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TRICK-OR-TREATERS TAKE OVER BROADWAY: The Orangeville BIA's annual Boo on Broadway saw thousands of people, dressed up in Halloween costumes, descend on Orangeville's downtown. Local businesses along Broadway handed out candy to children in costumes, and for the very first time, the road was shut down to enhance the event. The street was filled with buskers, displays, performances, and DJ Samo from Dufferin DJs spinning the tunes. Read a full story on Page A7.

Orangeville celebrates 125 years of IODE: Honouring local chapters' legacy of service

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A longstanding, charitable, women-led organization – the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE) – is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, marking over a century of heartfelt dedication and community spirit.

To recognize this milestone, the Town of Orangeville is celebrating IODE Week for the first time, which recognizes the local IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, and IODE Headwaters Chapter.

"The work that the various IODE chapters have contributed to the Orangeville community over the years are immeasurable," said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, after proclaiming IODE week as Oct. 19 to 25, at Town Hall.

"It's great for women and girls to have a place that they can go, that they can work with other like-minded women on moving community issues forward."

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SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

WOMEN WHO CARE: Three local chapters of the IODE – Lord Dufferin, Yellow Briar and Headwaters, were invited to Orangeville Town Hall last Wednesday, Oct. 15, to hear Mayor Lisa Post proclaim Oct. 19 to 25 as IODE Week, for the very first time. Each club has made significant contributions to local charities, various projects and the well-being of the community. These women-led organizations are not-for-profits and seek to support local causes for the betterment of the town.

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Orangeville student selected for Queen’s Park Page Program

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

One very talented local student is about to see how Ontario’s political system works up close.

Elizabeth Demczur, a Grade 7 student at The Maples Academy, has been selected to participate in the Legislative Page Program at Queen’s Park for the fall 2025 session. She’ll assist Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and other government officials, gaining a rare opportunity to learn firsthand how democracy operates in Ontario.

For Demczur, the experience brings a mix of excitement and nerves – but mostly excitement now that she’s been through orientation.

“I’m excited, but I’m also nervous,” she said. “I’m really excited that I got in, and now that I’ve been through orientation, and I’ve met the kids I’m going to be working with, I’m even more excited now.”

Over the next few weeks, Demczur will be working at the heart of Ontario’s political process, helping lawmakers and staff with a variety of logistical tasks.

Like the other Pages, her duties will include passing notes and paperwork between MPPs – such as petitions and motions – delivering bills to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and assisting with any spontaneous requests that arise during sessions. Pages are also assigned special postings in the West and East Lobbies and the press gallery when needed.

Getting there takes commitment. Applicants must write a letter explaining who they are and why they’re suited for the role. In her application, Demczur highlighted her strengths in public speaking and reading.

“I have developed strong leadership skills through my involvement in the Battle of the Books program as well as public speaking competitions. I love to learn new things, watch the news and follow current events, as well as read a variety of books. It is this engagement with the world and my natural curiosity that makes me an excellent candidate to be a legislative page.”

Battle of the Books is a reading challenge that requires participants to master a set list of titles, testing both memory and comprehension - skills that will serve her well at Queen’s Park, where she had to learn the names and ridings of all MPPs.

Demczur found a creative way to prepare.

“Me and my mom, we made a bunch of flashcards with all the different MPPs,” she said. “Conservatives, we put them on blue ones. Liberals, we put on red, and NDP, we put on yellow, and independent, we put just on white ones. Then we practice just holding them up and remembering them.”

During her time in the Page Program, Demczur will be living in Toronto with her father and looks forward to everything she’ll learn along the way.

For her father, Michael Demczur, Elizabeth is now his second daughter to get into the Page Program, and he couldn’t be prouder. To him, keeping up with the affairs of government is essential.

“I’m very proud of them getting into the program,” he said. “I think it’s a great opportunity to have a front row seat and see how legislation gets passed in the province, how we’re governed. So I think it’s essential for them to be good citizens and know these things. So this is a great opportunity for them.”

He believes that not enough people are



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POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE: Elizabeth Demczur stands outside the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, where she will soon begin her term with the Page Program.

involved in government and the democratic process, and he hopes that more people will learn about programs like this one.

“I think it’s important to be a good citizen and have informed views,” he said. “It’s important to participate in politics when you’re able to. With more community involvement, at least, it’s my hope that there will be better governance in the province.”

Elizabeth’s time at Queen’s Park will give her a firsthand look at how Ontario is governed - an experience her family hopes will inspire her – and others her age – to stay engaged in democracy.

Orangeville asks for Highway 10 speed limit consistency to enhance safety

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville council will ask the Ministry of Transportation to reduce the posted speed limit along a piece of Highway 10.

The section of Highway 10 between McCannell Avenue and Dufferin Road 109 and north of First Street is a heavily travelled urban corridor with multiple signalized intersections and pedestrian crossings that connect residential, recreational, and commercial amenities on both sides of the highway.

Orangeville Fire Department has responded to 67 motor vehicle collisions on this stretch of highway since 2022, and it is recognized that this number does not capture all incidents, particularly those involving property damage only.

Adjacent sections of Highway 9 and Highway 10 are already posted at 60 kilometres per hour, aligning with the surrounding urban context.

“A consistent application of this speed limit would improve overall safety and traffic flow through Orangeville,” Mayor Lisa Post said.

“I’m hoping the education side to this will help drivers to slow down,” said Councillor Joe Andrews. “Unfortunately, it’s going to take some form of police assistance to do so.”





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Town of Orangeville celebrates the local library’s impact on the community

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

The Town of Orangeville celebrated the dedication and services of the Orangeville Public Library as the country celebrates Public Library Month and the province recognizes Ontario Library Week.

At the Mill Street Public Library in town, members of the public, staff of the library, local councillors, and members of the Orangeville library board gathered to recognize the monumental impact libraries have on their communities.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post was joined by councillor Joe Andrews as they opened the celebration.

Mayor Post highlighted the significant role libraries play in promoting unity in the community. She also highlighted the role the Orangeville Library plays in engaging new thought, dialogue, and discussion.

“I’m so glad to see such a great crowd here today,” she said. “Libraries are vibrant places where Canadians visit to learn and share ideas, and meet fellow residents. The Orangeville Public Library builds community through partnerships that champion inclusivity, freedom of expression, and ensuring equitable access for all.”

She said that she hopes more members of the community come to see the library as a place to grow, and recognize and celebrate its legacy.

“I urge all citizens to celebrate both Canadian Library Month and Ontario Library Week,” Mayor Post said. “Participate in the special activities we have planned in the Town of Orangeville.”

Coun. Andrews, who was representing the Orangeville Library Board, echoed Post’s words with his praise of the work that the Orangeville Library dedicates to bringing in new people to use and enjoy the space. He

also said that through the tireless work of the team behind the library, it has become the standard that others follow.

“The mission of our Orangeville Public Library is to have a place for everyone to connect and discover, and to be a place where learning and possibility allow for each member to soar,” he said. “We have a number of libraries that look at Orangeville’s library and say, ‘hey, this is really cool!’ The library was shut down for 18 months for renovations, and guess what happened after? Our number of patrons is going up. More and more people are using the library.”

The Orangeville library offers a plethora of spaces and programs for all ages. There’s a kids’ zone upstairs called Storyland, which had its entrance built in collaboration with Theatre Orangeville. It will also soon have the Exploratorium, a new area catered towards technology and its many applications. It will feature new and old technology for guests to use, and staff will be on site to facilitate it.

Peter Leblanc, the chair of the Orangeville Public Library Board, said that these additions make the library so much more than just a place for books. He said it’s become a community meeting area, a learning zone, somewhere that’s familiar for visitors, new and old.

“The library is more than books, it’s a hub to our community,” he said. “It is a place where people can come and gain information, but it’s not just through books. It could be through our online access or our staff and experts that work right here at the library. It supports kids going into school, and it’s here to support them afterwards. It’s one of those pathways to lifelong education, whatever that learning looks like.”

Leblanc said that it’s not just knowledge



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

CELEBRATING LIBRARIES: Orangeville CEO Darla Fraser (centre) receives the joint proclamation of Canadian Public Library Month and Ontario Library Week from Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post (left) and Councillor Joe Andrews (right) representing the Orangeville Library Board.

they are offering, but applied experience as well. The library offers programs that work with other organizations in the area, and allows people to borrow passes that take learning beyond the halls of the library.

“We have passes that families can come and take out to enjoy one of the plays put

on by Theatre Orangeville, we have family passes for Island Lake Conservation,” he said. “We offer learning through experience as well. The library is really just a place that allows anyone to safely learn and grow, and there’s something here for every member of the community.”

