There were so many changes, especially socially, and she has great admiration for the women of the 1800s for the changes they influenced up to and particularly during World War II.

Among them, Nellie McCung is a favourite. Born in 1873, McCung was an author, politician and social activist. She was credited as one of Canada's most prominent suffragists, beginning her career by writing the 1908 book, Sowing Seeds in Danny.

However, McCung's true accomplishment, along with four other women, was being part of the Famous 5 who made Canadian history.

On October 18, 1929, a landmark legal decision for Canadian women was made when women were legally recognized as "persons" under British common law. This achievement was made possible by confronting the wording on the British North America Act, which governed Canada at the time.

The battle for clarity on that document took the issue to the Supreme Court of Canada and entered a debate with those who wanted to keep women from being appointed as judges and senators because women weren't recognized as "persons" under the law.

Undaunted, the ladies took the case to the Privy Council of Great Britain, which, in those days, was Canada's highest court. The Privy Council ruled "that the exclusion of women from all public offices is a relic of days more barbarous than ours".

The wonderful diversity and choices within Veronica's 50,000 books and more come from her constant attention to what people want to read or might enjoy discovering, her systematic shopping, and the broad scope of her own tastes.

This includes dictionaries and travel books.

For Veronica, the true thrill of owning her own shop was the opportunity of owning her own business.

"I was just waitressing," she related. "When I had the offer to buy my share of the store from my business partner, I said yes without thinking what that meant. I love books, and I'm independent, the sole owner with the responsibilities.

"It is all on me and it is not that hard."

With her enthusiasm about the freedom women have earned through the efforts of the suffragists from the mid-1800s into the mid-20th century, this is Canada, where freedom of speech is still revered, and a bookshop can thrive.

The Lobby celebrates one year of gaming and community growth

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Lobby in Orangeville celebrated its first anniversary on Oct. 9, marking a year of growth that saw the gaming lounge become a gathering place for players, new friendships and community partnerships.

Located at 229 Broadway, The Lobby reached the milestone after a busy first year that exceeded owners Daniel Glassford and Britney Boardman's initial expectations.

What began as an opportunity to share his passion for gaming developed into a regular destination for after-school visitors, adult members, birthday celebrations and organized gaming activities.

"I was thinking about how nervous I was around this time a year ago," Glassford said. "Are people going to come in? Is this something that's a big passion of mine? Before we knew it, we had 72 birthdays, gathered a regular crowd of people. I wasn't expecting it. People know each other now, people became friends that wouldn't have even known each other if this didn't exist. Different schools, different things like that."

Saturdays became particularly busy, with the venue occasionally reaching capacity as families and groups arrived to game.

The business also expanded its staffing to help accommodate the growing number of visitors, while regular after-school attendance helped establish a consistent community of members. For some, the lounge became more than somewhere to play video games, providing an opportunity to meet people from different schools and backgrounds and build friendships around a shared interest.

Community partnerships were another highlight. The Lobby supported local teams and hosted events for community organizations.

"Building community partnerships has been great," Glassford said. "Sponsoring teams, giving them events, local HABI, Community Living, Autism Ontario is huge. That's a really big deal in our family. So being able to be part of that was pretty awesome."

The experience also opened the door to potentially hosting similar events in the future.

Since opening, The Lobby continued to expand its offerings. Its gaming library grew from approximately 1,300 titles to more than 2,200, giving visitors a wider selection of games across different genres and generations. The collection appealed both to younger players exploring current releases and to adults looking to revisit familiar favourites.

Another addition was a gaming leaderboard that encouraged friendly competition. Players could earn points by completing challenges across 20 gaming categories, ranging from accessible tasks to more difficult achievements. The online leaderboard attracted approximately 380 participants, giving members another reason to return and improve their scores.

Organized activities also became part of the weekly schedule. Fortnite Club developed into a regular Tuesday gathering, while staff members introduced other clubs and challenges. These activities gave visitors opportunities to learn new games, compete against one another and connect with fellow players.

Looking ahead, Glassford said the focus remained on growing the community and reaching more people. While future expansion was a possibility, the first year established a foundation for The Lobby to build on.



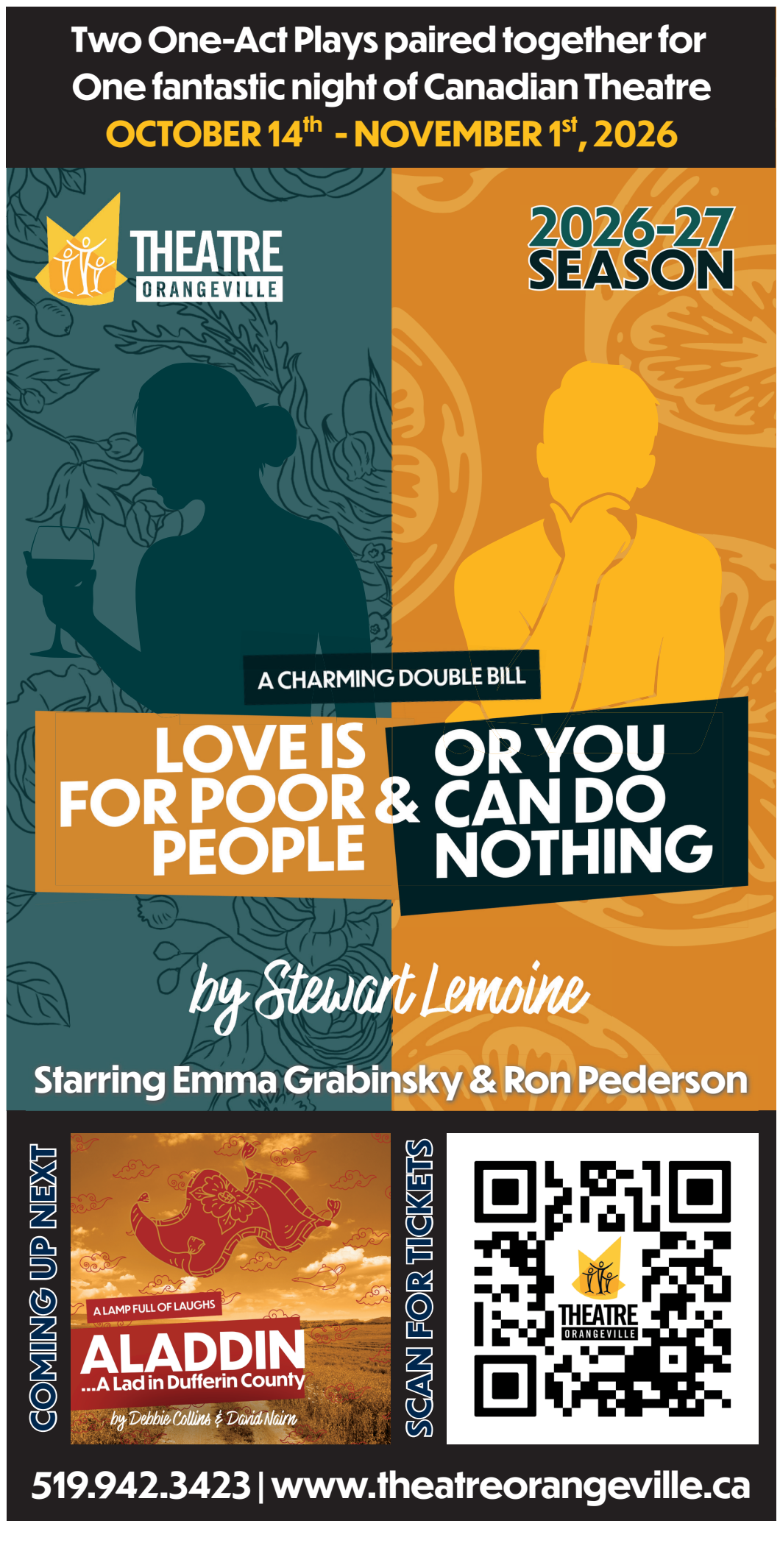
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SUCCESSFUL YEAR: After a year in business, The Lobby's owners, Daniel Glassford (left) and Britney Boardman (centre), never could have predicted the strong community response they would receive. From over 70 birthday parties throughout the year to deep community partnerships with Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury Group, Autism Ontario and more, The Lobby has become a community hub where new friends are made and regular clientele host games, challenges and more.

"Anything is on the table for us, we want to grow," he said. "We want to reach more people. We want more people to love gaming as much as we do. For now, we'll stick with this and expand from here. But other locations are not something that's out of the question."

As the business entered its second year, its original goal remained the same: creating a welcoming space where people could enjoy video games while forming connections that extended beyond the screen.





