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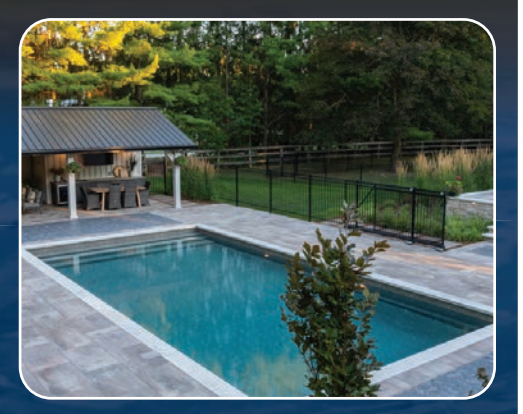
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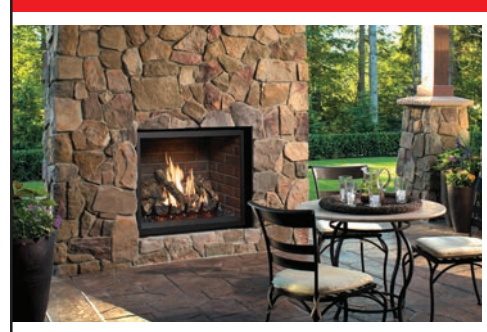
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HORSING AROUND DOWNTOWN: A young attendee enjoys a pony ride during Boo on Broadway & Beyond in downtown Orangeville on Saturday, Oct. 17. The annual Halloween celebration brought families downtown for trick-or-treating, children's activities, live entertainment and festive fun, with a full spread of event coverage inside this week's edition. See more photos on Page A11.

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Sewcial Stitchers craft 120 quilts for Ukrainian orphans

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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A local quilting group has stitched together a major donation for children in Ukrainian orphanages, producing 120 handmade quilts to be sent overseas as part of a shipment of supplies.

The Sewcial Stitchers, a group of 22 quilters based in Orangeville, spent several months creating the quilts, with the donation set to travel in a shipping container organized through St. Demetrius the Great Martyr Ukrainian Catholic Church in Etobicoke.

Penny Squirrel, the group's president, said the project began after a member with Ukrainian roots learned that the church was preparing a shipment of supplies.

"Three of our members have Ukrainian roots, and the one lady was a member of the Ukrainian church, and they were getting a shipping container ready to go overseas," she said. "So she mentioned that they were filling shoe boxes, and when the church heard that we were a quilting group, they asked if we could make some little quilts to go with these shoe boxes of things for the children. So we said yes, we could do that."

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QUILTS OF COMFORT: Members of the Sewcial Stitchers of Dufferin County gathered at the Centre Fellowship Church café in Orangeville on Oct. 16, following a meeting during which the group showcased 120 handmade quilts. The quilts will be shipped to orphanages in the Lviv region of Ukraine for distribution to children in early December for St. Nicholas Day.

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SLASHED SIGNS: Some Orangeville council candidates reported that their election signs have been cut with a blade during the 2026 campaign. Candidates say nearly 70 signs have been stolen, destroyed or damaged since late August.

Council candidates weigh in on election sign interference

Ten candidates report having nearly 70 signs tampered with since start their campaigns in late August

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

At least 10 candidates in Orangeville's municipal election say their signs have been damaged or stolen, and some have run out of replacements.

Candidates who responded to the Citizen reported nearly 70 signs have been stolen, destroyed or damaged during the campaign.

Vivian Petho, who's seeking election as councillor, said her sign was damaged late last Thursday night at Centennial and C-Line.

"When I went to pick it up on Saturday, I could see that it was cut in two with some kind of blade," she told the Citizen. "I took pictures and made a Facebook post to inform other candidates that their signs were also slashed. From the advice of another candidate, I reported to the OPP."

The previous weekend, Petho said there was an incident at County Road 109 and Centennial Road, where multiple candidates' signs were ripped out of the ground.

"I am out of signs at this point, so if any more are damaged, I have no more for replacement," said Petho, who bought her signs for $40 each with money from a donor.

Correction

A candidate Q&A featuring Nick Garisto on A9 of last week's Citizen incorrectly stated he's running for councillor. Garisto is running for mayor in Orangeville's municipal election. The Citizen apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused.

Council candidate Carrie-Anne DeCaprio found one of her signs on C Line nearly split in half, early last week.

"Unfortunately, I had no replacement signs left, so I moved the sign from my own front lawn to replace it," she said.

Incumbent councillor candidate Joe Andrews said he was among several candidates whose signs were slashed with a knife or razor blade in the same area. He added that photos of the damage were shared with local police.

"It is a criminal offence, period. If you get caught, the rules of the law will be enforced," said Andrews, who's had about 25 signs vandalized or stolen during his campaign.

He told the Citizen election signs are not inexpensive and if someone wants to express their frustration with a local matter, they should reach out for a civil conversation instead of damaging personal property.

Theft and vandalism aren't unusual during an election, but that this year it has been constant since the first days that signs were allowed, according to Andrews. He told the Citizen 38 of his signs were stolen and never found in 2022, compared with about 25 so far this year.

Incumbent councillor Rick Stevens, who's seeking re-election, said he has lost around 25 signs, mostly along Hansen from Blind Line to First Street. Councillor candidate Sandra Pratt shared that about 10 of hers were taken on the very first day, from Hanson and Parkinson Street.

Pratt told the Citizen keeping up with fixing, replacing and monitoring signs has been a big job, and the Town of Orangeville should be focused more on enforcement.

"I feel if bylaw had been out doing their jobs making sure that the sign bylaw was being respected it might not have happened," she remarked.

Since nominations closed in August, the town has received 33 sign-related complaints, 18 of them specifically about election signs, according to Orangeville's clerk Raylene Martell. She said seven complaints were found to not be in contravention of the sign policy, five were resolved through voluntary compliance, five resulted in penalty notices being issued and one remains active.

"The election sign-related complaints received by the town have involved sign location and placement," said Martell. "The removal of, theft of, or damage to election signs is not enforced under the town's sign by-law. These matters may be criminal in nature and should be reported directly to the Ontario Provincial Police for investigation."

Councillor candidate Tricia Hebert didn't purchase a large number of signs for her campaign in an effort to be environmentally and fiscally conscientious, but noted the benefits of name recognition are difficult to ignore.

Two of her large signs were sliced down the centre and smaller ones have been damaged or removed across town.

"I think it's a mix of random, senseless vandalism and perhaps frustration with signs littering our streets," Hebert said. "I certainly don't want to minimize the damage to personal and private property and the severity of this matter, but I am sensitive to how many people are currently struggling with the high cost of living."

She continued, "I can see why election signs have become a target of that frustration, as they are perceived as a frivolous expense during an economically challenging time."

Councillor candidate Matthew Smith said he's aware of only one sign being tampered with.

"It was removed from the metal H frame on private property on Amelia St.," he told the Citizen. "The resident whose lawn it was on said she captured audio of a group of people at night on her camera but unfortunately didn't capture any video."

Lindsay Lupton, who's also running for councillor, said almost every weekend she has had her signs thrown into nearby bushes or destroyed.

Incumbent councillor Debbie Sherwood, who's seeking re-election, said sign damage and theft are common during municipal campaigns, often leaving candidates to spend additional time and money replacing them.

"I do not suspect any of my competitors of being responsible for removing or destroying my signs. I believe we are all running a respectful campaign as that has always been my approach," said Sherwood.

Councillor candidate Boubah Bah, a retired law enforcement supervisor, said suspected election sign theft or vandalism should be reported to police with any available evidence.

"After knocking on more than 1,000 doors during this campaign, I am convinced that the overwhelming majority of Orangeville residents are respectful, law-abiding citizens who strongly condemn such behaviour," he said.

"These unfortunate incidents should not overshadow the respect, civility, and community spirit that characterize our town."

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Taxpayers in the Town of Orangeville are reminded that the final instalment of the 2026 tax bill is due on **Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026**.

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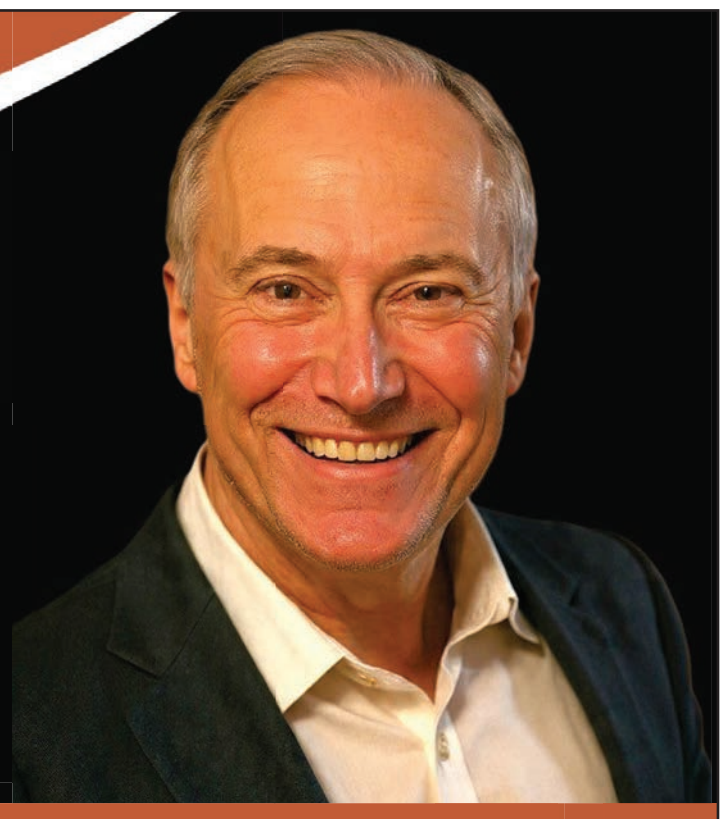
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Medical student with Mono connection takes on Ironman world record

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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RECORD-BREAKING JOURNEY: After completing five previous Ironman triathlons across the world, Mono-connected athlete and medical student Thomas Baldauf is set to take on his sixth and final Ironman in Argentina, in hopes of breaking the world record. Initially inspired to challenge himself to see how far he could go and how much he could improve, Baldauf is now both nervous and excited to see how this final chapter of his Ironman journey plays out, but said that he is proud of how far he's come, no matter the outcome.

At 21, Thomas Baldauf has already travelled across the world, pursued a career in medicine and taken on one of endurance sports' most demanding challenges. Now, the former Mono resident is preparing for the final race in his attempt to become the youngest male to complete a full Ironman triathlon on six continents.

Baldauf, currently in his fourth year of medical school at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, will travel to San Juan, Argentina, for an Ironman triathlon on Nov. 1. The event will mark the sixth and final stop in a year-long journey that has taken him to Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, Canada and Estonia.

Although he has lived in several countries, including the United States and Ireland, the Headwaters area remains an important part of his story.

"I've lived in Austria, I've lived in Canada, I've lived in Florida… and now I am overseas in Ireland," he said. "My dad bought a house in Mono on Third Line quite a while ago, and then we'd use that as a vacation home for a large part of our life. I really like the rural aspect of it. It's nice to have a place like Mono, a bit more peaceful."

Baldauf spent parts of his childhood in Mono, attending school in Orangeville before studying at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School and playing basketball at Orangeville Prep. His family's property on Third Line, next to his grandfather's farm, provided a connection to the area that has stayed with him despite years of moving around.

His athletic background began with basketball, but his path toward endurance racing was far from conventional. After leaving Orangeville Prep, he gravitated toward weightlifting and bodybuilding rather than long-distance running.

That changed during his second year of medical school. While studying for final exams late one night, Baldauf came across a motivational video that challenged him to pursue something with no guarantee of success. Inspired by the idea of testing his limits, he decided to try a triathlon.

"[The video] said that people who are strong and are willing to challenge themselves are going to do things that they're not always sure about… where there's no guarantee at all that you are going to succeed. I kind of just decided I really needed to do something different. It was sort of an impulse decision," Baldauf said.

The next day, he attempted his first five-kilometre run on a treadmill in basketball shoes, despite having done little cardiovascular training. Within months, he had registered for a half-Ironman event in Estonia, which he completed after approximately three months of preparation.

His ambitions grew quickly. After travelling to Malaysia with his brother, who was also pursuing a six-continent Ironman record, Baldauf decided to attempt the full distance himself. He completed his first Ironman in Langkawi, Malaysia, after just two months of training, discovering both the physical demands of the sport and his own capacity to persevere.

The record attempt followed as a way to build on that experience and challenge himself further. A full Ironman consists of a 3.8-kilometre swim, a 180-kilometre bike ride and a 42.2-kilometre marathon.

Each race has brought different lessons. In South Africa, he improved his time by an hour, while his race in Australia tested him with mechanical problems and cramping. His return to Canada for Ironman Ottawa proved a breakthrough, where he finished in less than 13 hours and improved his previous best by approximately an hour and a half. Estonia, only 20 days later, brought freezing temperatures, heavy rain and another test of his determination.

With Argentina approaching, Baldauf is feeling a lot of different emotions.

"I've had so many feelings the last couple weeks… I kind of got to the point where I was, 'All right, I just want to be done with it,'" he said. "But now that I've really been thinking about it, I'm really kind of sad that it's coming to an end. No matter what happens, I'll be really proud of myself."

