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FTP’s former executive director celebrated with commemorative bench

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

Orangeville’s emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse – Family Transition Place –recently recognized a community advocate who served as its executive director for 17 years.

FTP’s Board of Directors held an unveiling of a commemorative bench at Alexandra Park in Orangeville on Oct. 28, honouring Norah Kennedy, who retired from her role as executive director at this time last year.

“The commemorative bench serves as both a heartfelt expression of gratitude for Norah’s remarkable leadership and a lasting symbol of rest, reflection, and renewal for the community she served with passion and integrity,” reads a press release from FTP.

“The bench stands as a tribute to Norah’s years of advocacy, compassion, and her tireless efforts to advance FTP’s mission and support women and families across the region,” reads the press release.

Sharyn Ayliffe, the current board chair of FTP, expressed her appreciation for Kennedy’s dedication during her tenure.

“This critical and life-saving work is, unfortunately, endless. Individuals like Norah — those who dedicate their life’s work to helping others, who provide a voice for those who have been silenced, who inspire hope, courage, and resilience, and who strive to create safety for victims of gender-based violence — are the unsung heroes of our community,” said Ayliffe. “The Board and staff of FTP will be forever grateful to Norah Kennedy for her years of passionate service and for the legacy she leaves behind.”



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UNVEILING CEREMONY: A bench dedication ceremony was held at Alexandra Park in Orangeville in honour of Family Transition Place’s retired executive director Norah Kennedy on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Remarks were shared by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, members of the FTP board, and Kennedy.

Kennedy’s 17 years as executive director were spent leading the organization with integrity, grace, and conviction, according to FTP.

“She was a steadfast advocate for the Violence Against Women sector and a champion for all who sought support on their journey toward safety and wellbeing.

Her leadership, mentorship, and advocacy helped shape FTP into a sector leader — an organization grounded in compassion, empowerment, belonging, and hope,” reads the press release.

“The bench, a gift from the FTP Board of Directors, represents a lasting expression of gratitude and an invitation to the

community to pause — to rest, reflect, and renew — in the same spirit Norah brought to her work every day.”

During the bench’s unveiling ceremony in Alexandra Park, remarks were shared by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, members of the FTP board, and Kennedy.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To listen in
Wednesday, Nov. 5	6 p.m.	Council chambers and by phone	Committee of Adjustment	1 289-801-5774 ID: 117 041 308#
Thursday, Nov. 6	6 p.m.	Council chambers and by phone	Sustainable Orangeville	1 289-801-5774 ID: 369 846 519#
Monday, Nov. 10	7 p.m.	Council chambers and virtual	Council	Youtube @orangevillecouncil

*Start time of council and committee meetings is subject to change

*For more information on how to participate and to view council and committee agendas, please visit orangeville.ca/meetings.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

The Dufferin County memorial to the fallen of the Great War

Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.
Mill Street Library

Discover the history of the Orangeville memorial and learn the stories of the soldiers and officers whose names are inscribed upon it with Lt.-Col. Ron Alkema (retired).

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Mayor Post’s town hall – youth edition!

Save the date
Nov. 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre

Are you a young person living in Orangeville? The Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council has teamed up with Mayor Lisa Post for the next town hall event!

You’ll hear from our guest speakers about activities, opportunities and more for young people in our town.

- Sharon Doherty-Gaudin – manager, Recreation and Events
- Raghav Patel – makerspace specialist, Orangeville Public Library
- Katrine LeMire – manager, Economic Development and Culture
- Kelly Condon – fire prevention inspector, Orangeville Fire
- ...and more!

All members of the public are welcome! Doors open at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

November 22 at 5 p.m.
Orangeville Santa Claus parade

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Here are some things to know:

- road closures begin at 3 p.m. with some roads re-opening at 7 or 8 p.m. (location dependent)
- Orangeville Transit service will end at 2:45 p.m.

Looking to round out that festive fun all weekend? Downtown Orangeville’s Joy & Lights Festival kicks off November 21 with the traditional tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall and a holiday gift market over the weekend.

Learn more about this year’s parade at orangeville.ca/SantaParade.

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Emergency services	Police, fire and ambulance	9-1-1

Ice storm shows service gaps in rural, urban Dufferin County

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County has requested assistance through the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program.

The provincial government program was announced in June on the heels of a storm earlier in the year that shut down much of the province.

It's assistance to municipalities in covering operating costs beyond regular budgets, needed to protect public health, safety, or access to essential services. It's to help cover capital costs for repairing public infrastructure or property.

The application deadline is Oct. 31.

Municipalities within the umbrella of Dufferin County experienced a prolonged severe ice storm at the end of March. The storm mauled much of the county's infrastructure, stretched emergency services, and tormented residents with havoc wrought by downed trees, widespread power outages, and disrupted communication.

Households, urban and rural alike, experienced outages over multiple days, and vulnerable populations faced heightened risks.

"Despite these challenges, the response highlighted the strength and adaptability of the county and its communities," according to a staff report to Dufferin County council. "Inter-agency coordination, mutual aid between municipalities, and strong volunteer engagement ensured critical supports were provided."

Those supports included wellness checks, the opening of warming centres, and the distribution of resources.

"Residents demonstrated resilience and solidarity, sharing resources, assisting neighbors, and taking proactive measures to protect homes and property," according to the report.

The storm highlighted things municipalities and the upper tier need to improve to better gear up for the next weather event.

Backup power supplies, better rural communication networks, and public education on generator safety, debris management, and emergency preparedness are measures that need to be considered.

Lessons learned from this event will inform future planning, guiding investments in infrastructure modernization, enhanced emergency management strategies, expanded public education, and continued support for community resilience initiatives.

From the county's after-action report: "By building on these experiences, Dufferin County is better positioned to protect residents, support vulnerable populations, and respond effectively to future severe weather events."

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"As much as we talk about climate change and increasing storms and more emergencies and whatnot, what council has failed to do is put appropriate people into the emergency management office enough that we can actually build out those emergencies and try to fix them instead of constantly being reactive, which is what we always seem to do," White said.



FILE PHOTO

REPAIRING THE WRECKAGE: Shelburne and surrounding area residents are in the process of cleaning up the aftermath of a freezing rain storm that hit the community late Saturday (March 29). The storm resulted in downed trees, downed hydro poles and power outages for thousands of residents.

He said the county provides some services to municipalities. Other services, such as waste collection, are farmed out to contractors who may have rigid rules for delivering the service uniformly throughout the county.

Take waste collection, as an example.

The northern parts of the county were hit more severely by the ice storm than the southern centres. But residents at both ends had to work within the same parameters for collecting and bundling waste.

In southern Dufferin, White offered, as an example, that more residents may have had fewer, smaller fallen trees to bundle into lengths of three feet and no more than 40

pounds. North Dufferin residents in more rural areas may have had larger trees to contend with for collection.

Those larger trees had to be broken down and bundled in the same three-foot lengths as the southern smaller branches.

"That's just totally ridiculous," White said. "There's no other way to say it."

The county needs to work with contractors to make such programs flexible, he said.

"Something like this is going to happen again," he said. "Maybe not this year. Maybe two years from now. Maybe three years from now. There'll be people still trying to bundle their waste to put out into the yard."

Orangeville recognizes 15 year legacy of library CEO Darla Fraser at retirement celebration

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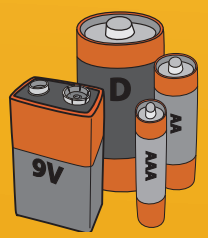
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JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS: Jerry finds the Retreat Day to be an amazing experience that lets him slow down and relax. He hopes that more caregivers learn to take time for themselves to stay mentally and physically healthy.

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County hosts Caregiver Retreat Day

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

Caregivers dedicate countless hours to care for loved ones, taking careful time to provide the necessary support and comfort to those who live with Dementia and Alzheimer's.

But on Oct. 23, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County (ASDC) decided that the caregivers deserved a day of care. Elaine Griffin, a psychogeriatric resource consultant with the ASDC, said that it's a day for caregivers to put themselves first.

"This is our second annual retreat day, and the goal for our group is to give our caregivers a day of respite, and leave the joy and the love, and also the burden of caregiving, at home," she said. "Today, they are totally going to be pampered and spoiled so we can recognize the fabulous work that they do."

She said that the caregivers present were all on different journeys with their loved ones, but they were in an environment that supported them and let them process their love, their loss, and any other feelings they may be going through.

"Everybody in the room today is caring for someone living with Alzheimer's disease, or related dementia," she said. "Some of them are still going through the grieving process, so we want to acknowledge that the journey doesn't end when their loved one has passed. Some of them are going through what we call 'ambiguous grief.' What that means is as they go through their journey, they lose parts of that person that they love."

She said that all kinds of caregivers were welcome.

"These beautiful people are coming from

all sorts of different situations," she said. "Some live at home and care for somebody 24 hours a day. Others are part of support teams from retirement homes or long-term care."

An important part of any caregiver, Griffin said, is self-care, which sometimes caregivers forget to prioritize. Scheduling days like this one allows them to stop, think, and decompress from their responsibilities. Then they can take care of themselves before returning to caregiving.

The day featured food served by the nearby Centre Cafe. ASDC also provided guided painting and musical activities.

Jerry Hayward, a local caregiver who takes care of his wife, Peggy, said the day was an incredible idea and he's thankful to the ASDC for putting it on.

"This is so awesome," he said. "I wasn't taking care of myself, and everything was really draining me badly, which in turn meant that I couldn't help. But the society really helped me, I'm really indebted to the Alzheimer's Society, I love them."

Hayward offered some advice to anyone else going through a similar situation.

"You have to take a step back, and you have to really try not to take things too seriously," he said. "You need to go with the flow, one day at a time, because every day could be different in ways you can't see coming. Things that used to work might not work today. So you need to go with it."

Hayward said that, despite the challenges Peggy faces, they still go out fairly regularly. He takes her out for food at Swiss Chalet, and they are regulars at Theatre Orangeville.

His story is one of many that continue to evolve with the support the ASDC provides every day.

'I'm older than my house': Bythia St. resident objects to heritage district designation

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Properties that offer little historical significance should not be included in a heritage conservation district.

Or that is at least one Orangeville resident's rationale.

Scott Wilson, a former town councillor, asked during Orangeville council's Oct. 27 meeting that his Bythia Street residence be excluded from the collection of structures to be included in a proposed heritage conservation district.

"My house isn't even a heritage house," he said.

He cited a report from an engineering and architectural firm hired by the municipality that indicated his house offers no contribution to the district's other heritage properties.

"I'm older than my house," he quipped. "It's described as a ranch in the (architectural) report, but Stantec doesn't even define what ranch means."

That's despite clear definitions for other structural styles and influences.

"Ranch doesn't even appear to be worthy of a definition," Wilson said.

Quite simply, he said, adherence to provincial building code standards and policies should be enough to be required of homeowners.

The objective of a heritage district designation is to conserve the historical characteristics of a collection of structures in a neighbourhood or area. But, again, he said his house has no such characteristics.

"I would suggest that it (his house) could easily be carved out of the plan," Wilson said. "I have no objection to the district being established, but I don't think it's applicable to 27 Bythia."

He suggested that the heritage district boundary be redrawn to include his property. His neighbour also asked that Wilson make the same request for the 25 Bythia Street property.

"His house is the same age as mine," Wilson said.

Both those properties abut Kay Cee Gardens Park and are across the street from the Orangeville and District Seniors Centre.

"I understand from some that the town may not include the park and the seniors centre in the district plan either," he said.

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said Wilson's property is quite central within the district boundaries. The heritage designation is about preventing what could happen to the whole district if his property were to be removed and replaced.

Basically, there's a measure of protection by including all properties inside the district boundary.

"The idea is to leave that neighbourhood as is, as the historic district that it is," Taylor said. "I hear you on your home and the age and whatnot. It's just it would be a shame to have something else go there."

Wilson showed amusement, offering an almost breathy snicker.

"You find that funny?" Taylor said.

"What you're saying is contrary to what it says in the plan," Wilson said and motioned to an inches-thick sheaf of papers he brought to the meeting. "What I'm hearing you say, deputy mayor, is that you do want to freeze the characteristics of those buildings."