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Orangeville Food Bank shares Monthly Community Update

Statistics show demand for food through September outpaced donations by nearly 26,000 pounds

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Orangeville Food Bank released its Monthly Community Update for September, sharing statistics on usage.

Overall, 1,533 individuals and 620 households accessed the food bank last month, accounting for a roughly 10 per cent year-over-year increase.

September saw 531 children use the food bank, accounting for over 30 per cent of the

people served. This number is up from 447 during the same month in 2024.

A total of 219 seniors used the food bank in September, up from 206 in 2024.

One of the more concerning trends from the Monthly Community Update for September is the gap between food intake and output.

“We distributed 59,186 pounds of food in September, but only 33,591 pounds came in. That’s a shortfall of almost 26,000 pounds in a single month, showing how demand is

outpacing donations,” reads the Community Update.

Looking at the Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley (DFSGV), which joined forces with the Orangeville Food Bank on Jan. 1, 2024, there has been an increase in usage since opening its new location in the community’s old schoolhouse at 27 Main St. N in early August.

In September, 4,094 pounds of food were distributed, compared to 2,661 pounds in August. This accounts for an increase of 1,433 pounds.

The DFSGV attributes this increase to the fact that the location no longer requires appointments to access service, making it more flexible and accessible. Awareness of the service has also been increasing.

Similar to the Orangeville Food Bank’s statistics, more than 30 per cent of the people accessing DFSGV are children.

These statistics demonstrate the ongoing struggle many households face, amidst high inflation, historical wage stagnation, and rising costs for housing.

Dufferin County paramedic receives Governor General’s Exemplary Service Medal

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A member of the Dufferin County Paramedic Service (DCPS) recently received Canada’s highest honour for the profession, recognizing his more than two decades of dedicated service.

The Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) recognized 130 paramedics with the Governor General’s Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal during a ceremony on Sept. 25. Among those recognized was John McMurray, who has been a paramedic for 21 years.

“The Exemplary Service Medal is awarded to paramedics who have dedicated at least 20 years to delivering the highest standard of care. Throughout his tenure, John has not only embodied the qualities this medal represents, but he has also served his country with distinction. It is truly fitting that John is being honored for the care and compassion he has consistently shown to his community,” said Dufferin County Paramedic Service Chief Gary Staples, who nominated McMurray for the award.

McMurray is a second-generation paramedic, following in the footsteps of his father. While he always had aspirations of working in emergency services, he first became interested in firefighting, but found his true calling as a paramedic.

McMurray’s first day on the job coincided with his 30th birthday, and since then, he’s been working in paramedicine, in various capacities.

However, his service goes beyond serving individual communities. He was a reservist for the medical unit in Hamilton, with a deployment in Afghanistan, and assisted in domestic operations from 2008 to 2018.

At age 34, he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and was deployed at age 36,

before being released eight years later as a Master Corporal (MCpl).

McMurray currently works as a community paramedic, a role introduced by the DCPS around eight years ago.

Community paramedics develop relationships and provide care in people’s homes. They provide wellness checks, safe home assessments, blood work, urine tests, referrals to community partners, and assistance in system navigation.

The purpose of the Community Paramedic Program is to help manage increasing demands for paramedic services while shifting some of the workload off emergency departments, clinics, and hospitals.

“It’s not the lights and siren side of things that everybody sees – up and down the streets all the time,” said McMurray. “We have a different kind of perspective on things. We’re able to spend extra time and develop relationships with our clientele.”

When he found out he was to receive the Governor General’s award, he was surprised, but very appreciative of the recognition.

McMurray said if there’s anyone in the community interested in a career in paramedicine, he’d encourage them to pursue it.

“It can be a very rewarding job, a very rewarding career path,” he said. “Much like any other career, it’s what you make of it.”

OAPC President, Chief Greg Sage, praised the 130 paramedics who received the Governor General’s Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal this year.

“Paramedics in Ontario demonstrate every day the caring and compassion they have for their communities. It’s an honour to recognize these exemplary members on behalf of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, the Governor General of



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RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICE: Community paramedic with the Dufferin County Paramedic Service, John McMurray (second from right), received the Governor General’s Emergency Medical Exemplary Service Medal from the Ontario Association of Paramedics Chiefs (OAPC), during an honours and awards gala in London, Ont. Standing with McMurray, from left, is Chief Warrant Officer Cheryl Belanger, past OAPC President Michael C. Sanderson, and Brigadier General William Rideout.

Canada,” said Chief Sage. “The OAPC is privileged to present the medal to so many dedicated paramedics in Ontario.”

The service medal was created in 1994, and since then, there have been roughly 3,710 Ontario recipients. The award was cre-

ated by the late Governor General Romeo LeBlanc as a component of the Canadian Honours System.

Since the award’s inception, there have been approximately 3,710 Ontario recipients of the medal and bars.

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Community spirit shines at annual Boo on Broadway event

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

With Halloween just around the corner, the Orangeville Business Improvement Area (OBIA) shut down Broadway and a portion of Second Street for a day of family fun. Boo on Broadway, an annual event where children can trick-or-treat at downtown businesses, returned on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Many businesses were open along Broadway, and it was the final day of the OBIA's outdoor farmers' market on Second Street, where vendors showcased and offered their products, food, and services.

The Orangeville community came out to walk around and participate in numerous activities. Activities included pony rides, pumpkin pitches, feeding the goats, face painting, fortune telling, live singing for the children, and DJ Samo from Dufferin DJs spinning the tunes. There was also Maleficent on stilts making balloon shapes, folk heritage dancing, the local fire department with an inside truck tour for the children, and a Haunted House.

"It's called the Haunted Dojo. We usually put this together every year for the community and the students from the Dojo get together, and the whole haunted house is made by them which is really good," said Angelo Panoussis, owner and instructor at the Orangeville Dojo.

With candy being the primary motivator for children around Halloween, downtown businesses spent the day handing it out to children who dressed up in their favourite costumes for the occasion.

"This is amazing. It's such a great community event. It's beautiful. The kids are so happy and there are so many creative costumes," said Kelly Fuga, owner of the Craft Pizza Bar & Italian Kitchen, who was busy giving away treats.

Alison Scheel, the Orangeville BIA's general manager and organizer of Boo on Broadway, noted her appreciation for participating businesses to make the event a success.

"A big thank you to the downtown businesses for shelling out anywhere between 1,500 to 2,000 pieces of candy each. We really appreciate it," said Scheel.

Children weren't the only ones dressing up. Adults got into the festivities wearing all sorts of costumes. People dressed in a variety of costumes. There were ghosts, pirates, the Flintstones, Wolverine from the X-Men, witches, and Superman.

"Loving the festivities," said Drew Wetlaufer, who dressed up as Superman. "It's been great, the kids are having a blast. It's great weather, [a] great day."

Natasha Zahodnik designed her own cos-



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

ENTERTAINING THE CHILDREN: Pamela Scott-Demetriou of Musical Munchkins performs to a crowd of families at Boo on Broadway, while DJ Samo from Dufferin DJs provides the sound. Scott-Demetriou handed out musical instruments for kids to play with, sang upbeat children's music and handed out candy to participants.

time for the festivities with her skull-painted face and unique attire. She was enjoying being a part of this event at the flower shop where she works. "Everyone is dressed up; all the kids are out on the street. It's a great community event, and it's just fun to dress up and celebrate with everyone."

This event has been celebrating Halloween for approximately 20 years. However, for the first time this year, Broadway has been closed

for the event, allowing people to walk freely without traffic interference. As people walked along Broadway, joyous faces could be seen everywhere.

"I think it was tremendously successful. I think it was really enjoyed by the community, and it had a lot of positive feedback," said Scheel. "Seeing the kids happy faces and all their wonderful costumes. It's a real feel-good event for us."

Celebration held at Town Hall for proclamation of Latin American Heritage Month

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Orangeville officially proclaimed October as Latin American Heritage Month last Friday, Oct. 17.

Members of the Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Dufferin Peel attended a celebration at Town Hall, featuring music, food, and cultural displays.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post said proclaiming Latin American Heritage Month, as the town has done for the past three years, is one of her favourite celebrations.

"All of you bring such spirit, and joy, and colour, and music, and food, and I just love that you're sharing your culture with us," she said in a speech to members of the Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Dufferin Peel.

Jasmine Meza from the Hispanic Canadian Alliance also delivered remarks ahead of the proclamation.

"It is a true honor to welcome you all to Orangeville celebration Hispanic American month," she said. "Today, we gather not only to recognize the vibrant culture history and contribution of Hispanic Americans in our community, but also to celebrate the spirit

of diversity and unique that makes Orangeville such a special place to call home."