Boo on Broadway takes over downtown core this weekend

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Families with younger children will have plenty to explore. Bluebird Café and Nest Suites are hosting kids' fortune telling, Halloween tattoos and a spooky family photo opportunity, while The Dojo's haunted maze will return for another year. Maggiolly Art Supplies is offering a kids' craft station, and Johanis Karate will host children's activities.

Musical Munchkins will have kids' performances planned on Broadway, and another musical adventure awaits with Boomwhacker music-making at Broadway Music.

There will be opportunities to get into the Halloween spirit with a fresh look, as Flaunt Salon offers colour-pop hair extensions and hair accessories.

Children in costume can also stop by Wicked Shortbread for a free cookie.

Fun and games are planned along Mill Street, presented by Brut Hockey and Youth Rise Recreation. Also on Mill Street, Teleport Orangeville is planning a haunted rollercoaster experience, and The River is presenting a Halloween display.

Beyond the Halloween-themed activities, More Than Just Baskets will host an outdoor sale, and Styling Essentials will have spooky fun in front of their store.

Visitors are encouraged to follow the Boo on Broadway & Beyond event page for updates.

Former Orangeville teacher shares her approach and passion for creating art

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Artist Patricia MacDonald has a history of teaching art at Orangeville District Secondary School, but it was some years ago. She taught evening classes primarily attended by people who graduated from high school but appreciated her lessons.

That said, the course MacDonald was teaching did finish with a Grade 11 credit. During one course, attended as usual not by students, there was one teenager who actually was going to the high school. He was attending her classes because he needed the Grade 11 credit.

As a memory, it makes her smile.

"I was teaching art — a watercolour course," she recalled. "I was looking at the combination of water, trees and pathways."

From that time, MacDonald has often come to the Caledon area from where she has lived most of her adult life in Guelph, enjoying looking for and photographing the scenery here during her country drives.

"My paintings are not a representation. I do travel locally to Mono Mills and take photos for later," she said in a recent interview with the Citizen.

Not simply an artist, a painter, MacDonald has a long string of degrees: studies of Fine Art at university led to a B.A., B.Ed. and M.A. in Fine Art, Art Education and Art History, respectively.

She then pursued a career in that field, working as a museum educator, events programmer, curator and as a secondary school visual arts teacher.

MacDonald commented that she liked going to school and enjoyed teaching.

The interview with the Citizen was prompted by the art pieces she had displayed at the Headwaters Arts Fall Festival juried show and sale.

She described her winning entry, titled What the World Needs Now is Love, as "an amalgamation — a blend of locations on my travels. It has a universal appeal."

Talking about her art and the self-appointed conditions under which she produces it, she offered that it be a little humorous, never very realistic — that does not interest her, were her comments.

"A tree might be different from what people see. I need to personalize what I see," she defined her approach, wanting viewers to have a happy experience when they look at her work.

With her landscapes, MacDonald plays with colour and perspectives, pushing the boundaries. She expanded the idea by saying what she is doing is pushing these boundaries of distraction, in the sense of playing with traditional forms.

Her grandfather taught her the simplistic method of drawing a bird in flight — a curve with her pencil and then another to prove the wing, like hills overlapping.

Once she was nine years old, MacDonald's mother began to encourage her. She purchased some oil paints when acrylics were not in the stores yet, but it was a short-lived time in her art life. Oil paints were a little too much for such a young person, it turned out.

As she went on in her life, attending schools, "I literally did every subject I could," MacDonald said in her enthusiasm for her arts education.

"Now," she said, "I am painting landscapes, and I am never bored. I am doing what I want. I have to have fun with it."

Her paintings have been in many galleries, but by and large, galleries are looking for paintings that are essentially commercial.

Right now, MacDonald is more interested in applying for juried shows.

She participates in her local Studio Tour and can find venues to sell her work. MacDonald does not take commissions to paint a person's house, as her vision of the building and grounds might be quite different from how the owner sees his home, but she has done a lot of dog portraits.

"I really want to experiment," she declared, wishing for a large room with several large canvases where she can dash from one to the other, determined that next year she is planning something more exceptional.

Of her husband, MacDonald had only praise: "He is my biggest supporter — a man who gives me great advice."

She added, "Painting for me is a joyful experience, and I want my art to communicate that sense of fun and pleasure."

Women's Institute branches in north Dufferin hold Central Ontario Area Convention

Horning's Mills and Mansfield Branches of the Women's Institute (WI) hosted the annual Central Ontario Area WI Convention at the Horning's Mills Community Hall on Oct. 7.

Janet Burke, president of the Horning's Mills WI welcomed everyone, and Melancthon Mayor Dar-ren White brought greetings from his township.

The special guest speaker was Jessica Knowles, a physician support specialist with Medicentres Can-ada.

Knowles brought more than five years of experience in the medical field, with a specialization in clinic operations and three years dedicated specifically to physician recruitment.

She works internationally to recruit family physicians from the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States and Australia to practice in Canada.

To date, Knowles has helped place more than 15 physicians in Ontario and over 40 physicians in Alberta through Medicentres Canada, which operates four clinics in Ontario and 37 clinics across Alberta.

She also travels and attends physician conferences to speak about career and practice opportuni-ties in Canada.

In addition to her work in healthcare, Knowles serves as the executive director of the Oro-Medonte Chamber of Commerce, a role that reflects her passion for small business enterprise, community development, and local tourism.

Linda Zelem, past provincial president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario brought up-dates of the happenings at the provincial level.

Next year, the organization will be celebrating 130 years from June 8 to 10 in Owen Sound. Grey-Bruce Area WI and Kemble WI will be hosting this event.

Kemble WI was the third Branch formed the same year the WI began in 1897 in Stoney Creek.

All women are welcome to join a branch across Ontario and if any group of women wish to start more branches in Dufferin County, the WI will gladly assist them.

To learn more, visit www.fwio.on.ca



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GUEST SPEAKER: Jessica Knowles, a physician support specialist with Medicentres Canada, speaks at the annual Central Ontario Area Women's Institute convention at Horning's Mills Community Hall on Oct. 7, while Central Ontario Area President Barbara Chynoweth and Secretary Gayle Atkin look on.

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OPP advise the public to take precautions against province-wide cellphone fraud

OPP officers are currently investigating multiple instances of cellphone service provider fraud and are reminding the public to remain cautious of unsolicited phone calls.

Fraudsters are impersonating telecommunications company representatives and contacting individuals with offers of a free or heavily discounted cellphone as part of a promotional program. Victims are persuaded to accept the offer and provide information required to process the order.

Once the device is delivered, the victim discovers that the device was financed under their own account and that they are responsible for the associated payments. The fraudsters then instruct the victim to return, surrender, or transfer the phone to a third party due to an alleged error, so they can fix the financing issue and apply the promotional offer properly.

The promised refunds, account credits, or promotional benefits are never received. As a result, victims are left financially responsible for the financed device while the fraudsters retain possession of the phone.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre shared the following tips to help prevent against falling victim to this type of fraud.

What are the warning signs?

- You receive an unexpected call, text message or email offering a discount, upgraded plan or new device.
- The person pressures you to act quickly or says the offer is only available for a limited time.
- You are asked to log in to your cellphone account while the caller stays on the line.
- You are asked for your account password, security code, PIN, or multi-factor authentication code.
- You are asked to provide a driver's licence, Social Insurance Number (SIN), or other identification.
- You are told to open an account with a different service provider.
- You receive a cellphone or tablet and are told to send it to an address provided by the caller.
- The return address is different from the verified address of the service provider.

How can you protect yourself?

- If someone contacts you claiming to be from your service provider, end the call and contact the company directly.
- Use the telephone number on your bill, account, or the company's official website.
- Do not use contact information provided by the caller.
- Never share passwords, PINs, security codes, or multi-factor authentication codes.
- Do not provide personal or financial information during an unexpected call, text message, or email.
- Do not log in to your account while an unknown caller is guiding you.
- Before opening a new account or accepting a device, confirm the offer directly with the service provider.
- If you receive a device that you did not order, contact the service provider directly and confirm the correct return process.
- Never ship a cellphone or tablet to an address provided by an unknown caller.

Grand Valley man charged with impaired driving following single vehicle collision

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Grand Valley resident with impaired driving-related offences following a single-motor vehicle collision

On Oct. 2, at approximately 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a single-motor vehicle collision in the area of County Road 25 and Mount Haven Crescent in Grand Valley.

Officers attended the area and located the vehicle. They subsequently located the driver and, during their interaction with the driver, initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Colton McComb, 21, from Grand Valley, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Fail to remain
- Fail to report accident
- Careless driving
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

In addition, the individual's drivers' licence was suspended, and their vehicle was impounded. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Private MRI clinic proposed to Shelburne council, plans to offer full body scans for $2,800 each

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A private diagnostic imaging clinic featuring a 3 Tesla (3T) MRI machine was presented to town council on Sept. 28 and is set to begin operations as early as Dec. 1.

