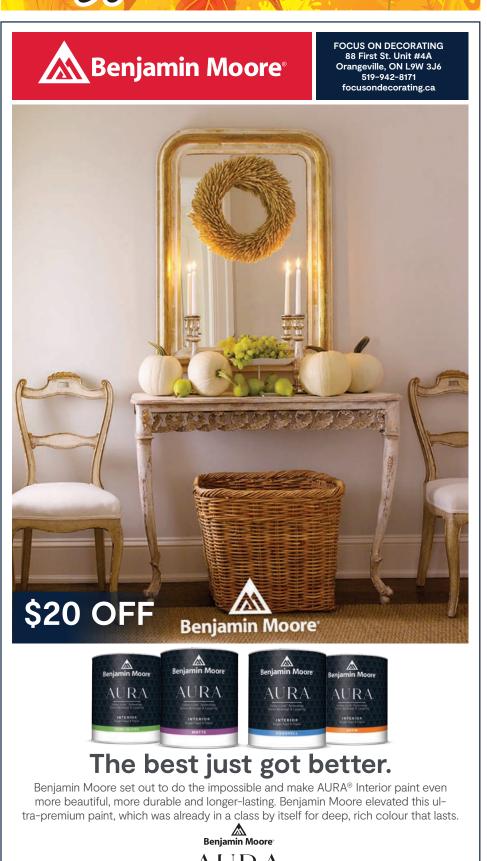


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CARE CLOSE TO HOME: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) celebrated the grand opening of its Morningview Foundation MRI Suite on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The first MRI in Dufferin-Caledon, the new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, is slated to serve upwards of 8,000 patients per year

Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrates opening of Morningview Foundation MRI Suite

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has officially opened Dufferin-Caledon's game-changer for Dufferin-Caledon famifirst-ever magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) lies. As one of 50 new MRI machines fundsuite after years of advocacy, community engagement, and fundraising.

Staff members, volunteers, and community dignitaries gathered outside the local hospital on Tuesday (Oct. 14) for a special ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the Morningview Foundation MRI Suite.

"This is more than the unveiling of advanced technology. It's a testament to initiative called Smart Headwaters. In addiwhat we can achieve when we listen to our tion to funding the MRI Suite, the campaign community, invest in our future, and work has also helped bring other advancements together to improve the lives of those we serve," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of HHCC. "With this new MRI, we are not just enhancing our diagnostic capabilities; we are reducing wait times, improving access, and ensuring that our patients re- Headwaters. We are here to celebrate a mile- care. It will help us attract expertise we've ceive the answers they need with speed and stone that represents not just brick [and] accuracy."

Jones announced that the Ontario gov- dent and CEO K.C. Carruthers. ernment would be committing more than \$800,000 in annual operating funding for the waters Campaign was the Roth family, who, first MRI suite in the community.

HHCC is one of 50 hospitals across Ontario included in the provincial government's announcement of expanded MRI and CT

scan services. The expansion of diagnostic stepping up," said John Roth. "It is easy to reduce wait times for Ontarians.

ed by our government, this will enable our community to access vital diagnostic imaging closer to home, for years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this historic milestone," said Jones.

To help bring the MRI Suite to the community, Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) launched a \$18 million fundraising to the hospital, including a CT scanner, redevelopment of the dialysis unit at Headwaters, and updates to the hospital's patient roughly 8,000 scans per year. record system.

mortar and state-of-the-art technology, but subspecialties available right here in Oran-In 2022, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia the power of community," said HHCF Presi-

> A significant supporter of the Smart Headthrough their Morningview Foundation, agreed to match community donations up to \$3 million.

"I really want to thank the community for

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imaging to more communities is intended to forget how important - and take for granted - the presence of a hospital like Headwa-"The new MRI suite at Headwaters is a ters. Many communities across Ontario and Canada don't have anything like this, but to keep it alive and keep it working, we all need to [continue our] support."

After years of fundraising and waiting, the prefabricated building of the suite and MRI machine were both delivered to Headwaters Hospital in August.

According to Headwaters, there are approximately 4,000 annual scans that are referred to other facilities for MRI, meaning the new suite will meet a significant demand for bringing more diagnostic imaging services closer to home for patients.

The MRI Suite, which began completing scans on Sept. 30, is expected to conduct

"This MRI is more than just a machine; it's "Today is a proud and inspiring day for a magnet for new specialists and advanced never had before, expanding the range of geville. It's a major step forward, not just for Headwaters, but for health care across Dufferin-Caledon," said Dr. Asad Naqvi, Chief of Radiology at Headwaters.

> To learn more about Dufferin-Caledon's first MRI or other diagnostic imaging services available at Headwaters Hospital, visit www.headwatershealth.ca.

















Mono committee quits in protest to council denying heritage designation

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Mono's heritage advisory committee members resigned as a whole in protest of town radation." council's decision regarding a local historical farmstead property.

The town's eight-member heritage committee has called for the property to be registered as being of historical heritage significance. Town council reaffirmed during its Oct. 14 meeting that it will not give the nod for such a designation. The entire committee resigned from their positions in protest after the meet-

Council voted in July to cancel the farm's 2023 bylaw that designated it as being of historical importance.

According to a letter to town council before the meeting, it is the committee's position that the decision to rescind was made in haste, without public input, without serious examination of alternative solutions, and without ronment. careful consideration of the irreversible con-

There's also concern that the about-face sends a negative message about the town's commitment to heritage preservation.

The fracas concerns a property at 934322 Airport Road, known as the Anderson Farm. The 170-year-old farm complex includes an occupied stone house in good condition and a stone cottage with a caved in roof. There's also a stone milk house and three barns.

It had been occupied by five generations of Andersons starting in about 1850.

Town council heard during a meeting in July 2023 that the pioneer homestead is a surviving example of fieldstone construction. It's said that they make up a rare historical complex of farm buildings typical of the industrious Irish pioneers who came to Mono in the mid-1800s.

The family that owns the old farmstead made it known to town council in 2023 that they wanted nothing to do with having the property saddled with heritage designation. The family hired Oakville law firm O'Connor MacLeod Hanna to fight the municipality's ef-

An official objection was also filed with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in August 2023.

The family bought the land in late 2020 with

yer said the family realized there were some older structures on the property, but those structures were in an "advanced state of deg-

Heritage designation means no alterations or removal can be made to the exteriors of structures. The owner can still do those things, but not without council permission.

Barbara Jafelice, the heritage committee's chairperson, said much of the Anderson property's merit is in it being a harmonious complex of buildings that epitomizes the agricultural and social history of Mono on a serene and highly visible hilltop location.

"Arguably more than any other property in heritage status, which quashed a November Mono, the Anderson farm fulfils a majority of the criteria for designation as laid out in the Heritage Act," she wrote in an email to The

> Specifically, she said, it honours Shelley Anderson, a man who made significant contributions to the Mono community and the envi-

> the architectural vernacular of early home-

landmark in our community," said Kirsten Ball, the committee's past-chair. "In the opinion of the heritage committee, the proposal put forth is not a satisfactory compromise."

Removal of the designation will allow the property's owners to demolish the structures on their land, she said. Then they can build "a new, possibly very large house."

"The heritage committee feels that their arguments are extremely weak because, as we know, the condition of a building has nothing to do with its viability as a designated property," Ball said. "In contrast, the town has a very strong argument for the designation."

Provincial heritage legislation outlines nine criteria that can be used to determine a property's historical importance for designation. A subject property has to meet only two of those conditions.

"In the case of the Anderson Farm, fully six of the nine criteria have been met," Ball said. "This is far more than any other designation in Mono. It is arguably the most important heritage building in Mono."

She believes the town arguing in favour of

a view to making it their future home. The law- the heritage designation would win its case at

"The onus is on the town to protect these buildings for the benefit of the community,"

Councillor Elaine Capes, a committee member, tabled a motion for council to reopen discussion about the Anderson Farm's heritage status. Initial council support was unanimous in favour of the designation. The subsequent decision to revoke that designation was by a tight 3-2 vote in July.

"There is a suggestion that we acted hastily and we weren't informed and made a bad decision," Mayor John Creelman said. "And I point out just for the record that this matter has been discussed many times.'

Coun. Melinda Davie acknowledged the many discussions about the property and its status. But she said the about-face decision to revoke that heritage designation was made in

An offer was made by owners of another Mono property to have the Anderson Farm's The farm's buildings are fine examples of main structure relocated stone by stone at no cost to taxpayers.

Davie said the larger picture of the proper-"The Anderson property is an important ty's heritage importance is the original location and all the buildings there.

> "The value of heritage is a broader thing than just rocks put together in a certain way,'

> Creelman said some property owners oppose the heritage designation because they don't want to be bound by the legislation when it comes to decisions about their own properties.

> "But that is why the Heritage Act is in place," Ball said.

> "We're aware of that," Creelman said. "And we're also aware that the Heritage Act doesn't force a property owner to fix a property up."

> "But if we remove the designation, all those buildings could be gone within a year," Ball

> "You are making an assumption which I think is very unfair to the property owner,

> Creelman said. "Have they told you they're not going to knock it down?" Ball said.

> "They haven't said either way what they are going to do," Creelman said.

"So how do we know?" Ball said.

PROPERTY IN QUESTION: The Anderson Cottage, pictured here from the roadside a few weeks ago, was the subject of debate when Mono council met on Oct. 14.

"I believe that due process has been manipulated by this idea to take this stone cottage and move it somewhere else," Capes said. "We are not following due process."

That would be to allow the matter to go before the OLT, Capes said.

"I feel uncomfortable being told, Councillor Capes, that I've been manipulated," Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said. "I really feel uncomfortable with that accusation."

Further, Nix said the advisory committee's role is to make recommendations to council. Then council has the right to either accept or deny those recommendations "as we choose

Davie asked if it was too late for council to reconsider its opposition to the property having heritage status.