She added, "Hispanic Latin American Heritage Month is a time to reflect on the rich traditional language and stories that have shaped our town and our country, from music and dance to food and art, Hispanic American culture brings colour and joy to our lives. It reminds us of the importance of family, community and resilience. Here in Orangeville, we are proud to see our Hispanic American neighbours sharing their heritage, passing of traditions to the next generation and enrich our community in countries in countless ways."

Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews said with the town's commitment to growing cultural diversity, it's important to ensure community groups like the Hispanic Canadian Alliance have an outlet to celebrate their heritage.

"I think the importance behind this celebration is to ensure that not only do we recognize the wonderful contributions of the members of our community, especially from the Latin American community, but also to express our gratitude to members of our community who are choosing Oran-



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

CELEBRATING LATIN AMERICA: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post (front centre) reads out a proclamation declaring October as Latin American Heritage Month at Town Hall on Oct. 17, while Councillor Joe Andrews (front left) and Maria Lopez (front right) of the Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Dufferin Peel, look on.

gevillle to be their home," said Coun. Andrews.

"It means that, not only does Orangeville continue to have Its incredible history rec-

ognized, but also the members of our community can recognize their cultural interests, their cultural diversity, but also cultural history."

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Orangeville celebrates 125 years of IODE: Honouring local chapters' legacy of service

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All three chapters were present at Town Hall when the mayor read out the proclamation declaring IODE Week in the Town of Orangeville.

The proclamation noted that the three IODE chapters have made significant contributions to the welfare of women, children, and youth through their unwavering dedication and service.

These three chapters support vital community institutions and services, such as Headwaters Health Care Centre, local schools, the library, Orangeville Food Bank, child ID clinics, the Christmas Hamper program through the Salvation Army, and local veterans on Remembrance.

The mayor's proclamation also recognized that the IODE's 125th anniversary coincides with the historical opening of the first hospital in Orangeville, 113 years ago.

This was an undertaking by the Lord Dufferin IODE, which was founded in 1907, with the sole purpose of building a hospital in Orangeville. The Lord Dufferin Hospital opened in October 1912.

"If it weren't for the contributions of those women then, I don't know where our health-care would be in in Orangeville today," said Mayor Post. "We're so grateful for their ongoing work and wanting to support the community."

History of first hospital

The realization that Orangeville needed a hospital came at the turn of the 20th century. At that time, Orangeville had a Canadian championship lacrosse team, called the Dufferins. Thousands of fans would pack Idyllwilde Park to watch the Dufferins compete against teams from other towns or cities.

In the midst of a sold-out crowd on July 1, 1900, a young man shot his girlfriend before shooting himself during a lacrosse match between the Dufferins and Six Nations.

Doctors in the crowd attended to the victims. The girlfriend was carried to her home, two blocks away from the lacrosse game, and remained in critical condition for close to two weeks before beginning to recover.

However, shortly after the incident, the young man who shot her and himself was taken to Orangeville Town Hall, where a coroner pronounced him dead.

The shooting made the front page of Toronto newspapers, and it pointed to the fact that Orangeville had no place in town to deal with medical emergencies.

To address this issue, in 1907, Christina McKeown held a meeting with several other women at her Orangeville home on First Street. They discussed what facilities the town needed and determined that an organized group of women could spearhead a number of projects. They also realized a proper organization would be an asset to this task.

During the early weeks of October, they

put notices in newspapers and invited Orangeville women to a meeting at the house of Evelyn Dewar, located by Broadway and First Street, to organize a local chapter of the International Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE). At the time, the group was called the National Daughters of the Empire (D.O.E).

On Oct. 18, 1907, the secretary and honorary organizer of the national D.O.E presided at a meeting where the chapter was founded, and named the Lord Dufferin chapter, with 53 women joining.

These 53 women knew their mandate immediately: to fundraise and build Orangeville's first hospital.

They organized bazaars, card parties, poster shows, balls, and concerts, with all the proceeds raised from these events going towards what was then called the "Hospital Fund."

By the end of 1911, the Lord Dufferin chapter had raised enough money to begin searching for a property for the hospital. With the help of a committee of businessmen, who were the husbands of Lord Dufferin IODE members, the decision was made to purchase a large red brick house on the west side of First Street, at McCarthy Street. Along with the house was all of the property between First Street and Faulkner Street, as well as the property between Elizabeth Street and McCarthy Street. The only exception was a house and an empty lot at the corner of Elizabeth and First Streets.

The Lord Dufferin IODE purchased the land for \$2,300.

IODE members renewed their fundraising efforts, with nearly all their previously raised funds spent on purchasing the property.

As well, they appealed to the community for items that would be useful to the new hospital.

With the assistance of Orangeville newspapers like The Banner, The Sun, and The Post, as well as papers in Grand Valley and Shelburne, word was spreading about the IODE's efforts.

By June 13, 1912, the new hospital was almost ready for occupancy. The interior had been overhauled, with nearly \$4,000 spent on remodelling the building.

The ground floor had two wards, one with a private single cot accommodation and the other with three semi-private cots. There were three rooms on the upper floor, and the Orangeville Women's Institute assisted in furnishing them, along with other local groups. There was one ward on that floor, with four semi-private cots.

However, an additional \$2,000 was needed to finish converting the building into a hospital. The IODE members embarked on a door-to-door fundraising campaign throughout Orangeville as well as a letter-writing campaign to generate the remaining funds.

Instead of opening in July of 1912 as originally planned, the Lord Dufferin Hospital officially opened on Oct. 1, 1912, when all the funds were raised, as reported in the Oran-

HOSPITAL EXPANSION: A new wing was added to the Lord Dufferin Hospital in 1923, with funding coming from a major fundraising drive by the Lord Dufferin IODE and grants from the Town of Orangeville and County of Dufferin.

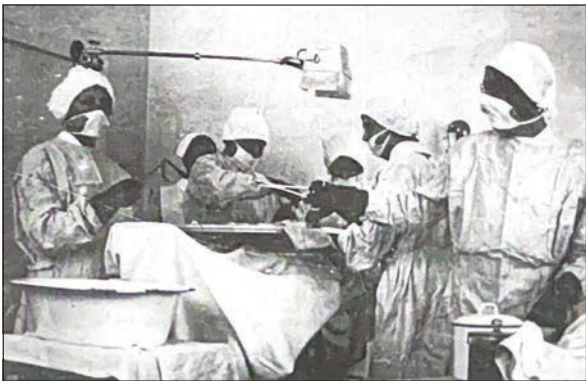


geville Sun newspaper.

Once opened, nurses needed to be trained to help operate the hospital.

As with other small hospitals at that time, nurses-in-training worked for the hospital in return for their training, provided by the superintendent and the doctors who worked there. During its early years, nurses lived in the hospital, working 12-hour shifts under strict rules and close observation.

Lord Dufferin IODE members looked after the day-to-day business of the hospital until a board of directors was formed in 1921. The IODE always operated the hospital at a profit, ensuring its sustainability.



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PROVIDING CARE: The operating room at the Lord Dufferin Hospital in 1930 shows student nurses working on a patient.

Back in the early years of the hospital, Lord Dufferin IODE President Faye Corbett said a barter system was sometimes used to pay for services.

"If people couldn't pay... and they were there for two or three days, they maybe brought a side of beef in to pay for it, or they brought in chickens, or eggs... things like that that we could use," said Corbett.

The hospital evolved over the years, as regulations came down from the government, and in 1954, it was renamed the Dufferin Area Hospital. It served the community until 1997, at which time Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) opened on Rolling Hill Drive.

Lord Dufferin IODE today

Today, Lord Dufferin IODE members are very proud of their history, building Orangeville's first hospital, which has since evolved to a state-of-the-art facility, with a newly opened Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) suite.

"We planted the seeds. We grew it. We nurtured it," said Corbett.

"We were the root of the great things that are blooming on the hill, with the MRI, with the growth, with the community, but the root of the tree is still strong, and we're still here,"

said Dori Ebel, who's been a Lord Dufferin IODE member for over 30 years.

"We haven't changed our philosophy. The world has changed, and we've changed with it, but we're still about caring for the community."

While the number of members has declined since the group was first founded, a dedicated group of women continues to support HHCC today and fundraise for other local causes.

Their primary fundraisers each year are their geranium sale in May and fashion show in the fall. The fashion show is actually taking place tonight (Oct. 23) at Tratoria Semplice in Orangeville, beginning at 6 p.m., with Classie Casual Boutique out of Guelph bringing the outfits.

The Lord Dufferin IODE is the longest-running service group in Orangeville, and to ensure its history and legacy are preserved, the group is always looking for new members.

"We want to inspire a new generation of women to be encouraged to care for the community as we do," said Lucy Esposito, who recently joined the Lord Dufferin IODE.

They hold meetings at the Lord Dufferin Centre every fourth Tuesday of the month.

