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PAYING RESPECT: Members of the Orangeville Legion's Colour Party march to the cenotaph in Alexandra Park during an annual Remembrance Day ceremony on the morning of Nov. 11. See more photos on Page A11.

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Ontario Firefighters' Memorial arrives at Fendley Park

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

Local firefighters and politicians met with provincial leaders in Fendley Park on Nov. 6 to celebrate the arrival of the new Ontario Firefighters' Memorial.

Following the closure of the Gravenhurst-based Ontario Fire College, the fate of the Ontario Firefighters' Memorial was put into question. With the land no longer being used to train new and upcoming firefighters, the question remained — what happens to the memorial? Should it remain where it stood, or should it find a new home?

That home is now Fendley Park in Orangeville, where the idea first began with the legacy of local firefighter Dan Little.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Raeburn said the town is proud to have the memorial on Orangeville soil.

"Having the Ontario Firefighters' Memorial find its permanent home in Orangeville is an incredible honour for our community," she said. "What makes it even more meaningful is the connection to the late Dan Little, a former Orangeville firefighter who was instrumental in creating this memorial. I'm proud that Orangeville has been entrusted with helping to ensure the sacrifices of fallen firefighters are never forgotten."



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

NEW HOME: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Raeburn joined Councillor Joe Andrews, Fire Chief John Snider, Dufferin–Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, former fire chief and deputy mayor Andy Macintosh, representatives from the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Little family for a brief celebration of the arrival of the Ontario Firefighters' Memorial at Fendley Park in Orangeville.

The push for the memorial to come to Orangeville began with the Little family directly, who expressed interest in seeing it come home after then Solicitor General Sylvia Jones approached the family to ask if they had any input on the fate of the monument.

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Seconds Count Thrift Store celebrates raising $3 million for Headwaters

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

A local thrift store is celebrating a major milestone after raising more than $3 million in support of Headwaters Health Care Centre through its ongoing fundraising efforts.

Seconds Count Thrift Store, located at 127 Broadway in Orangeville, marked the achievement on Nov. 6 with a cheque presentation attended by representatives from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, Dufferin–Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and Orangeville Mayor Lisa Raeburn.

The milestone represents more than a decade of community support, with the store directing proceeds from its donated merchandise toward equipment purchases, technology and enhanced patient care at the local hospital.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO K.C. Carruthers thanked the store for its continued support for the hospital, which relies on fundraising to acquire some of its essential hardware.

"Crossing the $3 million mark is an extraordinary accomplishment and a testament to what is possible when a community comes together with a shared purpose," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "Seconds Count has become an essential pillar of support for local health care and an incredible driver of philanthropy in our community… We are profoundly grateful to the volunteers whose passion and commitment have made this milestone possible. Thrift shop work is truly life-saving work."

Store volunteer Judy Andrews said that the store was established in 2013 following the success of a garage sale organized the previous year by the president of the Headwaters Healthcare Auxiliary.

"Back in 2012, the president of the Headwaters Healthcare Auxiliary decided to have a garage sale, and he collected things from the hospital employees, doctors, nurses, everybody, and his friends," she said.

"The sale was so successful, he thought, 'Well, this should work for a store,' So he then spent a year visiting stores around Ontario that did what he was thinking about doing, mainly the thrift stores that supported hospitals. Then we set out on a search for a store and finally found this one and leased it for the hospital, for the auxiliary. We started advertising, and one thing led to another."

Today, the store operates with the support of 73 volunteers, with all merchandise sold coming from community donations.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Raeburn congratulated the store, commending the dedication of its all-volunteer staff for the dedication they share in supporting the local community.

"Three million dollars is an incredible milestone," she said. "What I love most is what that number represents. The number of volunteers and their hours given, the generous donations and the community that continues to show up for one another by shopping there regularly. Headwaters Health Care Centre touches all of our lives in some way, and the amazing people behind Seconds Count are making a real difference in local health care. I'm so grateful for everything they do for our community."