The proposed clinic, at 205 First Avenue, would offer residents an option for privately funded MRI scans closer to home.

Presenter Probhash Mondal, CEO of Guelph Medical Imaging, said patients would need a doctor's requisition and would pay for the service themselves.

Mondal described the 3T machine as offering more detailed images and potentially shorter scan times than the 1.5T MRI commonly used at hospitals.

"A 3T produces a crisper image," he said. "The tests are much more sensitive. It produces better images because of its higher magnetic field. The radiologist can increase the resolution and/or reduce the scanning time. The small structures of the body become a lot clearer and easier to diagnose, and better visualization improves clinical confidence."

Mondall said it could be useful for a range of imaging, including neurological, prostate, breast and vascular examinations. The clinic's system will incorporate artificial intelligence to assist radiologists, he said, while radiologists will provide the diagnoses.

The presentation cited long waits for some MRI appointments as a reason for bringing the service to Shelburne.

Mondal said the clinic will offer a complete scan with the 3T MRI.

"We are planning to do a full body scan, which will be $2,800 per scan," he said. "That will give you head to toe. Children under 10 that need it will be done for free."

The clinic intends to give Shelburne residents priority for appointments and offer them a 15 per cent discount upon proof of local residence.

Mondal said the plans had been submitted and work is progressing, including on electrical requirements. Mondal requested help moving the plans through the municipal process.

Council received the presentation for information; the discussion did not constitute approval of the clinic or its proposed opening date.

The clinic would add a private imaging option in Shelburne, while patients would need to weigh the convenience and promised local discount against paying out of pocket for an expensive medical procedure.

Mondal's presentation listed the MRI wait time for Shelburne residents at 15 weeks or 105 days. Headwaters Health Care Centre contacted the Shelburne Free Press to clarify that wait times for Shelburne residents on average is 47.4 days, not 105.



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CELEBRATING SPORTSMANSHIP: The Grand Valley Mixed 3 Pitch League held their final tournament from Oct. 2 to 4 with all 14 teams competing. Team 7, captained by Dean Smith, won the Most Sportsmanlike Team in the league. This award was voted on by the teams in the league.

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Streams Community Hub raises more than $12,000 through anniversary telethon

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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Streams Community Hub in Shelburne raised more than $12,000 through a three-hour telethon celebrating the organization's 10th anniversary on Oct. 6.

The event exceeded expectations for the community organization, bringing together local sponsors, community partners and supporters for a live broadcast featuring entertainment, conversations and fundraising.

Juli-Anne James, co-founder of Streams Community Hub, said the telethon had raised thousands, with additional donations expected.

"For our first time putting on an event like this, it went very smoothly and exceeded our expectations," she said. "We managed to raise at the time of this conversation upwards of $12,000. So $12,770 is where the count is right now. There's a potential about $3,000 annually that was added because we added 16 or 17 new monthly donors to our number…"

The broadcast, hosted by Andrew, received positive feedback from viewers, with the recording accumulating approximately 575 views online. Although a total live viewership count was unavailable, the organization was pleased with the response, including donations made over the phone.

One memorable moment came during a discussion about Streams' partnership with the Dufferin Community Foundation.

"My favorite part of the entire three-hour period was when Andrew was hosting a segment with Michele Fisher from the Dufferin Community Foundation, just talking all about our partnership with them," James said. "Michelle had made a comment about us having this great building, and at that specific moment, the sign that was behind them fell off the wall and onto the ground… It seemed like it was right on cue. Both Michelle and Andrew… turned it around to say, 'That's why we need your money. Please give.'"

James said the experience reinforced the organization's decision to pursue a telethon rather than a traditional fundraising gala.

The live format allowed Streams to showcase its work while creating entertaining content that remains available on its YouTube channel. Fundraising QR codes also remain active, allowing viewers to contribute after the event.

The organization plans to consider another telethon in the future, although its frequency has not been determined.

Streams also expressed gratitude to its local business sponsors, Rogers and the Dufferin Community Foundation, for helping make the event possible.

With the anniversary celebrations concluded, Streams isn't wasting any time with regularly scheduled plans.

"We're turning our attention now to the Word-of-Mouth Monologue Competition," James said. "It's an annual event that we do, and our live event is coming up in November, so that will be Nov. 14. New this year is a third prize offering of $250 for the winner of the third prize in each of our two age categories."

The submission period has been extended for young people attending Upper Grand District School Board schools or living in and around Dufferin County.

The competition promotes literacy, public speaking and self-confidence, with prizes of $1,000 for first place, $500 for second and the now $250 third-place award in each of two age categories.

'Bridge Over Time' exhibit brings eight photographers to Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Photography enthusiasts and visitors to Shelburne Town Hall had an opportunity to explore the art form's history, techniques and creative possibilities through Bridge Over Time, an exhibition featuring the work of eight photographers.

Running from Oct. 5 to 26 at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery, the exhibition brought together a diverse collection of lens-based artwork, ranging from traditional black-and-white photography to digitally manipulated images and cyanotype prints. The show also explored how photography can document communities, preserve memories, and tell stories across generations.

Organized by photographer and artist Connie Munson, the exhibition featured work by Greg Coman, Colleen Dee, Sabrina Leeder, Munson, Frank Myers, Andrzej Pradzynski, Sherry Prenevost and Aditi Ganeev Sangwan.

The exhibition grew out of Munson's desire to bring together some of the strongest work produced by photographers she had met through those projects, creating a retrospective of their varied artistic practices.

"What I've done in the last five years of doing shows that I registered with the Contact Photography Festival is I've been able to meet a lot of other like-minded people, in particular photographers," she said.

"I've informally called us an ad hoc group of eight. A lot of these pieces on display are pieces that have shown internationally. They have acclaim for different reasons at different times [from] other shows and organizations. I'm thrilled that they're going to be able to see their work with their bio in a space as beautiful as this."

The photographers had previously participated in Munson's juried exhibitions associated with the Contact Photography Festival between 2022 and 2025.

The artists' work spans several genres, including photojournalism, street photography, environmental portraiture, social justice documentation, landscapes and studio photography. Their images have appeared in exhibitions internationally, while the photographers have also contributed to arts organizations, educational initiatives and other community projects.

The exhibition will also highlight the different ways photographs can be produced and presented. Alongside conventional photographic prints, the collection includes images rendered on materials such as aluminum, canvas and other surfaces, demonstrating how the medium continues to evolve beyond traditional paper prints.

For Sangwan, whose work includes cyanotype printing, photography also offers a way to explore memory, imagination and the connections between past and present.

"When I am doing my photographs, I go back in memory lane, bring people and places together, which never existed and will never exist, but they exist in photographs," she said. "That's a different kind of approach to preserve a memory — not just a memory, but an imaginary world, which would come together in a form of collage."

Cyanotype is an early photographic process that uses light-sensitive iron salts and ultraviolet light to create images, traditionally producing distinctive blue tones. Rather than relying on a conventional darkroom, the process uses sunlight or another ultraviolet light source to expose the image.



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Sangwan, a multidisciplinary artist with an academic background in painting and printmaking, was introduced to the technique while completing her doctoral studies in India in 2009.

She has since incorporated cyanotype into her artistic practice, using photographic negatives, botanical elements and other materials to create layered compositions.

Her work often draws on the relationship between memory and family history, bringing together people and places that may never have existed in the same moment. For Sangwan, the process offers a way to create imagined connections between generations while exploring the experience of living between the past and present.

The exhibition also offers visitors an opportunity to learn about the techniques firsthand. A cyanotype-printing workshop is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Streams, where participants could create two prints using the process.

The Oct. 18 reception at town hall is also scheduled to feature "Creatives in Conversation: Behind the Lens," a presentation offering visitors an opportunity to hear from the photographers about their work and creative processes. The workshop will be hosted from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Streams Community Hub, and then a reception will be held at town hall at 2:30 p.m.

Following its run in Shelburne, Bridge Over Time is scheduled to continue to Georgetown in November, extending the exhibition's reach to another community.

Through its combination of photography, educational programming and opportunities for public engagement, the exhibition offered a look at how artists continue to use the camera and alternative photographic processes to interpret the world around them.

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3 questions for making the most of your retirement years

(NC) As your retirement journey continues and you cross off long-time list items, like travel, it clears more room for you to see the bigger picture. What's next for you? Now that you have the freedom to choose how to spend your time, as a more experienced retiree, here are three important questions to start thinking about:

What costs are you prepared for? One trap some people fall into is thinking of aging in place at home as the "budget" option and moving to a retirement community as the "expensive" option. The truth is that staying in your home as you age also has costs that are important to consider:

• Property taxes and home maintenance, including snow removal, yard work, replacing fixtures such as water heaters or HVAC systems, as well as periodic repair to outdoor elements. Estimated range: one to four per cent of your home's value per year.