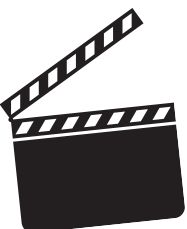
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

‘Twas the Night gala promises an entertaining evening in support of Theatre Orangeville

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In less than a month, Theatre Orangeville will host its single most important yearly fundraiser, which acts as the primary source of funding for its productions throughout the season.

The annual ‘Twas the Night fundraising gala will return on Nov. 15, starting at 5:30 p.m., at Hockley Valley Resort in Mono.

Sharyn Ayliffe, executive director of Theatre Orangeville, said the event is their most anticipated night of the year, and that everyone in attendance can expect a beautiful venue and an unforgettable night.

“It’s our longest-running fundraiser, and we’ve never stopped it,” she said. “It is a very exceptional and enjoyable night. Whether you are coming for the amazing entertainment, the great food, or you’re looking to buy auction items, once you get here, you’re going to have a fabulous time.”

Guests will be greeted immediately with appetizers and cocktails as soon as they arrive, and will be able to mingle and socialize for an hour before the entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will then be seated for dinner at 6:50 p.m., and a cash bar will open at that time.

To accompany dinner, Theatre Orangeville has lined up a talented group of performers coming from the Mirvish Theatre production of “Come From Away.” These performers are Broadway veterans, and Ayliffe said that they perfectly capture what Theatre Orangeville wants to show people – that this is who they are, and what they represent. The stage is their home.

“We always like to mix it up with our entertainment, so it keeps things exciting,” she said. “These are big folks that are coming out to our night, they’ve been on Broadway, and it’s fantastic that we are able to wow our audiences with them. We really wanted to tie the entertainment into who we are.”

Alongside the Broadway heavy hitters, another performance will come from Theatre Orangeville’s production of “Rapunzel,” meaning there will be teasers of what’s to come at the theatre at a later performance, and more.

“There’ll also be a handful of performers from our summer Young Company production of ‘Hades Town,’” Ayliffe said. “So the night is also an opportunity to sample the talent and some numbers from our shows. Folks will be able to engage with our programming and see what that looks like on a very personal level.”

Along with the performances and food, a silent auction will also be running for the duration of the night. Guests will have the ability to place bids on over 100 different items, ranging from small to large prizes. The star items are especially noteworthy. Winners of certain bids will have the prize of attending exclusive theatre performances across the province.

“Our artistic director has always auctioned off Stratford experiences, where the AD [artistic director] actually takes a group of people to see a show, and gets the best seats in the house,” Ayliffe said. “They’ll also get a backstage tour and can get an exclusive meeting with the cast of the production.”

The grand prize this year surpasses even that. For a very lucky winner, they’ll get exclusive tickets to the opening of the hit musical, “& Juliet,” at Mirvish Theatre.

“That deal actually includes opening night party invitations to the Mirvish Party, and those tickets are completely exclusive; you cannot purchase them – invite only,” Ayliffe said.

Excitement is building for this annual event.

Of course, the auction will include numerous other deals coming from local companies and groups around Dufferin-Caledon. These include theatre tickets, sports tickets, and vouchers for restaurants. Local artisans will also auction off crafted items like jewellery.

All of this will be hosted at the Hockley Valley Resort. Previously, the event was hosted at Best Western, but Ayliffe said that the gala had grown beyond that venue.

“We tried to keep the gala in town for as long as we could, and the Best Western was a great partner, but it just became too small for the event – we just outgrew it,” she said. “Last year was actually our first time at our new venue. Everything happens in the ballroom, which is beautifully decorated, so it’s all contained into one room. This means we can keep the auction at the back and the bar can stay open all night, meaning everyone is together.”

Theatre Orangeville is looking forward to raising as much as it can to fund a plethora of new projects next year. With a goal of \$80,000 this year, fundraising has proven difficult since the COVID-19 pandemic, but each year the amount of money raised has been growing.

Theatre Orangeville remains optimistic. “We’ve definitely had a tough few years, financially,” Ayliffe said. “We’ve worked really hard to attract new audiences while nurturing our existing patrons. We wouldn’t be here without the support of the town, and I truly believe that Orangeville is part of the arts, and Theatre Orangeville is the heart of this town.”

With a new ballroom to work with and plenty of entertainment and good food to last the night, ‘Twas the Night is shaping up to be a night to remember.

For more information about the gala, including pricing for tickets and tables, contact Aisling Smith at asmith@theatreorangeville.ca.



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- 18. "Much __ about nothing"
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- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green
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- 26. Living thing
- 30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders
- 39. Fugitives are on it
- 42. Samson's influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes
- 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport
- 62. Sleep in a rough place
- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Self

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem
- 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog
- 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous
- 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles
- 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong
- 29. Make a mistake
- 35. Indicates location
- 36. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town
- 41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes
- 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
- 49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 52. CIA officer and writer
- 53. Hoodlum
- 54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
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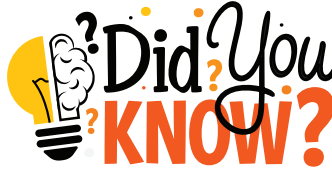
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Ann Randeraad spearheads Empty Bowls fundraisr at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Local potter Ann Randeraad is bringing the Empty Bowls Event to the Alton Mill Arts Centre on Nov. 2.

“The Empty Bowls program started in the U.S. about 30 years ago. When I began as a potter, there was no place to stage it. I wanted to do this, but there was nowhere to do it,” Randeraad told the Citizen.

Her first concern is that Empty Bowls International be given credit for the original conception, and they request that people register with them.

She said. “When people come and chose a bowl just for themselves as a community aspect of raising funds, that concept is so fantastic we need to give them credit.”

This means the appropriate programs will benefit; some raise money for other programs using this format.

When Randeraad started Empty Bowls, there were not many potters in the area, and only a few could contribute. There are a few other professional potters in the area, but making a living from pottery is rare, she noted.

After the bowls are made and a venue has been confirmed, lots of things happen before the event, such as picking a date.

“Alton Mill has been a fab host,” she said. “The Alton Legion was a fantastic space during COVID. It allowed for drive-through, or people could come in with space between them to pick up their bowls.”

Next is to plan for the marketing end, to choose the image, and for this, Randeraad thanks graphic designer Dawn Friesen, who has been a great support over the years.

“I met her at the Alton Mill,” said Randeraad. “She still designs the poster of Empty Bowls for all these years.”

Once the marketing material is ready, they rely on volunteers to distribute it at locations such as coffee shops, arenas, and other places where posters can be seen.

In the meantime, they have to seek out soup providers and bread – all part of it.

“This whole region has fantastic community caring,” she praised it, “No matter what I do, this event would never be successful without the community coming out to support it.”

Here is how Empty Bowls works: you buy a bowl by purchasing a ticket for \$65, a price increase due to the ever-increasing cost of food.

When you visit the Alton Mill on Nov. 2, you’ll notice a table inside with over 80 bowls, each one unique in both appearance

and shape.

Choose a bowl, which you keep; take it to a washing space, get it washed; go to the soup station, choose your delicious soup. There will be lists of ingredients for dietary cautions.

Take a piece of bread, for the invitation is for soup and a piece of bread. If you can not resist having another round of soup, there is a small \$5 charge.

You are at the Alton Mill. Sit and enjoy the ambiance. The Mill is open until 5 p.m., so there is time to stroll and visit.

Whatever is left over of the soup goes to one charity. Randeraad wanted to remind people that there is a food drive too, for non-perishable items.

The ripple effect is clear as Randeraad said, “Later, when they use their bowls and the story gets told again, Some have bought bowls over the years to collect and as gifts. I’ve has been doing this for 16 years; that’s 3,000 bowls.”

She offered her thanks as well to Tree House Pottery in Belfountain for donating bowls for a long time.

In any given year, 300 tickets are printed, so there needs to be 330 bowls. Although she reserves bowls, there have to be new ones too.

Randeraad makes 250 bowls a year.

“I have been based in Laurel – been for my whole life. I keep doing this because I just really believe that when you can give back, you give back. In the last number of years, we’ve been supporting smaller food programs that aren’t as visible.

“Other people help, including the food bank – we are all drawing attention to the community and challenges in the lives of people, not always simply money.”

She grew up in a poor farm family with nine children and remembers eating potatoes for ages because that’s what they had.

For Ann Randeraad, if you don’t have food, you can’t live; food comes before shelter; it is the strongest need within society.

This year’s soup providers are Gourmandissimo, Mrs Mitchell’s, Rays, Osprey Valley & Greystones.

The Empty Bowls Headwaters event is at the Alton Mill Arts Centre on Nov 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: there will be soup ready to go!

Please bring non-perishable food items.