Jones, who's also Ontario's minister of health and deputy premier, congratulated those who support Seconds Count.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

MAJOR MILESTONE: Representatives from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation joined Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Dufferin–Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and Orangeville Mayor Lisa Raeburn at Seconds Count Thrift Store on Nov. 6 to celebrate its $3 million fundraising milestone with store volunteers.

"This donation could not have happened without the hundreds of donors and volunteers who work to make Seconds Count the unique shopping experience it is," Jones said. "From their kindness and gratitude when you make a donation to the thoughtful ways they design and decorate the store."

Among its contributions to Headwaters Health Care Centre, Seconds Count has helped fund an $800,000 commitment toward the hospital's MRI equipment, spread over three years as part of a larger $1 million commitment. Other purchases have included 35 wheelchairs, portable X-ray equipment and, more recently, six chemotherapy chairs.

The store has also recently contributed funding toward a mini C-arm X-ray system, which allows medical staff to obtain immediate digital imaging in patient rooms and operating rooms, as well as a detector for portable X-ray equipment.

Beyond its fundraising contributions, the store has developed into a community gathering place, attracting regular customers who visit to shop, socialize and spend time with friends.

On a typical busy Saturday, the store can welcome approximately 150 purchasing customers, with an average transaction of around $20.

Andrews said the milestone celebration represents the work of the volunteers, but also the continued generosity of customers and donors who supply the merchandise that keeps the operation running.

"It was a lovely experience, and because we've worked hard on this, it's so nice to get the recognition and the appreciation," she said. "I want to say thank you because we would not exist without our customers who buy our product, but our donors too. They think of us when they're cleaning out their homes. They think of us when their parents may have passed away, and they need to clean out the house, they bring the things to us, and we would not exist without continued support."

Whether people are purchasing items or donating belongings while clearing out their homes, that ongoing community involvement has been central to the store's success.

With more than $3 million now raised for local health care, Seconds Count continues to demonstrate how a community-supported operation can make a lasting contribution to hospital services in the region.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION under the Innkeepers Act R.S.O. 199, C, 1.7

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Rogers presents case for proposed cell tower at Mono council

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Rogers has asked Mono council for permission to erect a telecommunications tower that will reach about 100 metres into the sky.

Jiayi Wang of Scott Telecom spoke to council when it met Nov. 10 about a proposed guyed telecommunications tower about 92 metres high. It's hoped the tower will be located on 20th Sideroad in Mono.

Wang appeared as part of a community consultation obligation that's part of Mono's antenna tower siting protocol.

Wang said the purpose of the protocol process is to ensure that local land use considerations, community feedback, and potential impacts are reviewed before the project proceeds.

Wang said one of the proposed tower's purposes is to improve wireless communications coverage.

According to information in Wang's presentation to council, Canada has one of the most rigorous safety codes in the world for devices that emit radio frequency (RF) energy.

Specifically, wireless carriers in Canada must comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6. That is based on peer-reviewed scientific research consistent with international safety standards in Europe, the United States, Japan, and Australia.

Health Canada is responsible for protecting Canadians' health and safety by setting limits for safe human exposure to electromagnetic energy from RF devices, including cell phones and radio base stations.

RF energy levels from base stations, including cellphone towers, are below Health Canada's established limits for public exposure, ensuring safety for both humans and wildlife, according to Wang's presentation.

"Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has made compliance with Safety Code 6 a condition of license for all Canadian wireless carriers," she said. "Rogers attests that its installation will comply with Safety Code 6."

Previous towers were in the height range of about 40 metres. To go to 92 metres is a significant change, said Kevin Long, the project's manager. And that's necessary because of the trees and hilly terrain in the area proposed for the tower.

"It provides greater coverage, more consistent coverage because it is not impacted by ground-level objects," he said. "That is the key reason. That 50 metres of difference ... makes a significant difference in consistency of coverage."

A Mono resident asked about property values being impacted by the location and co-location of towers. Further, she said health concerns that arise with the tower's proximity to people that have been expressed by her have been "pretty much dismissed" by Rogers.