Throughout the attempt, Baldauf has also had to manage the demands of medical school. He structures his days around classes, studying and training, sometimes reviewing flashcards while cycling. The schedule requires sacrifices, particularly on weekends, when long training sessions compete with study time and social commitments.

For Baldauf, the experience has reinforced the importance of discipline, adaptability and recognizing that difficult goals can be more achievable than they initially appear.

Once the final finish line is behind him, he hopes to focus on getting through medical school while continuing to develop as a triathlete.

Whatever comes next, the journey from Mono to six continents has already reshaped his understanding of what he can accomplish.

County says 'no cause for concern' during Oct. 29 emergency exercise at Bryan's Fuel

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Staff from Bryan's Fuel will be participating in an emergency response exercise on Oct. 29.

The exercise looks to ensure the business's procedures are current and effective.

During the exercise, the public may see emergency vehicles with flashing lights, first responders, and other emergency service personnel engage in a simulated emergency around Bryan's Fuel at 400 Richardson Rd., Orangeville.

The County of Dufferin released a statement on Oct. 20 regarding the upcoming exercise.

"There is no cause for concern. This is consistent with legislated requirements and industry best practice," said the county.

The county statement explained that if the exercise were a real emergency, residents would be notified by a Broadcast Intrusive Alert through their mobile devices, television and radio.

"The alert would contain details about the emergency and the actions that should be taken to ensure the safety of residents," said the county. "Preparing your family before any emergency is the best way you can keep them safe."

In a real emergency, the county said residents should move indoors immediately and stay inside; close and lock all windows and exterior doors; turn off fans, air conditioners, and ventilation systems if instructed; and move to an interior room away from windows.

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Council candidates propose ways to stretch Grand Valley's tax dollars

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

The struggle of most families to thrive in these difficult economic years is shared by municipal councils.

And the people who hope to steer Grand Valley through the financial hurly-burly shared some of their ideas during an all-candidates meeting Oct. 14.

Eligible voters go to the polls to mark ballots Oct. 26.

Paul Latam has locked horns for the mayor's job at the head of council against the incumbent, Steve Soloman.

For the deputy mayor job, Martin Kouyoumdjian and Jennifer Tovell are on the ballot with incumbent candidate Philip Rentsch.

Charlie Brady, Parul Burge, Joshua King, and Steve Miles are on the hustings for three councillor seats.

Grand Valley's property taxes have increased over recent years. The evening's first question was whether or not the level of municipal services and amenities increased in line with the taxes. Town staffing levels and administrative costs have also been on the rise.

Soloman said the town's industrial properties will be developed as a means to increase tax revenue from that sector.

"Right now I don't think we are getting the services that are equal to what the taxes are," he said.

And that deserves a long look by the next council.

Kouyoumdjian said Grand Valley residents do shell out a lot in taxes. But there are ways to maximize every dollar that's spent, he said.

The town has an opportunity to look at its bids and tenders and move more toward an open process, he said.

"Every time we have work that needs to be done in Grand Valley, I think we should go and put that work out on public Ontario websites for bids and tenders and have a fair and open process to do that," Kouyoumdjian said.

He said there is money that can be availed of in a number of grants for which the municipality hasn't applied.

Tovell agreed that a further developed industrial park will alleviate some of the pressure on residential taxpayers.

"But I do think it's fair to assume that a new council has an opportunity to review service levels and ensure that our staffing matches the services that we're providing and find efficiencies so that we could invest in other services for our residents," she said. "I think that's the straight and narrow of it."

Rentsch said nobody enjoys paying taxes. Last year, he forked over about $11,500 in taxes, he said.

"I understand that paying taxes hurts and you've got to find the money somewhere," he said. "At the same time, we are a small municipality and we are disadvantaged because everything we do costs us more than bigger municipalities."

"Municipalities, businesses, they all work the same way," Rentsch continued. "It's simply going to cost us more to provide the minimum."

King said he can't promise he can cut taxes today, but he won't be the "money-saving hero today who hands the next council a bigger bill."

Brady said looking at how property tax is spent is key. Grand Valley has a lot of infrastructure, and roads require a lot of the municipal budget. If the town doesn't manage its roads proactively, residents will have to pay much more, Brady said.

"What we need to do as a town is to make sure that we're addressing our maintenance issues as fast as possible and proactively," he said. "Not waiting for things to snowball on us where it's going to cost us three, four times more."

Miles said business and government have become more complex.

"And with that comes costs," he said.

The next big project for council is to look into what is being spent within the town to make sure it matches what is wanted from the expenditure.

"That means reviewing everything that we do," he said.

Miles suggested some resources may be able to be shared among neighbouring municipalities.

"Can we share different offices, and different people and jobs with the other small communities around us so all of us get some efficiencies out of that?" he said.

Latam suggested that bylaw enforcement officers may be effective working with Grand Valley as well as Amaranth and East Garafraxa. He included the parks and recreation operations as a place where some efficiencies may be found.

Latam said he requested an internal audit of the Public Works' snow removal operations during the last budget discussions.

"We exceed the minimum maintenance standards so is there efficiencies?" he said. "Is there a way in Public Works that we can do things better and more efficient? Next term is going to take a lot of tough discussions of council and staff."

Burge shared the idea of increasing the commercial tax base as a means to provide a break to residential taxpayers. And she gave a nod to the idea of reconsidering how bids and tenders are handled and to increasing efforts to avail of all available grant money.

She's a big fan of comparing municipalities, Burge said.

"So comparing how other municipalities solve similar kind of problems, we'll have to look into that and learn from them," she said.

St. Benedict School wins 2026 Thanks/Giving Food Drive Challenge, collects nearly 1,100 lbs

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School is the winner of the Orangeville Food Bank's 2026 Thanks/Giving Food Drive Challenge.

Eight Dufferin County schools competed in the challenge on Oct. 2, and St. Benedict's beat the competition with its 1,097 pounds of non-perishable food collected, including high-demand items such as canned proteins, condiments and deodorant.

Collectively, the eight schools gathered over 3,700 pounds of non-perishable food.

Participating schools include Island Lake Public School, St. Benedict, Montgomery Village Public School, The Hill Academy, Princess Elizabeth Public School, Westside Secondary School, Grand Valley and District Public School, and Mono-Amaranth Public School.

Each school will receive a certificate of appreciation from the food bank for their contribution, and a challenge trophy will go to St. Benedict's at a future date.

"We're so grateful to every school that took part," said Carol Maitland, fund development specialist with the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share.

"Students, staff and families showed up with creativity and real heart. Congratulations to St. Benedict and thank you to all eight schools for helping make sure more families in our community have food on the table this season."

The Thanks/Giving Food Drive Challenge comes as a record number of families are turning to emergency food support.

The number of people accessing the Orangeville Food Bank has grown by 88 per cent since 2021, while food donations haven't kept pace, growing by just 22 per cent.

Worsening the situation is a 10 per cent drop in food donations over the past year, resulting in the food bank purchasing an additional 50,000 pounds of food to keep its shelves full.

Last year, the food bank distributed 605,106 pounds of food to individuals and families throughout Dufferin County.

The first two weeks of each month are especially busy, with the food bank seeing 127 families in the first nine hours of opening on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

A couple of days later, on Thursday, Oct. 8, it served 63 families in just three hours.



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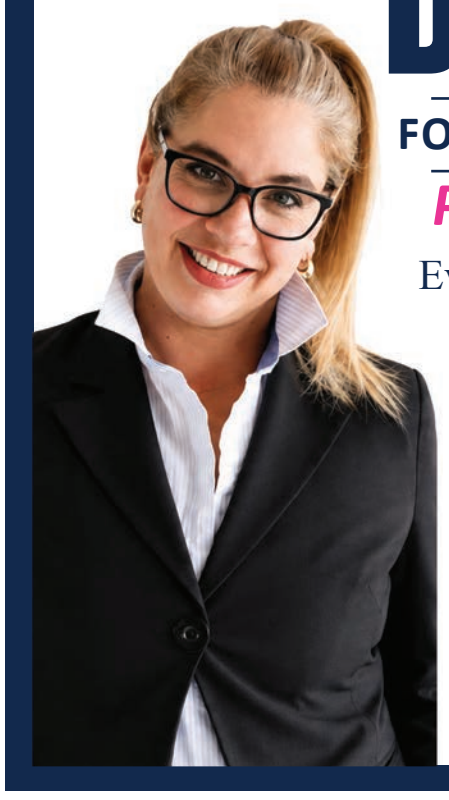
SCHOOL DRIVE: Boxes of non-perishable food collected by Dufferin County schools during the Orangeville Food Bank's 2026 Thanks/Giving Food Drive Challenge helped bring in more than 3,700 pounds of donations. St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School won the challenge, collecting 1,097 pounds.

"Space is also stretched," said the food bank in an Oct. 20 press release. "With limited cold storage and non-perishable food stored across several locations, OFB is looking at new ways to get food to the people who need it."

"Support from schools makes a real difference. Every pound of food donated is a pound the food bank doesn't have to buy, which frees up funds for fresh food and other essentials," the food bank added.

Currently, the food bank's most-needed items are fruit cups, dry soups, crackers, pasta, rice and grains, cereal and oatmeal, peanut butter and jam, canned or shelf-stable proteins, condiments, and toiletries such as deodorant and toilet paper.

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ORANGEVILLE VOTES

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES - Part 4

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

Tricia Hebert — Running for councillor



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

I've lived in communities across Canada, but I chose Orangeville as the place to settle down, raise my family and put down roots. I grew up in a smaller community in Peterborough, so I understand how important that sense of community is — and I've also watched how quickly a community can change as it grows.

I've always been interested in politics and have been involved primarily at the provincial and federal levels. For a long time, I assumed our municipal representatives had things under control. But as my children have grown into teenagers, I've become increasingly aware of the issues affecting families, businesses and our community.

I felt this was the right time for me to step forward.

I'm running because I love Orangeville and want to be part of shaping its future — making sure we can manage growth responsibly, address our infrastructure needs, support social services, local businesses and protect the community character that makes Orangeville home.

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

For me, affordability is at the centre of many of Orangeville's challenges. Property taxes are a major concern for residents, but at the same time, we have ageing infrastructure, water and road needs, community facilities and other essential services that have to be maintained. The challenge is figuring out how we fund those priorities without continually putting more of the burden on residents.

That means looking beyond the taxes. We need to attract and retain businesses, help existing businesses succeed, broaden our commercial tax base, pursue every available grant and funding opportunity, and make sure growth contributes fairly to the infrastructure it requires.

We also need to be thoughtful about how Orangeville grows. Our community is changing, and our new Official Plan is being rolled out. We need housing and economic opportunities, but growth has to be matched with infrastructure, services and amenities while protecting the small-town character people value.

I believe we need to think creatively, ask difficult questions and plan beyond the next budget cycle.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I bring energy, determination, leadership experience and, most importantly, a willingness to listen and do the work.

I've always gravitated toward leadership roles in all aspects of my life. I'm comfortable speaking up, asking difficult questions and taking initiative, but I also understand that good leadership means knowing when to listen, research and learn.

I'm naturally curious and a good problem solver. I don't want to accept that something has to be done a certain way simply because that's how it has always been done. I want to understand the issue, look at the numbers, hear from the people affected and explore practical alternatives.

I also bring a strong work ethic and the energy to follow things through. Balancing family, work and community commitments has taught me how to manage competing priorities and keep moving forward.

Most importantly, I care about people and this community. I'm not running because I believe I have all the answers. I'm running because I'm prepared to listen, ask questions, investigate the issues and put in the work to find them.

Debbie Sherwood (incumbent) — Running for councillor



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

I decided to seek re-election for council because I care deeply about the community I call home. I want to live in a place where families feel safe, neighbours look out for one another, local businesses have opportunities to succeed, and residents feel proud of where they live.

I know how much municipal decisions affect our everyday lives. Whether it is the condition of our roads, responsible growth, affordable housing, parks and recreation, supporting local businesses, accessibility, the environment or maintaining the services our community depends on, these decisions matter. I have always taken these decisions seriously and hope to continue to do so if re-elected.

Running for council means listening to people, being accessible, and treating everyone with respect. I want residents to know that their concerns matter and that their voices deserve to be heard. I have been an experienced voice on council.

Most importantly, I want to continue serving on council because I believe in our community and its future. I want to help make thoughtful, responsible decisions today that will create a stronger, more welcoming community for our residents, our visitors, and future generations.

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

I believe some of the biggest issues facing our municipality are responsible growth, infrastructure, affordability, accessibility, keeping tax increases low yet sustainable and maintaining the quality of life that makes our community such a great place to live.

Council needs to make sure that development is carefully planned and that infrastructure, roads, traffic, parks, recreation, and other services keep pace with that growth. We also need to be mindful of decisions that affect families, seniors, and long-time residents.

Supporting local businesses and creating opportunities for economic growth is also important. A strong local economy helps build a stronger municipality and provides opportunities for residents to work, invest, and build their futures here.

I believe we need to protect our heritage, culture and sense of community that residents value. Growth should not mean losing what makes our municipality unique.