But the Stantec report indicates the town's wish is to collaborate with the homeowners and "manage the change."

"But if you needed something done, you would just call and work with town staff," Taylor said. "I don't see it being a big deal."

"Managing this change is going to require studies and reports at the request of the staff that are there to manage the plan and I think that's an extra layer of effort and expense and bureaucracy," said Wilson.

Simply, all that is unnecessary.

"I could ask for a heritage designation on my home," Wilson said. "Any individual can do that. And I would bet if I did, the heritage committee would laugh at me."

That's because of the property's age and lack of heritage characteristics. As referenced in the town's engineering and architectural report.

"If there's any houses that don't belong here in this plan, it would be mine," he said.

David Smith, the town's CAO, said it has yet to be determined what would happen should Wilson's property need work while part of a heritage district.

"It is likely, though, that heritage permits would be required from the heritage committee to make any modifications to homes, a demolition, or a renovation," Smith said.

In some jurisdictions, a permit would be needed to change a home's colour, windows, or outer facade, he said.

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Dufferin County considers roundabouts to improve road safety

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County thoroughfares may benefit from roundabouts at certain intersections and stretches of road.

A September Road Safety Audit identified sightlines at the intersection of Dufferin Road 17 and Dufferin Road 19 as being below the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) minimum standards.

According to a report of the audit, available sight distances were measured at 165 metres west and 200 metres east, compared to the TAC minimum of 210 metres.

Dufferin County staff recommend reducing the posted speed limit from 80km/h to 50km/h along the east-west approaches to the intersection to improve intersection safety.

“Lowering the speed limit to 50km/h provides motorists with increased reaction time, shorter stopping distances, and a more forgiving environment in the event of driver error, all of which directly mitigate the identified risks,” according to the staff report.

Councillor Philip Rentsch, the deputy

mayor of Grand Valley, wondered whether lowering the speed limit would be effective.

“I get that because we did a Road Safety Audit and we said there’s a problem we have to do something about it,” he said. “I’m curious as to why this and not something else?”

“Do we actually think that it’s going to have an impact on the ground unless the Township of Mulmur puts a dedicated OPP officer there on occasion to actually enforce the speed limit?”

To ensure consistency and effectiveness of the reduced speed zone, county and municipal staff will work together to update the posted limit along 10 Sideroad as well.

Coordinated implementation will help prevent abrupt speed transitions through the intersection area and provide a clear, predictable environment for drivers approaching from all directions.

Scott Burns, the county’s public works director, said the issue with that stretch of road is a little bit unusual.

“Typically when we look at a road we look at its full length and there could be anomalies in that road that don’t comply with the strict standards, but you still would main-

tain an overarching speed limit,” he said.

An audit looks at a specific place in which potential hazards are highlighted, he said. Then those hazards have to be addressed.

“That’s kind of the unique feature of the road safety audit process is that it doesn’t just consider that typical norm,” he said. “It looks at every single hazard that potentially is in place.”

Burns said the stop signs at that intersection have been enlarged to improve visibility. Sightlines are being improved along the roadside. The speed limit considers “the actual geometry of the road and what sightlines are available,” he said.

So there could be a situation in which a portion of the road is reconstructed with sightlines to accommodate an 80km/h speed limit, he said.

“When we look at these things, we also have to think about the costs associated with them,” Burns said. “At this point in time the recommendation we would make would be to reduce the speed so the sightline complies.”

Coun. James McLean, Melancthon’s deputy mayor, suggested that constructing a roundabout at that intersection would ef-

fectively cause speeds to be reduced without the need for a dedicated police officer at the site to ensure motorist compliance.

“I think this would be a perfect opportunity to test the province’s promise of funding roundabouts in response to their cancellation of speed cameras,” said Coun. John Creelman, who is the mayor of Mono. “I realize it is not a community safety zone and there was no speed camera there, but the province says they will fund roundabouts. This would be a good opportunity to hold them to their word.”

Coun. Todd Taylor, Orangeville’s deputy mayor, agrees there is much room for roundabouts in the Dufferin community.

Coun. Gail Little, Amaranth’s deputy mayor, said there is danger in having motorists drive at 80km/h and then slow for a 60km/h stretch of road before traipsing to 50km/h and back up to 80km/h when there’s no enforcement.

A roundabout there would remedy that.

“I would not like us to miss out on this potential funding opportunity,” she said.

A commuter’s mindset is centred on the daily schedule and getting to where they need to be quickly.

Headwaters’ 12-hour ‘mammothon’ screens over 40 women for breast cancer

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a local health care facility recently held an event to promote early detection.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) rallied the community throughout October through an educational campaign to encourage eligible women to receive mammograms.

The campaign culminated in a 12-hour marathon of mammograms, called a “mammothon” on Friday, Oct. 24, bolstering early detection of breast cancer.

“Early detection is a vital part of breast cancer diagnosis and in saving lives. We know that one in eight women in Canada will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and breast cancer is most treatable when caught early,” said HHCC President and CEO Kim Delahunt.

“We were fully booked throughout the 12-hour mammothon, with women from across our community coming in for their mammograms, some arriving with their mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends, and neighbours. It’s incredibly inspiring to see our community come together to take this

important step in prevention and self-care.”

The mammothon ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., where 42 women from the community were screened. Up to 75 per cent of those women received a mammogram for the first time, according to HHCC.

The hospital also launched a successful staff mammothon to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 3. Throughout the day, 37 HHCC staff received on-site mammograms, inspiring others in the community to do the same.

“Headwaters’ mammography program uses state-of-the-art digital radiography, is

fully accredited by the Canadian Association of Radiologists and proudly participates in the Ontario Breast Screening Program,” reads a press release from HHCC issued Oct. 28.

“Women between the ages of 40 and 74 can self-refer, booking directly without a physician’s referral by calling 519-941-2410 ext. 2842.”

The Ontario Breast Screening Program has certified Headwaters as a Breast Assessment Centre.

The hospital is located at 100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville.

County council approves funding for water improvements at Dufferin Oaks long-term care

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Water pressure at the Dufferin Oaks Long-term Care Home falls a little flat.

And Dufferin County council agreed during its Oct. 23 meeting to dip into the facility’s capital reserve fund to pay for the additional necessary work.

County councillor Philip Rentsch, Grand Valley’s deputy mayor, said the water pressure into the facility seems “ridiculously low” and

he wanted to know if that was out of the norm or if it is indicative of the service in Shelburne.

Brenda Wagner, the county’s health and human services director, said the water going into Dufferin Oaks is 40 pounds per square inch (psi). A report to county council indicated that a pressure of up to 80 psi is required to adequately push water to the facility’s third floor.

The ideal residential water pressure is generally taken to be between 40 psi and 60 psi. Many builders believe the 60-70 psi range is

preferred by property owners.

Wagner said a comparative investigation with the municipality gauged water pressure at the Mel Lloyd Centre and the McKelvie Burnside Village to be 70 psi.

“My assumption around this is that during the original build maybe something wasn’t set up correctly,” she said. “Determining what the root cause of this is really on our end.”

According to a staff report to county council, the cost to fix the water pressure problem could reach as much as \$39,225.

Warden Janet Horner, Mulmur’s mayor, said hot water on the third floor at Dufferin Oaks is also an issue. That impacts care to residents, especially during peak times of the day.

Due to the building’s structure, the current plumbing system at Dufferin Oaks is insufficient to keep up with demand.

Wagner said staff have been compensating by timing when certain water-intensive tasks and duties, such as baths, are carried out.

“They’ve just been working around this,” Wagner said.

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Monster Trucks All Out Event at Orangeville Fairgrounds delivers a thrilling spectacle

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was a car-crushing day with lots of thrills for fans at the Monster Trucks All Out event held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 18. Fans cheered on the drivers as the monster trucks crushed lines of cars with their giant monster sized tires and bounced around and into the air as they demolished cars on the track.

The event featured popular trucks – Outfoxed, Canadian Crusher, Bucking Bronco, and RoboShark, a new truck on the circuit.

A pre-show pit party allowed guests to meet the drivers for photos and autographs and a chance to see the monster trucks close up.

To really get visitors involved, there was a chance to get on board a monster truck and take a thrilling ride along the course, while strapped in the back with other riders.

Between truck events, daredevil motorcycle riders put on a show and flew off a ramp to considerable height before landing on a cushioned landing ramp.

The kids got involved during power wheel races, and they had the chance to drive on the track in mini-style monster trucks.

It was a loud and thrilling show, and the crowd was animated and supportive during the event.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

FUN AT THE FAIRGROUNDS: It was a loud and thrilling event when monster trucks came to the Orangeville Fairgrounds for the Monster Trucks All Out event on Saturday, Oct. 18. In addition to monster trucks crushing cars, the show included daredevil motorcycles, and visitors had both a chance to meet the drivers and climb on board a monster truck for a ride.

Local police seek stolen Kubota L5040 tractor

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating the theft of a 2007 Kubota L5040 tractor stolen from the area of Third Line and Hockley Valley Road (County Road 7) in Mono.

On Oct. 19, at approximately 9:14 a.m., Dufferin OPP were notified of the stolen vehicle. The investigation revealed that the theft occurred sometime between the afternoon of Oct. 18 and the early morning hours of Oct. 19 at a local ski and golf resort.

The stolen vehicle is described as an orange

2007 Kubota L5040 tractor equipped with a loader, backhoe, a set of R4 industrial tires, and no cab.

Anyone with information or surveillance footage that may assist with this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

OPP and MTO team up for commercial vehicle enforcement

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has once again partnered with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Enforcement Branch to conduct joint enforcement initiatives aimed at keeping Dufferin County roads safe.

This past week, Dufferin OPP and MTO officers conducted a commercial motor vehicle enforcement blitz focusing on compliance! and road safety. As a result, 13 commercial motor vehicles were inspected, 12 charges were laid, and six vehicles were taken out of service. In addition, Dufferin OPP officers issued 14 other provincial offence notices under the Highway Traffic Act.

These joint efforts play a vital role in ensuring the safety of all road users in Dufferin County.

“The Dufferin OPP is extremely proud of this ongoing partnership and remains committed to working together to promote road safety,” reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppersdm.com.

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

Loose Leaf collection will begin early **November, 2025**.

Loose leaves will be collected on Orangeville streets with mature boulevard trees. The Town will be divided in two zones - north of Broadway and South of Broadway. Length of collection will be weather dependent.

Outside of large piles, yard waste should be bagged and/or mulched.

Please Remember:

- Loose leaf collection areas will be determined by Orangeville Public Works Division.
- Rake leaves from boulevard trees only (those trees on the town’s right of way) to the curb. Please **DO NOT** rake leaves onto the road.
- Reduce parking on the road where possible to help collection crews access the leaves.
- Piles of leaves with debris and branches will not be collected.
- All other yard waste from your property (leaves, branches, brush) can be set out in bags, bundles or labelled containers for collection in the County’s regular bi-weekly yard waste program, which will continue to run until the end of November.

For more information on loose leaf collections, please call the Town of Orangeville’s Public Works Division at 519-938-7509.

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Community comes together to celebrate competitive plowman Daryl Hostrawser

Written By **RILEY MURPHY**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Peel Dufferin Plowmen’s Association hosted a fundraising event to both celebrate and support Daryl Hostrawser, accomplished competitive plowman.

Hostrawser just came back from representing Canada at the 70th World Ploughing Championship in Prague, Czech Republic, in September.

Part of the fundraising celebration was to help provide financial support to offset costs from this year’s journey.

The celebration honoured Hostrawser’s decades-long plowing career; the second-generation plowman is from East Garafraxa in Dufferin County.

He has competed in various plowing competitions, from local competitions to the World Championships.

He has previously competed on the world stage as the Canadian champion at the 1988 event in the United States of America, in Northern Ireland, Switzerland, and the Republic of Ireland.

The community was invited to join in the celebration with Hostrawser and the Peel Dufferin Plowmen’s Association at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

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During the celebration, Peel Dufferin Plowmen’s Association President Glen Early interviewed Hostrawser in a “fireside” type conversation to discuss his career.

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while.