Fred Simpson, the town's clerk, said a settlement was offered to the Anderson Farm owners, and it was accepted. But the town hasn't vet signed those minutes of settlement. and the OLT hasn't been informed about those

Coun. Ralph Manktelow said the idea that a property that is not being maintained is of significant value is disagreeable.

"I can't accept the fact that a deteriorating property is as valuable as the committee feels

Capes compared the Anderson Farm property to Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England, and European castles. They are piles of rocks considered to be culturally and historically valuable, she said.

"They don't say it's a pile of rubble," she said. "They value it."

Capes' motion to have council reconsider their denial of heritage designation failed by

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Headwaters hosts Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer to support local cancer care

Written By RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

its second annual Hike to Fight Cancer at the it's just been wonderful." Caledon Ski Club last Thursday.

Following their inaugural hike last year, which raised \$68,000 in support of breast cancer care, this year's hike was in support of all forms of cancer care at Headwaters.

K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation, shared that the event is vital as it raises funds for the necessary equipment they need, such as chemotherapy chairs, CT scanners and mammography equipment.

"It's a chance for us to come together and make sure that Headwaters Healthcare Center has the diagnostic equipment, cancer treatment equipment, and the tools our surgeons need; the only way to fund those is through fundraising in the community," says Carruthers.

Carruthers said they already outgrew their but for her daughter. original venue at the inaugural hike and expected more than 200 people this year.

"Supporting cancer care at Headwaters is supporting the people in our community more and more to the younger generation. that need it, and if we don't do it, nobody else

Headwaters currently treats over 2,000 patients a year who come to their hospital for cancer treatment.

This is in addition to diagnostics, screenings and follow-ups.

The hike offered various routes, varying in length to suit different abilities, ensuring everyone could participate.

Cheryl Santarossa attended the hike with her team of over 30 people of friends and She was diagnosed in June with inflamma-

tory breast cancer and began treatment at Health Care Foundation. Headwaters by the end of the month.

such a "caring" facility in her own commu-

"I can't say enough for the care that I'm Headwaters Health Care Foundation held getting there and all the nurses that are there:

> Santarossa has undergone thirteen rounds of chemo and has three more to go.

> She attended the inaugural hike just last year, and said, "who knew that I'd be in the situation I am this year?"

> "I feel very honored and very blessed to have the support I have."

Terri Holden, a personal trainer, brought many of her clients to participate in the hike with her that day as part of their team, "Bust-A-Move.'

One of her clients who was there with her that day came straight from her final 19th ra-

"We're all proud of her," says Holden. "We're hoping to keep raising money to build awareness and cure this nasty disease."

Not only was Holden hiking for her friend,

Holden's daughter was diagnosed at

34-years-old with breast cancer. She shares that she's seeing this happening

"Stay positive if this ever happens to you, and push forward and raise funds so we can my treatment, and receive

try to cure this; it's happening to a lot of young people," says Holden. Participants gathered around outside the ski club as Carruthers kicked off the hike

with opening remarks.

"We all know someone who's close to us who has or is battling cancer, and being able to fight that battle close to home under the care of your community hospital is what today is all about," says Carruthers.

Before the hike, he shared a personal story from someone receiving care at Headwaters

"I knew I needed answers quickly, but what treatment in the morning and She spoke on the importance of having scared me almost as much as the diagnosis still be home for dinner that



HIKING FOR THE CAUSE: Hike to Fight Cancer participant Cheryl Santarossa is pictured with her team of over 30 friends and family members.

itself was the thought of driving hours back night." and forth to the city for every test, every appointment, and every treatment. Thankfully, venience. It gave me dignity, hope, and the

relaying the story.

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"Right here, close to my home and family, I was able to get my diagnosis, begin the follow-up care I needed, all without leaving the comfort and support of my family and friends, and all surrounded by the award-winning Friendship Gardens that makes Headwaters Health Care Center such a special place for care. Because my care was local, I didn't have to choose between fighting cancer and being present in my own life. I could go to

"Local cancer care isn't just about con-I didn't have to. Headwaters, my community strength to heal surrounded by my commuhospital, was there for me," said Carruthers, nity."



RILEY MURPHY PHOTO

HIKING FOR THE CAUSE: CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation, K.C. Carruthers, addresses the crowds

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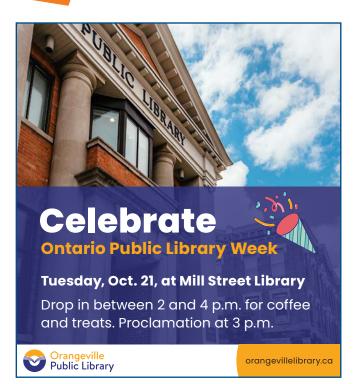
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To listen in			
Tuesday, Oct. 21	12 p.m.	Town Hall main- floor boardroom	Community Improvement Plan Committee	In-person only			
Monday	7 n m	Council chambers	Council	Voutube			

*Start time of council and committee meetings is subject to change *For more information on how to participate and to view council and committee agendas, please visit orangeville.ca/meetings.

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Oct. 27





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How to join

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- 2. Follow the steps to make your payment and secure your spot
- 3. Start planning!

We'll have all the details, including transit ending times and more, coming soon!







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Orangeville Transit

Minor route disruption -Oct. 18

Downtown Orangeville's BOO on Broadway & Beyond community event will be held this Saturday, October 18. A portion of Broadway will be closed for the event.

There will be a minor transit disruption to the Orange Route from 7:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Last stop before closure: Elizabeth and First Street

First stop after closure:

Broadway and Fourth Street Regular service resumes at 2:45 p.m.

Three area restaurants broken into overnight, investigation remains ongoing

Written By SAM ODROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Three restaurants in the region were brothe early hours of Oct. 3.

Barley Vine Rail Co. (BVR) and Déjà vu Diner in Orangeville both had their glass doors smashed and were forcibly entered before having their cash registers ransacked.

6ixty Wings off Highway 10, in Caledon Village, was also forcibly broken into and stolen curred around 1:45 or 2 a.m. on Oct. 3, approx-

Déjà vu Diner, which just moved from 318 Broadway to the former Wimpy's Diner location at 400 Townline, had the wires connecting its till to a computer system cut. After that, drawer was missing, and she kind of thought the entire till was stolen, with approximately \$400 cash inside. However, Déjà vu Diner owner Jennifer Betz said the repairs to her door will be the largest cost to her from the she saw that the front door was smashed." break and enter.

til I found out about the other break-ins. The partner was able to install a temporary pane

person. WINMAR came quickly and boarded to do a proper repair. up the door which we appreciate so much."

spirits, and we are happy to welcome everywe hope they think it's as beautiful as we do."

Meanwhile, BVR had the drawer of its till removed and stolen.

Angela Ward, BVR owner, said the theft ocimately 15 minutes after her staff locked up the restaurant and headed home.

shift in the morning, she saw that the cash said. for a second that one of her colleagues maybe put it somewhere," said Ward. "But then when she went to open up the doors and do a check,

The door was hit with a hammer, and the "I felt like I was just getting my feet on the broken glass is the only damage to BVR. Howground at the new place only being open two ever, the building is historic, originally condays, at a new location," Betz told the Citizen. structed as a train station in 1907, and due to having something that he could use to harm incidents or other criminal activity can con-"I was worried it was targeted at us that some- its age, the type of glass needed to properly someone," Ward said. "We all felt really unsafe one didn't want us in their neighbourhood un- replace it is difficult to acquire. Ward said her in our own space."

community rallied around us online and in of glass, but she is currently awaiting a quote ways had a two-person rule when locking up,

Ward estimates \$300 to \$500 was in the till now when the team is closing. Betz added, "The break-in, although it when it was stolen, as well as a few hundred Orangeville BIA Downtown Dollars, cheques Diner occurred. one to come check out our new location, and for suppliers, various keys, and a company debit card.

cheques once she found out the incident had occurred.

However, the theft isn't what upset Ward the most.

"It's not about the money or the damage, "When my staff [member] opened for her but about how it just made us all feel," she

unsafe in my own building and community."

Ward added that the break and enter was a mask. "violating" and "scary" experience, considering her staff had left the restaurant just before suspicious activity observed between Oct. its door was smashed with a hammer and en-

"He obviously was armed in the sense of

Ward told the Citizen that while BVR has alpers at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

the restaurant exercises even more caution

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post took to social ken into between the late hours of Oct. 2 and sucks, did not slow us down or dampen our dollars in prepaid gift cards, a few hundred media after the robberies at BVR and Déjà vu

> "To Jen and the Deja Vu team, and to Ang and Mark and the Barley Vine team - please Ward said she cancelled the debit card and know that our whole community is standing with you. Both of your businesses have given so much to Orangeville, not just through great food and service, but through the countless ways you support people and causes in this town," wrote Mayor Post.

> Provincial Cst. Andrew Fines of the Dufferin OPP said a suspect image won't be re-"Now I just feel a little bit more uneasy and leased at this time, but described as wearing a dark hoodie, dark pants, gloves, and a surgical

> > Police are asking the public to report any 2 and 3, around 400 Townline or Armstrong Street, in Orangeville.

> > Anyone with information regarding these tact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or provide anonymous tips through Crime Stop-

Dufferin OPP respond to serious and fatal collisions throughout the region, seeking witnesses

Two-vehicle collision in Mulmur seriously injures two individuals

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers along with Dufferin County Emergency Services and Fire Services responded to a serious two-vehicle collision in Mulmur on Oct. 7.

Shortly after 3:25 p.m., officers were called to the scene at the intersection of County Road 19 (Prince of Wales Road) and County Road 17 (10 Sideroad). The collision resulted in two individuals being transported to a Toronto area

The OPP Technical Collision Investigators (TCI) attended the scene to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing.

Two-vehicle collision in Amaranth results in death of Grand Valley man

A recent two-vehicle collision in Amarnath resulted in the death of a 61-year-old Grand Valley man and serious injuries for a 36-yearold female.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, paramedics, and fire services attended the scene of the collision at County Road 10 near County Road 12 in Amaranth on Oct. 10, at approximately 8:45 p.m.