Challenges provide opportunities. With responsible planning, open communication, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful community engagement, we can manage growth effectively and build a community that works for everyone, today and for generations to come.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I am a retired deputy treasurer/tax collector, a 47-year resident and have raised three adult children and now enjoy seeing the town through the eyes of my five grandchildren. I have had the honour of serving the last two terms on council.

I believe I am well suited for this role because I am someone who listens, cares, and is willing to put in the work to make a difference in our community. It is about listening to residents, understanding different perspectives, asking the right questions, doing my research and working together with my fellow councillors and staff to find practical solutions.

I bring a strong sense of responsibility, common sense, and a genuine desire to serve. I also understand the importance of being fiscally responsible and making decisions that balance the needs of today with the long-term interests of our community. I vote based not just on how it affects our community today, but as well as future generations.

We have made significant progress, but there is still more to accomplish. I would be honoured to continue serving as your town councillor and working with you to keep Orangeville a great place to live, work and play.

Chris DeCastro — Running for mayor



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

I am running for this position to provide strong leadership for our town.

There are a lot of us that feel we can have better leadership to solve our biggest issue: making hard decisions to keep taxes under control.

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

The biggest issue facing our town is land availability for industry and responsible growth in order to get taxes under control.

We need a strong voice when we go to the province to get more land for Orangeville .

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I am a results-oriented type of person with strong leadership skills and local science and engineering knowledge that would be a benefit for the town when we make the move for expansion that has been ignored for the past 25 years.

We also have to get control of municipal spending and hard decisions need to be made on this item, and strong leadership will be required.



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FINANCE FROM $233 WEEKLY +TAXES

$74,835 +HST/LIC
OCTOBER OFFER: $10,000 NSCDA APPLIED TO $84,835 MSRP
MACMASTER DEAL $74,835
OFFER SHOWN OCTOBER 2–26, 2026
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 PRO CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 261123

FINANCE FROM $181 WEEKLY +TAXES

$66,050 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI



STK# 25736A • 18,352 KM • 4X4, 3.0L DURAMAX DIESEL I-6, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 6.6FT BOX, 3.23 AXLE, GOOGLE RADIO, SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, 22 INCH ALLOY WHEELS, STEP BARS, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, REAR CAMERA, DENALI CHROME TRIM, BOSE, TOW PACKAGE, POWER TAILGATE, MULTI-PRO TAILGATE, AND MORE!

$234 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $69,821 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $15,418.87

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI



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

$158 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $46,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $10,376.78

2018 JEEP CHEROKEE NORTH FWD



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

$123 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $16,789 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 36 MONTHS C.O.B $2,380.06

2024 RAM 3500 LIMITED LONGHORN



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

$316 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $87,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $26,953.80

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4 CARBONPRO



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

$168 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $49,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $11,039.28

2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN HIGH COUNTRY



STK# 25919A • 133,643 KM • 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, MYLINK W/NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, TRI ZONE A/C, 22 INCH ALLOYS, 7-PASSENGER, SUPER CRUISE, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND/REAR CAMERA, REAR ENTERTAINMENT, LOADED, AIR RIDE, TECH PKG AND MORE!

$228 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $67,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $15,014.30

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE STERLING EDITION



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

$137 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $18,769 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 36 MONTHS C.O.B $2,660.75

2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



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

$226 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $55,989 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 72 MONTHS C.O.B $14,530.97

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2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT TRAIL BOSS 4X4



STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM $257 WEEKLY +TAXES

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

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2026 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71 CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 23534

FINANCE FROM $199 WEEKLY +TAXES

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

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

2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4XE OVERLAND 4X4



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

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

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD HIGH COUNTRY



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

$329 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $91,616 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $28,064.87

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



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

$275 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $76,616 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $23,469.90

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



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

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

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



STK# B7809 • 72,291 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPRAY-IN BEDLINER, TRAILERING PACKAGE, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$200 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $55,716 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $17,067.57

2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD



STK# 23354A • 29,347 KM • Z71, 2.5L TURBO FOUR-CYLINDER, LL-WHEEL DRIVE, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS CHARGING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$192 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $53,516 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $16,393.64

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT



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

$171 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $47,716 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $14,616.91

2024 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 4WD SPORT



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

$347 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $96,716 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $29,627.16

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STK# TC0004

FINANCE FROM $165 WEEKLY +TAXES

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

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

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4



STK# TT0052

FINANCE FROM $145 WEEKLY +TAXES

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

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

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED



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

$204 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $56,971 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $17,452.01

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



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

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

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



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

$207 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $57,672 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $17,666.75

2026 RAM 1500 REBEL



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

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

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2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



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

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

2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE ULTIMATE CALLIGRAPHY AWD



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

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

2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



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

$247 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,621 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 60 MONTHS C.O.B $12,511.94

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392



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

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STK# TG2642-NEW

LEASE FROM $107 WEEKLY +TAXES

$41,421 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT
PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

3.49% FOR 60 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2026 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS TRENDLINE AWD



STK# TA2682-NEW

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Dufferin County council prospects make their pitches to voters

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County candidates had the opportunity to lay out some of their election platform planks during the Dufferin Board of Trade's online all-candidate forum.

Mayoral and deputy mayoral candidates in the Oct. 26 municipal elections made their pitches for votes Sept. 25. The mayor and deputy mayors represent their municipalities on the upper tier council.

"A strong local economy starts with supporting the businesses that call Grand Valley and Dufferin County home," said Paul Latam, a mayoral candidate in Grand Valley.

A local business owner, he said he breathes agriculture and grew up on 50 acres of land that grew produce.

"When the last crop of shingles on farmland goes on, it means that we can no longer produce the food that we need. We have some of the best farmland in Ontario and we need to work to preserve it."

Steve Soloman, Grand Valley's incumbent mayor, said he has served the community with honesty and integrity.

"I'm the one in the room that can hold the culture of council and, as we all know, culture eats strategy for breakfast," he said. "My understanding is great about this town."

Philip Rentsch, the incumbent deputy mayor in Grand Valley, said the role means being a voice at the county council level.

Dufferin County will be faced with a stark choice over the next council term, he said.

"It's probably the main reason why I want to stick with it," Rentsch said. "We have tried to be all things to all people but we haven't had the courage or the guts to pay for it. And I think that's going to be the issue."

If the upper tier wants to do everything through the county itself and freeze out private enterprise from assuming some of the responsibilities and services, then taxes at the county level need to increase, he said.

His choice would be to do less as a government and tap for-profit and non-profit entities to provide some services.

"Specifically in the case of economic development," Rentsch said. "We need to stop doing what we're doing. Stop pretending that we can attract multinational businesses."

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He said the county should work more closely with the board of trade to encourage and help grow current local businesses.

Ruth Plowright served as a councillor in Melancthon over the last term. This time around, she asks voters to promote her to the mayor's seat over incumbent Mayor Darren White.

One of her strengths professionally and while in business has been in team-building, she said. She's about to retire, and that would set her up to thrive as mayor.

"My extensive business background sets me up well to understand budgets and how to look for savings," Plowright said.

White said he's dedicated more than 17 years to the community with strong leadership, practical experience, and real results. In that time, he was the county's warden five times.

He said he's championed high-speed internet, affordable housing, economic development initiatives, senior's care, and environmental protection.

"I have consistently worked on boards and committees that keep our communities running," White said.

In Mono, John Creelman, the incumbent mayor, said the town was studied about 30 years ago by a panel of municipal experts from a number of countries, and they liked what they saw.

"The recommendation to the community at the time (was) preserve the best of what you have because you will never get it back," he said.

Creelman said Mono's best is in its rural character, its unsurpassed natural environment, the lowest tax rate in Dufferin County, no debt, and approachable and respected elected officials.

He said he will work to maintain the town's best attributes, ensure residents' voices are heard, and that the municipality is well run.

"Every resident expects well-delivered and affordable municipal services," he said.

Just about half of residents' tax dollars go to county services, he said.

"Your mayor needs to know the workings of Dufferin County and how to advocate for our share of services, especially badly needed county road maintenance and safety improvements," Creelman said.

And he's the mayor to do that.

Melinda Davie is a Mono councillor in the running for the mayor's job. There are important decisions ahead for Mono, she said, and included roads and infrastructure among the priorities that need more than short-term fixes and deferrals.

"We need to think strategically about upkeep, investment, and how to ensure that what we have built, will build, and maintain today serves our community well into the future," she said.

Mono's mayor also has a place on Dufferin County council where the responsibility extends beyond the municipal boundaries, she said.

"County council requires a broader perspective," Davie said. "An understanding of regional priorities and a commitment to make decisions that serve the best interests of the county as a whole."

Meaningful progress means municipalities need to work together, and she brings willingness to listen, a collaborative approach, and a commitment to consider the larger picture.

Emerson Pendleton also has legs in the three-horse race for Mono's head of council. He said he aims to represent all residents and not just certain population segments.

"I think everybody should be dealt with equally," he said.

He acknowledged that Davie and Creelman have steered a steady course for fiscal responsibility in their years on council. And they have been effective at maintaining Mono's rural character.

"But I want to jump in and really advocate for agriculture," Pendleton said. "Agriculture is the biggest business in Dufferin and Mono."

Laura Campbell has locked horns with incumbent Fred Nix in the deputy mayoral arena.

Campbell is a business owner, and that experience has afforded her an awareness of the region's economic challenges, she said. But there are also environmental challenges and those regarding development that need to be addressed.

"I want to take a greater responsibility for my home community," she said. "And I want to bring my passion and my enthusiasm and my expertise in small business and in grassroots work and community building to Dufferin County."

Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner has been acclaimed to her seat for the next term. But two current councillors are campaigning to be deputy mayor.

Patricia Clark has been on council over the last two terms. And her past professional roles have given her much experience with finances, human resources, planning, and marketing.

Those are skills that are valuable around the council table, she noted.

"I've always been active in the community," Clark said.

As deputy mayor, she said she will continue to work to balance Mulmur's cherished rural lifestyle with its housing needs and appropriate commercial growth.

The other deputy mayor hopeful, Andrew Cunningham, didn't participate in the Dufferin Board of Trade's election forum.

Wade Mills is the incumbent candidate to be Shelburne's mayor. Residents' other choice for the role is Pratheeb (PK) Uthayakumar.

Mills said Dufferin County has shaped who he is today.

He served two terms as the county's warden, a time that taught him that progress comes through listening, finding common ground with all councillors and staff, and building consensus around shared priorities.

Economic development is one of those priorities of the upper tier, he said.

"I think we need to help our existing businesses thrive, help employers find the people that they need, and create more opportunities for our residents to work closer to home," Mills said.

To that end, he believes a regional approach to economic development is the correct path.

Uthayakumar didn't participate in the board's online forum. Neither did deputy mayor candidates Len Guchardi, Mike Green, and Andrea Knight.

Province-wide traffic safety campaign results in nearly 10,000 charges over Thanksgiving long weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Throughout the long weekend, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) focused on behaviours that continue to contribute to serious and fatal collisions, including impaired driving, inattentive driving, speeding and improper use of or failure to wear seatbelts.

Between Oct. 9 and Oct. 12, the OPP laid over 9,800 traffic-related charges across Ontario.

Of the charges, 4,924 were for speeding, 506 were related to seatbelt usage, 174 were for impaired driving and 108 were for distracted driving.

The long weekend traffic safety initiative was part of Operation Impact, an annual national campaign led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to help improve road safety across Canada.

The OPP would like to thank everyone who acted responsibly and helped contribute to safer roads during one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

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Quilting group stitches together donation for Ukrainian orphans

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The group began working on the project in July, dedicating much of its available quilting time to meeting the deadline for the overseas shipment.

The quilts feature a variety of patterns and designs, with members choosing their own approaches to create pieces suited to children of different ages and interests. The group initially understood that it might be asked to provide about a dozen quilts, but ultimately completed 120.

The quilts will go towards orphanages across Ukraine and be distributed to children in their care for St. Nicholas Day in early December.

Now entering its third year, the Sewcial Stitchers meet on the first and third Friday of each month at noon at the Centre Fellowship Church's cafe by the intersection of Hansen Street and Blind Line. While quilting is at the heart of the group, its members have made community support a central part of their work.

"In the community, we support the church, of course, and we have given them quilted items and small quilts so that they can conduct their Christmas bazaar and their Mother's Day tea," Squirrel said.

"We also support family and children services. We have started a program of making zip-up bags, because we knew foster children often move from place to place carrying their belongings in a green garbage bag, and as most of us are mothers and grandmothers, that did not sit well with us, so we decided that we would make them something a little better than that."

The group regularly produces quilts for Project Linus, which distributes blankets to children experiencing difficult circumstances. Members also make quilts for young adults leaving foster care and setting up their first homes, as well as dignity quilts used at local long-term care homes, including Avalon Care Centre and Dufferin Oaks.

The Sewcial Stitchers supports church fundraisers and Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) as well, crafting fabric bags that can carry a child's belongings and unfold into a small quilt.

The group welcomes new members and accepts donations of 100 per cent cotton fabric, which is used for the fronts of its quilts. Anyone interested in joining or contributing materials can visit during one of its regular Friday meetings at the Centre Fellowship Church's cafe.

"We like 100 per cent cotton," Squirrel said. "Some of the backings could be fleece or flannel, but the front is always cotton, so that's what we need most. New members are also always welcome, and if you don't want to become a member, just come for a visit."