“There’s a group of us that started plowing when we were quite young, and we’ve grown up entering the same classes, getting into class five, which is Ontario Championship, fully with the thought that we could go to the Canadian, to the worlds, that’s our objective,” said Hostrawser.

“I’m not the only one that’s done this.”

He added that, although he joked at the event that he’s never met a judge he liked, Ontario has a very good set of judges who work quite well together.

The Worlds, he said, are always a chance to learn little by little, such as when the Worlds required countries to use a rollover plow in 2003.

“We started sending plowmen and at that time, we had never even seen one before,” said Hostrawser. “We’ve been learning since.”

“A small group, and we’ve got to pass it on and try and get plowmen and judges to recognize it.”

Hostrawser said he’s already looking forward to next year, when he will be accompanying Conventional Plowmen Brian Davenport, and he says they’ve already started to prepare for it.

Early said that on the day, it was nice to see the room filled with Hostrawser’s competitive peers from the international Plowing match level, the Canadian level, and the World level.

“It’s good to see that plowing community come out and celebrate one of their own,” he said.

The room was filled with past and present Plowmen Association members and there was great conversation all around.

He added that it was also great that the community came out to support the fundrais-

er, with an almost entirely filled room.

“It went off really without a hitch,” said Early.

During the silent auction, a local farming family donated an old horse-drawn walking plow to help fund the fundraiser.

Early said his “fireplace chat” with Hostrawser brought back memories for many people in the crowd and on stage.

Anne Thompson of the Plowmen’s Association, added “when something or someone is in your own backyard, you don’t always get a sense of the type of scope or impact that they’ve had, but Daryl in the competitive plowing world really has a unique and unmatched record.”

Not only has he competed as their Canadian champion over several decades in two separate divisions, she said, but he also has coached on various teams and locally.

Thompson said that as he has attended his last Worlds, it seemed like a great time to recognize his career and help with the accumulated expenses, which she says Hostrawser is far too humble to ever ask for.

She added that they’re representing the Country oftentimes with very little sponsorship, and Thompson says that as events change and grow and costs rise, it’s important to raise awareness.

The day was one filled with fun and good energy, she concluded.

At the end of the event, they opened the floor for attendees to share stories and anecdotes about Hostrawser.

Hostrawser spoke on attending plowing matches with his father, who plowed with 1961 World Champion Bill Dixon, who was in the audience that day.

Thompson said that watching Hostrawser



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FIERCE COMPETITOR: Daryl Hostrawser, an accomplished competitive plowman from East Garafraxa, recently returned from the 70th World Ploughing Championship in Prague, Czech Republic, in September.

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FIRST PLACE: The OHHP’s first place winner, determined by a panel of community judges, is 118 Church Street. The property is creatively decorated with no shortage of spooky items adorning its front yard.



SECOND PLACE: The second OHHP place winner at 339 Lisa Marie Drive is filled with spooky décor and displays for the community to enjoy.



THIRD PLACE: The OHHP’s third-place winner, located at 225 Beechfield Crescent, had a Circus Tent theme with seven kids from the neighbourhood, spanning from grades three to 10, providing scares to people passing by.

Winners announced for 6th Annual Orangeville Hallowe’en Haunt Patrol

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

The 6th Annual Orangeville Hallowe’en Haunt Patrol (OHHP) concluded over the weekend, and the results are in.

Taking first place this year is 118 Church Street, which has previously seen success in the OHHP contest. The property was named second place last year and first place in 2023.

In second place is 339 Lisa Marie Drive, which has been on the OHHP’s Top 10 List for the past three years, but it’s the property’s first time making the top 3 winning spot.

In third place is 225 Beechfield Crescent, which made the Top 10 List for the first time this year.

The President’s Pick, which is decided by OHHP organizer Michelle Hartley, is 170/172 Lisa Marie Drive. This property received first place in 2022 and an honourable mention in 2024.

Going forward, Hartley said OHHP is enacting a new rule: the first-place winner will not be on the Top 10 List the following year but will be featured as “Display #11,” encouraging people to still visit. The first-place home can be considered again the following year for the Top 10 List.

Hartley said in future years the list will stay at 10 addresses, with no plans of expanding it to 15 or 20.

Wendy Edwards, who owns 225 Beechfield Crescent, this year’s second-place winner, told the Citizen she and her husband have always decorated a little bit for Hallowe’en but began getting more serious about it five years ago. This was around the time Hartley launched OHHP.

After seeing OHHP’s Facebook page and annual contest, Edwards said she realized her family wasn’t alone in its love for scary décor and celebrating Hallowe’en.

“The fact that we made it on the list of

places to visit in Orangeville this time of year was incredible but even more exciting was that we made it to the top 10 decorated yards in town,” Edwards said. “We were thrilled because it brought so many more people to our home to enjoy the spirit of Hallowe’en. Since then, we have always made it to the top 10 and have been hosting hundreds of people, not only for Hallowe’en night, but in the weeks leading up to the big day. In our quest to continue to be on the top 10 list we started planning next year’s display while this year is still active!”

The People’s Choice Award is still being decided by a public vote, and it’s not too late to choose a home. Any Display in Orangeville can be nominated, and each person gets one vote on the OHHP Facebook page. The winner of this award will also receive a box of frozen meat from Déjà vu Diner.

While it’s not a Hallowe’en display, a house on Third Street in Orangeville has

two large blue lit-up signs that read, “I Want It All” and “Go Jays” – cheering on the Toronto team as it competes for the World Series.

Also showing team spirit for the Toronto Blue Jays is 40 Cameron Court, which had Games 1 and 2 of the World Series streaming in their front yard for people to enjoy on Friday, Oct. 24, and Saturday, Oct. 25.

Also on Saturday evening, when the Top 10 List of houses was judged by a panel of community judges, OHHP collected 103 lbs of food for the Orangeville Food Bank. The top three winning houses are still collecting food on their own this weekend.

The OHHP Facebook Page, where the Top 10 List and updates are shared, gained 500 followers during spooky season, bringing the total to roughly 2,500.

Anyone interested in keeping up to date with OHHP can find the page at “Orangeville Hallowe’en Haunt Patrol.”



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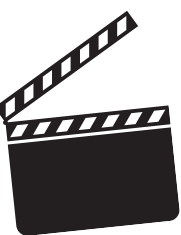
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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chris Hadfield touches down in Orangeville to talk space and new book

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville brought Canadian space icon Chris Hadfield to the Opera House on Sunday (Oct. 26) to talk about his new novel, *Final Orbit*, part three of his Apollo Murders series.

Set in 1957, amongst the backdrop of the Cold War space race, *Final Orbit* follows a joint mission between three NASA astronauts and three cosmonauts. Kaz Zemeckis, a flight controller based on Earth, listens. Something goes horribly wrong, and three of the crew die in a mysterious accident. Amongst the chaos and confusion, a third power from the east is rising, as China sends its first man into space.

"It's been very delightful to have been able to release a book into the wild," he said. "It was a domesticated animal for a long time, and it feels wonderful to see how many people are enjoying it."

Hadfield has enjoyed writing his whole life, starting with short stories as a teenager. Going into his early 20s, he wrote for an underground newspaper. But he said he was holding off on writing anything until he felt he had accumulated enough experience.

"When I was a brand-new astronaut, I was approached to write a biography, to which I said, 'a biography? I haven't done anything yet,'" he said. "I wanted to get to a stage in my life where I had done enough things and maybe gained enough perspective that it was worth writing."

He was eventually asked to write an introduction to Ray Bradbury's classic sci-fi novel, *The Martian Chronicles*, which led a UK-based publisher to suggest he try writing fiction. This led to Hadfield writing *The Apollo Murders* series, which applied what he had learned speaking to crowds during his career as an astronaut.

"Once I got selected as an astronaut, and because Canada has almost no astronauts, you have to go out and speak a lot," he said. "People want to hear stories about space that are cool. But they also want to hear the 'why?' and 'How does this apply to me?'. I learned more and more about what's useful and how to tell a story that's memorable."

"If I tell you facts and figures of a space shuttle, you won't remember them. But if I tell you what it was like to fly one, and slip in some facts, you might remember them."

This approach has paid off well for Hadfield's launch into fiction. His series has earned critical acclaim for its approach to science fiction, and here in town, Theatre Orangeville sold out tickets for his event well in advance.

Hadfield is just the first of many incoming authors to be hosted at Theatre Orangeville as part of Authors on Stage, a series created in collaboration with BookLore.

"This special series is more than an evening with acclaimed authors; it's a community collaboration that champions local arts and culture," said Theatre Orangeville in a statement. "Together, BookLore and Theatre Orangeville are uniting literature and live theatre in support of our New Play Development (NPD) Fund,"

"Every ticket purchased directly contributes to nurturing Canadian playwrights and helping bring new stories to life on our stage through workshops and commissions," the statement added.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

DISCUSSING NEW BOOK: Chris Hadfield (right), astronaut, musician and writer, hopes to inspire a continued wonder of space, with a touch of a thrill, as he releases his third book in his ongoing Apollo Murders series, *Final Orbit*.

Explore the stories behind Dufferin County's Great War memorial at upcoming library event

In recognition of Remembrance Day, the Orangeville Public Library invites the community to a special Expert in the Library presentation. On Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., learn about the lives and stories of those who are honoured by the Dufferin County Memorial to the Fallen of the Great War.

Lieutenant Colonel Ron Alkema (retired)

will share the remarkable history of the Orangeville cenotaph in Alexandra Park and the stories of local soldiers and officers whose names are inscribed upon it.

This engaging talk offers a meaningful opportunity to learn more about Dufferin County's contributions to the First World War and to reflect on the enduring importance of re-

membrance.

The program is opened to participants aged 16 and older.

As part of its work to recognize Remembrance Day and honour the local heroes who served our country, the Tales on the Trail installation at Island Lake will once again share the stories of Dufferin County veterans.

In partnership with Credit Valley Conservation and the Museum of Dufferin, throughout November, the storywalk will feature photographs and text for the community to learn about this important part of our history.

Registration is required for the Nov. 6 event at orangevillelibrary.ca/ExpertsEvents



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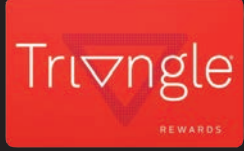
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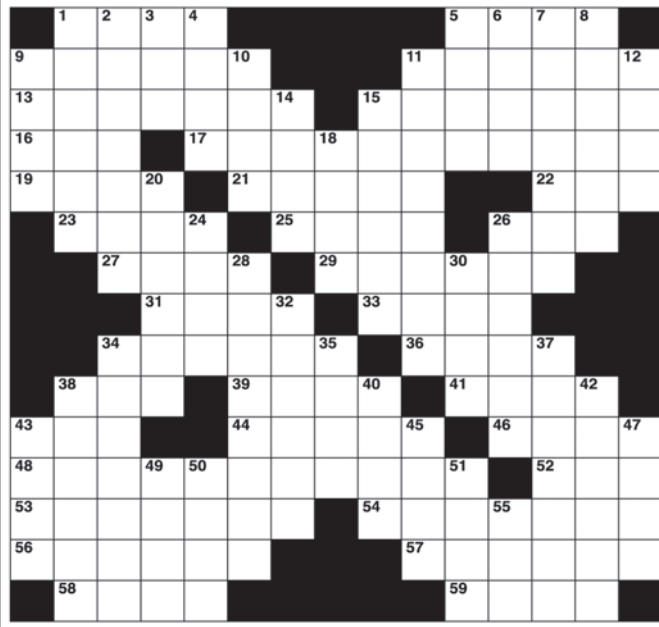
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1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. There's one for the "world"
11. Loved Romeo
13. Sticky situation
15. Pelvic areas
16. An informal debt instrument
17. Cannot be repaired surgically
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. Sound unit
23. ___ Sagan, astronomer
25. Utah city
26. A disappointing effort
27. Steal goods during a riot

29. Wakes up
31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded
34. Looked intensely
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
38. A type of cast
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Having had the head cut off
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. Dennis is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Students' exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave
2. Act of awakening
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. Long, mournful lamentation
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Decreases
18. Indicates beside
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. College students' ultimate goal
28. Amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. US government entity
34. Swinish
35. Legislative body in Russia
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Picnic invaders
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient person of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

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



English: Costume
Spanish: Disfraz
Italian: Costume
French: Costume
German: Kostüm

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between these pictures.