"The collision involved two sport utility vehicles (SUV). A Honda SUV was traveling westbound and collided with an eastbound Toyota SUV," reads a statement from Dufferin

"Sadly, as a result of the collision, the driver of the Honda, a 61-year-old, male from Grand Valley was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Toyota, a 36-year-old female was transported to a Toronto area hospital with serious injuries. There were two children in the Toyota who were transported to local hospital with unknown injuries."

The OPP's Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team was brought in to investigate.

The investigations are continuing and anyone who may have witnessed either collision or has dash cam footage is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

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Ontario allocates \$83,200 for upgrades to infrastructure at Family Transition Place

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is set to up- HVAC systems and infrastructure. grade its facility in Orangeville with funding from the provincial government.

The provincial government announced in a press release issued on Oct. 10 that Famicritical upgrades and repairs to their children's and social services facilities in Orangeville.

"Local agencies are at the core of every strong community. That's why our govern- Family Transition Place. ment is proud to invest in Orangeville", said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "By funding these repairs and upgrades, we are helping ensure that vulnerable Ontarians can access high-quality services and supports in safe and accessible spaces.

The funding received by FTP is part of the provincial government's plan to invest \$16 mil- of services to the community. They include lion to help 153 community agencies across emergency shelter, rural response outreach, the province complete essential repairs and

Facility Renewal program, which gives fund- a 24/7 crisis support line, and youth education. ing to agencies such as shelters for women and children, homes that provide daily support for people with developmental disabilities, facilities for survivors of human trafficking, and facilities for children and youth with

special needs.

Family Transition Place will specifically use the funds from the provincial government on

"This vital funding supports our 2025–26 minor capital project, which will upgrade essential HVAC systems and infrastructure — ensuring a safe, comfortable environment ly Transition Place would receive \$83,200 for for the women, children, and pets who rely on our services when fleeing gender-based violence or facing homelessness, as well as for our dedicated staff and volunteers," said Lynette Pole-Langdon, executive director of

"These upgrades also reflect our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability by reducing energy consumption and lowering CO₂ emissions, helping to secure the longterm efficiency and resilience of our facility," she added.

Family Transition Place provides a number support for friends and family members of survivors, women's abuse counselling, sexual The funds are provided through the Partner violence counselling, addictions counselling,

> FTP's Orangeville-based facility has 12 independent units in its emergency shelter and can accommodate upwards of 28 people, both women and children, at any given time.

Pets are welcome as well.

Ontario Public Library Week to celebrate the retirement of long-time Orangeville Library CEO

Libraries play a valuable role in every community, and the Orangeville Public Library is excited to invite its patrons to celebrate with them. This year's theme Ontario Public Library Week's theme (Oct. 19-25) is Libraries for Life, highlighting the way libraries support people at all stages—from early literacy to lifelong learning, connection and inspiration.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, stop by the Library Week celebration and join library staff as they recognize the retirement of Chief Executive Officer, Darla Fraser.

"Our libraries are the heart and soul of our community," said Fraser. "When we sav it's a space to connect, discover and soar—we mean it. Ontario Public Library Week is an opportunity for us to celebrate together the ways our library has continued to evolve with our community, providing spaces and programs for all ages and interests that inspire learning and personal growth."

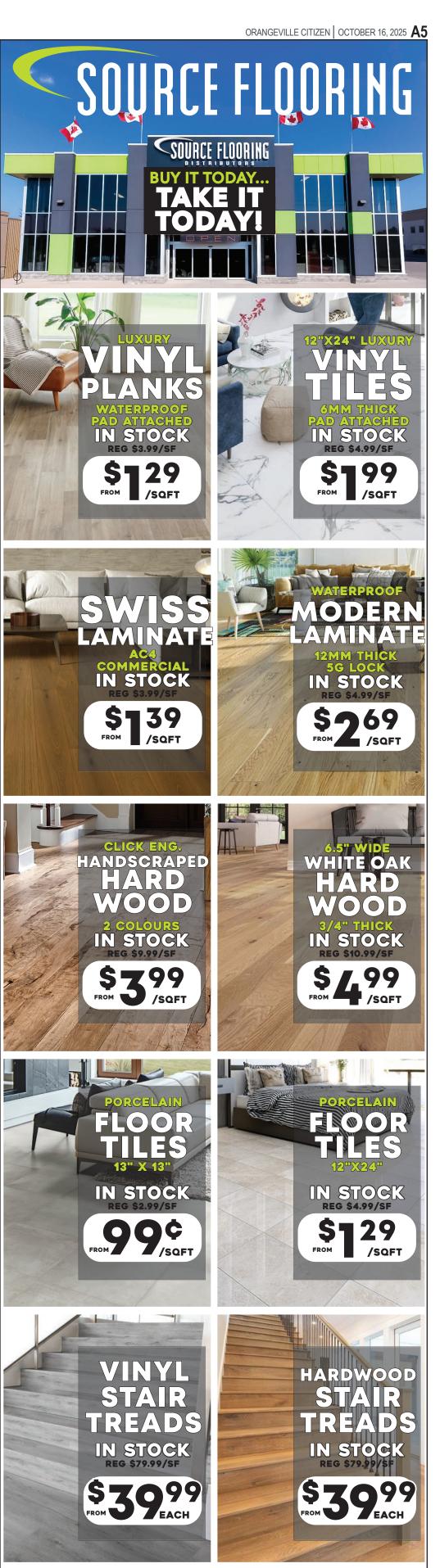


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LITERACY ADVOCATE: Orangeville Library CEO Darla Fraser is retiring after 15 years of service. An event celebrating Fraser's retirement will be held on Oct. 21.

The event will be held at the Mill Street Library from 2 to 4 p.m., with coffee and treats provided. A proclamation for Ontario Public Library Week will be made at 3 p.m.





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Consultant urges 37 per cent pay raise for Orangeville council

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A consultant hired by the town recomments for meetings provided. mends a pay raise for Orangeville's elect-

Marianne Love of Marianne Consulting said the comparative group used in the compensation study reflected Orangeville's size and scope of service.

She recommended that a pay increase. effective the start of the new council term following the October 2026 municipal election, be along the lines of \$80,154 for the mayor, \$48,131 for the deputy mayor, and \$43,755 for councillors.

Council voted to accept the consultant's report but not to enact pay raises in

Currently, Mayor Lisa Post is paid the to compensate for that loss. base amount of \$59,277 annually. Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor's base pay is \$35,284 but other than the cost of living, no adjustannually. And the seven councillors each ments were made to council's base pay. pick up a base yearly pay of \$31,897.

provided laptops, \$180 a month for home compared to neighbouring municipalities office, internet, and cellphone costs. And of relative population. elected officials are paid 72 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres of positions is low to the defined pay mark know what they're doing because they proposal to council at a later date.

council-related travel in personal vehi- ket," Love said.

There are no additional per diem pay- centile of the comparison group.

"So, in other words, the base pay rates meetings of council," Love said during council's Oct. 14 meeting.

Other than increases to keep pace with the cost of living and an adjustment to offset the loss of a previous one-third tax exemption, Orangeville's councillors haven't gotten a bump in pay in the last 15 years.

The one-third exemption refers to the amount of compensation that had been exempt from taxation for provincial and municipal elected officials. The federal government canned that exemption effective 2019. So base pay rates were adjusted

Council pay was last looked at in 2022,

Orangeville tasked an outside consul-That's excluding such compensation as tant with revisiting council's pay rates

"The 2025 base pay remuneration for all

Councillor Andy Macintosh, a sevare sort of an all-in payment for various he has no issue with council's pay increasing. The workload merits a raise, quite simply. But he recommends the increase where you have to pay for the talent that be spread out over the four years of the next term.

> "It would make it easier and more fiscally responsible, I feel," he said.

> 'Certainly, that can be done," Love said. "It's really the wish of council. It's a council decision. The rest is math.'

bers serve because of a community com- somebody who does this all over the provmitment and not for money. The hours ince. We should trust that recommendaelected officials put into their roles are less than minimum wage, he said.

Taxpayers may be dismayed at the idea whatnot." of a 37.5 per cent pay raise for council. But the decision to look at remuneration was deferred repeatedly, he said.

want quality people that are going to be making decisions on behalf of this munici- for mayor," Taylor said. pality, you want to have people that in fact

have the experience to make some hard That defined pay market is the 60th perdecisions," Andrews said. "You also have

to compensate them within reason." He added that councillors do their duen-vear veteran of municipal politics, said ties to make a difference in their commu-

> "But there also comes a point in time you have," Andrews said.

> Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said it's best to simply approve the consultant's report as opposed to debating nickels and dimes and what anybody individual feels a salary should be.

"It's a dangerous, slippery slope," he Coun. Joe Andrews said council mem- said. "We are given a recommendation by tion and we should just be done with this and not go down a road that is rocky and

However, he said the mayor's salary is "an absolute travesty." He's worked on councils with two mayors, and they put "Here we are in a situation where, if you forth a tremendous effort in the role.

"I will not be putting my name forward

Staff will bring a draft compensation

Caledon East conductor Lydia Adams receives Order of Canada

Written By RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Conductor Lydia Adams was appointed to the Order of Canada for her "dedication and leadership in enriching the lives of Canadians through choral music" in 2023, and just last week, Adams and other appointees with the renowned Canadian conductor Elwere recognized at the Order of Canada In- mer Iseler, a longtime resident of Caledon. vestiture Ceremony.

Adams has been the Artistic Director and Conductor of Canada's Elmer Iseler Singers for 25 years, and before that was with the Amadeus Choir of Greater Toronto for with the Elmer Iseler Singers, as they mark

Her recognition through the Order of Canada states that "with a passion for pro- from the Governor General's office, she moting diverse voices and nurturing emerg- thought it was a prank. Standing on a wharf ing talent, she champions both established in her hometown, she was told she had and contemporary Canadian compositions, been appointed to the Order of Canada. and has fostered a vibrant and inclusive musical community.'

Adams shared that her music career was "written in the stars."