She asked how adjacent homeowners are to be compensated for effects on property values.

Wang said property values are influenced by many factors including market conditions and location.

Another resident named Sharon is a cellphone user in Mono who has experienced service issues due to coverage. She said Long has claimed the proposed tower is to improve service along highways 9, 10, 89, and Airport Road.

Based on her experience, Sharon said coverage issues occur in the "shadow of the escarpment" and in valleys more than along highways.

Long said land topography plays a major role in the transmission and reception of cellphone signals that travel in straight lines.

"It doesn't bend around trees, unfortunately," he said of a signal.

Service will be improved around the base of the tower, he said. And the proposed tower will relieve some of the signal load that surrounding towers have.

"While I can't say whether or not the valleys you drive down into are going to experience full coverage, I know that this tower with the height is going to be able to provide much more ground coverage because it's going to have a better angle at the ground," Long said.

Councillor Elaine Capes asked Wang how many residents' responses were received regarding the project as part of public consultations.

Wang said there was one response with comments received about the project.

"One response," Capes said. "(Do) you consider that public consultation?"

"I'm sorry, what's the questions?" Wang said.

"I'm afraid I don't consider that public consultation when you get one response," Capes said. "Perhaps you need to go back and circulate further."

Capes said there are many stretches of Hockley Road and Airport Road on which a cellphone signal can't be received.

"I know it's an up and down (thoroughfare) and it's got trees, but that's just an excuse," Capes said, and then asked if those areas will be addressed.

"We can't speak to that, unfortunately, as agents for Rogers," Long said.

If there's a significant drop in service in those areas, Long said it would be prudent to advise Rogers of that and how residents feel about that.

"Hopefully their radio frequency engineers will understand that is an area that needs to be considered for future coverage," he said. "But, quite frankly, it's out of our scope of work with this tower and we can't speak to it."

Long said the proposed tower will indeed improve coverage within its direct area.

The closest home to the tower's base is about 100 metres away, Long said. Other properties are estimated to be about 250 metres away.

Safety Code 6 was cited as a mitigating factor in health concerns from human exposure to radio frequency fields.

Coun. Ralph Manktelow, a retired physician, said it's widely accepted that Safety Code 6 is not enough to address health concerns.

"There's a substantial body of scientific research that EMF (electromagnetic fields), exposure to them, causes a variety of things, particularly cancer in children and miscarriages and dementia," Manktelow said.

People living in the area of 500 metres of a tower should be made aware of those possibilities, he said. People near the tower should also be made aware of the test readings within the 500 metre range of the proposed tower.

Manktelow said the proposed tower will have as many as nine guy-wires that will pose risks to migratory birds.

Long said the proposed tower's impact on migratory birds has been considered.

"I can't recall what it is off the top of my head," Long said. "So that's another one (question) I'd like to take away and get back to you on."

Mono considers introducing virtual option for council committee members

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Residents can attend Mono council meetings by way of virtual participation, but that convenience is not offered to people interested in municipal committees.

Resident Anthony Hosein said during council's Nov. 10 meeting that one of those committees closed to internet viewing is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

He asked if council would direct that committee to provide a virtual option to accommodate residents who cannot attend in person.

Mayor John Creelman suggested it was a query best left to be considered after the new committee is in place following the Oct. 26 election.

"There's also an element of staff resources that comes into play as well," Creelman said. "But the request is made and I think it is something we have to consider and make a decision on."

In addition to the DEI Committee, there is the Climate Action Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee; Recreation Advisory Committee; the Committee of Adjustment; the Planning, Environment, and Natural Heritage Committee; Headwater Streams Committee; and the Pollinator Garden Management Committee.

There are also a number of task forces.

Councillor Ralph Manktelow said virtual participation in committees has been a concern that's come up in the past.

"The main issue has been cost," he said and suggested that council look into that question for all meetings of the various committees.

"Then we can go forward," Manktelow said.