Answers: 1. Extra spiders on counter 2. Eye is different in Jack-o'-lantern in back 3. Bow in girl's hair is missing 4. Bat on window



DECEIVE

cause to believe something that is not true

Orangeville Jazz Society returning to the Opera House for big band performance

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

“A *tribute to Sinatra and Basie*” is the title of the Orangeville Jazz Society Big Band’s upcoming performance when it returns to Orangeville Opera House. Singer John Amato will return as well for this concert, on Friday, Nov. 7.

“We’re actually playing with the same instruments that musicians were playing years ago. These are the same vintage instruments, so that we’re recreating that feeling. We rarely get to experience that great music,” said Ryan Grist, who provides artistic direction to the big band.

“That’s what we’re striving to show: here are the foundations of the music we’re listening to today.”

Expanding a bit, Grist explained how some vintage instruments have appreciated significantly, like the Selmer Saxophone VI from the mid-50s to mid-70s. Grist’s teacher told him that he bought one and paid \$400 at the time. Now vintage, they sell for \$15,000 to \$20,000 depending on their condition, because they have a certain sound; everyone wanted one because of the sound, a sort of mystique around them.

It has been interesting for this community of musicians to assemble, to thoughtfully choose so many songs, as Grist reflected. Following a highly successful performance at the Blues and Jazz Festival in June, they were eager to do it again.

At \$25 per ticket, they kept the price reasonable to keep it accessible. The Orangeville Jazz Society has been playing in Orangeville for over a decade.

“We really want kids to come to hear what it actually sounded like,” Grist commented.

“In the face of AI, we wanted to play music that is real; this music has been around for 70 years. This is the power of the Big Band.”

Although it was wonderful to be in the Opera House during the Blues and Jazz Festival, it was a tight timeline of just one hour. With this tribute, there is more time to set up and play a full concert, with an intermission. The band members want everyone to have a nice, solid time: a good experience, a high-value experience.

Grist’s first time playing in a big band was listening to hip hop, and then he went right into Louis Armstrong. He loved the feel of the phrasing and the stories the songs told.

“Our ambition first and foremost is about the music – to aim at the finest quality,” he said. “When we come together, we really up our game – we are so much better because we are dedicated to make this show really good.”

They also want to reach the younger crowd, who may not be aware of it, and show them that experience.

While Amato is the headliner for this concert, Ryan Hancock of Campfire Poets is also singing.

Grist added. “He understands the importance of nuance. He loves jazz too. Jazz has that universality.”

Jazz is an oral specific genre. There are things that can’t be written but listened to and understood.

One thing that happened at the last concert was a surprise. When Grist introduced Amato, when Amato took the mic and sang the opening word, “more” spontaneously, the whole audience applauded.

Without any doubt, Grist is clear, “There is a nuance to phrasing and delivering the story. If you had a big band, this is the guy you would want to sing it. He sings the music but he is still his own man. He loves this repertoire and he sings with other big bands. But he comes to sing with us here in Orangeville.”

It is about the journey. The band members want to be a presence in the community and



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PREPARING FOR TRIBUTE CONCERT: The Orangeville Jazz Society Big Band is preparing for its upcoming concert at the Orangeville Opera House on Nov. 7. The band will be performing a tribute concert with music from Frank Sinatra and William Basie.

do more things like this.

With a few words about the concert, pianist extraordinaire Nicholas Mustapha, who is performing, said, “What matters when you have that many top jazz musicians on stage in Orangeville, to play big band is very exciting to do. It sounds exactly like the records.”

Mustapha introduced Amato to Ryan Grist and the band for their concert last year.

He explained, “John Amato was in the same school as I was and we had done some shows in the city. He knew all the arrangements. So, I asked him, ‘would you like to come to Orangeville to sing?’”

For Mustapha, he loves the level of the band’s excellence, noting, “A big band is different. It matters how well you can play with the rest of the band. A full big band, with all the big band bits, Jazz is like a map that’s not entirely laid out.

“This is the big band that can play it.”

Grist also made the point that while many people can sing this material, not everyone can pull it off and do justice to the nuance and phrasing that Sinatra delivered, all while maintaining their own sound.

And John Amato does it – beautifully.

Tickets for *A Tribute to Sinatra and Basie* on Friday, Nov. 7, can be purchased at orangevillejazzsociety.com.

Caledon Townhall Players presents the world premiere of ‘Bending the Truth’ by Londos D’Arrigo

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Many great, very funny plays explore an awkward situation. “Bending the Truth” by Londos D’Arrigo is no exception. This is the World Premier for the Caledon Townhall Players (CTHP), opening Nov. 8 and over the two weekends to Nov. 15.

Simon is a struggling writer – blocked and blue for years – and Kate is his long-suffering wife. Their finances are waning, and their house is run-down in a neighbourhood to match. They cannot afford anything and sometimes look for creative ways to earn some money.

How creative Simon was one day, 20 years ago, is captured in that awkward moment when a young man knocks on the door and announces he

is Simon’s son, Trevor.

How could this be? Simon reluctantly admits to having made “a donation” for money to the Bundle of Joy Fertility Clinic – yes, while he and Kate were married but childless.

Director Rose Brown remarked, “Simon is happy to meet his son who has ‘showed up ready cooked,’ as an old saying goes. Kate is not happy, but Trevor was living in his car, trying just to find his father.”

Trevor tells them he learned Simon’s identity from the fertility clinic — but how, Kate asks. Still, they could not send Simon’s own son away, so in he comes to live with them. Between Trevor’s sloppiness and who he is, the comic dialogue is raised.

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TAKING THE STAGE: Left to right: Kevin Wrycroft (Simon Bridgewell), Joanne Hopkinson (Kate Bridgewell), and Paul Bryant (Trevor) star in “Bending the Truth” by Londos D’Arrigo. The world premier opens Nov. 8 and shows run until Nov. 15.





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Surf trip goes awry in new thriller book by local author, ‘Carried Away’

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For those who are seeking a book that offers some soul-searching and scary thrills, Orangeville author T.J. Derry has you covered with his upcoming novel, *Carried Away*.

Set amongst the backdrop of Indonesia, we find our protagonist, Cole. Feeling disillusioned with his current life in New York and looking for purpose and direction, he takes a trip to Indonesia to reset and perhaps find new meaning in life.

While there, he grows accustomed to a fun, fast-paced life. Eager to keep the excitement going, he takes a surf trip to a remote location with some friends, only for things to go horrifically wrong. The sea begins to recede, and confusion turns to horror as a tsunami bears down on Cole’s group.

Stranded, injured, and with no immediate help coming, Cole’s world is flipped inside out as a fun surfing trip turns into a harrowing fight for survival. What might have seemed like a mundane, boring life in New York might just become a fond memory in this perilous story of meaning and survival.

Penned by T.J. Derry, he was inspired to write this book because of his constant work travels.

“Sort of the reason that I wrote this book is because, at one point, I was traveling a lot for my job as a filmmaker, and I was tired of looking at the backs of chairs on airplanes,” he said. “I wanted to find a book that I could resonate with, and that I’d be interested in reading. I just couldn’t find anything that felt right, so I thought that it might be an interesting thing to try and write the book.”

He also wanted to write a book that doesn’t have a deeper meaning than what is

presented in the plot. He wanted to capture the spirit of adventure and the inner experience the characters go through, and connect with the reader.

Making the transition from filmmaking to writing also proved to be a unique challenge. Derry was forced to restructure his approach to writing. Normally, a filmmaker can describe a scene, and then have actors on camera act it out. For *Carried Away*, however, there are no actors, just pages, and Derry had to reinvent his writing to describe the scenes he was writing for in vivid detail to paint a picture.

“If I was writing a scene about a car, for example, I would say, exterior day, man drives and talks on the phone, and the lighting, actors, and stuff would fill in the blanks,” he said. “Whereas in a book, you’re talking about the temperature of the air, the smell, that kind of thing. Or maybe the coffee that’s steaming up. And then you have to decide whether the writing will be in first or third person, so that was an adjustment.”

Despite all of this, Derry was able to write a story that should resonate with many readers who might be feeling a little lost in life. He described it as the plight of the westerner, hailing from a safe and stable country, but the routine, structured, and safe nature of life can get to be too much for some people. They start to feel stuck, with nothing interesting in their minds to do.

Derry wanted this book to tell a story that helps put those thoughts into practice, and to remind people that maybe the life they have now might not be so bad, and to cherish it.

Carried Away launches on Nov. 11. Interested readers can find order information on the *Carried Away* website, readcarriedaway.com.



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STRANDED STORY: Orangeville author T.J. Derry is releasing his first book, *Carried Away*, on Nov. 11.

Caledon Townhall Players presents the world premiere of ‘Bending the Truth’ by Londos D’Arrigo

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There came a last-minute chance for an interview with Londos D’Arrigo to talk about his life in comedy and how thrilled he is to see this play coming up at the CTHP.

D’Arrigo travelled with the indomitable Phyllis Diller when she performed at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto and elsewhere.

“She was my mentor,” D’Arrigo told the Citizen. “She taught me a lot. Not many people are that generous. I retained a relationship with her for many years. How I met her – she was performing at the O’Keefe Centre [Meridian Hall]. I took her some jokes that I wrote, and she called me within the hour.

She kept my jokes in the act for many years.”

He commented that he is still writing plays. CTHP are very supportive, and D’Arrigo loves coming to the theatre to see them.

With his plays being produced all over North America, he said, “I am living my ambition. I worked hard to get to where I am. Those years working for Joan Rivers and Lily Tomlin as well as Phyllis, I never knew what was next and that was great for me!”

Phyllis told him what to do in comedy and what not to do. The comedienne started so late in life, as D’Arrigo related. She had children and a life before comedy, and she was really grounded.

Back to Brown directing the play, who

said, “The play centres on the three characters. Simon has been struggling for a long time but before it’s too late, along comes Trevor.”

Brown is pleased to say rehearsals are going really well; the actors are getting into their characters. At first, Trevor appears almost as a gangster, but perhaps appearances are deceiving, and we will have to come to see the play and discover for ourselves.

Personally, a contrast to his character, Paul Bryant, as Trevor also looks much younger than he is in this play, so Brown hinted.

Joanne Hopkinson [as Kate] is happy to be back. When she got the part of Kate, she and Kevin Wrycroft, as Simon, struck it up really

well.

“Kevin is very large, portly,” Brown described him. “And Kate is a toothpick. They’re great comedy together as this couple.”

Bending the Truth is set in modern times, entirely in the front room, which is also the dining room and Simon’s office.

Come and see the world premiere of “Bending the Truth” by Londos D’Arrigo.

Rose Brown promises: “It’s very funny and the actors are amazing!”

“There is a real twist to the ending,” she said.

Tickets are on sale now at caledontownhallplayers.com/online-ticket-orders/ or by calling 519-927-5460.

Public notice

Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendment

An application has been submitted to amend the Official Plan and zoning bylaw for this property. The proposed land-use change would allow for a residential townhouse condominium.

What’s being proposed

- Five-storey stacked townhouses, 120 units
- 132 vehicle parking spaces
- 124 bicycle parking spaces

Application details

File number: OPZ-2025-01

Location of subject lands: 9, 11, 13 and 15 Amanda Street

Official Plan amendment request: to redesignate the property from ‘Low Density Multiple’ and ‘Open Space Conservation’ to ‘High Density Residential’ and ‘Open Space Conservation’.

Zoning bylaw amendment request: to rezone the property from ‘Residential Second Density (R2)’ and ‘Open Space Conservation (OS2)’ to ‘Multiple Residential High Density (RM2)’ and ‘Open Space Conservation (OS2)’.



Subject property map

Learn more and share feedback

Public meeting

Date: November 24, 2025

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 87 Broadway

Watch online: orangeville.ca/YouTube

Meeting agenda to be posted by November 20, 2025.

How to participate

- learn how to speak at a council meeting at orangeville.ca/SpeakUp
- to attend via Zoom visit the meeting agenda at orangeville.ca/Meetings

Submit written comments

Send comments before the meeting using the contact information provided. All feedback becomes part of the public record.