Tickets are available at the door on Nov. 2 at BookLore in Orangeville, Gourmandissimo in Caledon East and from Ann Randeraad herself at the weekly Orangeville Farmers Market.

Maggiolly’s sold to new owners, former owner Emilia Perri to focus on art and family

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Carl and Emilie Jagt are thrilled to become the new owners of Maggiolly’s Arts and Supplies Shop at 158 Broadway.

The couple officially took over the store on Aug. 26.

During a celebratory party at the store last weekend, attended by many students, artists, and long-time patrons, (now) former owner, Emilia Perri, spoke about art school and the frustration with the art store.

After marrying and having children, Perri opened the Maggiolly shop in Alliston, seeking a job that would allow her to work while still being there for her children.

In due course, she moved Maggiolly to Orangeville, where it evolved into a community hub. She spoke about the lifelong friends she had made through the shop, expressing her gratitude for their support and friendship over the years.

Perri has been an artist all her life, from her time at OCAD University in Toronto, from which she was an Honour Graduate. She has done semi-abstract portraits in oil until she progressed to “high quality fluid and high flow acrylics,” painting large abstract paintings.

An adventure of a 12-day canoe paddling

journey north to the Yukon with Canoe North Adventures brought revelations to Perri, and how she saw the world was “life-changing.”

Now that she has sold Maggiolly’s, she will be able to focus more on her painting, her health, and her grandchild.

From the new owners, Carl and Emilie, speaking briefly with the Citizen, they thanked Emilia for all her contributions to the arts community and for passing the torch onto them.

At the time they learned that Maggiolly’s was for sale, they were living in Petrolia, Ont., and said how they were ready for a change. Carl works online, doing graphic design on computers.

“We loved to move to Orangeville,” Emilie commented. “We wanted somewhere to start again and decided this was where we needed to be.”

Carl’s father is an artist. So, Carl and his siblings grew up with the art world; he studied art in school but also studied computers.

Emilie’s dabbling in art has evolved into face and body painting, which they are now incorporating into their products and art at Maggiolly’s.

This is a natural extension, as Emilie said, “It is a paint shop, and face and body paint and tools.”

They are actually setting it up in the basement: “Yesterday there was body panting down there,” said Carl, “to Introduce a new type of 3D art.”

For “Boo on Broadway,” Emilie and a couple of others were doing free body painting for fun and to show what is new at the store.

People like or use body paint, they elaborated, mostly for photo shoots and also special events, movies, raves, parties, and sometimes, “baby bumps.”

The couple admits they are on a steep learning curve coming here, but things are still running smoothly.

Emilie summed it up by suggesting they wanted a fresh start. When she married Carl, she wasn’t much of an artist. He took her to Maggiolly’s when it was in Alliston, and: “I bought my first supplies from Emilia. Then, here we were 30 years later, buying the store. I grew up in Alliston until I was 21. Now I’m back with my family again.”

They are looking forward to building momentum by finding new teachers and retaining familiar ones, thereby continuing to offer a variety of art classes. Carl noted how supportive the family has been. Their parents also live in Mono.

The ultimate goal for Carl and Emilie Jagt is for Maggiolly’s to be a centre and “commu-

nity hub for moms and kids with new crafts and a place for hangout sessions, where diverse people can come.”

“We really want to generate some excitement,” said Carl.



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NEW VENTURE: It was a happy moment for Emilia Perri (left) when she sold her shop Maggiolly’s Arts Supplies to Emilie (right) and her husband, Carl Jagt. The couple took over the business on Aug. 26.

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Sustainable Orangeville partners with CVC to plant 225 trees and shrubs

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

On a sunny Saturday morning in October, approximately 25 to 30 people of all ages gathered in an empty area between the trees just beyond the Mill Creek River in Orangeville for a fall tree planting event.

A group of volunteers and Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) staff worked together to reforest the area.

“We have 225 native trees and shrubs here. Everything that we are planting is going to create some sort of habitat for animals here,” said CVC’s senior coordinator of community outreach, Adam Wilford, to the group of volunteers. “We’re planting next to Mill Creek, creating a buffer next to the water as it helps to filter, clean, and prevent any flooding and erosion issues that are facing Mill Creek right now.”

This initiative to build a healthy ecosystem was organized by The Sustainable Orangeville Committee in partnership with CVC. The purpose of this event is to fill open areas within existing patches of forest and get the community involved in making their town greener.

“Here in Orangeville, we always have a great turn out. We always plant the highest number of trees out of all our community tree plantings right here in Orangeville. We have a great local community that is invested in these projects and are willing and able to come out,” said Wilford. “Our partnership with Sustainable Orangeville has been a very successful endeavour. They help to really rally the troops here in Orangeville and get a lot of people out, as well as provide some funding for the trees we are planting.”

The trees and shrubs planted included trembling aspen, hackberry, red maple, bur oak, white cedar, tamarack, chokecherry, black chokeberry, red osier dogwood, common elderberry, nannyberry, and pussy willow.

“Trees are one of our most important natural assets in terms of storing carbon, promoting rainwater infiltration, and as well as climate resiliency through shade, explained Emily McAuley, senior climate and sustainability specialist for the Sustainable Orangeville Committee. “That’s why it’s important for us to come out and participate as a community. We are looking to grow our tree canopy cover, so projects like this help us to achieve that goal.”

Emily enjoyed this day with her husband, Connor, and their young daughter, Lila.

The volunteers who came out to plant trees were more than happy to lend a hand. Six-year-old Charlie Waugh was excited to help.

“It’s really fun and I like it,” she said joyfully. “I also like it because the squirrels – they can live in the trees. I love squirrels and chipmunks because they’re always busy like me.”

For Joshua Cabral, it’s about setting an example for his own children, who are seven and 11, as well as the youth he coaches on the Orangeville Bengals baseball team.

“I’m trying to teach my kids that it’s not all talk. You have got to put your money where your mouth is and help in the community. This is the perfect opportunity; it’s for trees, and we need them to breathe. The more we can do this, the better,” said Cabral.

The CVC also wants to ensure that the Credit River Watershed, which runs from Orangeville to Mississauga, is protected.

“This area is part of the treaty lands and the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. It’s also the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Huron Wendat, and Anishinaabe peoples,” said Dara Babaran, CVC crew leader for the community outreach team.

Overall, it was a great turnout for a cause



CHRIS PERROTTE PHOTOS

VOLUNTEER EFFORT: Around 25 to 30 people turned out to the area surrounding Mill Creek River in Orangeville for a fall tree planting event, hosted by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC). Volunteers and CVC staff worked together to plant 225 native trees and shrubs.

that supports the natural environment in Orangeville. Shortly after the tree planting at Mill Creek River, the CVC headed to Acton for another tree planting event. They have several other planting events in October in Brampton and other areas throughout the

watershed. A watershed is an area of land that separates waters flowing into different rivers, basins, or seas.

Anyone interested in participating in future tree planting events can visit the CVC website at www.cvc.ca.

‘One Chair, One Day, One Nation’: Local dentist helps launch National Dental Care Day

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Dr. Raj Khanuja, who owns Headwaters Dental in Orangeville as well as several other clinics in Ontario, has spearheaded a campaign to provide dental care for those who have trouble affording it.

Dr. Khanuja started doing a day of free dental care at his clinics to help those who can’t afford to have their teeth looked after.

He was inspired several years ago after a patient brought her son in for some dental work, but neglected to have her own teeth checked, explaining she could either pay for hockey equipment for her son, or her dental work, but not both.

After hosting several successful clinics, Dr. Khanuja decided to urge other dentists to offer the same service once a year in their communities.

The result was the launch of National Dental Care Day on Oct. 10, 2025.

A special presentation was held in Brampton on Oct. 10 to light the Flame of Compassion and announce that the movement is spreading across the country.

The movement’s motto is ‘One Chair, One Day, One Nation.’

“We placed compassion in a dental chair, and called it service,” Dr. Khanuja said during the launch ceremony. “The light that began in one place, has spread across the entire country. This is a movement called National Dental Care Day. This is rooted in three simple, powerful words – compassion, dignity, service. Our volunteer doctors, assistants, hygienists, and staff, you are the heartbeat of this day. Your hands heal but your hearts inspire.”

An increasing number of dentists across the country are volunteering their time and skills in their communities to help those who are less fortunate, and would otherwise be unable to afford or receive dental care.