With its latest donation, the Sewcial Stitchers is continuing its efforts to bring comfort to people facing difficult circumstances, one handmade quilt at a time.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation raises $40,000 during Hike to Fight Cancer

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

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation's Hike to Fight Cancer was a clear success, as the organization reports raising $40,000 in support of local cancer care.

The third annual Hike to FIght Cancer was held on Oct. 8 at the Caledon Ski Lodge. The location served as a scenic backdrop as over 150 participants took the trails to hike in support of cancer patients, to honour loved ones and celebrate survivors.

The foundation recognized the largest individual fundraiser, Karen Webster, who raised $1,157. They also recognized the largest group fundraiser, Direct Plastic, who raised a collective $3,151.

The organization extended its thanks to participants and partners who made the day possible.

"The Headwaters Health Care Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to the event sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, participants, and supporters whose generosity and enthusiasm helped make this year's hike such a tremendous success," the foundation said in a statement.

"Thank you to everyone who hiked, donated, volunteered, sponsored, and cheered us on. Together, you are helping make a difference for patients and families facing cancer in our community. We can't wait to see you on the trail again next year."

This year's hike differed from previous ones, as feedback requested some easier routes for more accessible activities, which seems to have resonated with attendees, as evidenced by the strong turnout and participation.

Following the hike, participants were welcomed back inside the ski lounge for refreshments. A lasagna dinner prepared in-house by the lodge was followed by interactive activities and games, including a silent auction, raffle and pumpkin weighing contest.

With $40,000 raised from this year's hike, the Headwaters Health Care Foundation is already looking forward to next year and what new opportunities for fundraising could bring.



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HIKING FOR HEALTHCARE: Participants gather at the finish line of the third annual Hike to Fight Cancer at the Caledon Ski Lodge on Oct. 8. The event drew more than 150 participants and raised $40,000 in support of local cancer care through the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Well-Comm Network's Fall Wellness Expo returns to Monora Park Pavilion next week

THE Well-Comm Network (WCN) is returning to Monora Park Pavilion with an expanded Fall Wellness Expo on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The expo has grown since holding its first event in May and will now fill both levels of the pavilion, bringing together 46 vendors and 32 wellness experiences.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet local wellness professionals, discover products and services, attend educational workshops, classes and activities, participate in guided practices and explore new approaches to supporting their well-being.

The expanded Expo will feature six distinct areas throughout the pavilion: the Vendor Village, Inner Sanctuary, Nourished Kitchen, Workshop Haven, Longevity Studio & Vendors, and Connecting in Nature.

Each area offers a different way to experience wellness. Attendees can browse products and services, take part in intimate guided sessions, watch practical food and nutrition demonstrations, attend educational workshops, explore healthy aging and functional movement, and participate in outdoor experiences.

"We were so encouraged by the community's response to our first Expo in May," said Deborah Kolody, founder of WCN and the WCN Wellness Expos. "This fall, we are expanding into the entire pavilion so we can offer even more opportunities for people to learn, participate and connect with the wellness support available in our area."

The event is designed to be welcoming and approachable, whether someone is already familiar with holistic wellness or simply curious about what is available. Guests are welcome to spend the entire day at the Expo or visit for a few hours.

Admission is $10 and includes a $10 vendor coupon to spend with the vendor of their choice. Admission also includes access to the scheduled workshops, classes, activities and experiences.

Each session is available on a first come basis.





Arts & Entertainment
LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Theatre Orangeville double bill delivers two compelling acts: review

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

Theatre Orangeville tried something new, and it worked.

Theatre Orangeville has just kicked off its 'Season of Discovery' this fall, and has prepared a lineup of unique, diverse, Canadian productions.

The first up at Theatre Orangeville was a unique experience that the theatre has not tried before — a double bill. A double bill is a pair of one-act plays that run back-to-back in a slot that would fit a two-act play — productions that are well known in Orangeville.

But this time, artistic director Jennifer Stewart wanted to do something different, to show how Theatre Orangeville is thinking outside the box and looking for new ways to engage guests and platform Canadian talent.

Love is for Poor People and *Or You Can Do Nothing* are two one-act, one-actor productions crafted by Canadian playwright Stewart Lemoine. Both productions lean heavily into monologues, as they follow the main and only characters looking back on their lives, reflecting on choices, paths taken and people they've met.

Love is for Poor People follows a woman only known as 'her' as she dubiously recounts lovers and suitors that she's met throughout her life, and the chaotic tornado her life has been. Being an enjoyer of finer tastes, the best money can buy, and particularly rich suitors, she recounts a particularly passionate romance while travelling abroad. Through multiple glasses of champagne, she recounts how it broke all her previous rules and tastes and has stayed with her throughout her life.

Emma Grabinsky brought a calm but fierce presence to the character on stage, making for an iconic performance that is guaranteed to leave an impact. The character is erratic, unpredictable and keeps you guessing about what could possibly come next, and Grabinsky latched on strongly to that aspect, while also being able to display a person behind that persona, one that might be lonely, longing for a connection that was not to be.

The story also required the sole actor on stage to be able to think on their feet, which Grabinsky did with comedic effect, stopping mid-monologue to say "bless you" to an audience member when they sneezed, like a friend would excuse another at a party.

The story could jump from fast-paced to slow, taking up the entire stage to just one microphone and a spotlight, and the audience was hooked through the whole thing. Excellent use of props, stage design and movement kept up this illusion that despite there only being one person on stage, the stage felt busy — densely populated, even.

For Or You Can Do Nothing, the similarities and differences between the two productions were on full display.

Unlike *Love is for Poor People*, which is a reflection on life through the lens of the main character and driven by their experiences, *Or You Can Do Nothing* is different, instead choosing to showcase a reflection of life not through the main character, but through their interactions with others and how these strangers perceive and interact with him.

Enter Owen Fyfe, a man with an unusually large home and an ability to recognize potential in people who may not see it in themselves. Fyfe isn't necessarily a rich man; his large house is the product of an inheritance his mother received during their many travels in his youth.

What he does have in abundance is empathy, understanding, a skill for seeing potential. Throughout his story, he recounts meeting a collection of very different people with different skills, dreams and problems. He offers them a choice - do something about it and stay with him for a time, or do nothing.

As new characters continue to pour into the house, from a woman questioning her divorce, a young musician, a famous vocalist, and more, Fyfe not only learns about the people that stay with him, but he learns more about himself at the same time.



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DOUBLE BILL: Lining up two plays back-to-back from Canadian playwright Stewart Lemoine, *Love is for Poor People* and *Or You Can Do Nothing* were both masterclass performances from Theatre Orangeville. With only one actor per play portraying a singular character, each production remained captivating and engaging for audience members as each character reflects on their lives in different ways.

Actor Ron Pederson delivered a masterclass in his portrayal of Owen Fyfe. A longtime fan of Stewart Lemoine, Pederson dominated the stage from the first line to the last.

He brought a dynamic character to life, capturing unique vocal patterns, body language and facial expressions, which had audience members completely immersed. His welcoming and humorous disposition was disarming even for the audience, even when he was only talking to other characters on stage, which he did through Fyfe making impressions of the other characters.

His performance, like Grabinsky's, did such a powerful job of breathing life into characters we've never seen or met; one could have assumed there were at least 4 people on stage during the play and forget this was a one-man show.

Once again, the set design was simple, practical, yet iconic, each item serving a purpose without causing clutter or becoming an obstacle. Pederson made excellent use of the stage, making every corner, every spot, come to life.

Putting both plays together, Theatre Orangeville took a risk that could've fallen flat. Two plays, a new format, one actor for each is a gamble that needs all pieces to deliver to have a successful night, and artistic director Jennifer Stewart made all the right moves. The double bill was a fun, captivating and memorable kickoff to another season of local theatre in Orangeville.

Love is For Poor People and *Or You Can Do Nothing* shows continue at Theatre Orangeville until Nov. 1. Tickets can be found online at theatreorangeville.ca/show/love-is-for-poor-people-or-you-can-do-nothing.

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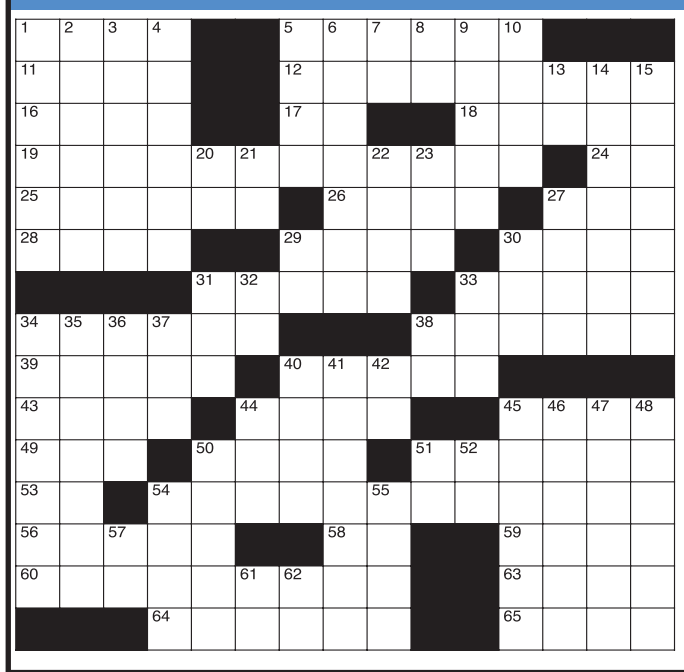
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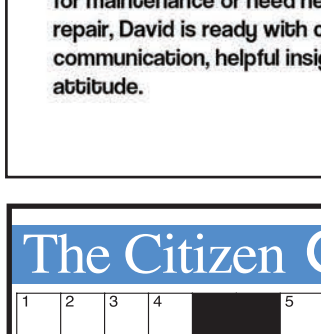
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1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28.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

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

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.



How they say that in...

English: Sauce
Spanish: Salsa
Italian: Salsa
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German: Soße

Food FACT:

This beloved food, which tends to be served round or square, is enjoyed all over the world by the slice or the entire pie.

Answer: Pizza

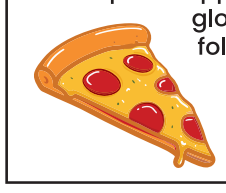
NEW WORD

PEEL

wooden or metal tool used by cooks to slide pizzas into and out of an oven

Did You KNOW?

Pepperoni is the most popular pizza topping across the globe. It is closely followed by extra cheese and sausage.



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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BOO ON BROADWAY: Orangeville's downtown streets filled with costumed children and families for the annual Boo on Broadway & Beyond celebration, featuring Halloween activities, trick-or-treating and plenty of spooky fun for the community.

Orangeville Public Library welcomes author Allison Bothley on Oct. 23

Public libraries are an important part of their communities, and the Orangeville Public Library is no exception. Libraries extend beyond reading and resources, providing shared access to unique tools and equipment, space to develop skills and programming for students, kids and adults.

The 2026 theme for Public Library Week (Oct. 18 to 24) is Loud for Libraries, encouraging communities to champion their local branches. It's a great opportunity to rediscover your library, share about favourite services or introduce someone to something new.

"The Orangeville Public Library, like many libraries, has evolved into a space that provides something for all members of our community," said Laura Warner, chief executive officer for the Orangeville Public Library. "The programs, resources and activities we offer are a part of connecting us all."

As part of Public Library Week, the Orangeville Public Library welcomes writer Allison Bothley for the launch of her debut poetry chapbook, *Practice for Drowning*, on Oct. 23.

The evening will feature a reading from the collection and a conversation about Allison's journey to publication, her writing practice and the role libraries have played in her creative life.

The program will conclude with Loud for Libraries, a community spoken-word session celebrating Ontario Public Library Week.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cake, coffee, book sales and signing. Book sales and signing will also continue after the program.

To register for the event visit: orangevillelibrary.ca



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NEW READ: Author Allison Bothley is launching her debut poetry book on Oct. 23 at the Orangeville Public Library.

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MONO VOTES

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES



With the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 26, we invited each Mono council candidate to respond to the following question:
Mono has received proposals for residential developments ranging from townhouses to subdivisions with hundreds of homes. How would you assess future development applications while balancing housing needs, infrastructure capacity and the protection of the township's rural character?
Each candidate's response is published below, alphabetically within each position they are running for.

Incumbent John Creelman, mayor candidate

Mono has always considered growth potential carefully, with attention to the environment, our tax base and what we can realistically service.

We face growth pressures, including applications to rezone lands from lucrative assessment categories such as highway commercial and industrial to the less taxed residential.

New residential development does not pay for itself either in the short or long term. Development charges for homes come nowhere close to offsetting the need for increased services. New assessment is wonderful but, like any 'sugar rush', it wears off with property taxpayers eventually left holding the bag.

Discounting development charges, as is being done in some towns to attract development, does not guarantee developers pass along savings.

The province's determination to create new housing while laudable is unbalanced and lopsided.

There is no corresponding strategy to create employment close to where new homes are being built. Failing that, there are no serious efforts to improve transit to and from peoples' places of work. GO Transit from Orangeville hasn't seen an improvement in over 20 years. It should, in my view, also be extended to Shelburne.