Growing up in Nova Scotia, her mother was a piano teacher, choir director, organist, and music director.

piano teacher, and added it "got into her you up."

Mount Allison University, the Royal College of Music and the National Opera Studio.

Adams then went on to work in Toronto

She spent many years as Iseler's pianist, and when he sadly fell ill, the Board of Directors asked Adams to take over the choir.

Adams now celebrates her 27th year their 47th year.

She shared when she received the call

"It's a great honour to be honoured by your country," says Adams. "It puts you in mind right away of all the people who supported you because this award doesn't happen just out of the blue, and it only happens in something like what I do, conducting choirs, because of support starting right Adams said she gained a lot of inspira- from your parents, your grandparents, and

"It's the culmination of a tremendous From there, Adams studied music at amount of support, all the communities who supported you," she says.

> Adams says that music, particularly choral singing, is about bringing people and communities together.

"That's what's so great about music and events." about singing, is that you bring people from many, many, many walks of life and many cultures and come together to sing together. It's a really powerful force," says Adams.

programming, and build great educational programs, working in collaboration with as many people as we can, commission established and emergency emerging composers, and really just working to bring people featuring two world premieres and a pertogether through music, and through collaborations."

Adams says that as the choir has grown, ma Beecroft. they have also gained the opportunity to collaborate with many different groups.

"We're so honored to collaborate with time to "put some light into the world." members of the Indigenous community of Turtle Island and we worked with a won- performances, visit www.elmeriselersingderful Islamic writer. The opportunities are

tion from her mother as well as her own your whole community that helped bring there now to work with Canada's multicultural community and everybody is open to it," she says. "It's been a warm embrace to come together with various communities and to work organically with creators to create great music."

> Elmer Iseler Singers is celebrating their 47th season with a variety of concerts and

Their first concert in the Toronto concert series will be "A Portrait in Song: The Music of Eleanor Daley" on November 2.

On December 12, Amadeus Choir and "It's my passion to seek out innovative VIVA Chamber Singers will return to perform Handel's "Messiah" with the Elmer Iseler Singers, orchestra, and guest soloists.

Finally, "The Earth Sings" will be the third Toronto series concert on April 12, formance of 'The Living Flame of Love' in tribute to the late Canadian composer, Nor-

Adams has dubbed the 47th season "This Moment to Shine," as she feels it's a great

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'The Wonder of It All' opens theatre season with laughter, heart and honesty

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

The Wonder of It All returned to Theatre and earned as their marriage continues. Orangeville last week with a resounding suchouse. Originally a one-act production, the show has been expanded into two acts, and the extra depth only strengthens its emotional impact. The story follows Kingsley, played by Mark Weatherley, and Charmaine, played

Kingsley is a laid-back musician who per- the truth hits home. forms at house parties, while Charmaine is a driven scientist and activist, defined by her performances. Weatherley and Lund bring ambition and structure. They are opposites in so many ways - and yet, as fate would have it, they fall in love. One ukulele serenade turns into many, and soon they're living a fantasy-perfect love story that feels like a He's awkward, self-conscious, and often lost dream come true.

But dreams can burn out.

and open hostility as both question who riage can survive the distance between them.

At the heart of the play is a heartfelt message we should all remember: nothing in commands the stage with energy and prelife blooms without care. Kingsley's attempt cision. Every movement and line carries at gardening becomes a metaphor for their deliberate intention. Her performance is Kingsley realizes that his problem is his own when that instinct can cause more harm than belief that he doesn't deserve her. Like his roses, his marriage has suffered from neglect, not incompatibility.

piece of the play.

with blends of heartfelt emotion and sharp, wardrobe – from a green vest covered in colgenuine humour. The script is filled with mo- orful buttons to a striking white leather jackments that get the audience laughing. Kings- et – reflects her individuality and confidence. ley's awkward charm, Charmaine's exasper- Even before they speak, their clothing tells them instead of his marriage, not realizing he geville.ca.

ated precision, and their clashing personalities create a dynamic that feels believable

When the play takes a serious turn, it does cess, kicking off the 2025 season with a full so with grace. The tone deepens without ever feeling too heavy to take in, and the laughter gives way to an honest reflection on love, aging, and self-worth. By the time the couple's relationship reaches its breaking point, the shift from comedy to poignancy by Monique Lund - two people from com- feels entirely natural - like watching a long pletely different worlds who meet by chance. conversation that suddenly turns quiet when

What makes this production shine is its authenticity and depth to their roles, capturing both the humor and heartbreak of a long marriage.

Weatherley's Kingsley is refreshingly real. for words at the worst possible moments, which makes him compelling to watch on As their children grow up and their mar- stage. He's not some cool romantic lead; he's riage turns into routine, the spark they have a vulnerable man stumbling through his emobegins to dim. Kingsley and Charmaine, stop tions. Weatherley portrays this with honesty listening, and stop trying. The warmth of and restraint, giving the audience someone their connection turns to quiet resentment they can truly relate to. When Kingsley falters, the audience hurts with him, and when they've become - and whether their mar- he finally opens up, we can feel the release with him.

Lund's Charmaine, in opposite fashion, good. She's not always right, but she's always

The contrast between Kingsley and Char-This revelation is the emotional center- maine extends into their costume design. Kingsley's simple outfits mirror his insecuri-The Wonder of It All delivers this emotion ties and self-doubt, while Charmaine's varied



TAKING THE STAGE: Kingsley, with all his signature cringey charm, serenades Charmaine, setting off a romance that will span decades, and be tested in more ways than one.

Through it all, the performance is groundrelationship. His struggling rose bush, ne- confidence and drive – the restless energy of ed by a beautifully designed set. Front and stage instead of just being background piecglected and dying, is a metaphor for the love someone who needs to be moving forward. center is a gigantic Ukulele, taking up a third es, making everything pop much more to he's stopped nurturing with Charmaine. With Lund captures Charmaine's frustration at of the stage. This instrument is the ground- audiences, and makes the entire theatre feel some perfectly timed neighborly advice, feeling stuck, her instinct to fix things even ing element of the story. It's how Kingsley like a fantasy. and Charmain met, and it's a center point to Kingsley's character and self-esteem. For something genuine. The Wonder of It All bal-Charmaine, it's the symbol of the man she ances laughter and heartbreak with grace, fell in love with, and a reminder of what their delivering a story that feels personal. It's a marriage has lost.

> and other plants that, at first, don't have a promise alive. clear meaning. But as the story progresses, they become a new center point for Kingsley as he takes up gardening. He tends to found online at https://www.theatreoran-

should be nurturing both.

The set design is used by the actors on

Together, these performances create story about what happens after "happily ever Flanked on both sides are giant flowers after," and the work it takes to keep that

> The Wonder of It All is playing at Theatre Orangeville until Oct. 26. Tickets can be

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Orangeville's utility boxes get a splash of colour from local artists

vibrant arts scene with the unveiling of four ute to Orangeville's public art collection. new utility box art installations, bringing a fresh burst of creativity to the Town's streets.

ed local artists have transformed everyday celebrate Orangeville's culture, history and spirit.

ber of submissions we get from our incredible train highlights the significance of the railway local artists," said Councillor Joe Andrews, chair of the Orangeville Economic Develop- installations are fittingly placed near the forment and Culture Committee. "Choosing the mer train station building. finalists is never easy with such an extraordinary pool of talent across Dufferin County. art Gunn is sponsored by Orangeville Hydro These four new additions will undoubtedly and also located at 37 Armstrong Street. A enhance the remarkable public art collection already enriching our community."

Launched in 2016, the Utility Box Art Display Program highlights the work of local artists while honouring Orangeville's unique heritage and character. Each year, the Town uses his lens to inspire others to reconnect invites artists from across Dufferin County to submit original designs, with selected filocations.

The Call for Artists will return in spring 2026, continuing the Town's commitment to celebrating community creativity. All submissions are reviewed by the Economic Developdesignated utility boxes.

visitors are invited to explore the tree sculp- Fair in 1877 until the early 1990s.

Orangeville is once again showcasing its tures, murals, and monuments that contrib-

The new art installations include:

• Mini Broadway and its Train Tracks by Following the 2025 Call for Artists, select- Kristina Proskurina. This piece is sponsored by Orangeville Hydro and located at 37 Arminfrastructure into eye-catching displays that strong Street. Kristina Proskurina's vibrant pixel art design brings together iconic Orangeville buildings, paying tribute to both the "It's always truly inspiring to see the num- town's past and present. The inclusion of a in Orangeville's early development, and the

> • Dawn Reflections on Island Lake by Stewpassionate photographer and musician, Stewart Gunn captures the peaceful beauty of Island Lake Conservation Area in this striking photo-based design. Often exploring the County on foot, by bike, or by kayak, Gunn with the natural beauty around them.

• Best Friends by Angela Burdon is located nalists receiving \$750 and the opportunity to at Third Street and Fifth Avenue. Burdon is a have their work featured in prominent public local artist who provides lessons and creates custom paintings and sculptures. Based on an oil painting, the design is a heartfelt tribute to the vibrant equestrian community of Orangeville. Through her work, Burdon captures the loving, sweet natured side of horses — a ment and Culture Committee, which selects soft moment in a challenging world to remind finalists whose artwork is then installed on us that love and kindness are still around us all. The site itself carries deep roots in local An online listing of all public art pieces, history. It was once home to the exhibition including the new installations, can be found grounds and the Orangeville Raceway, where at Orangeville.ca/DigitalGuide. Residents and horse racing events were held from the Fall



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BRUSH STROKES OF BROADWAY: Kristina Proskurina (centre) stands in front of a utility box wrapped in her artistic creation, called "Mini Broadway and its Train Tracks."



CAPTURING NATURE'S BEAUTY: Stewart Gunn (left) stands next to a utility box at 37 Armstrong Street that has been wrapped in his photograph, titled "Dawn Reflections on Island Lake.'