For more information

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact

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Alexandra Scott ready for return to Shelburne Art Gallery

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

The Town of Shelburne is set to host local artistic talent this month, as Orangeville high schooler Alexandra Scott has another exhibition scheduled: AS Designs II.

Scott, now in Grade 12 at a high school in Orangeville, is looking to expand her existing skill set and projects. Scott mainly uses acrylic and watercolour, and her creations are usually reflections of emotion, experience, and abstraction.

All of her pieces draw inspiration from per-

sonal experience and her everyday life, seeking to offer viewers emotional connecting experiences.

The Town of Shelburne is looking forward to having her back at the gallery.

“The Town of Shelburne is thrilled to welcome back Alexandra Scott for her second solo exhibit, *AS Designs II*, at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery,” said Melissa Kenney, communications coordinator for the Town of Shelburne. “Now in Grade 12 at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville, she continues to demonstrate a remarkable evolution in her artistic voice, blending bold design elements with

thoughtful expression.”

“AS Designs II builds on her previous exhibit, offering viewers a look into her creative journey and the themes that have inspired her.”

The exhibit will open to the public on Nov. 3 and run until Nov. 21. The gallery will be open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A public reception for the exhibit will also be held on Nov. 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Town of Shelburne is encouraging the public to come out and view Scott’s latest exhibit to support local artistic talent.

“This exhibit reflects our ongoing commit-

ment to supporting emerging artists and fostering creativity within our community,” said Kenney. “The Town of Shelburne continues to champion local arts initiatives that celebrate diversity, youth engagement, and artistic excellence.”

“We invite residents and visitors alike to experience this exhibit and support the next generation of artists,” Kenney added.

For more information on the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery and more upcoming exhibits, further details can be found at shelburne.ca/explore-and-play/arts-and-culture/shelburne-town-hall-art-gallery/upcoming-ex

Haunt in the Park 2025 brings Halloween fright to KTH Manufacturing

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

For those with a love of scares and those with the stomach for it, the Little Family’s annual Haunt in the Park is once again looking to distribute frights in 2025.

Hosted as always by the Little family, the event is free for everyone to attend, and they ask for donations for the local food bank. For years, the Haunt has provided much-needed donations of non-perishables and financial support to the Shelburne Food Bank.

Carola Little, an organizer of the annual event, said that no matter the size, accessibility will always remain a core component of the Haunt.

“The Little family has been putting on the Haunt in Shelburne for 32 years, and we started off very small,” she said. “But we’ve expanded a lot over the years, and since 2015, we’ve been at Fiddle Park. We’ve kept it free for the past three decades, so that anybody could enjoy it without prejudice. It’s fully accessible for wheelchairs and strollers as well.”

The space is massive for a local haunted house this year. Hosted at KTH Shelburne

Manufacturing for the first time, while Fiddle Park undergoes redevelopment, the space is 6,000 square feet. Little said that they’ve made quick use of the space.

“It’s 6,000 square feet, and we’ve filled it up with about 60 volunteers as live actors spread throughout the building,” she said. “There’s a lot to see, and we’ve prepared plenty of easter eggs for people to enjoy. We’ve got Fallout, for fans of the games or the show, we have Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Seville, and of course, we pay homage to the classic 80s horror movies, the beloved classics.”

Little said that while all of this remains free for the public to enjoy, they encourage visitors to bring donations to the food bank, which the Haunt supports every year.

Last year, the event raised 300 pounds of food and \$2,500 in financial support, which helped the Shelburne Food Bank bridge the gap when it’s busiest – between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

“They have been great supporters of ours for years; they absolutely love what we do,” Little said. “We have been supporting the food bank for I think 20 years now, and we have no intentions of stopping. We love hav-

ing that community spirit. We even have our logo on their van.”

The Haunt will be running next week as well, with the penultimate night being Halloween. Little is encouraging everyone to come early to ensure they have a chance to go through, as last year, the turnout was so massive that they had to turn visitors away. Should the frights become a little too much to handle, the Haunt has plenty of extra exits available.

For more information on Haunt in the Park, visit hauntinthepark.com.



WE HAVE FUN PHOTOGRAPHY TERRORS AND SCARERS: Community volunteers or ghoulish monsters? Haunt in the Park returned over the weekend (Oct. 24-25). This year, Haunt in the Park is being held at KTH Manufacturing while the regular venue, Fiddle Park, undergoes redevelopment.

Stop signs removed and vandalized in Amaranth Township, investigation ongoing

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

Dufferin OPP officers are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying individuals responsible for stealing and vandalizing road signs throughout Amaranth.

Over the past week, Amaranth Township staff have observed a disturbing increase in missing or damaged road signs, including stop signs. Removing or tampering with these signs is not only a criminal offence, but it also puts every road user at serious risk.

“This isn’t a harmless prank. Stealing a road sign can be the difference between life and death. No sign is worth putting on your garage wall or cashing in for scrap metal. Have some respect for your community,” reads a press release from the Dufferin OPP.

If you have any information or surveillance footage that could help identify those involved, please contact the Dufferin OPP at (519) 925-3838 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also submit tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at www.crimestopperssdm.com or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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**Accepting Applications:
Town Committees**

The Council for the Town of Mono is accepting applications from individuals interested in being appointed as a member of the following committees for the remainder of the 2022 – 2026 Term of Council. Applications will be accepted until **November 14, 2025** by applying online at www.bit.ly/twnapplication.

Climate Action Committee

NEW!

This is a new committee created on October 14, 2025. The committee provides advice to Council to advance the implementation of the priority climate initiatives detailed in the Mono Community Climate Action Plan (MCCAP): Climate actions to empower the community, climate actions for new & existing buildings, climate actions for sustainable transportation methods, and climate actions for environmental protection. This committee will develop and prepare programs and materials to educate residents, collaborate with Dufferin County on its Climate Action Plans, develop a Town and Community Climate Change Report Card, and more.

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

Provides advice and recommendations to council to help ensure that council applies a diversity, equity and inclusion lens to its policies, services, programs and practices.

Recreation Advisory Committee

Provides support to Town recreation events and activities. Members of this committee both attend committee meetings and volunteer at community events.

For further information, please visit www.bit.ly/twncom

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SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOWS: Pink Day came to Westside Secondary School on Friday, Oct. 24, with a jam-packed school assembly, filled with fun activities for students and teachers. Everyone in attendance was dressed in pink, hair was buzzed, and teachers took ties to the face to raise funds for Breast Cancer Canada. Westside's fundraising efforts through Pink Day since 2004 has now surpassed \$200,000. Tug-of-war, bottle toss and other fun activities were enjoyed by all.



Dufferin County invites residents to be FoodWise to preserve produce this fall

Dufferin County is calling on residents to be FoodWise this fall.

“The average Canadian household throws away about \$125 worth of food per month,” said Melissa Kovacs Reid, manager of waste services at Dufferin County. “Most of this food waste consists of healthy fruits and vegetables that could have been eaten. We’re calling on our community to be FoodWise

this fall by learning how to store your produce so that you waste less food in your household and save more money in the process!”

Here are storage tips from the County for the top six produce items that go to waste:

- Apples: Store apples in the fridge and keep them separate from other fruits and vegetables.

- Bananas: Leave bananas on the counter. Keep them away from other fruits and vegetables.

- Cucumbers: Store cucumbers in the fridge and place them in a crisper drawer set to high humidity. It’s best to store them loose.

- Grapes: Grapes are best stored in the fridge. Place them in a sealed container and

only wash them when you’re ready to eat them.

- Lettuce: Keep lettuce in the fridge. Make sure to remove any bands and ties. Place it in a container lined with a damp towel before putting it in the fridge.

- Potatoes: Store potatoes in a cupboard or pantry. Keep them loose or put them in a mesh bag. Keep them separate from onions.

Public notice

Intent to pass a by-law to remove a Holding (H) zone symbol

The Town of Orangeville has received an application to amend Zoning By-law no. 22-90, as amended, to remove a Holding (H) Zone Symbol from the subject lands, pursuant to Sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act

What’s being proposed

The purpose of this application is to allow future construction of residential homes to proceed within a draft-approved plan of subdivision known as the “Edgewood Valley Phase 2B Plan”.

Application details

File number: RZH-2025-01

Location of subject lands: West of the Mason Street and Meyer Drive residential area

Zoning bylaw amendment request: The subject lands are zoned Residential Fourth Density (R4) and Residential Medium Density (RM1), with special provisions and a Holding (H) Zone Symbol. The Holding (H) Symbol means development allowed in the R4 and RM1 zones cannot happen until all conditions required to remove the Holding (H) Symbol have been met.

This application request is to amend the subject land zoning by removing the Holding (H) symbol. This request must demonstrate the requirements for removal have been met. Council may make a decision to pass a bylaw to remove the Holding (H) Symbol no earlier than the November 10 meeting.



Subject property map

Learn more and share feedback

Council meeting

Date: November 10, 2025

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 87 Broadway

Watch online: orangeville.ca/YouTube

Meeting agenda to be posted by November 6, 2025.

How to participate

- learn how to speak at a council meeting at orangeville.ca/SpeakUp
- to attend via Zoom visit the meeting agenda at orangeville.ca/Meetings

Submit written comments

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Caledon Village Association and Agricultural Society bring Halloween to the Fairgrounds

Written By **RILEY MURPHY**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Halloween activities are now in full swing in Caledon, and Caledon Village is no different, as attendees descended on the fairgrounds dressed to the nines in costume last weekend.

The Caledon Village Association (CVA), along with the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), hosted Halloween on the Fairgrounds for the community.

The event not only provided fun for all

Missing 13-year-old found safe

Dufferin Ontario Provincial (OPP) issued a press release on Oct. 28 at 4:30 p.m., seeking the public's and media partners' assistance in locating a missing 13-year-old male, last seen on Wellington Road in Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP issued a statement notifying the public on Oct. 29 that the previously missing 13-year-old male from Orangeville has been located safe.

but also helped raise vital funds for the CAS community centre capital campaign.

CAS is on a mission to raise \$3 million to build a community centre on the Caledon Fairgrounds for all of northwest Caledon.

Fiorina Neher, with CVA, says they teamed up with the Agricultural Society to bring more events to the community and raise funds for the building.

Over 20 years ago, CAS held Halloween on the Fairgrounds, and CVA thought it was time to bring it back.

Melissa Little, Secretary for CAS, says the event was initially intended to raise awareness of their grounds and provide a space for kids and youth in their community.

Neher says her goal last year was to bring it back, and this year they achieved that.

She said that when planning the event, they considered not only how to make it safe for the community, but also how to raise funds for the centre.

Everything at the event was free that day, with donations accepted for the community centre capital campaign.

Kate Hepworth, President of CVA, says that through these types of community events, they hope to build the community

around them.

"It's about bringing the community together, in order to help build on the community that's here," added Neher.

Hepworth says that the community really stepped up to support them.

Coffee Time and Spirit Tree donated food and drinks; the Caledon Lions Club was gave out hot dogs; and community partners had set up multiple booths.

BrightStart Caledon, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, and the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) group were all participating in the event that day, handing out candy and providing education to attendees.

At the CCRSA awareness booth, they had a driving simulator, and Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski from CCRSA says that the Halloween event was the perfect opportunity to bring it by.

Palkowski says they were explaining that so many in the community are surrounded by trucks and other large vehicles, and that this simulator provides the opportunity to see not only what it is like to drive next to them, but also what it's like to be the driver of one.

Not only is the simulator for adults to try and see how cautious they should be, she says, but also for younger and newer drivers.

"We'd love for the younger generation who are here today to try it so that we start getting it into their brains and into their minds that it's safety first, and a car is not a right, it's a privilege to drive. They need to learn the rules of the road and start instilling that kind of message today in their minds that they need to be safe," she says.

"Hopefully we can get as many residents as possible into the simulator so they drive safer," says Palkowski.

The event featured various games, a frightening haunted maze, fun music, and pumpkin carving.

Margo Browne attended with her daughters, Melanie and Hannah, who were both hard at work in perfecting their pumpkin designs.

Browne says she saw the event and thought it would be a fun way to spend the day.