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DENTAL CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED: National Dental Care Day was started by Dr. Raj Khanuja, owner of Headwaters Dental in Orangeville, to encourage dentists across the country to set aside one day each year to provide free dental care. Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Councillor Joe Anderson present Dr. Khanuja with a certificate of recognition and a town proclamation to recognize the day on Friday, Oct. 10.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

BLUE JAYS WATCH PARTY: The Town of Orangeville closed down Mill Street on Monday, Oct. 20, to host a watch party for Game 7 of the Toronto Blue Jays series against the Seattle Mariners. The game decided which team would advance to the World Series. A crowd of nearly 100 people gathered in warm clothing and blankets to watch the game. In the end, the Jays won 4-3 and will be playing against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday, Oct. 24, in the World Series. The Town of Orangeville is hosting another watch party on Oct. 24, with the game starting at 8 p.m. Attendees are advised to bring a chair and blankets.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTOS

PRINCESSES PERFORM: The Princess Concert at the Orangeville Public Library, presented by Musical Munchkins in collaboration with The Land of the Glass Slipper, featured performances by Kyla Johannis as Elsa, Madelyne Rose Almeida as Belle, and Brielle Higgins as Rapunzel. There were also performances by Robyn Menard, Pamela Scott-Demetriou, Robyn Simmons, Jenna Pereira, and Elisabeth DuBois. Nicholas Moustapha played the piano throughout the performances, and Dufferin DJs supplied the sound for the concert. The event was a fundraiser for the Orangeville Food Bank and generated 112 pounds of food.

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ODSS athletes compete at District 4/10 cross country championships

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a crisp fall day and just about perfect for the District 4/10 Cross Country Championships held at the Island Lake Conservation Area on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Around 250 athletes from 16 schools around the region participated in the annual event.

This year, the championships were hosted by Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS).

“This is the District 4/10 championships,” said ODSS coach and event convener Rob Berg. “Last week there was the Waterloo Invitational. A lot of these runners and schools were there. You don’t have to qualify at this meet, and it isn’t a qualifying meet. Everyone from this meet goes to CWOSSA. It’s at CWOSSA where you have to qualify to go on to OF-SAA. There are around 50 kids in each race.”

Competitors raced in novice, junior, and senior divisions.

Runners in the novice division followed a 3.7 km course. In the junior division, both boys and girls raced on a 5 km course.

The seniors had the longest distance to go, completing the course three times for a 6.2 km run.

Both ODSS and Westside Secondary School in Orangeville had athletes entered in this year’s competition.

Standout results came from ODSS novice girls Georgia Groves, Miyoko Hogveen, and Tyne Hepple-Spence, who finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, in the Novice girls competition.

Chayse Lunnie, representing ODSS, finished third in the Novice boys competition.

Addie McClean finished sixth in the Junior girls’ event.

In the Junior boys’ division, Luka Bailey-Braun finished seventh.

In the senior girls’ event, Ailsa Bogan-Randraad placed fifth, and Mack Broom placed sixth.

ODSS’s Craig Stevenson won the senior boys’ event with a first-place finish and a time of 20:12.9. In the senior event, Reuben MacLeod, Ryan Lunnie, and Liam Willcott placed fourth, fifth, and sixth.

ODSS results:

Novice Girls

Georgia Groves – 4th (15:17.2)
Miyoko Hogveen – 5th (16:01.6)
Tyne Hepple-Spence – 6th (16:02.0)
Olivia Croft – 16th (17:16.7)
Nicole Issler – 17th (17:17.7)
Charlotte Miller – 19th (18:07.04)
Ava Leggo – 22nd (18:51.8)
Taren Claxten – 23rd (18:52.2)



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

RUNNING THE DISTANCE: Orangeville District Secondary School hosted the District 4/10 cross country championships at the Island Lake Conservation Area on Wednesday, Oct. 15. ODSS and Westside Secondary School entered runners in the competition. Around 250 runners from 16 schools in the region participated in the event.

Novice Boys

Chayse Lunnie – 3rd (13:01.9)
Samuel Edmonds – 9th (13:25.9)
Kipton Gear – 15th (14:14.8)
Corey Godfrey – 17th (14:32.8)
Cyrus Minns – 33rd (29:30.4)

Junior Girls

Addie McClean – 6th (22:09.7)
Olivia Currie – 14th (25:02.3)
Eliana Csordas – 15th (25:02.9)
Madeline Hall – 20th (27:19.6)

Junior Boys

Luka Bailey-Braun – 7th (18:00.9)
Walter Dickison – 11th (19:51.1)

Isaac Symonds – 15th (20:10.5)
Nathan Mailhot – 19th (20:46.9)
Rohan George – 23rd (21:45.6)

Senior Girls

Ailsa Bogan-Randraad - 5th (25:28.5)
Mack Broom - 6th (25:33.3)
Keira Phillip – 9th (26:29.4)
Abby Groves – 14th (27:28.1)
Lara Hann – 18th (28:16.7)
Chloejade Grondin – 21st (29:47.8)
Skarlytt Winegar-Tontegode – 23rd (30:33.7)
Moirra Masterson – 24th (30:54.1)
Gia Nandkershore – 25th (31:34.0)
Makenna Olmstead – 49th (36:57.3)
Ella Bric – 54th (38:17.6)

Senior Boys

Craig Stevenson – 1st (20:12.9)
Reuben MacLeod – 4th (20:24.0)
Ryan Lunnie – 5th (20:37.9)
Liam Willcott – 6th (20:54.9)
Kieran George – 9th (21:56.9)
Sam Peck – 10th (22:27.9)
Benjamin Haddock – 12th (22:41.2)
Carl Degroote – 14th (23:14.0)
Benjamin Stenzel –18th (23:51.6)
George Bonellos – 23rd (25:02.4)
Oliver Pipher-Swyer - 24th (25:02.6)
Nikko Hogeveen - 25th (25:19.2)
Curran Brindley – 29th (26:20.4)
Michael Bond – 38th (27:32.5)
Kaleb Minns – 63rd (34:31.1)

Westside Results:

Novice Girls

Vanessa Serros – 20th (18:24.4)

Novice Boys

Santino Moscarelli – 6th (13:11.7)
Ethan Stogdale – 29th (17:42.9)

Junior Boys

Reed Scott – 16th (20:16.6)

Senior Girls

Anika Bennett – 20th (20:22.7)
Senior Boys
Brandon Shillum – 33rd (27:10.7)
Brody Hayward – 43rd (28:26.8)



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OPINION

What are you afraid of?

Phobia – the extreme or irrational fear of, or aversion to something.

I don't like spiders.

Insects in general don't bother me at all, but spiders, if they get too close, there's just something about them that creeps me out.

On the other hand, I've had a boa constrictor wrapped around my neck at a reptile petting zoo while the person next to me was freaking out from being within 10 feet of a snake.

We all have our own little weird quirks.

However, I don't have 'arachnophobia' – an extreme or irrational fear of spiders. If one did drop down on me from above, and that has happened, I would just flick it away with my finger.

Everyone has a fear of falling. I once read that it is the only fear that your are born with, and all the others are learned.

Claustrophobia is the fear of confined spaces, and a word I think almost everyone is familiar with. I would think that feeling claustrophobic in some cases would be fairly normal. Who really wants to be in a confined space? It feels unnatural.

The tighter the space, the more unnatural it feels.

There are a lot of different types of phobias.

My friend's aunt had a severe phobia of making a left turn in her car. She would plan her entire route when leaving her home, and if necessary, would make right turns all the way around a city block to get to her destination rather than make a single left.

True phobias are rare. As the definition explains, it is a fear that is irrational.

I've never been with anyone who suddenly freaked out because they spotted a squirrel in a tree or had a panic attack because a room was painted a colour they were afraid of.

I'm sure it happens, and I have sympathy for anyone who struggles with an issue like that. However, it is rare.

The word 'phobia' is now a common part of the lexicon, and it is used incorrectly all the time.

Just because a person doesn't agree with your opinion, it doesn't make them phobic.

Many groups like to use the add-on "phobic" to describe anyone who won't join their political party, agenda, religion, way of life, or share their opinion.

It doesn't make a person phobic – it means they don't agree with you.

Some members of the gay community use the phrase 'homophobic' at the

drop of a hat, and direct it at anyone who doesn't support their lifestyle.

People aren't afraid of homosexuals if they don't appreciate their lifestyle. I've seen plenty of videos where gay people scream and curse at others for being in their gay neighbourhood and not being gay.

But none of them would ever admit to being 'hetrophobic,' and I've never even heard anyone use that word.

As far as I can tell, most gay people just continue on with their lives as normal, they don't attack others.

There is a Christian church in Hamilton now being sued by a Muslim group because the church objected to an Islamic group trying to start an Islamic school in their building.

Of course the group's lawyer quickly brought up the word 'Islamophobia.' What a surprise.

He then went on to use the other current buzzwords like 'inclusive,' diversity,' and 'acceptance.'

Those modern buzzwords are nothing more than an attempt to make someone else look bad if they don't agree with you.

I think this lawyer and his group are the last people that should try using words like inclusive and acceptance – and that's

no secret, it's an easily verified doctrine.