• Safety improvements to the home, such as a chair lift, walk-in bathtub, accessible height toilet, grab bars, lighting improvements and railing updates. Estimated range: $6,000 to $40,000 in one-time costs.

• In-home care ranging from minimal housekeeping assistance to a personal support worker, health care aide or live-in nurse. Estimated range: $4,000 to $30,000 per year, possibly over $70,000 if you need significant daily care.

Are you ready to downsize? The idea of moving to a smaller space with fewer possessions can feel daunting. But many other seniors have done it and are living even more happily than before. Here are some things to keep in mind:

• Letting go of your things doesn't have to mean throwing them out. You can gift items to family and friends as a way to keep treasured memories alive and cared for; objects can find new life and make a difference to someone in need through donation.

• You can take things at your own pace. By leaning on people you trust for support, you can break down the logistics and details of a downsize and move, making them much more manageable. If you have friends who've downsized, you can speak with them to get a sense of what to expect.

How do you make the most of the freedom and opportunity that comes with being retired? Structure, purpose and socialization will always be helpful to have in your life. Without them, it can be easy to become isolated or lonely. One way to be part of a community is to join one. There are retirement residences across Canada focused on helping seniors live connected, social lives with old friends and new.

"One of the things I hear often from residents is they feel empowered to continue living life on their own terms because there's a built-in support system of friends and people who can provide for a worry-free lifestyle," says Tamara Ross, vice president of clinical services at Sienna Senior Living.

The key is to stay open to new experiences and connections. By calling a friend, joining a group class, learning a new skill or pursuing a long-forgotten hobby, you can find purpose in the everyday moments that bring joy, connection and a sense of accomplishment. Learn more about living your retirement life at any age at aspiralife.ca.

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WHEN ARE SENIORS MOST AT RISK OF IDENTITY THEFT?

(NC) THERE ARE MANY REASONS why fraudsters target seniors: a belief that they have accumulated savings, an assumption that they aren't familiar with the technology scammers use or taking advantage of the fact that many seniors are socially isolated and may not have support to help them spot a scam or push back. Identity theft is a priority for many fraudsters, since they can use that information to enrich themselves in a variety of ways. Here are a couple of the biggest threats to watch out for:

Someone can pose as your bank to get your information. This is a technique called "phishing," and it's one of fraudsters' favourite tactics. It works by sending a communication that seems like it's from your bank or another institution you trust—this could be a phone call, email or text.

They'll claim there's some issue you need to resolve quickly, like a missed payment. They may even accuse you of fraud or ask for help with a fraud investigation. The strategy is to create a sense of urgency or even panic so that you follow the included link to log in or give your information over the phone. When you do, it provides that information to the fraudster, who can use it to compromise your account to get money or even more of your identity.

Tax return scams are more popular than ever. Posing as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is a popular tactic of fraudsters for two reasons:

• People take their taxes seriously. Telling someone, especially a senior, who may be on a fixed income, that there's an issue with their tax return or benefits is an effective way to create panic.

• Tax information is valuable. If a fraudster can get you to give them access to your CRA account or your tax forms, they can use that information to steal your identity. To a scammer, your tax forms are a one-stop shop.

How can seniors protect themselves? There are digital security services that can help, at tax time and throughout the year. Using a tool like Telus Online Security can help protect your identity. It uses built-in device security that acts as a first line of defence against phishing attacks and scams, and can help you determine which messages are legitimate and which aren't. In the event that your identity is stolen, the service offers 24/7 access to support and identity theft specialists who can walk you through the recovery process.

It's important to be vigilant and trust your instincts. Scammers count on you not questioning what you're told, so question it. Ask yourself if any communication you receive makes sense. If all the emails you got from them in the past told you to log into your account directly, why does this one have a link to click?

The threat of identity theft has never been higher, but by protecting yourself and exercising caution and judgment, you can keep yourself safer. Learn how you can better protect your identity and finances during tax season and beyond at telus.com/onlinesecurity.

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Orangeville's Best-Kept Retirement Secret

AS OF LATE, YOU MAY BE VERY FAMILIAR WITH AVALON CARE CENTRE. BUT HAVE YOU MET AVALON RETIREMENT LODGE?

They share a name, yet the Lodge has an identity all its own. With just 63 suites, it offers something special in Orangeville. This charming retirement community brings together independent living, personalized hospitality and the warmth of a place where people really know one another.

At the end of October, Avalon Care Centre will begin relocating to its new address at 385 Broadway, the next entrance off Broadway West. Avalon Retirement Lodge will remain at the 355 Broadway campus, where it has been part of the community for more than 45 years.

The move offers a timely opportunity to introduce the Lodge anew and clear up some longstanding confusion about the two residences.

"People recognize the Avalon name, but they don't always realize there are two distinct communities serving different client care requirements," says Alisa Thoma, Sales Coordinator at Avalon Retirement Lodge. "With the Care Centre moving, it's important for people to know that the Retirement Lodge is staying right here, and that there is a whole side of Avalon they may have yet to discover as a next step for their loved one," Thoma adds.

Understanding the difference between long-term care and retirement living is a helpful place to start. Long-term care supports people with more complex needs through 24-hour nursing and personal care, alongside recreation and opportunities for meaningful engagement.

Retirement living offers an independent lifestyle with fewer household responsibilities. Home maintenance, grocery shopping and meal preparation give way to thoughtful hospitality, varied meals and company at the table. Staff are available around the clock, with access to additional services based on individual needs. Both settings value comfort, connection and quality of life. The distinction lies in the level of support a person requires.

For someone considering Avalon Retirement Lodge, the appeal might be fewer household responsibilities, more companionship, or simply having more time and energy for the things they enjoy. Ultimately, personal choice remains central to how residents spend their days, maintain their routines and stay connected to the wider community. Its smaller size makes that experience especially personal.

"They really don't build retirement communities this small anymore," Thoma notes. "With just 63 suites, we have the opportunity to get to know our residents well. You recognize your neighbours, people notice when you've been away, and someone is always happy to see you come home. That's a very special feeling."

Alisa has seen firsthand how uncertainty, or preconceived notions about what retirement living offers, can make people hesitant to explore it. She has also seen what happens when they spend time at the Lodge and begin to picture themselves there.

"Sometimes people arrive unsure of what to expect, or whether they're ready to even have the conversation," she says. "Then, they meet a resident they have something in common with, see the suites and ask the questions that have been on their minds, and the conversation starts to change. They can see how their own life could fit here, and what they might enjoy about it. That is why I encourage anyone who is curious to come and see for themselves," Thoma concludes.

Tour Tuesdays is a new initiative offered by Avalon Retirement Lodge as an easy introduction, with community members and their families welcome to stop by every Tuesday without an appointment. Visitors can tour the Lodge, meet residents and staff, and get an authentic feel for everyday life at their own pace, with no pressure to decide. Additionally, those who prefer a personalized visit can arrange a specific date and time that fits their schedule.

Before winter closes in, why not consider opening the door to something more? Retirement at Avalon could look a little different than you imagined...And it might just surprise you.

To learn more about Avalon Retirement Lodge at 355 Broadway, Orangeville, or to book a personalized tour, contact Alisa Thoma at athoma@jarlette.com or (519) 941-3351.



Orangeville's Best-Kept Retirement Secret...

You may know Avalon Care Centre. But have you met Avalon Retirement Lodge? They share a name, yet the Lodge has an identity all its own. It's a charming retirement community where independent living, personalized hospitality and the warmth of a close-knit neighbourhood come together.

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WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF *social isolation?*



Human beings are wired for social connection, but millions of people confront isolation every day. Many of those people are seniors who lose contact with loved ones as time goes by. While temporary loneliness can be tolerated, prolonged isolation can be very harmful.

Research by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found roughly one-quarter of American adults age 65 and older live in isolation. Identifying the early warning signs of isolation may help to prevent the physiological and psychological toll isolation can take.

Here are some signs of social isolation to watch for.

• **WITHDRAWAL FROM EVENTS:** An early indicator of social isolation, according to Healthline, is a pattern of canceling plans, not answering phone calls, and withdrawing from established social circles or hobbies.

• **SELF-CARE IS NOT PRIORITIZED:** Another sign of social isolation is personal hygiene and other self-care habits like eating nutritious meals becomes neglected. It can signal that a person's routine has changed due to a lack of social accountability.

• **HOME UPKEEP FALTERS:** A person who is withdrawing from social connections may feel it's no longer necessary to keep a home clean and tidy since they don't anticipate visitors.

• **IRRITABILITY AND LOW MOOD:** Persistent isolation can trigger a sense of hopelessness. Individuals may become defensive or experience dramatic shifts in mood and sleep patterns, according to Healthline.