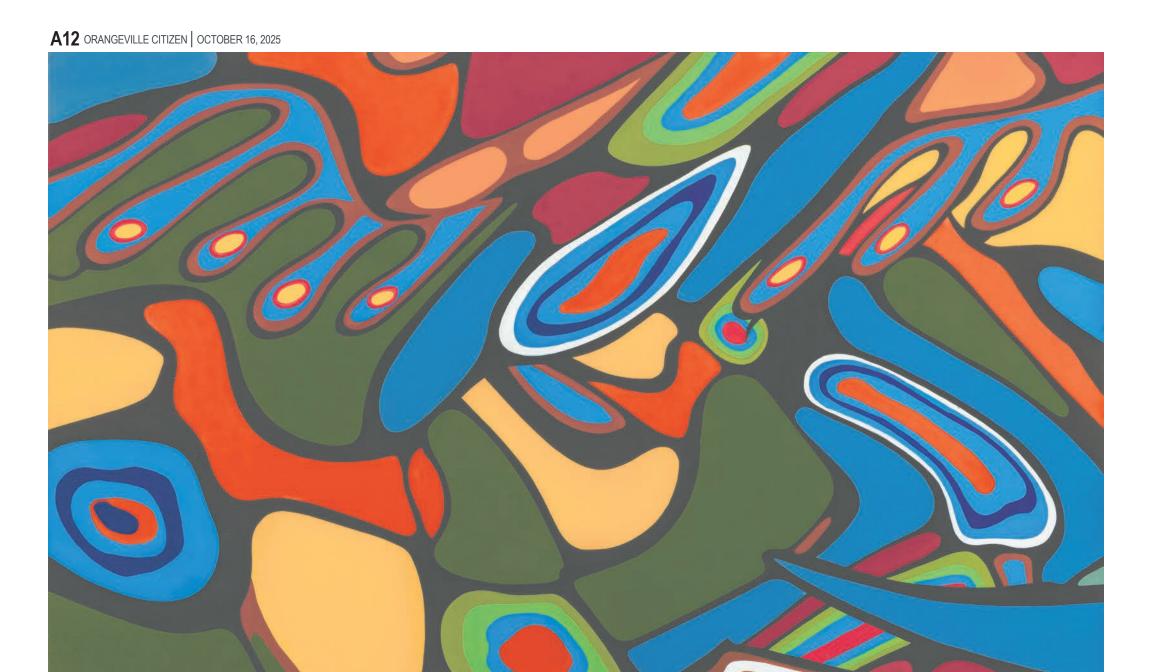
50 YEARS STRONG: On Oct. 5, the CFUW Headwaters (formerly CFUW Orangeville and District) celebrated their 50th Anniversary at Monora Park Pavilion under the theme, "Celebrating our past, Embracing our future." Around 80 members enjoyed a few words from Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and CFUW Ontario President Sandra Shaw. The event also had some members share fun memories from the club's past, and recognized many of the past presidents. A fashion show - highlighting some 1970s styles and dance music - energized the room and guests. The afternoon was rounded off with guest speaker and author, Plum Johnson, talking about and reading from her new book, "The Trouble with Fairy Tales."

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Goldsmith Sarah Peacock brings her shine to Dragonfly Arts on Broadway

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

With 30 years in the jewellery business, Sarah Peacock has settled in as an Orangeville-based artist and goldsmith. She has taken on a new studio at Dragonfly Arts on

"I have been exhibiting in Toronto and Elora for some time," she began, explaining her history in an interview with the Citizen. Peacock added that she has built a house on her parents' horse farm, where she lives small paintings," she explained. "The little like a pen or a knife that designs with a paland creates special cat designs, among oth-

"I could get a job in my skill range in Toronto, but I don't want to live there," she said. "I make pieces in gold, silver, and platinum. The main thing in promoting pieces I could not exhibit in galleries during COVID was I worked during that time on social me-

She had been in the jewellery industry for over 20 years, built up other businesses for decades, and now wanted to promote her own work.

"Social media doesn't do it anymore," Peacock told the Citizen.

Her answer to the problem? She started putting her work in Dragonfly Arts, saying, "Joan [Hope, owner of Dragonfly] has been trying to get me to have a studio there, and I decided she was right. She is such a good supporter of artists – she's really helpful."

Peacock added that she uses a combination of precious materials.

A review of her background showed business unintentionally. It began at age 16, when she was studying with an artist.

She had so many questions that he finally told her, "So, you need a part time job..." His friend was a jeweller who taught at Georgian College.

"Stop bugging me and join the program," he suggested.

ric drawing, jewellery, gemology at Geor- a better designer and better artist." gian College; did some more courses and went back to teach again at Georgian."

Peacock worked for a manufacturing company, where she was exposed to the high-end and the bottom of the production

She worked on the bench for other jewellers, and then she decided to branch out and do her "own thing."

"For all of the pieces I design, I make paintings were there one day at Dragonfly. A couple saw them and wanted me to make something for them."

Her time at her home studio is spent making specific orders, but when she is working at Dragonfly, she can draw them, noting, "It gives me a quiet space to do that."

Peacock fuses a combination of traditional and modern technology, in the clear understanding that technology is here to stay, whether or not it is appreciated.

Describing herself, she commented, "I really like the country and I love the horses - but I also like to go to the city and go to the opera.

Her fiancé is a tech director of large digital media games and experiences, and she said, "I also read a lot of sci-fi – this is where we're headed."

A pause for a summation in brief: "I just have enthusiasm for so many things."

There followed a conversation about art and technology as she sees them.

As an artist she explained that technolhow she became involved in the jewellery ogy sets her apart to design visualization. She is a designer who initially creates her designs in 3D by hand carving sculpture on computer artistry and manufactures those pieces."

"I really don't like to distinguish between artists and craft people," she remarked. "The way you do work with your hands. There is a difference between a bench artist Her studies led her to teach: "I taught fab- and working for other people has made me

What she called the dirty work of mixing and moulding, she noted that her hands were on all of the pieces from start to finish. A customer comes into a shop to pick up a finished piece, and they would thank the shop owner for the value and beauty of the article.

"... but I was the only one to have actually touched it," Peacock said.

There is software to manipulate objects ette to make 3D form pressure.

She remembered seeing an artist's vision of a moulding in wax redesigned by a degenerate computer.

"In this industry, to have have one piece of a design is no longer affordable - the combination of artistry and technology makes things different. It's important that people respect that technology is part of that now," Peacock clarified.

At the same time, Peacock's opinion is that artifical intelligence has not gained the skill to compete with this industry.

Ironically, the intensity of technology's use and the subsequent rejection of many shoppers who still long for hands-on art "might put us into a art show and buying directly from the artist doing it."

Sarah Peacock reckons, regardless of how and who, we are going to have art, and technology will spur a new category of art, made by people in front of other people.

"It might actually bring people together," she said.

She sees herself as "a tolerant humanist who believes people to be radically empayourself out there in all the noise, all the cathetic with other people; I just don't believe cophony." there [are] any bad people."

more community-minded.

Her advice to a young person wanting to be in the business of making art in precious metal is to first work for someone in the Dragonfly on Tuesday and on Saturday by business for a limited time to understand appointment.

RIDING INTO TOWN: Goldsmith Sarah Peacock loves to ride her horse, Guinness, pictured enjoying the day and water at Damascus Lake.

"the nuts and bolts."

Next, pursue formal education. There are excellent courses at Georgian College – two-year programs.

She admitted, "The hardest thing is to put

Yet, Sarah Peacock nevertheless extolls She proposes that people need to be the budding artist to "go out and work for yourself because if you like it, other people will love it."

Currently, you can find Sarah Peacock at

Lord Dufferin IODE to host fourth annual Fashion Show at Tratoria Semplice in Orangeville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local not-for-profit group is hosting an annual fundraiser, where several women will dress to impress with fall and winter

fashions. first established in 1907, is holding its fourth annual Fashion Show on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Tratoria Semplice (20 Dawson Road, Unit port the Lord Dufferin IODE in donating to need of support. 1).

The show will focus on casual women's throughout the year.

fashion, including denim, bamboo, yoga show in regular and plus sizes. There will also be purses and accessories available for attendees to peruse.

The fashions are being supplied by Class-The longest-running service club in Oran- ie Casual Boutique out of Guelph, which has shows since 2023.

Funds raised from the fashion show supvarious charitable causes in the community

The Lord Dufferin IODE originally estabwear, sweaters, jackets, and casual tops. lished Orangeville's first hospital in 1912 at All of the clothing will be available after the the site of the current Lord Dufferin Centre Retirement Residence (32 First Street), and continues to support healthcare in the community by donating annually to Headwaters

The group also supports the Orangeville geville, the Lord Dufferin IODE, which was been providing them for the IODE's fashion Public Library, bursaries for students pursuing post-secondary education, the Orangeville Food Bank, and other charities in

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Canoe North Adventures gears up for a busy year of exploration in Canada's north

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Canoe North Adventures (CNA), based large numbers for their 2026 list of canoe trips in Canada's far north.

"Way ahead of last year," said Al Pace, co-founder of the company with his wife, Lin

This weekend, they are hosting two very late-season trip this year. special info sessions on Oct. 18 and 19, both at Farmhouse Pottery, 307114 Hockley Road, near Orangeville.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1 p.m., this session will tell you about their fabulous canoe and raft adventures on the Nahanni River, including the Upper Nahanni and Broken

Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m., will present the Heart of the Arctic, small-vessel cruises with Adventure Canada, including Greenland. For access to this part of the Arctic, one can only get there on a small ship.

There will be light refreshments on both

Interestingly, they are seeing bookings Love, and it raised \$800,000. from Manitoba, B.C., and across the country. It appears Canoe North's reputation has grown throughout Canada.

"It's taken us 30 years to get there," he commented, smiling, and added that they publish their news online every day.

"I think some of our appeal is coming from that backlash of the U.S. Canada has a very exotic face in the North, historical locations, and the incredible landscape."

These wonderful adventures provide such

booking North Canoe Adventures, which are Horton River. 10 days of canoeing and camping. For the most part, it comes up at a solid client base, 55 to 70 years old.