As attendees gathered around the fire or shivered their way through the spooky maze, it's safe to say the event was a great success.

Dufferin OPP remove Toronto driver off Highway 10 in Melancton, lay impaired driving charge

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged a Toronto resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic stop.

On Oct. 22, 2025, shortly before 9:30 p.m., officers were conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 10 in the Township of Melancton when they observed a northbound vehicle committing several traffic infractions. Dufferin OPP officers from B Platoon conducted a traffic stop.

Officers observed signs of impairment, and an impaired driving investigation was initiated.

Aly Malik, a 32-year-old male from Toronto, has been charged with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence has been suspended, and the vehicle has been impounded.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, taxi, ride-share, public transit, or stay overnight. Even small amounts of alcohol or drugs can impair your judgment. In a split second, you could ruin your future, harm or kill others, and cause deep pain to those who love you," reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

"Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive

and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities."

If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Shine N' Drive hosts Caledon's first Haunted Tunnel Car Wash with fright filled fun for participants

Written By **RILEY MURPHY**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For the first time, Caledon will experience a haunted tunnel car wash.

Hosted by Shine N' Drive, the "Scream N' Drive" will allow Caledon residents to drive through their fright-filled tunnel as animatronics, scare actors, fog, and lights transform the car wash into a haunted experience.

years, they changed their business to better meet Caledon's needs.

A former Bolton resident, Manager Jagnoor Grewal says they spent years turning it into the car wash residents see today.

And now, they've transformed it yet again into the spook-tacular haunted car wash.

Shine N' Drive shared the event is designed to be spooky and exciting, but not terrifying.

Those seeking a little extra thrill can ask for the "scary" option at check-in, and keep their windows down or unlock their doors for extra frights.

Each ticket includes one ultimate ceramic shine wash, entry to the haunted tunnel experience, a Halloween goody bag, and a chance to win 10 free washes.

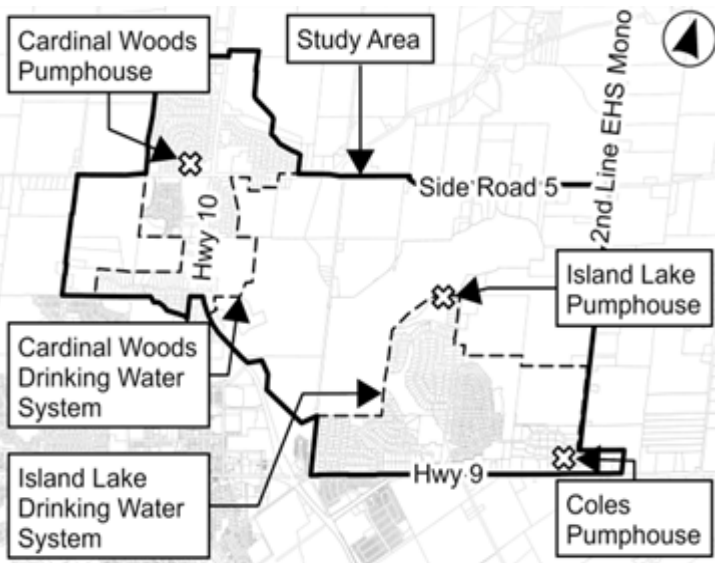
Tickets are available for purchase online, as well as at the door but are limited.

Town of Mono Water Supply Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Commencement

The Study:
The Town of Mono has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study (MCEA) to evaluate options for improvements to its water supply, with consideration of planned and approved growth in the Town. Options for improvements will consider concentrations of arsenic in raw water supplies in the study area.

The Process:
The Study will follow Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (Municipal Engineers Association, February 2024), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study will evaluate and recommend solutions in consultation with the public, Indigenous Nations, and agencies. At the conclusion of the Study, the process will be documented in a Project File Report (PFR), prepared for public review.

Your Input is Important!
The Town would like to ensure that anyone interested in this Study has the opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of the project. At this time, the Town is inviting public input on local issues and the alternatives being considered. Information about the project can be found at: townofmono.com/news-events/water-supply. The website will be updated with project information as it becomes available throughout the study.



To submit a comment or question, or if you would like to be added to the Project Contact List to receive future project notices, please contact:

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Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Personal information provided through public comment is collected by the Town of Mono in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, and will be used by the Town in making decisions on this Project. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk's office at: clerksoffice@townofmono.com 347209 Mono Centre Road, Mono, ON L9W 6S3 (519) 941-3599.

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Sledge hockey program launches at Alder Recreation Centre

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It is a sport that allows people with disabilities to get out on the ice and play some hockey.

Sledge hockey has been around for a while, and thanks to a local player and the Orangeville Accessibility Committee, the sport is now available in Orangeville.

Sledge hockey is played on a sledge with two skate blades beneath a seat. The players are strapped into their seats and use picks at the bottom of shortened hockey sticks to propel themselves across the ice.

The rules are pretty much the same as regular ice hockey; the notable exception is a penalty for ‘T-boning’ someone on the ice.

While T-boning is against the rules, it still happens, especially during competitive matches when skilled players make tight turns on the ice.

There are competitive leagues in different towns and cities in Ontario. Not all players are disabled. Some able-bodied individuals enjoy the sport as well. With everyone in a sledge, things on the ice even out.

Local resident Rob Jeffery, who has a prosthetic leg, was instrumental in bringing the sport to Orangeville.

“I did a small dry-land demonstration in front of the Accessibility Committee,” Jeffery explained. “After I had my leg amputated, I was still trying to find my way. I had friends, you become part of a community, and they said, ‘why don’t you come and play hockey?’ I looked up sledge hockey, and I came out to their games and thought ‘I could do that.’ It really brought me to the game that I loved as a kid.”

Jeffery had played hockey before, both at the minor and senior levels.

“I play in a league with the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association, it’s all across Ontario,” Jeffery said.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HOCKEY FOR ALL: The Town of Orangeville has purchased 10 sledges for people with disabilities to get out on the ice and have some fun. Sledge hockey is a growing sport across the province. Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews glides across the ice at the Alders Street Arena in Orangeville on Saturday, Oct. 25.

“They have different divisions, teams, and clubs. My team plays out of Markham.”

The Town took a real interest in sledge hockey as part of its efforts to make facilities and sports in the area accessible and inclusive.

The Town purchased 10 sledges, which are available for residents to use free of charge at the Alder Street Arena.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Councillor Joe Anderson, and Accessibility Committee members James Jackson and Rick Ugolini

formalized the launch of sledge hockey on Orangeville ice.

They gave members of the public a chance to try sledge hockey at a special announcement at the Alder Street Arena on Saturday, Oct. 25.

First-place Westside Thunder senior girls off to District 4 championship

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior girls basketball team is going to the District 4 championships after winning their semi-final game over the Raiders from Erin District High School in the gym at Westside on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The Thunder have had a stellar season, finishing in first place in the District with a 9-1 record.

They narrowly edged out Emmanuel Christian High School, which also finished the season with a 9-1 record.

Westside took the top spot on their points-for/points-against record.

In the semi-final, they took an early lead over Erin.

By halftime, the Thunder were ahead 23-12.

They increased their lead to 20 points by the end of the third quarter. When the buzzer sounded, the Thunder were leading 38-18.

The final score was 43-24, and the Westside girls earned a spot in the District championship final.

“I think defensively we were all playing

in the right positions and listening to our coach when he told us to adjust to a different formation or play,” said Thunder point guard Sabrina Bigler after the semi-final game.

“I think we worked as a team and worked hard as a team. On offence we were moving the ball really quickly, which broke them down.”

The team has a goal of winning the District championship, and they are taking it seriously.

“We will have two or three practices before the final,” Sabrina said. “It’s going to be a very competitive game.”

In the other District 4 semi-final game, the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles faced the third-place Centre Dufferin District High School Royals at ECHS on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The results of that game were not available at press time.

As the top seed, the Thunder will host the championship game at Westside’s gym.

The District 4 championship game will take place on Monday, Nov. 3.

The start time has not yet been announced.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ZIPPING INTO THE ZONE The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior girls’ basketball team takes on the Erin District High School Raiders during their District 4 semi-final playoff game in the gym at Westside on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The Thunder won the game 43-24 and will advance to the District 4 championship. Thunder point guard Sabrina Bigler takes the ball into the Erin zone during the third quarter of the semi-final game.



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OPINION

Jack Daniels and grape juice?

Six large glasses of water a day – or maybe it was eight.

That’s a theory someone came up with several years ago, about the amount of water your body needs to stay healthy.

It sort of made sense, because after all, you are about 60 per cent water.

That theory sparked the great plastic water bottle craze, with people always carrying a bottle of water. Have a drink while driving, have a drink at your desk, have a drink in the middle of a speech you are giving at the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo’s lodge meeting.

It became pretty normal.

I’m guessing the six glasses a day water theory was leaked to the media by a smart marketer at a water bottling company in an attempt to boost sales.

If so, it was one of the best marketing campaigns in history.

Sales of bottled water skyrocketed.

There was also a group of people who didn’t trust tap water. And yet, it turns out the bottled water they were drinking came from the municipal water supply in Mississauga.

When caught, the company that bottled

the tap water insisted it had a special filtration process that purified the water before bottling, even though the city already has rigorous standards to ensure it supplies clean drinking water to its citizens.

Either way, people were now paying for a bottle of water they could get by turning on the faucet at home.

The downside to the bottled water craze is that, for some reason, apparently a lot of people who drink bottled water never think to dispose of the bottle correctly.

Sure, everyone says they don’t throw the bottle away; however, there are billions and billions of water bottles lying in ditches, squashed in parking lots, blowing and tumbling across open areas, and creating a plastic storm in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

So, someone is lying about properly disposing of their plastic water bottle.

The funny thing is, after all the billions and billions of bottles of water sold to people who are trying to stay healthy, someone came up with a new theory of sorts.

It was reasoned that if your body needs water, you have an internal ‘gas gauge’ of sorts: you get thirsty.

There’s the actual science behind it all – if you feel thirsty, drink a glass of water and your feelings of thirst will go away!

If you don’t feel thirsty, your system is currently happy with the amount of water you have in your body.

I think the same people who came up with the six glasses of water a day theory may also have been behind the Coca-Cola scandal a few years ago.

The Coca-Cola company, out of the blue in 1985, – read here, several months, maybe years of planning – announced they were changing the formula of its soft drink and renaming it ‘the NEW Coke.’

Why in the world would you change the formula of your product that made it a huge global success, and has kept the company going for, at that time, around 100 years?

If you did decide to make a change, why announce it? Companies make subtle changes in their products all the time, but they don’t tell the public.

If the public likes it, they will keep buying it, even if they notice that a company is now using sugar grown on the south side of the island rather than the north side.

I tried the New Coke. Tasted pretty good to me, but slightly sweeter.

After the Coca-Cola company announced the New Coke, there was public outrage.

The company was receiving 1,500 letters of complaint per day, demanding that the original Coke formula be restored, and the story made international headlines.

Eventually, the original formula was restored, and all was well in the world of the best mix to go with your Jack Daniels!

It has been speculated in the years following the Great Coke Scandal that the company realized that the best way to make people want something is to take it away.

If that was their strategy, it worked. Coca-Cola is bigger than ever.

When it comes to keeping hydrated, I follow the Flintstones’ thoughts on H2O.

Barney: (After a scammer tried to sell him something.) “Hey Fred, what kind of water do you use?”

Fred: “There is only one kind of water – wet!”

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The coming crash

“The thing that comforts me,” said Jeff Boudier at Hugging Face, the leading open platform for AI builders, “is that the internet was built on the ashes of the over-investment into the telecom infrastructure of yesterday” during the dot.com boom of the late 1990s. The coming AI crash “is going to enable lots of great new products and experiences including ones we’re not thinking about today.”

Boudier’s optimism is charming, but note that he assumes this will all happen some years after the current AI-driven boom in global and especially American markets has crashed and burned, taking some of the ‘magnificent seven’ tech companies (Meta, Tesla, Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia) down with it.

Meanwhile ordinary folk will have to live through the post-Crash years one day at a time, and they may find it quite difficult.