So what I'm saying is more housing, especially large subdivisions, are not a panacea.

It's not a question of being for or against growth and development. The challenge is to recognize the growth that is good for the community and in keeping with our environment.

So what should we do in Mono?

Clearly, every application requires careful scrutiny and public input. Neighbours impacted by applications need to be heard.

We must recognize the issue of water availability along with lessons learned from small-scale sewage treatment plants. In other words, we need to tread very carefully.

Much can be done to streamline the process for municipal approvals and building permits. Cutting red tape does not mean compromising appropriate scrutiny. Anyone seeking a permit to build a shed, replace a barn or build a house should face a seamless and transparent path through the approval process.

I believe we need to work with existing and new businesses to expedite appropriate projects and expansions that will increase assessment and tax revenue to the town.

Finally, the province and municipalities must come up with new funding arrangements. Reliance on a 19th-century model that expects property taxpayers to foot the bill for almost all municipal services, and a great many that the province should be solely funding, no longer works.

Incumbent councillor Melinda Davie, mayor candidate

Mono needs carefully planned commercial development to create local employment and strengthen our economic base. Our limited employment lands and prime agricultural lands must be protected. Recent applications proposing homes on lands designated for commercial, rural and environmental protection uses raise concerns about the town's capacity to support such development.

Given the town's past and ongoing experiences, I would favour individual septic systems over communal wastewater treatment systems for any development. We must also carefully consider the water supply for development.

Our first priority should be helping existing businesses and farms grow and create local employment by attracting skilled trades, small-scale retail, agricultural innovation, tourism and outdoor recreation businesses. Reliable digital connectivity is also essential.

Residential growth should address genuine needs, providing affordable, attainable options for seniors looking to downsize and younger residents seeking starter homes. A mix of housing types, with commercial opportunities included, located near existing settlement areas would better serve these needs while limiting pressure on our rural landscape. Any proposals must account for impacts on schools, roads, traffic and community services.

Mono's future depends on getting the balance right. By establishing a stronger commercial foundation before expanding residential development, we can build a diverse, resilient local economy while protecting our agricultural lands, rural environment and the qualities that make Mono special. Council can't stop new landowners from bringing their ideas, but we can gatekeep to ensure any development is in the best interest of everyone, not just a developer.

Emerson Pendleton, mayor candidate

The beauty and rural character of Mono is worth protecting. Forcing the land to be stripped and developed would be heartbreaking.

I understand that there is pressure from upper levels of government to increase the concentration of population all over Canada, but to me this creates more problems than it solves.

Our fresh water is already stressed to the limits of sustainability, and production of more wastewater is not viable. The infrastructure required to support a large increase in population would be a huge burden on taxpayers.

Past experience building housing developments in Mono has not lived up to the visions promised by developers.

There are long-term, ongoing problems that have no end in sight. Mono has little chance of trying to get developers to comply with the original agreements. Mono has wasted excessive time and money attempting to get problems solved, but struggles to make any positive progress.

These are just a few reasons I am not in favour of residential developments due to real problems of the past/present, as well as the implications of future issues.

Laura Campbell, deputy mayor candidate

My view is that further dense residential development is not appropriate for Mono given the constraints on water supply and septic capacity.

The subdivisions that we do have are lovely communities, and the folks living there have issues quite distinct from rural Mono residents. The water supply and septic problems have caused them more than just headaches; they have cost them thousands. And the town's tax base simply isn't broad enough to build large shared water treatment facilities that would make sense for dense housing development.

The majority of Mono residents cherish the farmer's fields, the forests, the hiking trails, the spectacular Nottawasaga river, and all that Mono is. I am also a believer in the absolutely crucial need to keep our remaining farmland in Ontario arable and healthy.

Brampton and Caledon's class 1 Farmland has been paved over for the last three decades. The Ontario Farmland Trust estimates we lose around 319 acres of farmland per day, and once it's gone, it's gone forever.

I genuinely lose sleep over this. Over the past ten years, I've spent a great deal of my free time working to protect the Greenbelt from sprawl, from highway construction, and particularly destructive aggregate operations (such as the Caledon blasting quarry), and that remains a key goal of mine.

Affordable housing is a major issue, but we aren't going to solve it by building multi-million-dollar homes on farmland in Mono. In places like Orangeville, Alliston, and surrounding larger towns, we need to prioritize infill development, zoning changes to accommodate four-plexes, and more compact townhomes.

Incumbent Fred Nix, deputy mayor candidate

1) I am against the two large applications for residential developments we have had on our desk over the past few years.

This is not because I am anti-development. Both pieces of land that the developers wanted to develop were identified for development in our Official Plan (OP). But one was zoned "highway commercial," which allowed for some residential, but the main point was to have commercial.

The developer wanted 220 condo units, but we beat him back at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) primarily because we wouldn't accept the province's rule that we had to sign a letter saying we would take over the small-scale wastewater treatment plant if there were problems. We won't. Of course, the province has now changed the rules, and the developer is back with a new plan. Since I have not seen this plan, I have no opinion.

2) The second large application for 349 residential lots was totally against what our official plan (OP) wanted. It wanted these lands to be an extension of our small-scale industrial park.

The current Dufferin County OP does zone this land as "employment land." The applicant got the application in before the county OP became effective, so it has to be judged by the earlier Mono OP.

In this case, the developer took us to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) before the town had time to consider the plan. The developer had promised at a public meeting to come back with a revised plan, but never followed through on this promise.

That OLT hearing has been cancelled, and my understanding is that the developer is now negotiating with the town with a revised plan.

3) In terms of your broader question, about how I would assess future applications, I have two broad concerns:

A) I don't think we should allow more large-scale residential developments on the border of Orangeville. We already have something like 45 per cent of Mono's population living in subdivisions bordering Orangeville.

Every time someone from one of our subdivisions wants something — a haircut, a bank, a restaurant, a convenience store, etc. — they have to get in their car and drive into Orangeville.

We need some commercial and/or industrial land in Mono to cut down on all this needless driving.

B) I am very leery of any new applications for residential development in Mono that propose another small-scale communal wastewater treatment plant. We have had a very bad experience with the two that now exist. They both have failed on numerous occasions, and they both have had lawsuits. No more, unless or until someone can guarantee that these plants work!

One other important factor: A few years ago, under provincial rules, Dufferin County completed a "Municipal Comprehensive Review" which plans for a population between 95,000 and 100,000 people by 2051. Most of this increase in population was assigned to Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley.

Mono doesn't have to plan for anything — a very small increase in population will easily fit into our existing, empty, lots of record.

Incumbent Elaine Capes, councillor candidate

The Town of Mono is a very unique landscape combining urban, rural and agricultural life. As such, we have the huge potential to make and become a model sustainable community.

We have an Official Plan with designated zones for appropriate and planned land use to meet Mono's current and provincially mandated growth needs. Subdivision development brings development charges, which disappear quickly, bringing more strain on our taxpayers.

The loss of commercial and employment lands reduces opportunities for available tax revenue that reduces the strain on residents. The loss of our agricultural lands would reduce farming and our ability to achieve food sustainability.

Rezoning requires scrutiny to preserve the land use as it has been established by thoughtful review and planning. We are limited with regard to commercially zoned land, and we need to protect these lands.

Most of our land is agricultural, currently home to several large farms and some very excellent smaller organic vegetable production farms that should be encouraged and supported. This supports our economic wellbeing.

Commercial, employment and agricultural zoned lands also bring the opportunity to provide work so people don't have to travel long distances, and could have more time for quality of life working closer to home.

We also need to protect the environment, which includes our drinking water sources and water systems, and pay deep attention to wastewater. We are not a big city with wastewater treatment plants. We do not have and likely will not have this scale of water treatment.

Paving over land for more roads and driveways and creating concrete sidewalks reduces permeable surface; the water has nowhere to absorb back into the land and becomes runoff, creating the opportunity for flooding.

We need to use every planning tool and engineer report to make sure any development does not erode our environment or our economic well-being, and contributes to being equitable.

Development needs to provide opportunities for all ages: rentals for anyone who is not buying, first-time buyer homes, family homes, homes for aging adults. It must include a park area for all ages to enjoy, be able to exercise, and gather at a central place within the community, and provide small-scale employment opportunities for anyone. A walkable community where people of all ages can access everything they need in one place.

I would always consult our citizens for their input. Everyone must benefit.

Patrick Hendley, councillor candidate

The More Homes Built Faster Act set housing targets for Ontario's largest cities. In Dufferin County, growth to 2051 is shared among eight municipalities, and Mono's share is 180 homes, the smallest of the eight. Mono needs the right homes, in the right places, built at a pace our water, roads and services can carry.

Water is the first constraint. Mono's Cardinal Woods wells draw from the same bedrock aquifer as most of Orangeville's wells, including its new Well 13. That risk area also includes Amaranth's Pullen Well, and it was rated significant in 2011 and again in 2026. In several scenarios, the 2026 study predicts water levels dropping below what the Cardinal Woods wells have available, and reduced flow to cold-water streams like Monora Creek. The conservation authority's manager says further growth there is not advisable. There's no shortage yet; a 2025 report says all three municipalities have met their needs.

I would judge every application against three tests.

1. Can the land and infrastructure support it?

Most of Mono relies on private wells and septic. Before supporting any large proposal, I want independent hydrogeological evidence that it won't draw down or contaminate neighbours' aquifers. I'd also weigh its effect on roads, traffic on Highway 10 and Airport Road, emergency response and school capacity. If the infrastructure is lacking, the developer must show how it will be paid for. Taxpayers shouldn't carry that cost.

2. Does it meet Mono's actual housing needs?

The need isn't more estate homes. It's housing that young families, downsizing seniors and local workers can afford. My wife and I took in a man and his support dog who had been living in a bus shelter, so I know this need is real. I'd favour townhouses, secondary suites and garden suites over "monster homes." I'd also revive vacant and derelict buildings before building on farmland.

3. Does it respect Mono's rural character?

Growth belongs in existing settlement areas, not scattered across farmland, the Escarpment and the Hockley Valley. Height, lot size, trees, dark-sky lighting and heritage should be considered from the start.

How I'd decide?

I managed projects with clear milestones throughout my career. Council should publish its criteria and tie phasing to infrastructure. It should also check that projects deliver what they promised. Residents deserve the reasons, not just the vote.

Growth will come. Our job is to make it serve the people who live here, now and for the next generation.

Incumbent Ralph Manktelow, councillor candidate

The question nicely defines things that are important in the housing issue — balancing needs, infrastructure capacity and protection of the township's rural character.

Beginning with rural character, or more fully with the natural environment, Mono has – thanks partly to the glaciers that came and went many thousands of years ago — a diverse and stunning countryside.

Walk, cycle or drive on our 240 km of rural roads and you will be impressed. It is clear to me that we must preserve these hills and valleys, fields and forests, streams and rivers — for ourselves and for future generations.

The town has many mandates that affect housing development — Mono's Official Plan (OP), it's Vision Statement (containing the Three Es – Environment, Economy, Equity) and the town's slogan, "the Heart of the Headwaters."

Mono should assess ongoing and future housing requests through the lens of these mandates. The need to protect the environment should be dominant… as once the countryside is lost, it will never return! In order to get the balance right, we must adhere to our mandates as outlined in the OP and the Vision Statement.

We do have the Ontario government's reasonable desire to build more housing, but unfortunately, they have given the town less control over development projects. Clearly, there is a real need for affordable housing. Many of our children will be unable to afford a house. Should this housing be placed on land that is not as special as we have in Mono?

How about infrastructure requirements? Specifically, water (all from our aquifers) and wastewater management (single or community septic systems) and roads? Currently Mono has two housing applications pending – 220 units just east of Watermark and 350 units on the Second Line just north of Hwy. 9.

Both are on hold because of Mono council's concerns for the plans for wastewater management and about threats to the availability of usable water. These two issues, water availability and wastewater management, will plague any future housing requests. Furthermore, design elements should fit with Mono's rural character.

However, Mono has very little additional land that is zoned residential. Under current planning, there will not be further housing developments; however, rezoning pressure could be a future option. Do we need more housing developments in Mono? I think not.

Brad Mayer-Harman, councillor candidate

Development should not be viewed as simply being "for" or "against" growth. Housing needs are real, but each proposal must be appropriate for its location, compatible with surrounding properties and supported by adequate infrastructure. Development should strengthen an existing community — not create isolated pockets that conflict with Mono's rural character.

I would assess applications using several clear tests.

First, can existing and planned infrastructure support the development? This includes roads, traffic, emergency services, stormwater management, water, wastewater and municipal staffing. Technical studies should be independently reviewed, and development should not proceed ahead of the infrastructure required to support it.

Second, who pays for growth? Existing residents should not be left subsidizing services required by new development. Agreements should clearly define the developer's responsibilities and include appropriate financial securities, inspections and completion standards. We must avoid projects that leave residents and taxpayers correcting deficiencies after the developer has moved on.

Third, how would the development affect farmland, forests, headwaters, wildlife, groundwater and neighbouring properties? Environmental and hydrogeological studies must be treated as meaningful evidence — not procedural boxes to check.

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Fourth, does the proposal provide a genuine and lasting benefit to Mono? Thoughtful, limited development may create housing options for young families, seniors and residents wishing to remain in the community. However, it should occur only where it meets an identified need, fits its surroundings and will not shift its long-term costs onto taxpayers.