• **RELIANCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR TELEVISION:** Socially isolated individuals may turn to television or non-interactive social media scrolling as a proxy for human interaction, offers HealthDirect.

Social isolation can take its toll on anyone, particularly seniors. Individuals are urged to check in with friends, family or neighbors they suspect may be isolating to provide the companionship and help they may need.

Reclaiming your space after changes in your mobility

HERE ARE SOME TIPS that can help make the journey back toward independence easier:

Start with a strategy. A loss of mobility can also bring a loss of confidence, as things that used to be simple suddenly aren't—at least, the way you used to do them. Instead of looking at each task, skill or activity as its own challenge, you can take a step back and view them all as parts of adjusting to a new way of owning your space.

Try starting with the smaller tasks. This can help you build a sense of confidence and momentum that can make tackling the larger things easier. It's important to be kind and patient with yourself—you're having to make a lot of adjustments and learn new things, and it's alright if that's not easy.

Consider working with an occupational therapist. They're trained to break down tasks to manageable parts based on your needs. It's a collaborative relationship: an occupational therapist works with you to develop strategies, find tools or resources and learn skills to match your life and situation. These professionals help people regain or develop new skills, adapt to their surroundings and get back to doing tasks and activities that matter to them.

In Ontario, they have to adhere to a set of professional standards. They also have to be licensed by the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario, which is a public resource for clients as well as their caregivers.

Depending on your situation, regaining a feeling of control and security in your living space may take some effort, but it's possible. With the support of an occupational therapist, you can get the tools you need to make the transition and reach your goals. Learn more about what they do and what to expect at coto.org/ot.

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Transit improvements with riders in mind

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Each year, Orangeville Transit makes changes to improve its system based on data collected, rider feedback and an accessibility audit. In 2026, this included:

- adjusting stops for rider safety
- adding a stop outside of the medical facility at 1 Elizabeth Street for easier access
- implementing more concrete pads and assessing shelter needs
- expanding orange route services to the Veteran's Way community with the opening of the Hansen Boulevard connection

As we've collected data over the past few years, one thing has been made abundantly clear—that one of our largest rider groups is our local seniors. Many have shared that fare free transit has made moving around Town affordable. In 2025, a story was shared with council about how this vital service has provided the opportunity for seniors to have social lives again, get groceries more often and save money on transportation to and from medical appointments.

But a strong transit system goes further than the routes. It's in the buses we use to get people around as well. Orangeville Transit identified that our existing fleet was creating challenges for its riders; mechanically, the buses were struggling, leaving routes serviced by school buses that often lacked the kinds of accessibility features many riders require.

With that in mind, more than two years ago, the Town ordered new buses—buses that have finally arrived and are now in service. These buses do more than look nice on our roads. They were designed with riders in mind, bringing much-needed features and accessibility services to those who need them. Some of these features include:

- priority seating
- wheelchair accessible folding seats
- SmartRider™ ramp technology that lowers to different heights and self-levels, for easier and safer boarding
- digital screens showing bus lines and timing

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It means being able to board with little to no assistance, whether you're on your feet, using a walker/mobility device, or on a mobility scooter. It means having the information you need to get where you're going without having to remember to bring a map or have a mobile device.

Orangeville Transit. We're here, we're listening to our riders, and we're continuing to shape a service that meets the needs of those using it most.



FITNESS REGIMENS for those 50+



Fitness is an important component of overall wellness. Indeed, staying active has been linked to a number of noteworthy benefits, including decreased disease risk and improved mental health.

Routine exercise helps a person burn calories and maintain a healthy weight. Tufts Medicine says weight gain is common among aging individuals, with both men and women tending to put on weight in their mid-sections. Weight gain is a risk factor for diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Older adults may need to step up their fitness regimens to combat growing waistlines.

Staying active also can help with muscle and bone density, which can decline with age. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says exercise is important for maintaining bone strength as the body ages. Strength-training exercises put stress on bones so they can make bones stronger.

Now that it is apparent why fitness is key during senior years, it's time to explore some routines that may be best for people age 50 and older.

YOGA

Yoga is a low-impact practice that improves muscle strength, balance, mobility, and flexibility. All of these factors are important for seniors. For those who find that conventional forms of yoga are too taxing on joints and bones, chair yoga is a lower-impact form of the exercise.

CYCLING

Riding a bike is a cardiovascular workout that offers a wide range of benefits. Most people find riding a bike is easy on the joints, and regular cycling can increase muscle strength and enhance flexibility. The pace and intensity of rides can be customized depending on riders' speed and the routes they ride.

PILATES

Joseph Pilates developed an exercise routine that now bears his name in the early twentieth century. Pilates emphasizes core strength and stability, but works all the major muscle groups in the body. Since it is another low-impact exercise, it can be suitable for people with joint issues.

BODY WEIGHT EXERCISES

As individuals age, they may find that working with dumbells, barbells or weight equipment at the gym is too taxing. Using body weight to build strength is a low-intensity option. Squats, wall push-ups, chair push-ups, and resistance bands can be used to build strength.

WALKING

Walking is an unsung hero in the fitness realm. According to Better Health Channel, just 30 minutes of walking every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. Walking is low-impact and less taxing on joints than jogging or running.

Seniors have a host of options to stay active as they navigate their changing fitness needs.

Discover Abbeyfield Caledon: A welcoming community for seniors

NESTLED IN THE HEART OF CALEDON, the non-profit Abbeyfield Caledon residence offers a unique and supportive living experience for seniors who value independence, community, and comfort.

With a commitment to providing quality accommodation, Abbeyfield Caledon is more than just a place to live- it's a place to thrive.

Residents experience community-oriented living, enjoying private rooms while sharing common spaces, fostering friendships and a sense of belonging.

The communal environment encourages social interaction through shared meals and activities, helping everyone feel at home.

Abbeyfield Caledon balances service with independence. Its non-profit model ensures affordability and transparency.

Abbeyfield Caledon welcomes seniors from all backgrounds, creating a diverse and vibrant community.

Delicious meals are prepared daily, with special attention to dietary needs and preferences.

Located in scenic Caledon East, Abbeyfield House offers easy access to local amenities, parks, and walking trails, allowing residents to appreciate the natural beauty and tranquility of the area.

It also provides the perfect location to be able to serve residents from surrounding communities.

The staff and volunteers are dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming environment where every resident is respected and valued.

Whether you're seeking peace and quiet or vibrant social engagement, Abbeyfield Caledon adapts to individual preferences and needs.

"I loved it right from the very beginning, and I haven't changed. I love the fact that I can go to my suite and be by myself, and the food is great," says resident of six years Kay Burtney.

Karen Hopper, resident of one year, says her daughter-in-law found Abbeyfield and immediately told her she would love it, and she does.

"Other retirement homes, most of them rely on catered in, brought in food, here they shop locally and prepare fresh food. It's from scratch, and that's the big difference," says Richard Paterak, a resident of two years.

Marianne Herbert has been at Abbeyfield for two years and says they have so much independence, but always come back as Abbeyfield is their home.

"It's like my big house," says resident Desireé, who has been at Abbeyfield for two years.

"'It's just a wonderful feeling. I feel very welcomed here, and Lisa and Connie, they cook with love. They're always watching out for us. I feel very protected and safe here."

Lisa Chevalier, Manager, and Connie Irwin, House Supervisor, prepare fresh food every day, as well as perform numerous tasks all over the house.

But they say it's not work at all.

"It's like home for all of us. I feel like we're one big family," says Chevalier.

To join the family, Abbeyfield Caledon Board of Directors is currently seeking a Volunteer Treasurer and a Director of Development with property development experience.

If you think you're the perfect fit, reach out to Abbeyfield at 905-860-0181.

To continue meeting the ever-growing needs of the community, and based on the initial success of Abbeyfield 1.0, the Abbeyfield Board of Directors has launched a new project – Abbeyfield 2.0. With support from Mayor Groves and Members of Council, the Abbeyfield Caledon

Board of Directors is exploring the potential to develop a second Abbeyfield within Caledon.

There is a growing need for more affordable housing in the community, and the Abbeyfield model will serve seniors well into the future.

In addition, The Board has developed some enhancements to Abbeyfield 1.0. The first is a live after-hours answering service that connects residents to family members or staff in the event of an overnight issue or emergency.

The second is a pilot project testing a new, state-of-the-art Fall Detection System called Pontosense.

This technology can detect a fall in a resident's suite and, within 90 seconds, send a notification to volunteers, staff, and family members on the contact list.

No wearables – wrist or necklace are required for the system to operate. The Board of Directors will continue to look for innovative ways to increase the safety and security of all residents.

Serving the Region of Peel and Dufferin County, Abbeyfield Caledon encourages residents to sign up for its waitlist or book a tour! Please reach out to Lisa Chevalier at lisa@abbeyfieldcaledon.org for further details.