The church isn't displaying a type of phobia, they are concerned, just the way any other organization, whether religious or secular will react when they feel threatened by another organization that is hostile toward them is getting too close.

The Christian church has been under attack many times over the past couple of decades, including church burnings, and I've never heard anyone use the phrase 'Christophobic.'

The federal government barely acknowledges there is a problem with this.

It's time to just eliminate the word 'phobic' when it comes to anything not related to a true phobia.

It's either that, or start using it during every occasions where someone doesn't agree with you.

In that case there's going to be a lot of liberphobic, conservaphobic, blackophobic, whiteophobic, straightophobic, towncouncilophobic, moviephobic, musicphobic, loudmufferphobic, and loudneighbourhoodpartyphobic, discussions happening.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Ceasefire in doubt

It didn't take long. Just ten days after the Gaza ceasefire was grudgingly accepted by Israel and the Hamas organization that has ruled the territory for the past eighteen years, they were shooting at each other again.

It seems to have started with a rocket fired at an Israeli tank in the south of the Strip that killed two soldiers of the Israel Defence Force (IDF). Israel replied with air strikes in the north, centre and south of the territory, killing forty-four people, before a sullen ceasefire was re-established, but it illustrated the fragility of the whole deal.

The fundamental problem, which nobody acknowledges out loud, is that neither party to the deal actually wants it to succeed. Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu can only achieve his long-term goal of driving Palestinians out of the Gaza Strip by collapsing the deal. Hamas will be dismantled and eradicated if it cannot sabotage the deal.

For the moment, therefore, they are 'objective allies' in the task of destroying the ceasefire, although they never communicate or coordinate directly. Once the ceasefire is dead, however, they will once again be deadly enemies – and even now they are free to kill each other, since that is the best way to undermine the ceasefire.

Hamas's main tactical goal ever since its foundation has been to thwart any peace settlement that permanently divides the former colonial territory of Palestine between Jewish and Palestinian states (or even more improbably, creates a single democratic state with seven million Jews and seven million Palestinians).

The organization's longer-term objective has always been the eradication of Israel and the creation of an Islamic state 'from the (Jordan) river to the sea', but that has never been an attainable goal. Hamas's principal task in the present has been just to maintain the Palestinian presence in Gaza, and until recently it performed it reasonably well.

Hamas's surviving leaders must now see the murderous attack on Israel two years ago as a grave strategic blunder. The goal was presumably to reignite fading Arab support for the Palestinian cause. The effect was to hand a hard-right Israeli government a pretext for a huge military response that could end with the ethnic cleansing of all Gaza.

It took some time for the Israeli prime minister to realize that such an extreme policy was feasible, but Donald Trump's victory in last November's US election opened up new perspectives.

Netanyahu had to cater to the new president's lust for a Nobel Prize by agreeing to a ceasefire in Gaza in January, but by March he was confident enough of his ability to manipulate Trump to break the ceasefire and begin the explosive dehousing of the entire population of Gaza.

Trump's last-minute burst of 'peacemaking' early this month (just before he didn't win the Nobel Prize) forced Netanyahu to agree to a new ceasefire. Hamas also agreed to it, because it desperately needed a break to rebuild its force. But neither party is dreaming of a permanent peace settlement.

Hamas's troops were back out on Gaza's shattered streets to reassert their control of the population as soon as the IDF's soldiers pulled back, and suspected 'collaborators' with the Israeli occupation are already being executed. Full enforcement of the 'twenty-point deal' would involve the abolition of Hamas, so that cannot happen without violence.

Netanyahu will want to resume the process of concentrating the Palestinians in a small southwestern corner of Gaza near the Egyptian border as soon as possible, as a prelude to sending them abroad. This, too, would require a resumption of the violence, and Hamas could probably be relied

upon to provide a pretext.

As for the majority of Israelis, who neither love nor trust the man who has been their leader for most of the past quarter-century, they have never cared much about the suffering of the Palestinians of Gaza. They will be losing interest in the whole process of removing the Palestinians now that all of the living Israeli hostages have come home.

Similarly, the external pressure on Netanyahu from a Nobel-hungry Trump has dropped as the president wanders off in search of fresh peace to make. (Today, when I'm writing this, is Saturday so it must be Budapest.)

The Israeli prime minister has learned not to embarrass Trump (attacking Qatar is what put him in the doghouse in the first place), and he can still steer the older man in almost any direction he wants. The Israeli army is still in the field, and he would prefer to restart the war sooner than to send most of them home and have to call them back again later.

Which is not to say that the ceasefire will definitely end soon. Just that it probably will.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Canada cannot cozy up to China

The Globe and Mail column, "Let's free ourselves of the U.S. and forge closer ties with China", by Julian Karagunesian and Robin Shaban, reveals a troubling lack of historical awareness and strategic judgment.

Marketed as a call for Canadian economic independence, it amounts to an argument for deeper dependence on an authoritarian regime that uses coercive diplomacy, illicit finance and political interference to erode democratic sovereignty.

Canadians should reject the notion that closer alignment with Beijing strengthens our independence. The opposite is demonstrably true.

The authors praise China's economic dynamism and technological progress but ignore the context in which these gains were made. They are not the result of fair-market innovation, but of systematic intellectual property theft, forced technology transfers and vast state subsidies that distort global competition.

These practices are well documented by sources such as the U.S. Department

of Justice's China Initiative, CSIS's 2023 Public Report, and a 2023 U.K. Parliament report issued under the Five Eyes alliance—a security and intelligence-sharing partnership among Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Australia and New Zealand.

Proposing deeper technological engagement with a regime known for embedding backdoors in products like Huawei hardware, which Canadian security agencies have flagged as a national security risk, and for weaponizing supply chains is dangerously naïve. This isn't innovation; it's strategic infiltration that introduces unacceptable risks into Canada's economic infrastructure.

Equating Canada's alliance with the U.S. to strategic subservience misrepresents the nature of cooperation in a rules-based international order. While the U.S. is imperfect, it remains our most reliable economic and security partner, anchored in shared democratic norms, integrated defence under NORAD and institutions that ensure transparency and accountability. These foundations stand in sharp contrast to the

opaque and coercive practices of the Chinese state.

Beijing has made clear it does not operate as a predictable or principled partner. Its use of retaliatory diplomacy — such as the politically motivated detention of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, bans on Canadian agricultural exports and the expansion of United Front influence operations (covert and overt efforts by the Chinese Communist Party to sway public opinion and policy abroad)—demonstrates a pattern of intimidation.

According to CSIS and allied intelligence agencies, the Chinese Communist Party is not merely pursuing commercial access but long-term political leverage.

The 2024 Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference has only underscored how these efforts aim to compromise Canada's sovereignty from within. To dismiss such conduct as standard trade practice is either wilfully blind or dangerously misinformed.

Claims that the U.S. is an unreliable ally ignore the structural depth of our relationship. Disagreements exist, but they don't

undermine the durability of a partnership rooted in integrated supply chains under USMCA, shared strategic interests and the open debate that defines liberal democracy.

Canada's prosperity depends on this alliance, not on transactional deals with authoritarian states.

Replacing that alliance with exposure to a regime that jails dissidents, manipulates international institutions and conducts cyberespionage on Canadian citizens is not diversification. It's submission.

Canada should not trade the open architecture of the Atlantic alliance for Beijing's authoritarian opacity. Strategic autonomy cannot be built on intimidation and coercion. We must engage the world, but with eyes open and principles intact.

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Monthly Message: FTP rallies community for Woman Abuse Prevention Month

As Ontario prepares to mark Woman Abuse Prevention Month this November, Family Transition Place (FTP) is taking action once again to raise awareness and inspire meaningful change in the fight to end violence against women. With a month-long line-up of events and initiatives, FTP is inviting the Dufferin and Caledon communities to stand together in solidarity with survivors and help spark vital conversations around domestic abuse.

At the heart of this year's campaign is FTP's ongoing participation in the Wrapped in Courage campaign, a province-wide initiative developed by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH). The campaign encourages individuals and communities to "wrap themselves in purple" as a visible sign of support for survivors of gender-based violence.

"We invite everyone to wear a purple scarf



throughout November to show that no one experiencing domestic violence is alone," said Lynette Pole-Langdon, FTP's executive director. "It's a small act with a powerful message — that we see survivors, we believe them, and we're standing with them."

Purple has long been the colour associated with courage, survival, and honour. FTP is encouraging individuals, schools, workplaces, and community organizations to embrace the colour throughout the month,

from purple scarves and clothing to displays, posters, and lights.

One of the key dates in the campaign is Nov. 25, recognized internationally as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. In honour of this day, FTP is coordinating flag-raising ceremonies and official proclamations with Dufferin municipalities and the Town of Caledon. These symbolic gestures aim to reaffirm community commitment to ending gender-based violence and provide an opportunity for local leaders to speak out on the issue.