Finally, neighbouring residents and affected communities must have a meaningful role in the process. Plans, studies, revisions and infrastructure commitments should be presented clearly, with questions answered publicly and community feedback considered before decisions are made. A community is built together, not in isolation.

As one councillor, I would have one vote on a five-member council and must work within provincial planning law. I cannot determine an application's outcome alone, but I can ask difficult questions, insist on complete evidence and vote against development that is premature, financially irresponsible or incompatible with Mono.

My approach is straightforward: begin with consultation and infrastructure, protect Mono's rural character, and support only responsible housing and business development that adds lasting value, covers the costs it creates and strengthens both our community and municipal tax base.

Christine Sinclair, councillor candidate

My priority is the residents of Mono who already live here. If we are to approve further residential development, we need to ensure that there is enough water, realistically, to maintain current levels of service to our residents as well as for all the future residents of the development.

Previous development applications have sometimes underestimated how many people will live in an individual home, and I would want to ensure that applications accurately represent use, traffi c , and draw on resources. Three-bedroom homes often house more than three people.

Further, given that our tax base is already too reliant on residential income, I want to ensure that we are not re-zoning commercial lands, as I believe if we are to grow we should focus on sustainable commercial growth, not residential.

I also want our agricultural land to stay agricultural — we continue to need to eat, as far as I know. Mono is not under a provincial mandate to develop more housing, and I do not see a pressing need for signifi cant residential growth.

That being said, I am supportive of intergenerational living, as that takes pressure off our healthcare and childcare systems, can mitigate issues related to lack of public transit and increasing isolation, and can support more cohesive community building, safety, well-being and longevity.

As such, I think development that allows for aging in place in areas where that makes sense, that are accessible for mobility devices and strollers, and that promote community connection and interaction with nature could be beneficial here.

I believe these goals can be promoted on small-scale developments while maintaining Mono's rural character — indeed, this is already happening in many of our homes.

In short, I would assess future development applications with a sustainability and community-building lens. Will this development put too much pressure on our finite resources? Will it support our residents? Will it promote a sense of well-being, connectedness or resilience?

If you permit me to dream big here, I would also like to encourage development to draw from local resources — be it labour, materials, or expertise. I would also be supportive of forward-thinking development — enhanced energy-efficient homes, EV charging stations, and naturalized landscaping, for example. At the moment, these kinds of things cannot be mandated under the provincial government; however, for now, these will stay dreams.

Christine Walker, councillor candidate

I understand that housing is an important issue, and that communities need to plan for the future. However, I believe future growth in Mono must be responsible, sustainable, and supported by the infrastructure necessary to accommodate it. Future development should not come at the expense of existing residents.

Before considering any significant residential development, I would want to understand what previous councils have learned from past subdivision development and have a clear understanding of the impact on water availability, roads, traffic, emergency services, and other essential infrastructure.

At this stage, I don't believe we can grow without placing an unreasonable financial burden on existing taxpayers. Existing residents should not be expected to subsidize the infrastructure required for new developments or suffer the consequences, which I feel is what we are experiencing.

Land currently designated for commercial purposes would provide employment opportunities for Mono residents, play an important role in Mono's future and should not be simply converted to residential. Instead, I would prefer that the next council be more proactive in attracting businesses which will also strengthen our tax base.

Protecting Mono's rural character is equally important. Our agricultural lands, natural landscapes, open spaces, and established neighbourhoods contribute to what makes Mono a desirable place to live. Future development must respect these qualities while considering the needs of both current and future residents.

I am not necessarily opposed to growth, but without sustainable infrastructure and resources in place, I feel it would be irresponsible for the council to approve.



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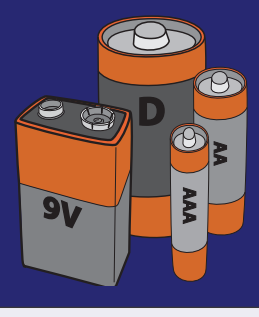
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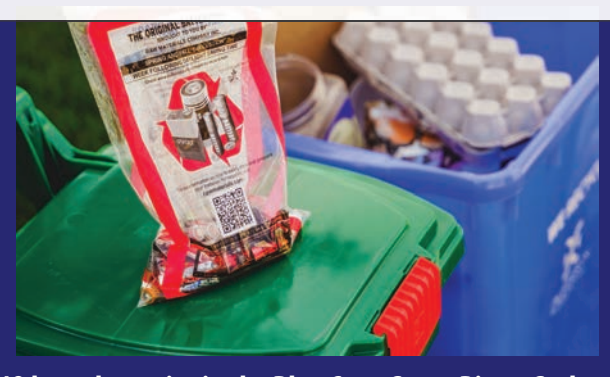
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Orangeville BJJ coach earns black belt, inspires young athletes

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

Shawn Cox, instructor at the Orangeville Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy, was promoted to black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) on Oct. 7, in front of a room full of students, coaches and families at the academy.

There was a tremendous amount of pride in Shawn Cox's voice as he talked about receiving his BJJ Black Belt, which is one of the hardest ranks to earn in martial arts. It was earned through 10 years of dedicated training and competing during that time. To receive this accomplishment in front of family and friends meant a lot to Cox.

"It was amazing for my family to be there because they have seen me train throughout the years, never complaining, always encouraging me, and they've seen how BJJ has changed my life," said Cox.

Cox is the head coach of three programs at the Orangeville Jiu Jitsu Academy. These programs include two for young kids and one for youth. Cox plays a big part in Orangeville's next generation of athletes who learn from him every week.

Cox decided four years ago to move his whole family to Orangeville not only because he loves this town, but because it helped in his journey in pursuing this black belt honour.

"I work a physically demanding job, especially in the summer months, where I would have early mornings and long days, all the while teaching and maintaining my own training. There was a time when I lived in Brampton before I moved to Orangeville, where I would drive up after work to teach and train four nights a week. It's a sense of belonging, the camaraderie and not to mention the physical benefits. Also, BJJ at times can force you to do hard things. Like pushing yourself physically or facing your fears. That's what keeps me coming back," said Cox

Jake Smith, the head instructor at the local academy, explains why Cox is so deserving of the Black Belt.

"Shawn is exactly what a black belt should be," Smith said. "He shows up every day, he works hard, and he gives back to the kids in this town. Our whole club is proud of him."

Cox has competed at every belt level, challenging himself by stepping out of his comfort zone. His true passion, however, is teaching kids. When he first started to teach kids at the academy, he was a little intimidated and a bit overwhelmed, but the more he did, the more his confidence and teaching skills grew. And that confidence translated to other areas of his life.

"The example I've tried to set as a coach is not someone who is a great champion winning lots of medals, but someone who steps out and tries difficult things because that's when we grow," said Cox.

"As a father myself, I love seeing kids learn, grow, and gain confidence by overcoming difficult things, and most of all have fun. And hopefully the lessons they learn in Jiu-Jitsu will carry over to other areas of their lives."

Cox loves the fact that the kids he teaches got to see him get the Black Belt. It's an honour that doesn't happen often, and it was nice to share that moment with them. His hope is that witnessing this achievement can be an example of what consistent training and perseverance can achieve.



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BLACK BELT ACHIEVEMENT: Shawn Cox proudly displays his new Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt after receiving it on Oct. 7 following 10 years of dedicated training and competition.

Orangeville flag football league wraps up season with championship finals

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

The finals of the Orangeville Flag Football took place on Oct. 9 at the Lions Club Sports Park.

Ten teams from their respective divisions competed in the finals to be named this year's champions. That included the third-place U10 Raiders, who went up against the first-place U10 Texans in a showdown of running backs — Evie McAuley for the Raiders and Carter James for the Texans.

Evie McAuley scored the first touchdown of the game, and for the Raiders, she picked up where she left off in the semi-finals, where she scored all three touchdowns in that game to help her team advance to this final match.

"It was amazing to see Evie leading our offence again. She brings so much energy and confidence to our team, and it was great to see her making plays and helping us compete at the U10 finals," said Alyssa Lavery, bench coach of the U10 Raiders.

An evenly matched contest throughout the game, which went down to the wire, with the Texans holding onto a 14-13 lead until Carter James scored on the last play of the game to give his Texans a 20-13 lead and seal the victory for his squad.

"I unfortunately wasn't able to make it to the final game with the team. Coach Drew Paton took over to lead the Texans to victory. Pacing around waiting for the results was tough for my son Noah [who's on the team] and I," said Paul Gismondi, head coach of the Texans.

"But finally receiving the news that the Texans won was the best start to the long weekend anyone of us could ask for. Carter [aka Sonic] scored the first touchdown for the Texans to start the year, so hearing he scored the last one to seal the deal wasn't surprising…an almost Hollywood ending for sure!"

Despite the loss, Alyssa Lavery couldn't be prouder of her team.

"I'm extremely proud of our team and how we played. We fought hard until the end, supported each other, and never gave up," she said. "Although we didn't get the result we wanted, I'm proud of everything we accomplished together this season."

For the Texans, they were pleased to get the win and be crowned the U10 Division champions.

"Big shout out to the Texans players. Abigail, Piper, Carter, Cale, Henry, Declan and Noah — flag football champions! As coaches, coach Drew and I had an easy job, as the enthusiasm and excitement they showed up with was contagious to be around," said Gismondi. "The camaraderie they displayed in such a short time was impressive, so to win it all was well earned and deserved. Couldn't be more proud of them all!"

The MVP (Most Valuable Player) for the Texans was Carter James, while Evie McAuley received the MVP honours for her team.

With this flag football season now over, executives Heidi and Mike Keenan, Bryan and Paula Lavery and Todd Hughes, who helped organize this 2026 season, are thrilled with how the season turned out.

"When the five of us came together, our goal was simple: to create a flag football league for our kids. We never imagined it would grow to over 500 participants annually, with divisions for every age group and a dedicated girls' league," said Paula Lavery.

"Having a local league right here in Orangeville has made a positive impact on countless families and our entire community. We're especially proud of the opportunities we've created for our athletes to develop their skills, build confidence, compete, and grow their love for the game. What started as something for our own children has become so much bigger, and we couldn't be more proud or grateful for what we've built together."

Other notable Final Division winners were the U12 Broncos, U14 Eagles, U18 Broncos and U16 Girls Chiefs.



TEAM PRIDE: Coach Alyssa Lavery and the U10 Raiders gather for a group photo following their loss to the U10 Texans in the Orangeville Flag Football finals on Oct. 9.



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CHAMPIONSHIP SMILES: Coach Drew Paton and the U10 Texans receive their championship medals after winning 20-13 in the finals against the U10 Raiders on Oct. 9.



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OPINION

How do your council choices feel about libraries?

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW



Libraries are vital to communities.

People can go to a library and escape the din of life. Then, away from the day's hurly-burly, they can tuck into a book, a magazine, a newspaper. Listen to music in some libraries.

Libraries are repositories for a community's history by way of various archived materials. And the open access to information and educational materials there can open avenues in one's life.

Personally, libraries have been great to me over the years.

Guest speakers and visiting writers were a means for me to avail myself of books when money was too tight to buy them.

When I was a kid, I met at a library a girl named Alice and her Mad Hatter friend with his March Hare, the queens White and Red, and the Cheshire Cat. And we were all mad there. I was mad. You were mad. And there was found a lesson in simplicity and the wise suggestion to begin at the beginning and go on until you come to the end, then stop.

I don't remember how old I was when I discovered Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. But I remember how the words were put together and how the sentences tickled me. Years afterwards I read the book to one of my children through her mother's belly where she rose like dough in a bread pan. And it became one of the stories that we'd return to over and over through the years.

A library was a bookstore to my young children. That's what they called it. Daddy, can we go to the bookstore? We were parents too young, and I was a part-time sportswriter. Always a month behind on the utility bills, we didn't have money for children's books. Not even second-hand store offerings.

That was about 20 years ago in Newfoundland. My daughters bundled up in their bulky winter clothes, and we'd trudge off to the public library to their "bookstore."

"We haven't read this one yet, daddy," Emily said and showed one of Robert Munsch's books she'd pulled from a bin of books for young readers.

And Isabella said that it would have to be read at home because libraries are quiet places and daddy always does the noises in the stories when he reads them to us.

There are many other families, especially in this economy, who are in the same position when trying to nurture young readers.

An aside: Why do they make children's books so bloody expensive and hope to encourage reading from an early age? Always puzzled me. Curiouser and curiouser.

These are difficult times. For everybody, let alone the young parents trying to keep the lights on while encouraging in their youngsters good reading habits.

Charles Dickens wrote a book called Hard Times. I found it in a school library in Iqaluit. I didn't read it. Dickens always seemed too wordy for me to be able to quickly get into. But I've read about the book.

Dickens promoted the concept in Hard Times and others of his work that the imagination should buoy people in difficulty and that their social conditions shouldn't define their lives.

Lofty idea, that.

Especially these days when libraries seem quieter, and more people seem to read longer works less and less, caught under the sweep of social media.