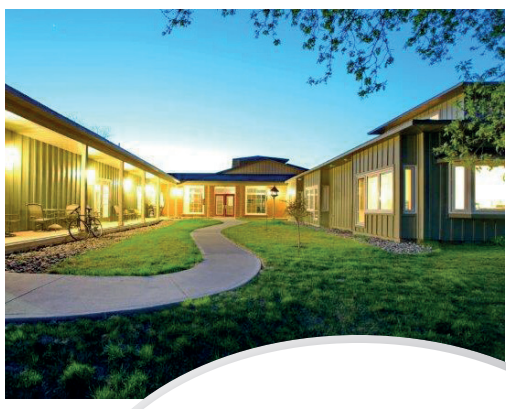


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Celebrating SENIORS

How volunteering benefits seniors' mental health

SENIORS are vulnerable to mental health issues. The World Health Organization says around one in five older adults experience psychiatric disorders like depression, anxiety, and dementia-related mood changes. While various therapies can help, seniors may discover volunteerism can be a surprising antidote to mental health concerns.



Volunteering offers seniors many benefits, including a renewed sense of purpose. Volunteering also helps combat social isolation, which can lower rates of depression and anxiety. According to Voices for National Service, older adults who volunteer have reduced risk of mortality, more optimism and feel less depressed and lonely. People who were once working full time and are now in retirement may find they have hours to spare. Those hours can be directed toward volunteer efforts, which can boost seniors' mental health in myriad ways.

• LOWERS DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY: The National Institutes of Health says research indicates consistent volunteering can help to reduce risk of depressive symptoms. Staying engaged and active combats feelings of hopelessness.

• DECREASED SOCIAL ISOLATION: Points of Light says regular time spent with peers and the people being helped can mitigate loneliness. Having a strong support network can make stress more tolerable and increase feelings of belonging.

• RESTORES SENSE OF PURPOSE: When work ends, many seniors lose the structure that governed their working life. Volunteering gives the opportunity to wake up, follow a schedule and achieve goals. It can be rewarding to play a valuable role in the community again, according to Voices for National Service.

• MENTAL STIMULATION: Volunteering may lead to learning new skills and interacting with others, and that can keep the mind sharp.

• PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: Older adults may lead sedentary lifestyles if they have nothing to keep them busy. Volunteering helps a person engage in some sort of physical activity. A 2025 study published in the journal Social Science & Medicine found volunteering is associated with lower levels of hypertension and chronic inflammation. Staying active can lower blood pressure, risk of heart disease and eight types of cancer.

Treating the whole person

Research has identified social activities as a protective factor against cognitive decline, and several longitudinal studies indicate that social activities can slow cognitive decline over time. In addition, remaining in a familiar environment reduces anxiety and promotes emotional security.

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Island Lake rowers compete at Head of the Trent Regatta

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

The Island Lake Rowing Club sent 15 rowers to compete in the 55th annual Head of the Trent Regatta in Peterborough, Ont., earlier this month.

The Head of the Trent is Canada's largest head race, attracting rowers and spectators to the Trent-Severn Waterway and Otonabee River during Trent University's homecoming weekend. First held in 1971 with just 13 boats, the annual fall regatta has grown into a major event featuring both high school and adult competitors.

Unlike traditional side-by-side racing, the Head of the Trent is a timed race, with boats starting 10 seconds apart over the approximately 4.5-kilometre course. Rowers must navigate windy conditions, passing boats and a narrow no-passing channel, adding an extra level of strategy and excitement to the race.

Several races took place on Sunday, Oct. 4, including the under-17 men's double sculls competition, where local club members Max Price and Victor Di Ramio finished fifth out of 11 boats.

Another highlight finish for the club came when members Valerie Moore and Keri Burnside finished sixth place in the women's club double sculls competition. Sunday's weather provided a nice tail wind that assisted the boats to go a little faster.

Competitors came from across Ontario and Quebec, with a few from the United States. Three boats travelled a long distance to compete, from a club in Praha, Czech Republic.

To compete at such a high level, the local rowers have been training between 6 and 8 a.m. at least three to four mornings a week on Island Lake. With mornings getting colder and darker, training becomes more challenging. In order to train in these conditions safely, rowers attach bow lights onto the boats to move in the dark.

For this competitive rowing group at the Island Lake Rowing Club, the Head of the Trent is their last race of the season.

"For a small club, it's inspiring to compete against boats from much bigger and more competitive clubs. This race will help motivate the athletes as they head into a long season of indoor training to prepare for racing beginning next spring," said Keri Burnside, a rower with the club and a member of its board.

"The racing also motivates the novice rowers from the club who will be competing in the Frostbite Sprints Nov. 1 at the Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club."

Other notable Island Lake Rowing Club accomplishments at the Head of the Trent Event include Hayden McKee and Emma Szabo, who competed in the mixed club double race and placed 14th out of 26 boats.

Moira Masterson, Skarlytt Winegar, Laura Kalnay, Grace Milone with coxie (steers the boat) performed well during the competition.

Zoe Papavasiliou competed in the Women's under-19 quadruple sculls race, coming 17th out of 23 boats.

Anna Davenport and Keri Burnside, as well as Allison Schultz and Mary Lalancette, competed in the women's Masters double sculls event, coming 9th and 10th, respectively, out of 12 boats.

Abby Warnock and Zoe Papavasiliou competed in the under-19 double sculls, coming 19th out of 25 boats.

For people who are interested in registering or finding out more information about the Island Lake Rowing Club, visit:

islandlakerowing.com



FINDING THEIR FLOW: Coxie Zoe Papavasiliu, Moira Masterson McDonald, Skarlytt Winegar, Laura Kalnay and Grace Milone compete in the Women's under-19 quadruple sculls race, coming 17th out of 23 boats.



MAKING WAVES: Max Price and Victor Di Ramio compete in the men's under-17 double sculls race during the Head of the Trent Regatta on Oct. 4.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

RACING THE TRENT: Island Lake rowers, from left, Grace Milone, Laura Kalnay, Skarlytt Winegar, Zoe Papavasiliou and Moira Masterson McDonald share some smiles from the Head of the Trent Regatta on Oct. 4.

Junior Scarlet Bears blanked by Bishop Macdonell Celtics on the soccer field

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

At the home of the Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School Celtics, the Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) Scarlet Royals were defeated 7-0 on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in junior soccer league action.

The number one-ranked team in the soccer league, the Celtics, dominated the Scarlet Bears early, scoring two goals in the first few minutes of the game. The Celtics continued to apply pressure offensively, not allowing ODSS to obtain any momentum to go the other way into the Bishop Mac zone.

With numerous scoring chances, stifling defence, and far more ball control, the Celtics continued to dominate the match. At the end of the first half, Bishop Mac led 3-0.

"It's the first-place team in the league here, and we are the last-place team, so we're just playing a defensive role, just trying to work on some things for our next game, which is more of a competitive game against Our Lady of Lourdes," said head coach of the Scarlet Bears, Koven Padayachee.

"We're just trying to swing the ball, get the ball to the outside. We're trying to go up through the middle a little too much, but we just go out there and compete."

Bishop Mac scored their fourth goal in the first few minutes of the second half. They continued to control the tempo of the game offensively and defensively. ODSS continued to struggle with creating scoring opportunities.

Bishop Mac scored three more goals in the second half to earn the 7-0 victory.

"We know this is a really good team. They're first place in the league. Just being able to come out and fight and put up a challenge against a team like this is all we're looking for, and hopefully next Tuesday, our last game against Lourdes, that should be a little more even with our level of play, so we will see how that goes," said Padayachee.

Bishop Mac improved to six wins and zero losses for the season while ODSS is 0-7 in the standings.

ODSS's game against Our Lady of the Lourdes takes place on Oct. 20 at the University of Guelph soccer field.

In other ODSS soccer news, the senior squad lost 3-1 to Bishop Mac earlier in the day on the same Celtics field. ODSS finished the season with a record of three wins and four losses and will advance to the playoffs, where they will face Bishop Mac, who finished with three wins, three losses and a tie.

Quarter final senior soccer action takes place today (Oct. 15).



CHRIS PERROTTE PHOTOS

ON THE ATTACK: Scarlet Bears player Ray Fair kicks the ball inbound during his team's game against the Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School Celtics on Oct. 13.



HALFTIME HUDDLE: Scarlet Bears soccer coach Koven Padayachee encourages his team during halftime.



OPINION

A cat's 'spice of life'

KEITH SCHELL
REMEMBERING WHEN



They say, "Variety is the spice of life," and that's very true.