Creelman said he's heard a similar query regarding the Committee of Adjustment.

"And that committee, I think, is deserving of a hybrid model only to the extent that the consequences (are of public interest)," the mayor said. "It's a committee with quasi-judicial powers. It's a committee that really should be recorded in the event there's an appeal launched from one of its decisions."

Coun. Elaine Capes agreed and said it is a matter worthy of a fulsome conversation when the new town council chosen in the Oct 26 election takes power, and committees are reformed.



The current 2022-2026 council term ends Nov. 14 and the newly elected council will meet Dec. 1 for an inaugural council meeting.

The first regular council meeting will be held Dec. 8.





Credit Valley Conservation receives $525,710 for watershed tree-planting initiative

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

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has received $525,710 in federal funding to support a three-year initiative that will see more than 13,000 native trees and shrubs planted throughout the Credit River watershed.

The conservation authority announced Nov. 10 that it had secured $525,710 through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund to support the community-based planting project.

Jesse De Jager, CVC's director of parks, lands and community engagement, said the investment will help improve the overall health of the watershed while providing environmental benefits to local communities.

"Expanding tree canopy is one of the important ways we can strengthen the health and resilience of our watershed," De Jager said. "Through this investment, we are working with our municipal partners and community members to plant native trees and shrubs where they can make a lasting difference – improving habitat, supporting healthier waterways, providing shade and helping communities adapt to a changing climate. Just as importantly, this initiative creates opportunities for residents to take an active role in caring for the natural spaces that make our communities healthier and more resilient."

Working alongside municipal partners and thousands of community volunteers, CVC plans to plant 13,440 native trees and shrubs across six municipalities. Planting locations will include parks, greenspaces, riverbanks and other natural areas throughout the watershed.

The initiative aims to expand urban tree canopy coverage, improve local habitats, strengthen climate resilience and provide residents with more opportunities to connect with nature.

Funding is being provided by the Government of Canada through FCM's Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) initiative. The national program aims to support the planting of at least 1.2 million new trees across Canada by the end of March 2031.

Tim Tierney, FCM President, said that FCM is pleased to work with CVC.

"FCM is proud to support Credit Valley Conservation's transformative tree-planting project," Tierney said. "Through the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative and with the support of the Government of Canada, we're helping municipalities of every size get the right trees in the ground in the right places, creating cooler streets, cleaner air, and healthier neighbourhoods for decades to come."

The project will involve local students, families and businesses, with planting sites selected based on their ecological importance, existing tree canopy coverage and potential to strengthen the region's natural heritage system.

Beyond the environmental benefits, the funding will also allow CVC and its municipal partners to expand the size and number of community tree-planting events.

The expanded programming is expected to provide more residents with hands-on opportunities to participate in local conservation efforts and learn about the importance of native trees and vegetation.

The FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports municipalities across Canada with funding and resources for projects that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build more resilient communities.



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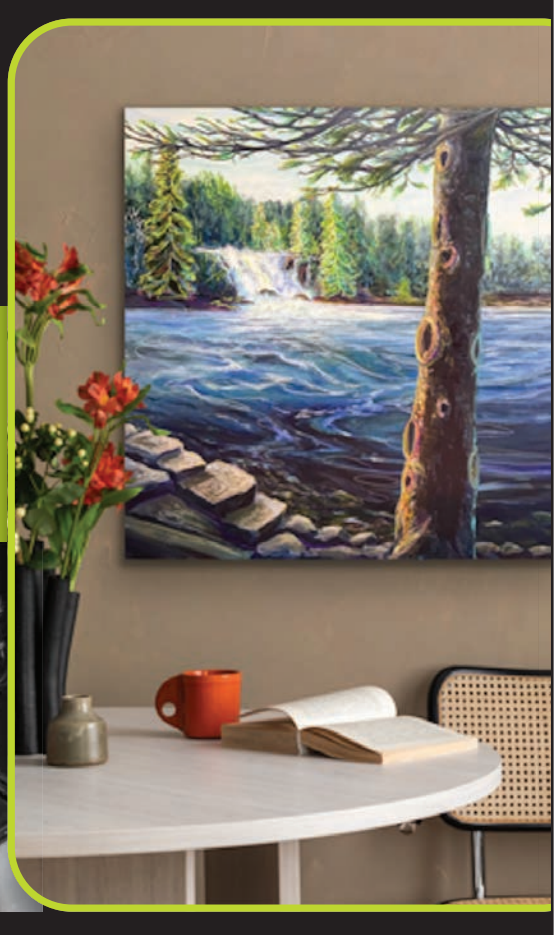
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Police request the public's help in locating a missing Orangeville woman