Beyond that, with Adventure Canada on guides do their work.

board a small ship, the meals are all pre-

tick in international bookings from Europe, clients from France, the U.K., and Sweden. Quite often, there is a referral or they discovered CNA through the internet.

Pace also mentioned that they had a

There was a booking with a charitable organization, True Patriot Love, supporting veterans leaving the force because of inju-

"This was 22 women who paddled in the Nahanni River," Pace said, "All were the soldiers suffering from mental health issues and their support group. We had a late-season trip; luckily, it was a warm season. We're very proud of our team guides taking this group on canoes and rafts. It was the last trip on the Nahanni for the season, and they felt honoured to have the river all to them-

It was also a fundraiser for True Patriot

Pace shared why, to him, this trip mattered, "Leaving the force due to injury and to find their way in a civilian life is extremely hard. Soldiers love their work, love being soldiers, and when injuries take away their career, they are devastated."

Over this 2025 season, there were lovely trips along rivers, and the company was very proud of their guides' attention to people's safety. On one trip, they saw 20 moose.

On another trip was a rarely seen wolverinteresting places to experience and explore. ine. That was a group of people from Cale-

> Now in his 60s, Pace sees his role as evolving into mentorship. With their incredible guide teams, he has stepped back and let the

Safety is all. If there is ever a risk, Pace 10 available weeks to operate," Pace began. pared, and no one is sleeping on the ground. can speak to the guides on a satellite phone, "As Taylor schedules trips, we run about 15 People like that this is a family-run busifrom which he has information about their groups in each season – that's a lot of moving out of Hockley Valley, is booking unusually ness, and the company is seeing a strong up-location and the immediate environment parts." around them.

> the adventure with a special client or when 2027 trips," he added. there has been a call for Pace to guide from clients who have travelled with him before.

"Every time it's an honour," he said.

Great young people are coming from guide courses out of universities, having included Pace. "We do feel quite some concern about in their studies, risk management, client the urgency to come to this.' management, river rescue, and first aid.

are way ahead of others they have seen be- to be fuller; if the level is lower, there can be

"They are around age 30-plus and they are bringing life skills they have at the prime of plore the north – perfect to take advantage their lives," was how Pace was impressed

less and are assigned to more novice rivers. made by Pace, there is a beautiful collection It is quite a skill to match up clients with of Inuit soapstone carvings.

guide/client pairing," said Pace. "Taylor and Hockley Valley, there are some opportunihis wife are living in Alberta and actually ties. In their headquarters in Norman Wells, taking on more of running the company," his they also run a small northern lodge, which father made the point of how very proud he and Ward are of the couple.

Number one is safety on the water. Some groups are novice and need more teaching. but it is difficult to prep clients, as they have canoeing. in the past, before their trip, because of the increase in international clientele.

our clients; we can send them to any number the infrastructure required now." Pace outlined the age groups he sees don who had a beautiful experience on the of operators to help them improve their canoeing skills."

> In this time of obvious growth, the ques- more: tion becomes how much bigger Canoe North can or should grow.

"We have a very short season; there are

"I don't think we can enhance our pro-At this point, Al Pace can choose to join grams. As it is right now, we are setting our

This is a new era of excitement; the North has become far more of a focus of conver-

sation, and takes people right to the action. "It's more important what we do," said

After a time of dry weather, it was so excit-The young people coming to Canoe North ing to see some rain. Canoers like the rivers

> consequences. Pace affirms, "It's the perfect time to exof these opportunities."

They are very busy with their pottery shop Some have more water skills; some have right now. Added to the much-loved pottery

Looking ahead to a new head office in Al-"Our son Taylor does all the screening and berta, while maintaining the office here in they have been renovating. Potentially another type of northern holiday, the lodge can provide a wonderful visit to the Canadian North and a revenue stream to support the

Pace said, "Lin and I have been trying to finish what we started. They don't have to The assurance came, "We can help instruct worry about new projects – there is very lit-

For all the details about the info-sessions this weekend at the Farmhouse Pottery and

Call 519-941-6654 or Email: info@canoenorthadventures.com.

Animals from Northern Ontario welcomed at Orangeville and District SPCA Animal Centre

Written By SAM ODROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Over 40 dogs and cats from Northern Ontario arrived at several Ontario SPCA animal centres this week, including the one in Orangeville.

A total of 14 dogs from the Thunder Bay & District Humane Society and Constance Lake First Nation have arrived at Ontario SPCA animal centres. In addition to the Orangeville and District SPCA Animal Centre, animals arrived in Orillia, Durham, York Region, and Brockville.

ter were transported to Ontario SPCA animal ners, we're giving these dogs and cats a seccentres this week to find loving homes.

The transfer of these animals comes as the Homes Adoption Event" concluded on Sept. 28 and found homes for 123 animals.

"Every adoption creates a ripple effect," says Sonya Reichel, vice president of operations at the Ontario SPCA and Humane So-

"When an animal finds a loving home, it

The animals are now being placed for not only changes that animal's life, but it need from an Ontario SPCA shelter can visit also opens up space to help another animal ontariospca.ca/adopt to view and read about As well, 30 cats from the Kenora Cat Shelin need. By working with our Northern partitle animals that are available for adoption. ond chance.

Ontario SPCA's three-day "iAdopt: Furever worked in Northern communities to trans- al Canin to help ensure a smooth transition port out 229 animals, and help them find loving homes.

"It also partners with communities to reduce pet overpopulation through its MASHstyle spay/neuter and wellness clinics," said the Ontario SPCA in a press release.

Anyone interested in adopting an animal in

"Animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, microchipped, vacci-So far, in 2025, the Ontario SPCA has nated, and they go home with food from Royinto their new home," said the Ontario SPCA.

Anyone who is unable to adopt can still benefit the lives of animals in their community by becoming a foster volunteer.

Animals who are too young, injured, sick, stressed, or under-socialized to thrive in an animal centre environment are housed by foster volunteers.

To learn more about the foster program, visit ontariospca.ca/foster.





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Seniors, watch out for these digital frauds

(NC) Did you know that fraud is the top crime against seniors, according to the Government of Canada? Fraudsters often target older victims, assuming they may be more vulnerable,

isolated or less knowledgeable about technology.

hat's a false assumption when it comes to many seniors, but we can all stand to learn more to be safer online. Here are a few of the most common scams to watch out for:

"THE GRANDPARENT SCAM"

This all-too-common fraud works by manipulating grandparents' emotions and putting them in a manufactured crisis. The victim gets a communication that their grandchild is in an emergency situation—stuck in a foreign country, been in an accident or even arrested—and needs money right away. Artificial intelligence has added an insidious twist to the scam, letting fraudsters change their voice on the phone to sound

more like the person they're impersonating, or even alter their appearance for a video call. One way to combat this scam is to create a private code word that can be used to confirm if it's really who they say it is.

RETAIL SCAMS

Also called telemarketing scams, this is when criminals call their victims posing as a service or some legitimate-seeming company. They claim to offer a special deal, or a refund for something the victim never ordered. These fraudsters often target seniors and use pressuring tactics once they have their victim on the phone. Their actual goal is to obtain money or sensitive data, including banking information, from their victim.

PHISHING

This is an older cyber attack, but it's as effective as ever. The scammer sends their victim a message—usually an email or text message, but sometimes a phone call—that appears to be from someone the victim trusts, like the CRA or their bank. The message usually pressures the victim: for example, "Immediate action is required, or your account will be terminated."

When the victim clicks a link to log in through the message, it takes them to a fake version of that organization's login page. The scammer gets their username and password when the victim enters it themselves into the fake login screen.

Staying aware is an essential step to avoiding being scammed. Cyber safety and good digital hygiene aren't just for the younger generation, they're for everybody. By getting informed and forming good habits, we can all stay safer in this digital world.

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Sconditions that can affect aging eyes

(NC) Canada's population is aging, and with that comes a greater risk of health ailments including vision problems. As we get older, our eyes become more susceptible to vision-threatening conditions.

nderstanding how our eyes change over time can help inform us of proactive steps to protect and maintain our eye health. Here are three of the most common conditions that can affect your vision as you age:

Cataracts are a part of aging and happen when the lens inside your eye becomes cloudy. After the age of 60, most everyone will develop cataracts. Symptoms include blurred vision, increased sensitivity to light, double vision and dulling of colours.

Cataracts are treatable, usually beginning with an update to your eyeglass or contact lens prescription. If the cataracts progress, your eye doctor may recommend removing them surgically, depending on their severity.

Glaucoma is the name for a group of eye diseases that lead to vision loss by damaging the optic nerve, which carries signals from your eyes to your brain. The risk of glaucoma increases after age 55, with symptoms that may include seeing halos around lights, blurred vision, eye pain and redness.

Although glaucoma is irreversible, regular eye exams can result in early detection and there are several treatments, including medications and surgery, that can be used to prevent optic nerve damage and vision loss.

TIPS FOR MANAGING EC

AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD) AMD is the leading cause of vision loss among older adults, affecting around 2.5 million Canadians. Dry AMD is the most common form of the disease, accounting for 85-90 per cent of cases.

The condition starts when the macula, a part of your retina, becomes damaged. At first, symptoms are often unnoticeable but can worsen quickly. Your central vision can become very blurry or completely dark, making simple tasks like reading and recognizing faces difficult.

(NC) Do you have dry, itchy, painful hands? Living with chronic hand eczema (CHE) isn't just physi-

cally taxing—the constant symptoms can take a sig-

nificant toll on your self-esteem and overall mental

In fact, a recent survey reveals that more than half

of Canadians living with the condition say it has negatively impacted them mentally and emotionally.

For many, the condition disrupts daily activities and

professional responsibilities, creating feelings of

frustration and helplessness. Individuals often feel

self-conscious about the appearance of their hands,

"CHE is frustrating because the simplest tasks-

washing dishes, typing, playing with my kids—can

be painful. The discomfort is a constant reminder

that the things that you enjoy are difficult for you

to do," shares Liam Downey, a Canadian living with

leading to social withdrawal and isolation.