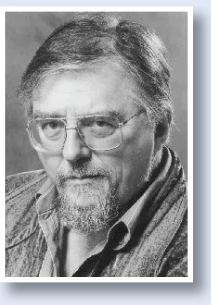
Except for a handful of government grants, libraries are funded mainly by way of municipal taxpayers. Come to think about it, that Public Library Operating Grant money is pulled from our taxes, too.

If you plan on marking the ballot entitled to you in the Oct. 26 municipal election, give some thought to library funding. And put the issue to candidates on the hustings, should any of them knock on your door and offer their campaign literature.

Maybe you don't frequent any of Orangeville's public library branches because you're too busy toiling to keep your lights on like so many of us. But you might consider some of the ways our taxes have been used over the years and broach the topic with any candidate that darkens your door.

India: Cockroach Janata Party

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is technically not upper caste, but he does have a high opinion of himself. "When my mother was alive, I used to believe that I was born biologically," Modi told an interviewer two years ago. "After she passed away, reflecting on all my experiences, I was convinced God had sent me."

Modi could use some help from God at this point, because his government has stumbled into a confrontation with the nation's frustrated and angry youth. Half of India's population is under 30, and although the economy is growing very fast (7 per cent last year) it is mostly 'jobless growth' (40 per cent graduate unemployment).

In retrospect, early 2024 was the time of 'peak Modi'. He was convinced that his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP– Indian People's Party) would win a two-thirds majority in parliament in the upcoming election, after which he would change the constitution, put an end to the secular state, and build the Hindu-ruled religious state of his dreams.

The 290 million Indian citizens who are not Hindus – one-fifth of the population, mostly Muslim – would become second-class citizens under that new regime. The BJP never publicly admits that this is its destination, but its paramilitary mass organisation, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), is quite open about it.

There is a hierarchy of hatred, in the sense that the BJP sees Buddhism and Sikhism, rival religions that are local in origin, as less alien and threatening than Christianity and especially Islam. (Muslims are one-seventh of the entire population.) But Modi and his party have worked long and hard to paint them all as foreign and dangerous.

It was all going so well – but then the BJP didn't do at all well in the 2024 election. It needed a coalition with two small regional parties just to scrape a bare majority in the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament.) As for changing the constitution, forget it.

The BJP's trajectory had stalled. It still had the support of the mass media (mostly bought and paid for) and probably of the older generation of Hindus. So long as non-Hindus and lower-caste Hindus kept voting against Modi's God-given project, however, it wasn't going to happen. Modi's solution was to launch the biggest gerrymandering attempt in world history.

The electoral rolls in India had always been maintained in a non-partisan way, but in 2023 Modi appointed new election commissioners who would do his bidding. They weren't in office in time to do anything about the 2024 election, but they are certainly well placed to do his will now.

The BJP knew that its 'Hindu nationalist' supporters (the Indian version of MAGA) would be loyal to the end, but that lower-caste Hindus and religious minorities were abandoning Modi's party. You can often guess how people will vote by their family names or where they live, so Modi's strategists just started removing likely opposition voters from the electoral rolls.

There were 968 million registered voters in India a year ago, but the BJP-controlled Election Commission has been carrying out a 'Special Intensive Revision' – and it has already purged 130 million voters from the list.

It is extremely unlikely that one-sixth of all Indian voters have died or moved leaving no forwarding address in the past five years. It is, however, extremely likely that an implausibly high proportion of the missing voters are Muslims, other non-Hindus and lower-caste Hindus.

This is daylight robbery, but electoral rolls are not sexy. It took a bunch of students to drag it out into plain sight.

It began when somebody at the National Testing Agency leaked the exam papers that decide who gets into medical schools. Two million students were competing for 150,000 places, and when the scam came out and everybody had to rewrite them 12 candidates committed suicide. It was the second time the exams had to be retaken in three years.

An unemployed graduate called Abhijeep Dipke picked up on a casual remark by the chief justice calling people like him 'cockroaches' and set up a satirical website accusing the BJP of incompetence and corruption. He called it the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) and it took off like a rocket. Within weeks mass protests forced the education minister to resign.

The young founders of the CJP knew they had created a powerful political lever, and by September they realised what their next target must be: the giant gerrymander that has already delivered two big states, West Bengal and Bihar, into the hands of the BJP. (Next national elections are in 2029.)

So the CJP is now demanding the resignation of the chief of the Election Commission, Gyanesh Kumar, and most days the streets of Delhi are filled with young protesters. The BJP is not yet defeated, but it is on the defensive. Stay tuned.

Until late at night

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Writers often write at odd hours. Some stay up late to scribble away the quiet of night. Canada and Orangeville's much-loved playwright, Norm Foster, says that he is up at 5 a.m. or as mid-night as 2 a.m. to write his many very funny plays as his whims take him.

"I love writing then, " he told a group of us after Foster, David Nairn and Mairi Babb had done a reading of Foster's play Jonas and Barry in the Home, here in town.

"The characters pop up in my mind and I write it down," he said.

He told us that he is always so excited to sit down in the very early morning and see what comes next. Once he has written for four hours or so... he has breakfast and maybe a nap.

Between the hours of midnight and, say, five in the morning is generally very quiet. Much of the world around us is asleep; it is natural perhaps to dim the lights within the household, even to our tech — turn off the TV — maybe add some music.

There was a stretch of a few years, after my husband Colin died, when I was living on my own in Hockley, busy with writing for local papers, riding and caring for Patrick and our other horses twice a day, doing whatever else the day expected of me.

Then, I had the evenings to myself into whatever time of the night I chose. I binged - watched Murdock Mysteries, did the illustrations for my children's books, wrote poetry...

There were no expectations of me during those evenings that lasted as long or as short as I decided. No one was going to call, and no one was thinking about me. So, it was quiet, a time to create, to think.

To simply be.

My phone tells me once a week that I use it about 40 to 44 minutes a day, and I suspect that is rather low, relatively speaking. Living together as Patricia and I do now, it seems to me that her phone reports a use of two to two -and- a- half hours a day and probably even that is low compared to lots of other people, doing business, social media, scrolling to check all the news and views that are available.

There are plenty of sources that promote the benefits of some solitude, of boredom even, because, given the space to breathe, our brains are always busy, and a break from having to pay attention all the time is a good thing. A friend of mine observed a person waiting, as it seemed, just idling his time — it was not clear. But he was on his phone, never lifting his eyes from it. Not looking around at the passing scene where he stood.

Have we lost the ability to live in the real world? When are the moments when we just stand back, as it were, and watch the world go by?

Somehow, someone has conned us into thinking that we have to be involved all the time, always up to date with the news from far and near; anxious to FaceTime our multitude of friends to see .... really I don't know what. Patricia delivers snippets.

The internet was touted as a wonderful thing when it was launched — true universal democracy at last when freedom of speech was guaranteed to everyone. No one considered the harm such freedom permitted, the addiction to it and the lies and bullying its freedom would allow.

There is plenty of pressure for sure, worldwide, to separate ourselves from our phones for a daily space of time, with plenty of schools insisting that phones are not allowed in the classroom. Countries are trying to pass laws that restrict the use of the internet by young people at ages when they are most vulnerable to suffer the online harm that can be so present.

We are urged at any age to leave our phones at home and go for a walk where there are trees for an hour or so. To give ourselves a break with a time of being undistracted, quietly reflective, letting our thoughts float without constraints as to direction – I would not even call it meditation, just 15 minutes perhaps to turn off and think of nothing is very creative – strangely enough.

It is now understood that children having time off from an organized schedule is good for them and for the same reasons – to create on their own, make up stories, stack their blocks any way they like.

This paper carries pages and pages on the subject of seniors' lives, the care, the socializing, the keep-fit classes, the communities in which one can live that are safe and friendly.

Acknowledging the dangers of isolation and the fear of being forgotten, these pages speak, as does so much else about this town, that this is a very caring community, maybe one of the best, according to the local sources with whom I have spoken in my lengthy role as a journalist.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

FTP wants to make purple impossible to ignore this November

This November, Family Transition Place (FTP) is calling on the Orangeville, Dufferin and Caledon communities to Shine the Light on Woman Abuse.

As Ontario recognizes Woman Abuse Prevention Month, FTP is inviting residents, businesses, organizations and community leaders to help make woman abuse visible by lighting up their homes and buildings with purple throughout November.

Together, we can raise awareness, show support for survivors and send a powerful message that our community stands united against gender-based violence.

Last November, FTP introduced the Shine the Light on Woman Abuse initiative, created by the London Abused Women's Centre, encouraging residents to show their support for survivors by lighting their homes and workplaces with purple bulbs.

This November, FTP is building on that momentum by inviting even more residents, businesses and organizations to take part. Purple bulbs and Shine the Light polybag signs are available for purchase, helping spread awareness and encouraging conversations among friends, neighbours and the wider community.

Together, we can turn our communities purple to show support for survivors and raise awareness of women's abuse.

The purple light bulb campaign creates a highly visible reminder that violence against women happens in communities across Ontario, including our own and that everyone has a role to play in preventing it. By simply changing an outdoor light bulb to purple, community members can become part of a collective display of awareness, support and solidarity.

Purple is recognized as a symbol of courage, survival and honour in the movement to end violence against women. This initiative is about more than changing a light bulb — it's about starting conversations and bringing an important issue out of the shadows.

Woman abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual and financial abuse and often happens behind closed doors.

When we shine purple, we show survivors they are not alone and help spark conversations about healthy relationships and creating safer communities. Awareness can be the beginning of change. When we make the issue of woman abuse visible, we create endless opportunities for change, connection and action.

FTP is also continuing its participation in the Wrapped in Courage campaign, a province-wide initiative led by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH). Community members are encouraged to wear purple scarves throughout November as another visible way to stand in solidarity with survivors of gender-based violence.

Nov. 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a significant day during Woman Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout November, FTP will raise awareness and encourage community involvement through proclamations and flag-raising ceremonies, reinforcing the importance of standing together to end violence against women.

While November provides an important opportunity to raise awareness, FTP emphasizes that support for individuals experiencing violence is needed year-round.

FTP hopes residents will join the movement and help make purple impossible to miss this November. Imagine driving through Orangeville, Caledon and Dufferin County and seeing purple lights shining from homes, businesses and organizations throughout the community. It would send a powerful message that we see this issue, we stand with those affected by it, and we are committed to building safer communities.

How you can Shine the Light on Woman Abuse this November

• Wear a Purple Scarf: Show your support for survivors by purchasing and wearing a Wrapped in Courage purple scarf.

• Light Up Purple: Shine a light on woman abuse by illuminating your home or business with a purple bulb throughout November.

• Start a Conversation: Talk with friends, family, coworkers and your community about woman abuse and healthy relationships.

• Get Involved: Encourage your workplace, school, business or community group to join the campaign.

• Nov. 25: Recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women by attending a local flag raising or act of awareness.

This November, FTP is asking the community to take one simple action: Shine the Light on Woman Abuse.

Together, through awareness, compassion and community action, we can help break the cycle of abuse and create a future where every woman feels safe, respected and empowered. This November, let's make purple impossible to miss and show our community that we stand together against gender-based violence.

For more information about these initiatives, purchasing Wrapped in Courage scarves, purple light bulbs or Shine the Light lawn signs, or accessing services offered by FTP, visit familytransitionplace.ca or call 519-942-4122, ext. 243.

By purchasing these items, community members help raise awareness of woman abuse, show solidarity with survivors and support the important work of FTP.



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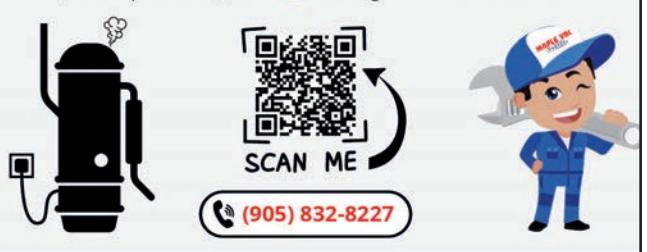
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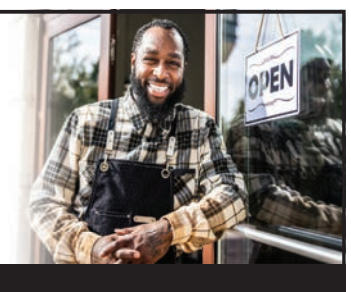
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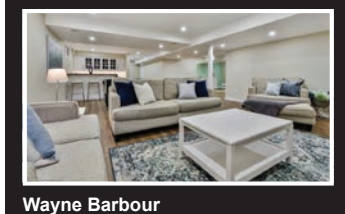
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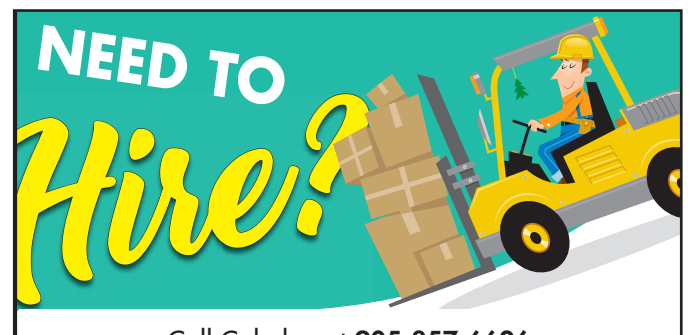
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Does Orangeville want to grow?