Boudier’s promise, credible or not, is that the half-trillion dollars now being hurled at AI infrastructure – data centres, graphics processing units, land purchases, construction – will at least leave behind hardware that will serve the next AI boom in the 2030s.

Far too much money is being spent on long-odds bets that some new AI tech will appear that justifies the current ridiculously high level of investment, but only one of the magnificent seven can demonstrate that its product will ever make a profit. Nvidia is already making a very large profit – but its product is chips, which it sells mostly to the other six.

The seven together represent about a third of the stock on Standard & Poor’s Index, which tracks the stock performance of 500 leading American companies. When the Bubble bursts and at least some of them go down, therefore, they will probably take the whole market down with them at least in the US, and probably everywhere.

The Bubble (the word no longer requires explanation) is now expanding at a completely unsustainable rate. As Praetorian Capital Management CEO Harris Kupperman wrote in August, “Today I watch in awe

(stupefaction, really) as companies continue to throw endless resources at AI.”

“I really thought that the CEOs of today, educated with the lessons of the prior cycle [the crash in 2000 that ended the dot.com boom], would never repeat the mistake of overbuilding at massive scale without revenue. Yet, here we are again.”

Nobody in Silicon Valley is making rational calculations of Return on Investment any more. What drives the spending spree now is the conviction that really useful and profitable AI will magically emerge if you just scale up the computing power enough, and that the last companies standing will inherit the earth. Delusions of grandeur, in other words.

A run-of-the-mill stock market crash was getting overdue anyway – it’s been seventeen years since the last one (not counting Covid) – but the folly of the present boom may well make the crash deeper and the recovery slower than normal. The biggest players in the system are spending vast amounts of borrowed money on a technol-

ogy they don’t even fully understand.

There is definitely a hint of impending doom in the air. Stock market crashes are a feature of the system and normally just a major inconvenience, not a catastrophe (except for those who jumped too late). What further darkens the outlook is the already disordered environment in which the next one will be happening.

There are more and bigger wars than we have seen for decades, accompanied by a near-collapse of the international rule of law.

Donald Trump’s headlong assault on the established rules of international trade has made every agreement open to doubt.

The first plausible attempt is underway to end the US dollar’s monopoly as the global reserve currency and promote the Chinese yuan as a viable alternative, with the support of the BRICS group (China, India, Russia, Brazil, and six others).

We live in very unstable times.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



‘Just pencil it in...’

A person used to say, “We’ll just pencil that in ...” and it meant that a meeting or occasion was proposed but not necessarily set. I remembered it for no particular reason the other day and soon learned that it is, as I suspected, no longer in common use because digital has replaced the tentative with surety.

What seems like only recently, AI is now the first line of information for anything and everything one ever looks up: the AI Overview, talking to us like an old pal, condescending to us, treating us like children, permeating our lives.

We used to think that if it was in the paper, something published, it must be true, but there was far less published only a few years ago than there is now, and we know for sure that not everything that was and is published in the papers or shown to us on TV is true, correct, or trustworthy.

So much more now, we are awash with definitions and information with our mentor, AI dishing it out; with everyone in the universe, a device at their fingertips to “publish” information that is questionable, true, or an outright lie. Yet, our technology is deeply flawed because we are deeply flawed, and we continue to accept what we are with complacency.

Over the last, say, decade, the grandfathers of AI had started to warn us against developing AI too far, but the developers,

the machine learning techies, are too much in the grip of how clever they are and how amazingly clever they can make their machines, with strange voices that are worryingly more and more in charge while being absolutely soulless.

So, their warnings have been ignored, and maybe the grandfathers were paid to change their stance because, at some point, some of them were telling us not to worry about the artificially intelligent creatures we were building, that all would be well; they are useful tools. They will aid health workers with diagnoses and run our factories without the need for humans on the lines.

In a recent interview on the BBC program Newsnight, with Geoffrey Hinton, formerly vice-president of Google and acknowledged as one of the “Godfather of AI,” he was clear about not just the risks of AI “taking over” but the inevitability of it. The major reason for the cautious note from this formidable expert is that he blames the competitiveness of AI development worldwide.

“The competition increases the risks of not taking caution to control the development of AI,” Hinton told the interviewer, and stated categorically that there is an existential risk.

AI could decide to “take over.” That existential risk is true.

There are many fallacies about what AI understands. Chatbots, originally developed by Microsoft, are software programs that simulate human conversation to understand and respond in a conversational way, learning to sound more human over time.

Perforce, Google “had no choice” but to similarly develop its own Chatbot, Hinton said.

Hinton warns that AI is developing an understanding of how the brain works, which may exceed our own. It is the speed at which AI is learning on its own that worries him.

Governments are passing laws to restrain AI development, especially in the matter of the military, but there is no slowing the global competition for control through AI and what could become an arms race on a whole different level. So, as he says, “those laws have no teeth.”

Here, I am not qualified, nor do I know the language really to talk about AI. You can listen to Hinton’s fascinating interview with the link below, but be warned: what he has to say is difficult.

Probably, there is nothing we can do to stop the flood, but we can care about how humanity will benefit from and suffer because of the growing involvement and interference of AI in our lives.

Geoffrey Hinton is clear about the

increasing need for Basic Income in the inevitable face of job loss to AI. As he put it, the use of AI in workplaces will lead to greater profits, which will certainly not be shared by the very people who have been replaced but will go into the pockets of those reaping them.

Yet, not only is Basic Income more and more essential to lessening the level of poverty, but there is also the factor of self-respect in doing a job that is meaningful and earns a living, and that too will have to be addressed within society.

While AI is running the mechanical world before it takes over the artistic world, we can and should push back against that; I was recently invited to join a webinar on how to use AI to enhance fictional, etc. writing! Every publication warns against submitting AI tampered work – so the invitation was an insult and a mystery. I did not attend.

We can work as artists and patrons to remember that art is where we are at our best as humans. It is what defines us.

Remember: AI has no “soul” that spark in us that is in addition to our flesh and blood and brain.

AI can imitate but never aspire.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: Downtown Orangeville gears up for two festive weekends

Downtown Orangeville is set to sparkle brighter than ever this year with the return — and expansion — of the Joy + Lights Festival, a two-weekend celebration that brings the magic of the holiday season to life with twinkling lights, live entertainment, artisan shopping, family fun, and the unmistakable warmth of community spirit.

Whether you're a longtime local or visiting for the first time, the Joy + Lights Festival offers the perfect opportunity to step into a storybook setting filled with the sights, sounds, and flavours of the holidays.

The first weekend is Merry & Bright and creates a scene straight out of a Hallmark movie at The Very Merry Holiday Market on Second Street, Nov. 21 to 23 and Nov. 28 to 30. This open-air, European-style Christmas market transforms Second Street into a sparkling winter wonderland lined with wooden vendor stalls, glowing garlands, and a magnificent holiday tree.

Browse a curated selection of handcrafted, one-of-a-kind gifts and decorations from talented local artisans, sample mouthwatering seasonal treats, and enjoy live entertainment that fills the streets with festive cheer.

Warm up at the Fireside Sips Lounge, where you can enjoy mulled wine and craft beer, or simply stroll through the glowing



market with a hot cocoa in hand as the lights twinkle overhead. You may even be lucky enough to catch a gentle sprinkle of snow — the perfect finishing touch to a truly magical experience.

And don't forget to explore the downtown shops and cozy cafés that make Orangeville such a special destination. During the festival, you'll earn DOUBLE Joy Book stamps on your purchases at downtown shops — an extra reason to shop, savour, and soak up the spirit of the season.

Kick off the holiday season in true Orangeville style on Friday, Nov. 21, with the Annual Tree Lighting and Starlight Shopping night — a cherished local tradition that glows brighter every year.

The evening begins with live music and strolling light shows, followed by David Nairn's beloved reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas — a heartwarming moment that perfectly captures the nostalgia of the holidays. As the clock ticks closer to the main event, gather around with friends and family for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, featuring Santa and special guests.

After the tree is lit, Santa will stay to greet visitors on Mill Street while you wander through downtown's beautifully decorated streets. Enjoy festive caroling, peek into elaborately dressed shop windows, and make a dent in your holiday shopping list. Participating stores will be open late — and offering DOUBLE Joy Book stamps to make the evening even more rewarding.

Santa Claus is coming to town — and he's taking over Broadway! On Saturday, November 22nd, the Town of Orangeville's annual Santa Claus Parade, one of the most anticipated events of the season, will light up Broadway with dazzling floats, joyful characters, and of course, the jolly man in red himself.

Arrive early to catch pre-parade entertainment on Broadway, explore the shops, and grab your favourite festive treat before the parade begins. Whether you're young or

just young at heart, this magical parade is a must-see highlight of the Joy + Lights Festival.

The festival's second weekend turns up the sparkle with Firelight & Frost — a dazzling blend of warmth and wonder.

Enjoy free skating all weekend on Mill Street's all-season synthetic rink surrounded by glowing lights, festive music, and cozy fireside seating. Watch a mesmerizing fire show, marvel at ice-sculpture carvings, and enjoy family-friendly activities that will keep your spirits high.

Of course, Santa will make a few more appearances — along with the return of the Very Merry Holiday Market on Second Street. With festive flavours, local shopping, and cozy eateries just steps away, Firelight & Frost is the perfect way to wrap yourself in the magic of the season.

This November, Downtown Orangeville invites you to gather your loved ones, bundle up, and experience two weekends of holiday cheer, local charm, and unforgettable memories.

Don't miss a moment of the magic — visit DowntownOrangeville.ca for full event details and schedules because when it comes to celebrating the season, Downtown Orangeville truly shines brightest at Joy + Lights.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Assessments

Sir:

Recently, I had the occasion to deal with a bank, following which I was invited to assess the quality of service. Because the necessary routine caused a several-day delay that cost me money, I rated the assistance as a 7 out of 10.

An appeal was instantly launched to review my assessment, as otherwise, the agent I worked with would be fired for incompetence. A 10 was needed. So I reassessed the

assistance as a 10, but explained why it was initially lower; the assistant was not at fault. This incident reminds me of a Canadian Forces promotion board, in which I participated. Every candidate who worked at an airfield was rated higher than the angels, with the Base Commander demanding the candidate's immediate promotion. Very few Army and Navy candidates in similar trades were deemed superior; "average" was good enough.

What has happened to our perfectly com-

petent "average" servicemen, civil servants, and business persons? "Average" means equal numbers of workers are both below and above the person assessed. There should be a lot of "average" workers, perfectly competent at their level of service and potentially promotable or at least worthy of higher pay sooner or later. I suspect that any federal civil servant these days rated "average" will be earmarked for PM Carney's downsizing because there aren't any "poor." Are the assessors afraid of the assessed?

Our steaks are overrated. AAAA steaks are reserved for higher-priced restaurants; AAA steaks are for richer store customers, while AA steaks are pre-wrapped and in the sale bins. There are no A-grade steaks anymore, and B and C steaks are long gone. In 10 more years, there won't be any AA steaks.

May some sanity please be applied to food and service quality levels?

Charles Hooker
East Garafraxa

Paving issue

Hi there,

I live on Dufferin Street in Orangeville, where the City is carrying out a water-main and road reconstruction project. As part of this work, half of our driveways have been torn up and will be repaved by the City's subcontractor.

The same company is also offering private quotes to residents who want their existing

driveways repaved or curb-cut extensions paved at the same time, so everything aligns properly in grade, material, and appearance. The issue is that this subcontractor has issued identical "mobilization fees" to multiple homeowners on the same street — even though the same crew, equipment, and materials will already be on site for the City's paving.

Charging separate mobilization fees to

each homeowner for work happening concurrently is misleading and unjustified. Because the company controls the municipal paving, homeowners are effectively in a captive market — we have little practical choice but to use the same contractor to ensure our driveways line up properly with the new asphalt.

Documentation from several quotes shows the same pattern: inflated measure-

ments, identical mobilization charges, and a refusal to adjust "system pricing." This raises questions about oversight, transparency, and fairness in how City-contracted work interacts with private homeowners.

Thank you for your time,
Matthew Dennis
Orangeville

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The logo for "PROTECT ONTARIO", featuring a stylized red and white shield with a blue 'Y' shape inside, followed by the words "PROTECT ONTARIO" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

The official logo of the province of Ontario, consisting of the word "Ontario" in a serif font next to a circular emblem containing a stylized trillium flower.