Sampling foods from different cultures makes eating that much more interesting. Travelling abroad, if you can afford to, can be very enriching to the human spirit. But with the way the world is nowadays, if you still want to travel, the very least you can do is try to travel within your own country and enjoy the variety of experiences that exist in your own backyard, if you are so inclined.

Variety to a human is one thing, but variety to a cat is something else altogether. Aside from the different types of food you could feed it, variety to a cat usually means one thing:

Laps.

Variety to a cat is a lap they haven't yet had the pleasure of sitting in.

Having had our childhood cat for twenty years, she had sat in all our family laps thousands of times. She knew every crease and fold, every bulge and sag, every square millimetre of our laps, and because of that familiarity, the magic was gone. It was the "same-old-same-old" in terms of laps all the time. The bloom was off the "lap rose," you could say.

So, whenever we had a visitor to our home back then, it was a golden opportunity for our cat to enjoy her own "spice of life":

She had a brand-new lap to sit in!

It didn't matter whether you liked cats or not. The moment you sat down on the couch, your lap was fair game for our cat to jump into and sit in.

Because you were in our home and sitting on our couch, our cat would usually walk over to you, hop up on you, and use the opportunity to give your lap a "test sit," so to speak.

Not that we ever had that many visitors, but the ones we did get usually received the full "lap cat" experience whenever they came into our home.

When any of our friends stopped in to visit, the first thing our cat did when they sat down on the couch to chat was jump up into their laps, settle down, and fall asleep. Our friends usually didn't mind at all. They'd give the cat a pat and a good scratch, and everything was fine.

When my youngest brother brought his future wife home to meet the family and the two of them sat down on the living room couch, the first thing our cat did was hop up into the girl's lap and fall asleep there while being petted and scratched. My mother even took a picture of the three of them sitting together on the couch (my brother, his girlfriend, and our cat on her lap). Hey, if you're going to be a part of this family, you'd better get used to your lap being sat in by our cat. If our cat likes you, then we like you too.

In a way, it was a badge of acceptance for a visitor to have our cat jump into their lap when they came into our house. Our pets were always part of the family and usually felt so loved and secure with us that they were able to be themselves and display their own unique personality traits. And that always made them even more endearing to us (and sometimes more aggravating).

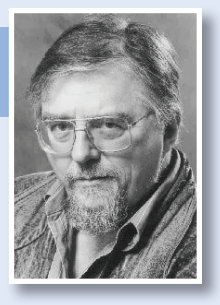
So, if someone's cat jumps into your lap and settles down while you're in their home, take it as the compliment it is and give the cat a pat and a good scratch behind the ear.

And let their cat enjoy its own version of a cat's "spice of life":

Sitting in a brand-new lap!

Israel and Palestine: Thirty wasted years

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Here is how the high command of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) laid down the rules for 'remotely' killing suspected Palestinian activists in the densely populated Gaza Strip after the surprise Hamas attack on Israel three years ago this week (7 October).

Israeli forces were told that up to twenty Palestinian civilians could be killed in a strike against a single suspected member of Hamas, even one of the lowest rank and importance. For a more 'senior' Hamas member, the permissible number of non-combatants who could be 'accidentally' killed in the process went up to one hundred.

The order went out only hours after the attack, when there were not yet any IDF troops on the ground in the Strip and all strikes had to be remote, but most strikes have remained remote right down to the present because using drones and artillery keeps Israeli casualties very low.

The drone operators or artillery gunners who delivered the high explosives did not choose the target themselves. An AI system called Lavender did that, using a network of surveillance devices that generated tens of thousands of likely targets, some known by name, some just 'acting suspiciously.' Human operators spent about 20 seconds confirming each one.

This is how more than 74,000 Palestinians in Gaza (around a third of them children) have been chosen for death in the past three years. The system even has a code name for the innocent majority of the dead: NAZA, an acronym from the Hebrew phrase for 'collateral damage.'

Most of the above information comes from anonymized IDF operators of the system, as recorded anonymously by Israeli film-makers Rachel Zor and Yuval Abraham in the documentary film NAZA, released later this month. Israeli casualties in this war have been far fewer, but they too are mostly civilian.

Of the 2,000 Israelis who have been killed in the Gaza war more than half were civilians, mostly murdered in or near their homes on the first day. Israeli military losses have been quite low, as usual, but they do add up to as many as have been killed in all Israel's other wars since 2000. Palestinian losses are nearing the total of all Palestinians and other Arabs killed in the wars since 1948.

And all of this serves no purpose whatever. Nothing has budged since Netanyahu and the Likud Party on one side and Hamas on the other killed the 'peace process' in 1995.

The process was well underway by the mid-1990s. Like a hundred other new countries that had emerged from the wreckage of the European empires and learned to live within their new borders during the previous 50 years, Israel seemed to be on the brink of normality.

At that time, the Zionist project to build a national Jewish state was already a done deal for most Israelis. They were nationalists, like the dominant population in any modern state, but the Palestinians could not be forced to vanish and most Israelis were not very interested in further territorial expansion if peace was on offer instead.

The Palestinian leadership had also accepted that there could be no final victory and that the future had to be the 'two-state solution' in which Israeli and Palestinian states lived unhappily alongside each other forever. Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had already been to Washington to seal the deal.

Inevitably, there were dissident groups on both sides who wanted to go on fighting until an imaginary total victory, and the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin by a far-right Jewish student in 1995 forced an early election to replace him. The Hamas group, who had broken away from the PLO because they opposed a compromise peace, saw the election as a way to stop it.

Hamas sabotaged the peace deal by launching an intensive terrorist bus-bombing campaign during the election to convince Israeli voters that peace with Palestinians was impossible, and the right-wing, anti-peace Israeli candidate, Binyamin Netanyahu, took full advantage of it. He won the election, and the peace deal died.

Thirty years later, the prospect of peace has receded far into the distance. Netanyahu has been prime minister more than half the time since 1995, and may even win a new term in office in this month's election despite his failure to stop Hamas's surprise attack three years ago or to destroy it in the subsequent war.

Israel has drifted so far right in the intervening years that none of plausible rival candidates is interested in seeking peace with the Palestinians either, and the PLO is a corrupt and useless shambles. Everybody is stuck, the foolish war with Iran is dragging on pointlessly, and there is no light on the horizon.

Orangeville Public Library celebrates Ontario Public Library Week

Oct. 18 to 24 is Ontario Public Library Week, so now's the perfect time to celebrate the value the Orangeville Public Library brings to the community.

This year's theme is Loud for Libraries. It invites us to speak up about the important role libraries play in our community and share what they mean to us.

The Orangeville Public Library began around 1878 as the Orangeville Mechanics Institute, a members-only organization that opened its doors to the public in 1895.

By the early 1900s, like many communities across North America, Orangeville benefited from Andrew Carnegie's support for public library construction.

The "rags to riches" entrepreneur devoted millions of dollars to libraries worldwide, believing that access to books and knowledge gave people opportunities to educate themselves and improve their lives.

With Carnegie's financial support, the Library Board and the Town of Orangeville worked together to establish a new library at the corner of Mill Street and Broadway. It opened in April 1908 as the Orangeville Public Library, beginning a new chapter in the community's access to learning.

More than a century later, our library is still committed to learning and sharing resources. Like many libraries, our role has evolved into building and sustaining community. Whether you're a parent of a newborn or just starting high school, a lifelong resident or new to the community, a young professional or a newly retired resident, the library offers something different for everyone while connecting us all.

Residents of Orangeville, Mono, East Garafraxa and Amaranth are all eligible for a library card, which will give you access to thousands of physical items such as books, birding backpacks, ghost hunting kits, and more. It will also give you access to hundreds of thousands of online movies, newspapers, magazines, ebooks, and audiobooks.

Learning can happen at any stage of life. Through LinkedIn Learning, you can develop career skills, explore creative interests or prepare for professional certification exams.

Kermode offers accessible modules to strengthen media literacy skills, helping people think critically about the information they encounter online. These resources support both practical goals and the simple pleasure of learning something new.

Other services help make everyday tasks easier and keep people connected. Wireless printing offers a convenient way to print documents, while Ancestry Library Edition, available through our library computers or WiFi network, helps people explore their family history.

Book Club in a Bag supports shared reading and conversation, and Home Delivery brings library materials to residents who cannot visit us in person.

You've probably heard about the Makerspace at the Alder branch. Open Lab hours offer opportunities to explore independently or get support from our knowledgeable staff. Shared access to tools and equipment gives people room to experiment, develop skills and bring an idea to life. You don't have to arrive as an expert; curiosity is a good starting point.

The true meaning of libraries goes beyond our resources. Last week we shared some of our exciting fall programs. Come in to discuss ideas and make connections through book clubs, learn from experts in our Experts in the Library series, and share your creations at our open mic events this month. Each offers a different way to participate in community life.