Dufferin OPP is seeking the public's assistance in locating a missing person.

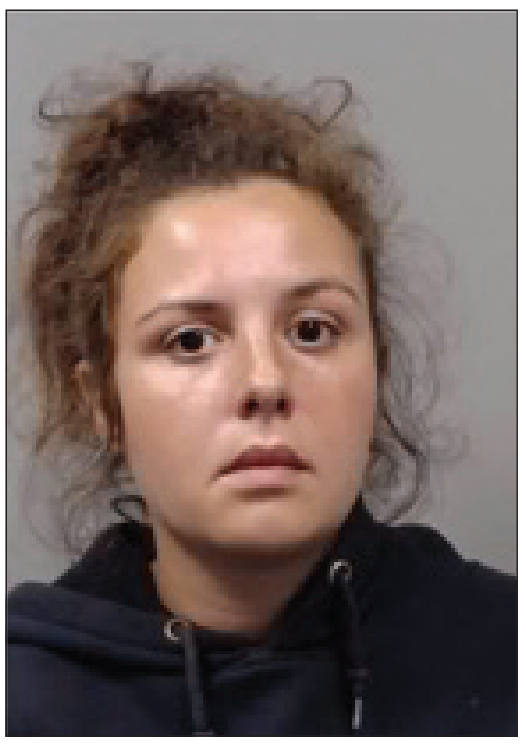
Xanthe Weeks, 31, from Orangeville, is described as white, with medium-length dark brown hair. She was last seen wearing black pants, a beige hat, and sandals.

Xanthe was last seen on Thursday, Oct. 29, in the area of First Street in Orangeville.

Police and family members are concerned for her well-being.

Residents and businesses in the area are asked to check any available surveillance or security camera footage for possible sightings or information that may assist investigators.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Xanthe Weeks is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference incident E261595816.



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MISSING PERSON: Dufferin OPP is seeking the public's assistance in locating 31-year-old Xanthe Weeks of Orangeville, who was last seen Oct. 29 near First Street.

Fraud, break-and-enter, mischief charges laid in connection to several incidents in Orangeville

Dufferin OPP officers arrested and charged an Orangeville resident in connection with multiple incidents involving fraud and break and enter offences at businesses in the community.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, a male attended a business on Broadway in Orangeville and received service work on an electronic device. Following the completion of the work, the individual left the premises without making any attempt to pay for the services provided.

On Thursday Oct. 8, the same individual attended another business on Broadway in Orangeville and subsequently committed a break and enter.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of C Platoon officers, located and arrested the individual without incident.

As a result of the investigation, Craig Robinson, 33, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- CC 334(b) Theft Under $5,000 (two counts)
- CC 380(1)(b) Fraud Under $5,000
- CC 348(1)(b) Break, Enter a place – commit indictable offence
- CC 430(1)(a) Mischief – destroys or damages property

The investigation remains ongoing, and further charges are anticipated.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or other suspected unlawful activity is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Brampton woman charged with impaired driving in Mono

Dufferin OPP charged a Brampton resident with impaired driving-related offences on Nov. 1, following a traffic complaint.

Officers received a report of a suspected impaired driver in the area of Airport Road in Mono, located the vehicle, and conducted a traffic stop.

During the investigation, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Bonnie King, 68, from Brampton, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) and operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs.