Dear editor,

Current council members have publicly acknowledged that they plan to expand Orangeville beyond its current borders. The intent is to increase the available commercial and industrial land to subsidize residential taxes. The substantial new fire hall anticipates this, and the new Pullen well will quench the thirst of growth.

What wasn't clear was how the town would prevent employment land from becoming housing. Much of the housing in Orangeville sits on what was once employment land. Provincial policies compel municipalities to make land available for housing development, and developers leverage these policies to have land rezoned from employment land to residential.

In an era when housing is the province's top priority, one can imagine that an expanded town will ultimately come with a heavy dose of housing.

If a town has to nibble away at its neighbour's land every few decades, it is inherently not sustainable. It would be refreshing if our new council had a few outspoken members who believed that the town could grow better within its existing footprint. Be forever a town. Keep some water resources in reserve should the climate become drier. Become a better town, not bigger.

At least then we would have a community discussion on our chosen future, rather than passively go down the path of controlled, but unsustainable growth.

Rob Strang
Orangeville

Outdated population signs

Dear editor,

I am writing this about the two population signs on Highway 10 at the north and south ends of town. They are both looking like they have seen better days and I am sure they have. I am told that it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation to maintain and update such signs.

Clearly, it has not.

When I first moved here in 2006, the signs said the population was 27,000. Apparently, it still is. This in spite of all the new residential construction that has taken place during the ensuing 20 years.

Perhaps a word with our MPP (who lives and has a constituency office in town) might bring about a much-needed update to those numbers and new signs on which to display them.

John Cox
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Delivery driver from Brampton charged with several counts of fraud

Dufferin OPP have charged a Brampton resident with multiple fraud-related offences and theft following an investigation in Shelburne.

On Oct. 13, an individual attending a residence in Shelburne to deliver parcels allegedly stole personal property belonging to the resident. The stolen property was subsequently used to make multiple unauthorized purchases at various retail locations, including gas stations and hardware stores.

On Oct. 14, at approximately 4:40 p.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP Detachment received information that individuals believed to be involved in the investigation were in the area of Main Street in Shelburne.

Officers attended the area and located the suspects in a white cargo delivery van. A traffic stop was conducted, and both individuals were arrested at the scene.

As a result of the investigation, Denish Ajimal, 24, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Theft Under $5000
- Fraud Under $5000 (four counts)
- Use of Credit Card (four counts)
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under $5,000 - in Canada
- Driver fail to surrender licence
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The second male was released unconditionally.

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

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

The Dufferin OPP encourages residents to take precautions to protect their personal belongings when receiving deliveries.

"Keeping valuables, identification, and financial documents secured and out of sight can help prevent theft and protect against the unauthorized use of personal information," said Dufferin OPP.

"When possible, monitor parcel deliveries and ensure personal property is kept out of sight and secured. If you notice suspicious activity or believe your property has been stolen, report it to police."

To report a crime or provide information about a criminal investigation, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

OBITUARIES
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PAUL JAMES FLAHERTY



It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Paul James Flaherty on October 4, 2026.

Paul was born on July 22, 1932, on a farm in the Caledon Hills to James A. and Margaret Flaherty, where he lived his entire life. He and his older brother, Michael (predeceased), and younger brother, Gerald, often told of their antics on the farm and their adventures walking to and from Beechgrove School.

He married Mary Rosanne Ellis (Rosie) on July 3, 1954, who predeceased him in July 1988.

Paul and Rosie welcomed four children: Gail (Rick), Brian (Alexandra), Diane (predeceased, survived by Ron and the late Ian), and Kevin (Kim). He is also remembered by his grandchildren—Michael, Ryan, Dylan, Megan, Adam, and Yuri—and his great-grandchildren—Evan, Etta, Bennet, Stanley, and Aurielle.

His spouse, Sylvia Patterson, was his constant companion after the passing of Rosie. Paul was a like a father to her children Deborah and David and Papa Paul to Stephanie, Jessica, Kanda, Dakota, Hudson and Prescott.

Paul had some wonderful accomplishments in his life of which he was most proud.

One of those was the building of his house on the foundation of an old cottage that had burned down on the corner of the family farm. It was built in 1954 and he lived there until his passing. For Paul, there was no other place on earth he ever wanted to live.

Another was his work at Avro Aircraft. He transferred clients to and from and also worked in the parts department while The Avro Arrow was being built. He treasured his photos of The Avro Arrow and loved to tell the stories behind them to all who visited. Following his employment at Avro Aircraft, he became a certified industrial mechanic and worked at Imperial Tobacco in Guelph until his retirement.

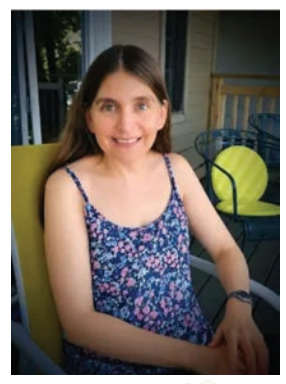
He loved the beauty of Algonquin Park, and for over 10 consecutive years, he took his family camping at Lake of Two Rivers, where cherished memories were made.

His quick wit, laughter, and storytelling were hallmarks that everyone will remember fondly.

Visitation and a reception will take place from 1 pm to 3 pm on Thursday October 29, 2026 at Jones Funeral Home (11582 Trafalgar Rd, Georgetown). Interment to follow at 3:45 pm at St. Cornelius Cemetery (16631 Kennedy Rd N, Caledon Village). For more information, please call the funeral home at 905 877-3631.

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JOANNE ELIZABETH GEORGAS



It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Joanne Elizabeth Georgas at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Joanne was the beloved wife and best friend of Mario Nguyen and the cherished mother of Amber and Kayleigh, who were the centre of her world. Nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her family. She treasured every moment shared together and took immense pride in her daughters, celebrating their accomplishments and never missing an opportunity to tell them how proud she was of the remarkable young women they were becoming.

Joanne is survived by her parents, Angelo and Muriel Georgas, her sister Jennifer (Devon), and will be lovingly remembered by her extended family, friends, colleagues, patients, and all whose lives she touched.

As a Registered Physiotherapist, Joanne improved the lives of countless individuals throughout the GTA through compassionate, personalized home assessments and care. Known for her meticulous nature and genuine concern for others, she earned the trust and appreciation of those she served. Her warmth, kindness, and reassuring presence left a lasting impression on patients and families alike.

Joanne will be remembered for her radiant smile, cheerful spirit, and extraordinary kindness. She possessed a rare ability to make others feel immediately welcome and valued, speaking to everyone with warmth, sincerity, and compassion. People were naturally drawn to her gentle nature and genuine interest in others.

Her love extended beyond people to all living things. A devoted animal lover, Joanne cared deeply for animals throughout her life and found special joy in the companionship of her beloved orange tabby, Morris, whose favourite place was often curled up on her lap.

Joanne loved creating memories with her family through travel and shared adventures. Whether visiting Niagara Falls, exploring wax museums, marvelling at Ripley's attractions, or simply enjoying time together, she approached life with curiosity, appreciation, and a sense of wonder that brought happiness to those around her.

Above all, Joanne's life was defined by love. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, friend, and healthcare professional who enriched the lives of others through her compassion, generosity, and unwavering support. As a beloved wife, she was Mario's greatest supporter, always believing in him, encouraging him, and affectionately referring to him as "Mr. Gadget" because of his love of technology. Her faith in those she loved helped them see the best in themselves.

Though her passing leaves an immeasurable void in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, the kindness she shared so freely and the love she gave so generously will continue to live on through the many lives she touched.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of support, compassion, and kindness during this difficult time.

A private funeral service will be held.

ROSEMARIE SUZANNE "SUE" PRATT



Autumn's greatest fan has left us and taken the good weather with her.

On October 13, 2026, Rosemarie Suzanne Pratt "Sue," decided that the day's record-breaking temperatures, brilliant sunshine and beautiful rustling leaves were so satisfactory, she laid down her burden and departed this earth.

While her journey ended peacefully at home in Orangeville, Ontario, it began on March 12, 1949, a cold windy day in Toronto.

Sue had an interesting childhood. As an army brat she rode the trains, rumbling along in that slow, steady pace. Mother Mena, daughter Suzy rolling along with father Bob Pratt (Royal Canadian Forces Army Medical Corps). Toronto, Calgary, Wainwright, Victoria and points in between.

Eventually, that slow train carried her not only "home" to Toronto but also north to the lakes and bushlands of Gogama. Then, further north still, to the home of her grandparents, Moses and Anna Panchenko. There, "Suzy" would be showered with Gran's love, attention and blueberry pies; baked just for her!

Later, as a young woman, the Royal Bank of Canada recognized her slow, steady dependability and made her a bank teller. But it was not all business. Sue liked sports and became a formidable fast-ball pitcher. She loved to dance, and since dancing leads to boys, she and Ed Martens were married in the summer of '67. Sue wore the wedding dress that her mother Mena sewed for her.

Now, with three lovely children to raise, Sue did what mothers do; she did her best. The good times were all too often interrupted and punctuated by trips to hospital emergency rooms, which led to sleepless nights, praying for ailing children. And Sue kept going and going and going.

After the dissolution of her marriage, it became a point of personal pride that she completed her formal education, taking up a life in public service. Through hard work, sacrifice and many years with Canada Post and The Board of Education, Sue bought her own home. In her retirement, she worked tirelessly caring for her mother. Slow and steady.

Her watchwords: Kindness and Patience.

But now, that train rolls on no more. The slow, steady click-clack has ended. Friends call her Rose. Family calls her Sue. The children, Mom. She now leaves us behind: Predeceased by her mother, Mena Chevalier. Survived by her Uncle Al & Aunt Ines Panchenko of Solana Beach, California. Her son, Michael Martens and wife Suzanne Vaillancourt, his daughters Talor Martens, Samantha Martens and Talor's son Ellis; Sue's great joy. Her daughter Alita and her husband Norm Bailey, their two boys, Kyle and Justin. Her daughter Candita Mills and her children Liam and Maddison. Sue's siblings Jon Pratt, Tom Chevalier, Deb Chevalier and Tim Chevalier. Kind neighbours Gord Marsh, Donna D., Jason & Jenn. Treasured friends Jerry & Carol Logan, Sharla Nylund. Near the end, kind, gentle nurses. PSWs Brianna, Emily, Karen and so many others. Our hearts ache, but we knew she had to leave us. Those that went ahead will greet her with a big hug.

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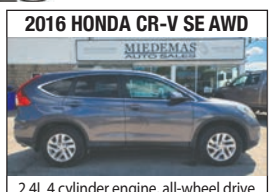
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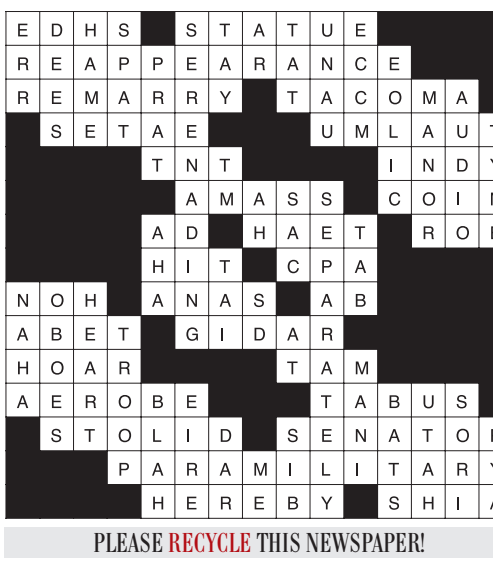


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Three people charged with impaired driving over three days in Dufferin County

Dufferin OPP charged three individuals with impaired driving-related offences between Oct. 10 and 12.

On Oct. 10, 2026, at approximately 1:21 a.m., officers were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot check in the area of Broadway and Mill Street in Orangeville when a vehicle entered the checkpoint.

During the interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Peter Olenicz, 37, from Halton Hills, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

On Oct. 11, at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot check in the area of Broadway and Mill Street in Orangeville when a vehicle entered the checkpoint.

During the interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Riley Schilger, 26, from Schomberg, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

On Oct. 12, 2026, at approximately 7:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Manor Crescent for a call for service. While on scene police spoke with an individual who arrived on scene.



During the interaction with the individual, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Daler Aulakh, 32, from Orangeville, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) and operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs.

All three accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

The driver's licences of all three accused were suspended, and their respective vehicles were impounded.

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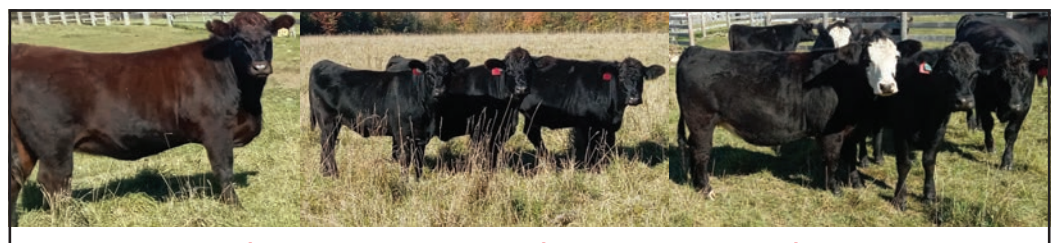


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