This Ontario Public Library Week, we invite you to rediscover your library and be Loud for Libraries. Share a favourite library memory, tell a friend about a service you enjoy, or introduce someone to something they haven't tried. When you share what the library means to you, you help someone else discover what it could mean to them.



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Making Life Better Together

It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the crisis narratives dominating the news and our feeds. Between headlines of global uncertainty, shifting economic pressures and rising fatigue, cynicism is a natural defence mechanism. When the world feels too heavy, many default to retreating into isolation.

To move past news fatigue and overwhelm, we need to reclaim our sense of collective agency and reset our focus to the hyper-local. When we acknowledge the realities immediately around us and find the helpers, we foster hope and stability by building community where we live.

Here is how we can cultivate radical hope.

Choose action over despair

As activist Mariame Kaba noted, hope is a discipline. It is a daily practice and an active choice to put our hands to work. Community action is the ultimate antidote to community anxiety, and helping others can be an effective trip of the doom circuit.

Seeing neighbours across Dufferin and Caledon connect as humans first cultivates radical hope. Pulling together in a crisis dissolves difference, and we just get to work helping clear out the basements after a flood, dropping off a casserole when a friend is sick or clearing a tree off a neighbour's driveway after an ice storm.

It should not seem radical to see each other as humans first, but empathy takes courage. When we connect with people in real life, it is much easier to find those "restores my faith in humanity" moments.

The Canadian Mental Health Association notes that anxiety thrives on avoidance. Turning away from a problem allows the worry to churn away undisturbed. Taking structured, intentional actions that promote social connection, acts of kindness and collaborative problem-solving directly counter anxiety. Not only do these activities take resources away from the anxiety, they also teach our nervous systems that there is another way. This works with both individual and collective action.

Rethink local systems

We know that local challenges like housing, food access, mental health and community safety are deeply intertwined. Fighting despair requires creative, human-centred solutions that break down silos.

The wisdom of local communities produces practical solutions that build on what we already have, and come with support baked in.

Governments and funders can scaffold these grassroots efforts through grants and by seeking input on priorities and decisions.

Health and social service systems can build hope by meeting people where they are, without judgment or inflexible rules, serving compassion first.

As one member of the VOICES of Lived Experience Dufferin group shared: "When I first sought help, the rigid systems made me feel more like a problem than a person. It wasn't until I met a worker who adapted to my needs and truly listened that I felt hopeful. They looked at me as a whole person."

This fosters trust, a building block of radical hope.

Recognize progress when you see it

Cynicism tells us that small local efforts don't make a dent against global issues, or that they are too little, too late. However, sustained and coordinated local engagement creates real, measurable progress, with additive value beyond the targeted metric.

As anthropologist Margaret Mead famously said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Working together serves much more than the immediate cause. It empowers individuals with purpose and confidence. The Community Wellness Council (CWC) of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team embeds the lived experience of patients, families and caregivers into a new model of integrated, person-centred care.

One CWC Core Group member reflected: "I find comfort in believing that even the smallest acts of kindness, encouragement, or understanding can create ripples far beyond what we can see. This belief helps me stay hopeful and motivated, especially on the more challenging days. I'm grateful to be part of this group and to learn from the passion, experience, and commitment everyone brings. Our collective efforts can continue building momentum and creating meaningful change in our communities, which is truly inspiring."

Collaboration is key

In the Dufferin Food Access Subcommittee, folks from public health, healthcare, food banks, community groups, educators, farmers, cooks and foodies explore solutions across the continuum from emergency food relief to building food-friendly environments that remove stigma.

Everyone has a role to play: governments handle food safety and land-use planning; businesses produce food and pay living wages; charities run school nutrition programs; community groups manage gardens, kitchens and shared infrastructure; individuals share economical recipes and food knowledge.

The result? We have 25¢ vending machines in discreet public places, community meals, a pay-what-you-can mobile market, a commissary kitchen and many public pick-and-eat gardens throughout Headwaters.

Municipalities are protecting farmland in strategic plans, investing in infrastructure, holding community engagement sessions, question periods, committees, and community grant programs supporting grassroots initiatives.

Step up to lead

Collective anxiety and radical hope coexist in local democracy too. People often choose to run for office because they oppose the status quo, but are also hopeful that they can make a positive difference. Putting your name forward requires courage, commitment and hope.

With the municipal election on Oct. 26, civic participation, including voting, is a way to directly shape our home communities.

Leadership does not start or end on a ballot, however. Elections produce both elected officials and a wave of dedicated candidates whose gifts are still needed.

Many local non-profits have vacancies on their boards and struggle to recruit long-term members. Municipal candidates are encouraged to transition their momentum into these vital governance roles with local charity boards, which offer an excellent platform to drive community priorities forward.

When news fatigue sets in, the best remedy is to reconnect with the people and places right in front of you. Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) brings people together to shape a thriving community by helping people find pathways to engagement.

Here are a few ways to move from passive anxiety into active community-building today: vote on or before Oct. 26; attend a council meeting; visit volunteerdufferin.ca and connect with local organizations; apply for a committee or advisory group, like the Community Wellness Council; join a local wetland restoration day; smile and start a light-hearted conversation with a neighbour or a stranger.

One small act can pull someone out of a gloomy loop, and part the clouds with a gesture grounded in hope and home.

Sit with this question this month:

Where in your community can you put your hands to work and turn collective anxiety into an act of radical hope?

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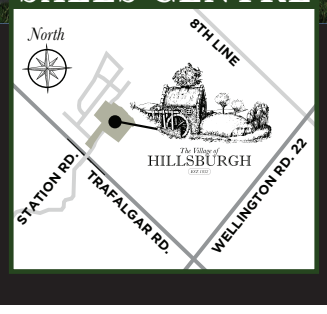


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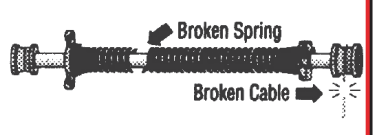
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Four teenagers charged with violent robbery following Dufferin OPP investigation

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged three youths and one adult following a robbery investigation in Orangeville.

On Oct. 5, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers laid charges connected to a robbery that occurred on Sept. 21, in the area of Dawson Road.

The complainant reported that they had been assaulted by the accused individuals, threatened with bear spray, and had their personal property stolen.

As a result of the OPP's investigation, a 15-year-old male from Orangeville was charged with CC 344(1)(b) Robbery with Violence.

An additional 15-year-old male from Orangeville was charged with CC 343(a) Robbery with violence

A 16-year-old male from Orangeville was charged with CC 343(a) Robbery with Violence and CC 344(1)(b) Robbery with Violence.

A 19-year-old male from Caledon was charged with CC 343(a) Robbery with Violence.

Three of the accused males were held in custody pending a bail hearing. None of the charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP Major Crime Unit at 1-888-310-1122.

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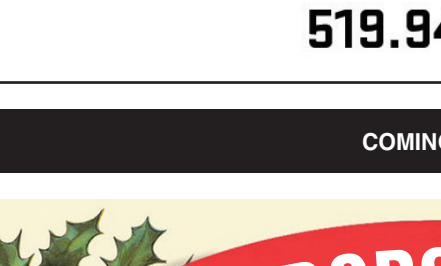
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Traffic stop in Alliston leads to drug seizure, arrest of Mono woman

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have arrested two individuals and laid multiple drug trafficking and driving related charges following a traffic stop in Alliston.

On Oct. 5, shortly after 12:30 a.m., officers were conducting proactive patrols in Alliston when they observed a white SUV being operated by a driver who did not match the description of the vehicle's registered owner. Officers conducted a traffic stop to confirm the driver was in lawful possession of the vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, officers arrested the driver and passenger and located and seized approximately 36.5 grams of suspected methamphetamine and 8.5 grams of suspected cocaine.

Officers also determined that the licence plates attached to the vehicle were fraudulent.

Tamara Lowe, 43, from Mono, has been charged with:

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Both accused were from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford at a future date. The vehicle was impounded for 45 days. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity is encouraged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

Dufferin OPP lay close to 250 charges over Thanksgiving long weekend

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid nearly 250 traffic-related charges over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Between Oct. 9 and 12, officers conducted several R.I.D.E. spot checks and traffic enforcement initiatives, laying a total of 245 traffic-related charges.

Enforcement efforts focused on the "Big Four" driving behaviours linked to serious injuries and fatalities: impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seatbelt use.

"These results highlight the continued importance of safe and responsible driving and the need for motorists to follow the rules of the road," said Dufferin OPP.

From Oct. 9 to 12, Dufferin OPP laid 156 speeding charges, eight stunt/racing charges, four impaired driving charges, 11 seatbelt charges, one distracted driving charge and 65 other offences.

Dufferin OPP said it would like to thank the majority of road users who follow the law and help keep our roads safe.

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