The first Health Canada-approved device for dry AMD, MacuMira, is currently the only treatment available. It uses a device to deliver a low-level microcurrent through closed eyelids, which stimulates your eyes' retinal pigment epithelium cells. This has been shown to improve vision in recipients in some cases by two full lines on their eye exam charts.

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3. PRACTICE STRESS-RELIEF TECHNIQUES

Activities such as meditation, yoga and deep-breathing exercises can help reduce stress levels, which may, in turn, alleviate some symptoms.

4. SEEK PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Consulting with a therapist or counsellor can also provide valuable emotional support and coping strategies tailored to your individual needs.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the mental health challenges of chronic hand eczema, don't hesitate to seek help. There are many resources and support systems available to assist in managing both the physical and emotional aspects of this condition.

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any of these signs, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number FAST.

If you, or someone with you, experiences

FAST is an easy and memorable way to remember the three major signs of stroke, and action to take:

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- A arms, can you raise them?
- S speech, is it slurred or jumbled?
- T time to call 9-1-1 right away.

Don't drive yourself or the person experiencing signs to the hospital—an ambulance will get you to the closest hospital that provides urgent stroke care. Emergency medical services will be able to determine which hospital in your area can best help.

Treatments can reduce the severity and reverse some of the effects, and it's important they're given as quickly as possible.

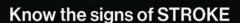
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- problems with balance

Stroke is a leading cause of death and adult disability in Canada. Almost one million people are living with the effects and more than 108,000 strokes occur each year—that's roughly one every five minutes.

Share the signs—you could save the life of someone you love. Learn more at heartand-stroke.ca/fast.

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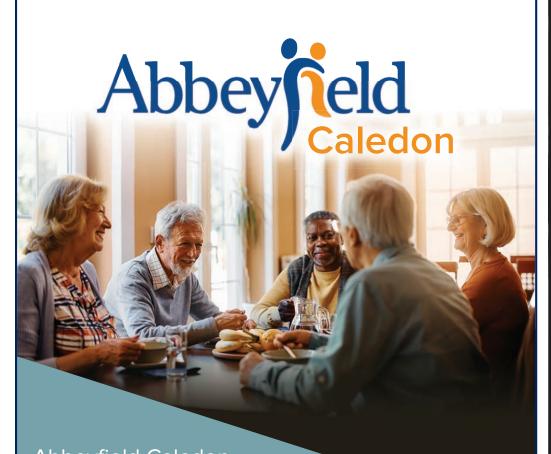
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ODSS senior girls maintain first place in District 10 basketball standings

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears senior girls' basketball team is still in first place in the District 10 standings with an 8-1 record after their last game.

The team was 8-0 going into their game against John F. Ross on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

However, they took their first loss of the season in that game.

Plagued by injuries, the Bears were shortbenched going into the game, but still put out a good effort with several of the players on the court for the entire game.

It was a late afternoon game with a 5:15 p.m. tip-off time.

At halftime, the Bears were trailing 29-21. Returning for the second half, the teams traded hoops for the third quarter with Ross staying ahead 42-33 at the end of the second quarter.

The fourth quarter saw the team from John F. Ross pull ahead and take a 61-41 win.

Despite the first loss of the season, the squad was still happy with the effort they put out on the court.

"We were short-benched today; some of our players were injured," said Bears point guard Paige Corrigale after the game. "It was hard to keep up momentum, especially since we were tired, but overall I think we played okay. Obviously, that wasn't our best game. On offence, I think we did a good job of attacking the middle and trying to create opportunities.

Corrigale added, "On defence, I think we did well in our zone, especially in the third quarter. We arrived on the court, and moved our feet well and tried not to make too many fouls."



BEARS BATTLE: The Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears senior girls' basketball team takes on the squad from John F. Ross in the gym at ODSS on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The Bears gave up a 61-41 loss to Ross. It was their first loss of the season, and the Bears remain in first place in the District 10 standings. Bears point guard Paige Corrigale takes the ball into the Ross zone during the third quarter.

place in District 10.

Bishop Macdonnel is in second place,

giate, and Guelph Collegiate.

After the game, the Bears remain in first followed by John F. Ross, Centennial Colle- ODSS on Tuesday, Oct. 21, when they will host the team from Bishop Macdonnell. The Bears will be back on home court at

Game time is 5:15 p.m.





BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

RAISING THE ROOF: The Orangeville Curling Club received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant for \$68,300 to repair its aging and leaking roof. Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones dropped by the Club on Friday, Oct. 10, to learn more about how the grant helped the Curling Club. She was joined by Orangeville Councillor Joe Anderson, Orangeville Curling Club president Grant Peters, and Club vice president Malcolm Moore.

Local curling club receives grant to repair leaky roof

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

around since members arrived for a match ty gatherings, and social functions. in a horse-drawn carriage to play their game on a frozen pond.

Established in 1888, the Club is one of the region's oldest established groups and con-The Orangeville Curling Club has been tinues to be a centre for the sport, communi-

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OPINION

'To the moon, Alice!'

"Godspeed, John Glenn."

That was the historic sendoff astronaut Scott Carpenter gave to John Glenn moments before Glenn's Redstone Rocket lifted off on his historic flight into orbit to become the first American to circle the planet in outer space.

It was a new era when rocketry, at least with human cargo, was in its infancy, and as many test rockets blew up on the launch pad as managed to get off the ground.

The men who were chosen to be astronauts really did have the 'right stuff.'

They were chosen for the space program for several reasons.

They were test pilots and former combat pilots, so they had the mental strength to remain composed and think rationally under extreme stress. They were smart, with all of them having engineering and related, or advanced degrees.

They were physically tested and ready to endure the rigours of a launch.

They had grit – they took on the challenge of getting into a space capsule smaller than your car and taking a ride on top of what is basically a controlled explosion, until they were doing 17,000 miles per hour - escape velocity for going into a successful orbit.

The astronauts had nerves of steel, but they

were still human.

Astronaut Carpenter, years later, described a space flight by saying, "You're looking out at a totally black sky, seeing an altimeter reading of 90,000 feet and realize you are going straight up. And the thought crossed my mind: What am I doing?"

One thing that is often overlooked about early space flight was that the original seven astronauts were all of average size or slightly smaller - and for good reason.

The flight had to carry the least amount of weight possible, and the capsules were so small that a man who was 5'11" or taller would not fit inside the craft.

The concept of manned flight was so new that NASA sent up a monkey in a space capsule for a test.

This test flight did create some ridicule when some people said, 'If a monkey can do it,' it must be easy.

However, the reason NASA scientists sent a monkey into space was because, as it had never been tried before, they had no idea what would happen to a man placed on top of a rocket and subjected to a high G-force. It wouldn't make much sense to launch a man in a space capsule if crushing G-forces killed your astronaut.

FROM THE SECOND ROW

was, of course, the moon landings. When you look back at the technology available to land a man on the moon in 1969, it is an absolute miracle they achieved what they

did, in a program that was only five years in the making.

Years later, astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, said that at launch for the moon mission, he figured they had a 50/50 chance of being successful.

There was no backup plan and no escape route. Even a minor failure could have resulted in a crash on the lunar surface or left the astronauts stranded with no way to get back to their mother ship.

The cost of sending people into space is huge, and there is the question of why we need people in space these days.

The US has made massive cuts to its NASA program because it is just too expensive to

I saw a video on the new manned space capsule NASA is currently working on. It seats four astronauts and returns to earth by parachute with a water landing.

That's the same way astronauts returned from a mission five decades ago. It seems space travel technology really has not

advanced that much. The crowning achievement of space flight

Every time a space capsule returns, you have to send out a large naval

BRIAN LOCKHART

vessel to retrieve it. You also have to deploy several other ships over hundreds of miles in case the return burn to slow the craft is late or early, which could mean

a landing hundreds of miles off course. Space technology is largely communications and similar satellites, which have become a regular part of daily life on the planet.

What is the purpose of the International Space Station other than making videos of "This is how we brush our teeth in space?"

NASA has a plan to return to the moon – but why? There's nothing there.

There is talk of going to Mars – but why? There's nothing there either, and realistically, a successful return trip to the plan is never going to happen.

I know Star Trek fans like to dream about zipping around the galaxy at warp speed, but the truth is, that's not going to happen either.

Maybe it's time to clean up the massive amount of space debris that is orbiting the planet and use the funds allocated to studying how bees behave in near-zero gravity for a more practical earth-bound purpose.

Chimps, us and war

Jane Goodall died last week, still on the road at the age of 91 and still advocating for biodiversity in general and the welfare of chimpanzees in particular. She was a hero to me and millions of others for her courage, her wisdom and her compassion. She was also one of the greatest selftaught scientists in history.

As a young woman with no scientific training, she set up camp in Tanzania's Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve in 1960 and began to live with a band of chimpanzees. Nobody had ever done that before - all studies had been done with chimps in captivity - but she gained their trust and began to study their real charac-

It was breathtakingly human. Not only are chimpanzees our closest genetic relatives, but they share the same emotions, they have individual personalities, they even think in similar patterns (although a smaller brain and the lack of language restrict the range and complexity of their thought).

After three years in Gombe, she wrote an article for National Geographic that shook the foundations not only of primatology (the study of primate behaviour) but also of anthropology.

and eat monkeys. (Previously they were thought to be harmless vegetarians.) She reported that they made and used tools. (Twigs stripped and shaped to fit into holes in termite hills and extract the termites.) They were far more like us than anybody had suspected.

In time this new knowledge transformed the perspectives of scientists (who used to view animals as mere biological machines and even questioned whether they were self-aware). It changed popular attitudes to wild animals too, and may have saved chimpanzee bands from extinction. But one aspect was deeply troubling: they fight wars. Like us.

Jane Goodall was still spending time with the Gombe chimpanzees in 1974 when the Kasakela group split into two smaller bands – which went to war with each other.

The war lasted four years, until all the adult males of one band had been killed and the surviving females and their young found shelter with other groups. A lot of human beings, hearing this very bad news, thought: I've already seen this movie, except that the protagonists were human.