Throughout the month, FTP will also be sharing educational resources and campaign materials designed to spark dialogue, break down stigma, and help people recognize the signs of abuse. The goal is to foster a more informed and compassionate community — one where survivors feel safe and supported.

Another visible way to get involved is through this year's "Shine the Light on Woman Abuse" initiative. This campaign, developed by the London Abused Women's Centre, encourages residents to light up their homes and businesses with purple bulbs throughout November. The visual impact of the purple light helps to raise awareness and create a sense of collective action.

"We're asking our community to turn Dufferin and Caledon purple," Lynette shared. "Every purple light, every scarf worn, every conversation started — these things matter. They send a strong message that violence against women has no place here."

The campaign is also an opportunity to remind the public of the important services FTP provides year-round. While FTP is primarily known as an emergency shelter, it provides comprehensive wraparound support — including clinical and sexual violence counselling, outreach and legal advocacy, and educational programs — all aimed at empowering individuals and breaking the cycle of abuse through healing, support, and prevention.

For those looking to get involved or support the campaign, Wrapped in Courage purple scarves are available for purchase. Proceeds help support FTP's vital work, while wearing the scarf serves as a visible declaration of solidarity. Scarves can be purchased through FTP's website or by calling 519-942-4122, ext. 243.

Woman Abuse Prevention Month is more than a moment on the calendar — it's a call to action. FTP hopes this November will be a time of reflection, visibility, and, most importantly, change.

"We believe a safer future is possible — but it requires all of us," Lynette said. "We need community members, leaders, families, and friends to stand together. Awareness is the first step to prevention."

For more information about Woman Abuse Prevention Month, the Wrapped in Courage campaign, or FTP's services, visit familytransitionplace.ca or call 519-942-4122, ext. 243.

Key Dates and Ways to Participate:

- All of November: Wear a purple scarf for the Wrapped in Courage campaign
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—local flag raisings and proclamations
- All Month: Light up your home with purple to "Shine the Light on Woman Abuse"
- Buy a Scarf: Support FTP and raise awareness—scarves available via website or phone

Together, through awareness and community action, we can help end the cycle of abuse and create a future where every woman feels safe, respected, and empowered.



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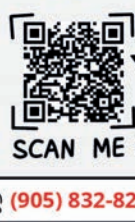
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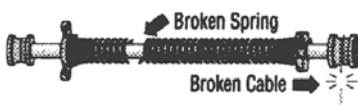
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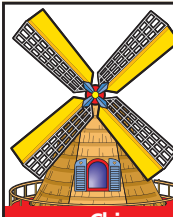


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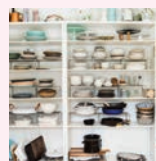
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OPP lay 8,800 charges and respond to four fatal collisions over Thanksgiving Weekend

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Over the Thanksgiving long weekend, four people died in separate collisions on Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-patrolled roads during the Thanksgiving long weekend.

The OPP joined Canadian policing partners for Operation Impact, which ran from Oct. 10 to 13.

The campaign focused on education and enforcement of impaired driving from alcohol, drugs, fatigue, aggressive driving and distracted driving. The use of seat belts and child seats was another area of focus. As these are the main causes of death in Canadian roadways, they were the primary focus for Operation Impact.

"The OPP's commitment to keeping roads safe was reflected in the more than 8,800

traffic charges they laid across the province throughout the weekend," reads a statement from the OPP. "Officers worked around the clock, targeting road behaviours that continue to result in serious consequences for drivers and passengers of all ages every year."

During Opeartion Impact, 4,518 speeding tickets were issued, which account for over half of all driving offences over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Racing/stunt driving charges yielded 158 charges over the weekend, which is among the most aggressive and dangerous behaviours on Ontario roads, according to the OPP.

The OPP laid 170 impaired driving charges and 130 distracted driving charges were among the other dangerous offences motorists chose to commit.

"Some of the 377 seatbelt charges were



laid against unbuckled passengers, serving as a reminder that they too need to do their part to reduce the number of injuries and deaths on our roads," said the OPP.

The OPP responded to 244 fatal collisions, resulting in families collectively losing 279 loved ones, from Jan. 1 to Oct. 12 this year. The OPP said of these 244 incidents, almost all of them were preventable.

"The OPP reminds drivers and passengers that traffic laws are designed to keep everyone safe, but are only effective if everyone complies with them at all times. The OPP thanks all road users who did their part to keep highways and roads safe and helped ensure everyone made it to and from their destinations on one of the busiest traffic weekends of the year," said the OPP.

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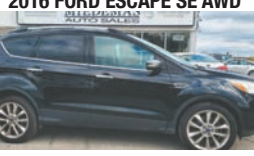
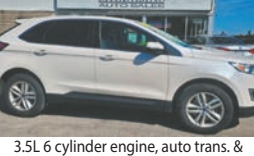
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Fran was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother whose family was always at the center of her life. She had a caring heart, a steady presence, and was happiest when surrounded by those she loved.

She also gave much of herself to her community. Fran especially valued her years of volunteer work with Community Living Dufferin where she took great pride in supporting others and building meaningful connections.

She will be remembered for her kindness, her commitment to others, the love she shared with her family and friends, and most of all for her warm and comforting hugs.

Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at 2:30 pm.

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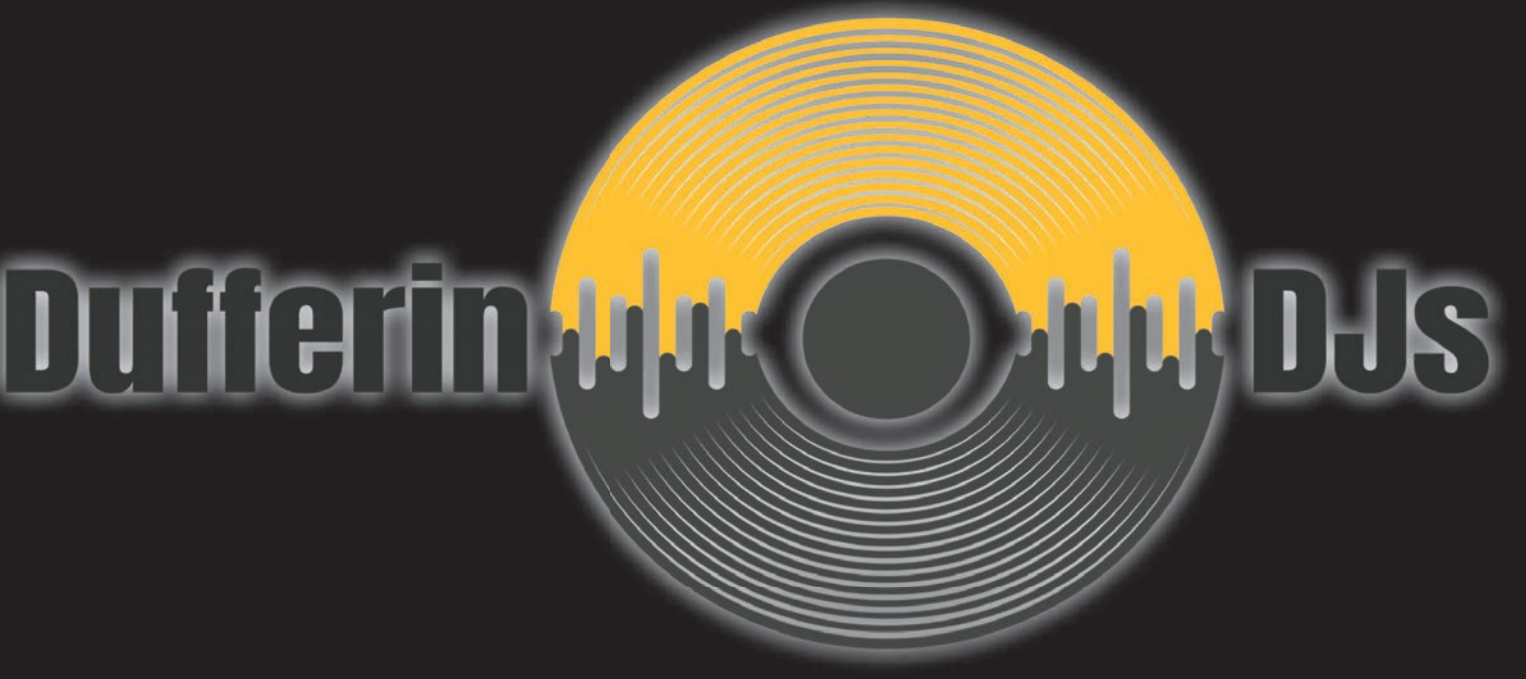
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