POLICE NEWS

Local police seek public’s assistance in recovering stolen Toyota

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating the theft of a 2023 Toyota Tundra, which occurred in the early hours of Oct. 17.

At approximately 9:06 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers were made aware of a stolen vehicle from an address on Black Cherry Crescent in Shelburne.

An investigation revealed that the theft occurred earlier that morning at approximately 2:36 a.m.

The stolen vehicle is described as a blue 2023 Toyota Tundra pickup truck with Ontario licence plate “360BOTH.”

Anyone with surveillance footage that may assist in this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711.

Information about this investigation can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online through the website: ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



Dufferin OPP lay 250 traffic-related charges over Thanksgiving weekend

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers laid 250 traffic-related charges from Oct. 10 to 13.

Officers conducted several R.I.D.E. spot checks and traffic enforcement initiatives, with a focus on the “Big Four” driving behaviours linked to serious injuries and fatalities: impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seatbelt use.

Despite the Dufferin OPP's efforts, unfortunately, there was one fatal motor vehicle collision over the long weekend.

The following charges were laid by officers in Dufferin:

- Impaired driving charges - 5
- Seatbelt charges - 3
- Distracted driving - 4
- Other offences - 86

“The Dufferin OPP would like to thank the majority of road users who follow the law and help keep our roads safe. We also extend our thanks to the hard-working officers who dedicated their time and efforts throughout the weekend to protect our communities,” reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

“If you suspect someone is operating a motor vehicle, boat, or off-road vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.”

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

Between Oct. 17 and Oct. 18, Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged three people with impaired driving-related offences.

“Dufferin OPP officers remain committed to keeping our roads safe by actively identifying and removing impaired drivers from the community. These recent charges reflect ongoing efforts to ensure safer travel for everyone across Dufferin County,” reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

Colin Dobie, 29, from Holland Centre, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with unsealed container of liquor
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence

Christopher Barrett, 49, from Scarborough, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- HTA 128 Speeding 1 - 49 Km/h over posted limit

- HTA 159(1)(a) Fail to stop on right for emergency vehicle
- HTA 7(1)(a) Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit
- LLCA 42(1)(a) Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

Matthew Cochrane, 41, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licences have been suspended, and their vehicles impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



Shelburne, Mulmur, and Erin residents face impaired driving charges: Dufferin OPP

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged three individuals with impaired driving-related offences between Oct. 11 and 16.

Andrew Sterling, 37, from Shelburne, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Driving a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor

John Dickie, 46, from Mulmur, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Amber light - fail to stop
- Fail to surrender insurance card

- Care or control of a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor
- Fail to yield from a private road

Brittani Kozak, 33, from Erin, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - cocaine
- Care or control of a vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Possession of unmarked cigarettes

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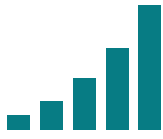
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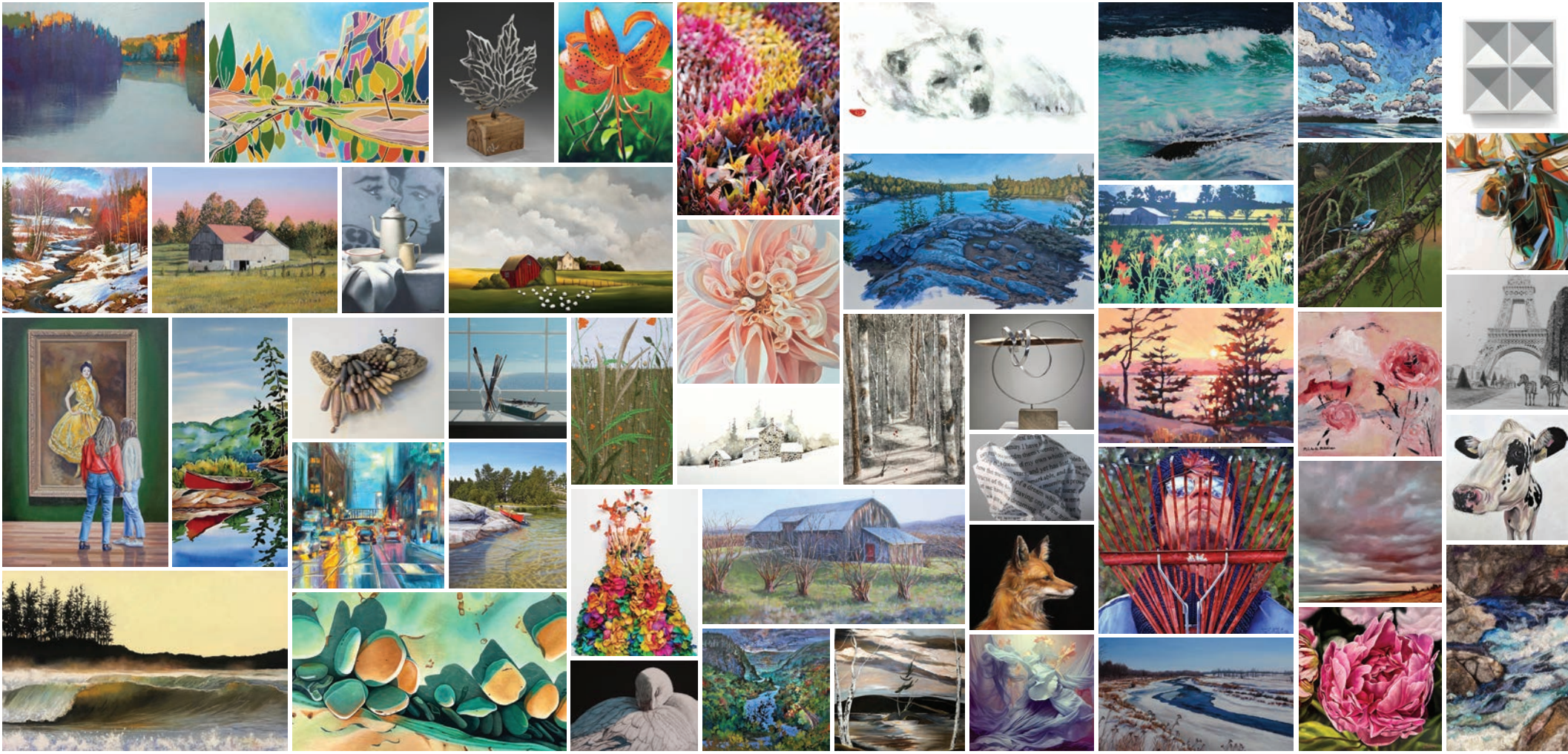
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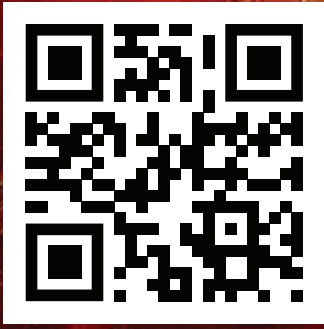


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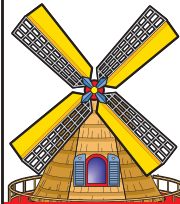


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The conflict has context (Part I)

Since the 7th of October 2023, any academic or journalist who insisted that there was a context to the events of that day were immediately condemned, accused of antisemitism, and silenced. As genocide resistance grows around the world, I thought I'd give it a try.

The historical context is long — reaching back to the mid-to-late 19th century — and is necessary to better understand the current reality. Palestine attracted the interest of European imperial powers due to widespread antisemitism. At a time when Jews were trying to assimilate, there was a rise of nationalism that wanted to know who's us and who's within/not us. Jews were an easy target.

When the idea became an item of the British Empire, before and during WW1, it was clear that the European problem could only be solved in Palestine, but it had to be forced. When, in 1917, Sir Arthur Balfour, British For-

eign Secretary, wrote a letter to Lord Walter Rothschild, a wealthy peer of the realm and a leading member of the British Jewish community, announcing the government's support for the establishment of a 'national home for the Jewish people' in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a small minority Jewish population (2.5%), the cat was fully out of the bag.

Zionist settlers began to arrive in 1882. The dispossession of vast tracts of land began as early as 1922, the Zionists having persuaded the mandatory rulers to evict villagers resident there for hundreds of years. There were new owners in town.

So what were Palestinians to do? Welcome the invaders? Years later, after the establishment of Israel, Balfour told a Zionist colleague: 'Why should the Arabs make peace? If I were an Arab leader, I would never make terms with Israel. That is natural: we have taken

their country. Sure, God promised it to us, but what does that matter to them? Our God is not theirs. We come from Israel, it's true, but 2,000 years ago, and what is that to them? There has been anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, and Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They only see one thing: We have come here and stolen their country. Why should they accept that?"

Within nine months following the 1947 departure of the British, the Zionist militia destroyed most of the ancient Palestinian cities, de-Arabised the landscape, erased the infrastructure and the ancient names, drove out 750,000 people, destroyed and buried 530 villages, killing 15,000 Palestinians in a series of mass atrocities. The Palestinians were not passive; they resisted every move to destroy their lives, their homeland, and the resistance was used to justify even more violence against them.

Nineteen forty-eight is essential to under-

standing the present because of the international response to the violence: despite the presence of emissaries of the embryonic United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross, politicians and journalists from around the world, the guilt-ridden West decided to tolerate this ethnic cleansing, considering it a small injustice to correct a larger problem — as if the Palestinians were responsible for the holocaust. Educational revisionism insists that the Jews had never left Palestine, that the holocaust gave the Zionists the right to be rid of Palestinians, lands they had not occupied for 2,000 years.

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She was born on January 24, 1944, in Walkerton, Ontario to Homer and Ruth Geddes and is survived by her sister Meredith, pre-deceased by her brother Scott. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Lou, her children Heidi (Brett), Leah (Pat) and Jon (Katrina) and grandchildren Mia, Lauren and Luke.

Robin attended nursing school in 1962 at Toronto Western Hospital and graduated with honors in 1965. Robin met her future husband, Lothar (Lou) who was studying to become a chemical engineer at the University of Toronto. Lou and Robin married on July 17, 1965. After graduation, she was a nurse at Humber Memorial Hospital 1965-1968. She taught full time at Credit Valley School of Nursing from 1968-1974. She was employed with Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit (WDGPH) from September 1974 to January 2011. Robin retired at the age of 68 years old after 37 years of service working for WDGPH. She was WDGPH's longest serving public health nurse and first ever lactation consultant. She has been an IBCLC (International Board Certified Lactation Consultant) since 1994 (recertified in 1999, 2004, 2009, and rewrote and passed the IBCLC exam in 2014) and Member of ICLA/CLCA (Canadian Lactation Consultant Association) since 1994. She was instrumental in starting the community breastfeeding centre in Orangeville in 1996, which was initially situated at the old hospital but later moved to Headwaters Healthcare Centre and then into the local WPGPH health unit office. In May 2011, Robin went into private practice. She opened "Robin's Nest- Where Breast is Best" a public drop in breastfeeding centre at the Centre Fellowship Church in Orangeville. She officially retired at the age of 79 in September 2023, just shy of 5 decades of service to her community.

She published various articles in support of breastfeeding and received many honours and accolades over her career. Most recently in May, she was awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal which recognized her exemplary contributions to her community and country.

She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to families and friends. Robin's legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

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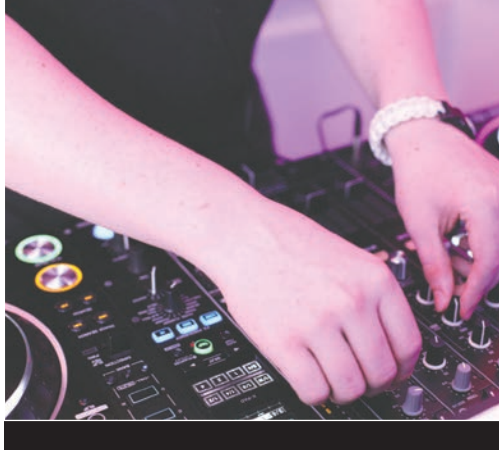
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