It was at this time, around 1983, that Jane Goodall wrote to me about it, because I had just done a documentary She revealed that chimpanzees hunt television series about war. She wanted

to discuss the implications of the Gombe War, because it shredded the belief that human beings had invented war with the

rise of civilization. Instead, it was an ancient family tradition. We didn't invent war; we inherited it.

To my lasting regret, I never replied to her. It was a time of great upheaval in my life and my priorities were elsewhere. But here's what I would have said to her then none of which would have surprised her even so long ago, I expect.

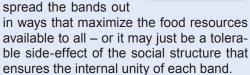
When considering any human social or political behaviour that is problematic, remember where we come from. Any species that starts to build a civilization (which is what we have been up to for the past five thousand years) will be carrying a great deal of cultural baggage from its pre-civ-

Many customs, traditions, and even reflexes that were useful or at least tolerable for the wild version of the species will be useless or even harmful to its civilized. descendants, but that doesn't mean they will quietly go away. Nobody is in charge of updating these behaviours, and in many cases some groups or individuals will still be benefitting from them.

In the specific case of the Gombe chim-

GWYNNE DYER OUR WORLD TODAY

panzees, hostility to rival groups, patrolling the borders, even the occasional homicide (chimpicide?) may



Evolution is not conscious and it doesn't care about the welfare of individuals. If you are a very bright chimp, you may deplore the recurrent warfare that disfigures chimp society, but you have no words to condemn it.

Anthropologists know that human hunter-gatherers were usually trapped in similar territorial wars between neighbouring bands. That was presumably pro-survival for the group at some point in the distant past despite the cost to many individuals. However, humans have language and bigger brains, and they can reason and talk their way out of their old habits.

We are in the midst of that process now. We have been in it for the past hundred years, and we're definitely not home and dry yet. The chimpanzees are trapped in their ugly little wars, but we may be able to escape from ours eventually.

Remembering 'lggs

There is a picture on my wall; left to right - Patrick, my wonderful horse and dearest friend for 32 years, myself, Patricia, age four, her pony Palmira, and her father, 'lggs. He and I opted not to marry, even though having our child, so as not to ruin our friendship.

Anyway, here we were on a cool day in late autumn, at the barn where Patrick lived, when we were in England. Patrick and I had just come back from a ride, while Patricia hung out with her father at the local little snack bar.

Fast forward to today, here in Canada, lots of years later. 'Iggs died a year ago, today. So, on this sad day, let me tell you a happy day story.

He and I had travelled with friends to Tenerife over Easter for a week or so. We liked to stay in Los Cristianos, which at the time was not much more than a fishing village with enough visitors to keep an interesting air to it.

'Iggs was a deep sea diver as a profession with many amazing stories to tell, and as there was a scuba club and school, there in Tenerife I was clear I wanted to learn.

It begins in the swimming pool - first was to learn to snorkel, proving that one can breathe through a mouthpiece which

accesses air from a tube above the water's surface, with a mask and fins.

Actually, at first it is a bit of a trick. However, our friends encouraged my progress from the poolside by declaring randomly, "Thar she blows!" Have a drink and then "Thar she blows!" until I could.

Still attending classes in the pool, learning the use of a regulator in one's mouth, a considerably larger piece of equipment than the simple tube, and how to swim with a weight belt and a tank. Had to learn how to clear my mask, which otherwise mists up underwater. Took a lot less time, a few days, than

In the morning, we were ready,off by boat to an appropriate spot, I, the novice, 'Iggs the pro, and our delightful teacher, a German gentleman and leader, Hans. We geared up, tucking and checking, and splash, over we

It was love at first release. Like flying, like every dream I ever had about flying, and what a welcome met us. Likely, the population of underwater neighbours were accustomed to the divers coming and maybe bringing treats, for they did not zoom away – they hung out with us, one colourful crowd at a time.

Hans showed us various plants and rock

formations, but there is a strict rule underwater - don't touch, pet, or try to cuddle with anything, for there are spikes and other things that are best left alone.

With a very strange exception. There was a cliff of sorts, a wall that rose up and was pitted with many holes. like narrow tunnels. Hans swam over to it and gestured for us to join him. It felt as though another lesson was coming.

Not exactly.

He had with him a bag of treats and in a few moments, heads were peeking out of the holes – of moray eels...

I backed a little away, but trusting our man, we inched forward and handed one of the ugly things a treat which it accepted with the grace of a cat. There may even have been a moray version of a smile – bit hard to tell. Not done yet.

Having won a sort of trust with the eels, Hans scratched one under the chin, definitely as one might a cat, and the silly thing responded by lifting its head up to fully enjoy the attention.

Thus encouraged, I performed the same nonsense with another eel, and it responded to my well-practiced chin scratch with the same ridiculous pleasure as had the first.

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moment to raise cautiously up the rope, as 'Iggs directed me, pausing and blowing out air as we went.

Finally, and with little longing for more, we breached the surface, and hands were all about lifting my tank and helping me with the last scramble into the boat.

Like true mariners, there were bottles on robes hung over the sides, and they were hauled in to release and enjoy champagne-like bubbles to cheer and congratulate each other on such a fine expedition.

While underwater, there had been a particularly splendid crowd of fish that swam around me and seemed to invite me to dash with them a bit, but a strong hand on my ankle - that was 'Iggs with a worried look and a shaking "no" to remind me to stay with the gang.

Over the bubbles on board, he laughed at me and said he had not been surprised at my sense of adventure, but still...

Thank you, Iggs, for such adventures, for this was not the only one. Our daughter and I thank you for the memories.

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Monthly Message: Students explore future careers at DBOT's Dream Career Event

with excitement as more than 1,000 stu- work. dents explored career opportunities the Career Education Council.

Board in the afternoon. The event featured in's business community. a dynamic lineup of panelists who shared

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A total of 35 exhibitors, including loduring the annual Dream Career Event, cal businesses, showcased a wide range hosted by the Dufferin Board of Trade and of industries—from paramedics and the OPP to manufacturers, builders, charities, In the morning, 500 students from the post-secondary institutions, hydro, and Upper Grand District School Board at- accounting firms. Exhibitors also had the tended, followed by 500 more from the opportunity to network with one another, Peel Dufferin Catholic District School strengthening connections within Duffer-

Interactive displays gave students a first- prisoner transport vehicles, hydro transinsights into careers in dentistry, agricul- hand look at ambulances, police cars, and formers, hairdressing demonstrations, and to event partners, including KTH Manumanufacturing tools and goods. The event facturing, Roto-Mill Inc., and the Dufferin highlighted in-demand careers in Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, as well as both County and inspired students to explore participating school boards, for helping the many paths available close to home.

Organizers extended their appreciation make the event a success.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Giving thanks

We thank thee, Lord, for all your grace, your love, and comfort too.

riches loaned by you.

Not riches as in gold and jewels. But this earth so strong. Where spruce and pine trees

place we walk when e'er we want you near.

We feel your strength from balsam, and we see your face in flowers. Your tender arms are warm, sweet fields. The animals your heart.

We hear your voice, soft through the trees, and sense your heartbeat here. We're But most of all, we thank thee, Lord, for calmed by utter trust and love. To know and feel you're near.

A beautiful poem by poet Barb Greer fine land of ours. A wealth so great, our about our province, Ontario. The poem is a reminder of how important it is to be the caretakers of our province for future gener-Our province is the richest. But our dis- ations because if it we're just takers, there trict we hold dear. This Northland is the will be nothing for future generations to give thanks to.

Kill Bill 5.

Terry Brooker Orangeville

Affordable for who?

Oh my, oh my ... after being told over a few years that the residential properties established in the development off Hansen would be affordable housing, I am somewhat bewildered at the listings in last week's news.

I don't recall any mention of 3, 4, 5-bedroom castles being planned. Affordable? By

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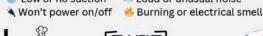


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Curling Association competitions, school curling leagues, and learn-to-curl clinics.

things running smoothly.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital grant within these walls." The Club was originally located on John so it could put a new roof in place and re-

The total grant allotted was \$68,300.

"Today is the official Trillium Grant an-It is a popular place that has regular nouncement with our member of provincial league play as well as several bonspiels parliament," explained Orangeville Curling each year. The Club also hosts Ontario Club President Grant Peters. "This grant really went a long way. We needed to redo the roof. With a curling club, you have Every building needs routine mainte- complex equipment, you need to maintain nance, and when it comes to a facility with the ice surface, you can't have water dripan ice pad, there are unique challenges ping on it. Members of the facility will be ing and the sense of community it fosters." that arise and must be looked after to keep tremendously relieved to have this work completed at the Orangeville Curling Club. The Orangeville building has needed a Our playing surface is the most important new roof for several years after leaks devel- aspect of the sport. The completion of the oped, and the structure was feeling its age. roof project will also have a lasting impact

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones the Trillium Grant helped the club.

"Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, our government is proud to invest in million into 732 community projects and the Orangeville Curling Club – a corner- multi-sector partnerships. stone of our community since 1888," Ms. ages can continue to enjoy the sport of curl-The funds were used to put a new therenvironment.

moplastic polyolefin roof membrane on both the main arena roof and the mechanical room roof.

Both roof systems had been causing is- play.

The Curling Club recently received an on the myriad community events hosted sues for the club, including leaks directly onto the playing surface.

> The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an dropped by the Orangeville Curling Club agency of the Ontario government with a on Friday, Oct. 10, to learn more about how mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province.

> > Last year, the OTF invested nearly \$105

The project aims to enhance economic Jones said. "This funding will help preserve well-being, foster more active lifestyles, the Club's facility, ensuring residents of all support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together, and connect and create a more sustainable

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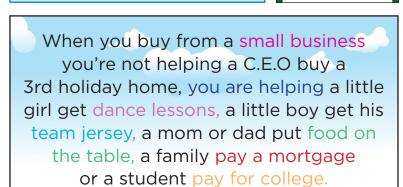


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