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle involved was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



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2023 GMC YUKON XL SLT 4WD



STK# 26828A • 40,765 KM • SEVEN SEATS, 5.3L V8, BLACK LEATHER, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, BOSE AUDIO.

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$134 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $18,269 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 36 MONTHS C.O.B $2,589.87

2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



STK# 25145A • 158,771 KM • JET BLACK LEATHER, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AUTOTRAC 4X4, SEVEN-PASSENGER SEATING, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, GOOGLE INFOTAINMENT, NAVIGATION, BOSE AUDIO, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 22-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

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2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD



STK# 23354A • 28,347 KM • Z71, 2.5L TURBO FOUR-CYLINDER, LL-WHEEL DRIVE, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS CHARGING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MORE!

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$500 DEALER BONUS INCLUDED

$35,765+HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT
PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

3.99% FOR 51 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

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2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION



STK# B230P • 69,470 KM • TITAN BLACK LEATHERETTE, 2.0L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT PRO, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT ASSIST, REAR VIEW CAMERA, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, KEYLESS ACCESS, AND MORE!

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2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK# B025P • 106,640 KM • V6 ENGINE, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAVIGATION, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, FRONT ASSIST, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, 20-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

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$102 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $28,381 +HST/LIC $0 DOWN | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B $8,693.99

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Incumbent mayor and new deputy mayor elected to Mono council

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The composition of Mono council has shifted with the certification of the Oct. 26 municipal election.

John Creelman was re-elected as Mono's mayor after first being elected to the position in 2022 and appointed in 2021, following the resignation of then mayor Laura Ryan.

He received 1,734 votes or 57.1 per cent of the total vote, followed by Melinda Davie with 740 votes or 24.4 per cent, and Emerson Pendleton with 565 votes or 18.6 per cent.

"I am delighted by the faith placed in me and the incoming council by the electors of Mono. To those who ran for positions on council we offer our thanks for putting your names and ideas forward," said Creelman, who was first elected as a Mono councillor in 1991.

"The outcome of every election is an opportunity to consider new ideas and approaches. I am confident we will do this. Voter turnout, while still not perfect, caught up to the provincial average and exceeded that of some neighbouring municipalities. We have a chance to build on this going forward."

Mono's voter turnout was 36.1 per cent with 3,102 out of 8,599 eligible voters casting ballots. In 2022, the turnout was 25.1 per cent or 1,880 out of 7,486. Orangeville's voter turnout was 36.45 per cent, Shelburne's was 30.3 per cent, Amaranth's was 21.2 per cent, Grand Valley's was 38.2 per cent, Mulmur's was 29.7 per cent, and East Garfraxa's was 18.5 per cent.



RETURNED TO OFFICE: John Creelman was re-elected as Mono mayor in the Oct. 26 municipal election, receiving 1,734 votes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

NEW FACE: Laura Campbell was elected Mono deputy mayor, defeating incumbent Fred Nix with 1,738 votes in the Oct. 26 municipal election.

Incumbent Mono Councillor Ralph Manktelow, who was first elected to the role in 2014, was returned to office with 1,588 votes.

The two other councillor positions are being filled by newcomers, Christine Sinclair, who received 1,867 votes and Bradley Mayer-Harman, who received 1,456 votes.

A fresh face on Mono council is Laura Campbell, who won the deputy mayor race against incumbent Fred Nix. Nix has served on Mono council since 2014, and as deputy mayor since 2021.

Campbell received 58.8 per cent of the vote, totalling 1,738 votes, while Nix received 41.2 per cent or 1,220 votes.

"I am beyond thrilled to be Mono's new deputy mayor. Advocating for community, understanding the core issues of our time, and trying to come up with solutions have always been fundamental parts of who I am," said Campbell.

"My campaign focused on the enduring message that Mono is an incredibly special place that requires everyone to work together to protect it from development pressures and other challenges. But more than that, I really wanted people to know that I will work hard to advocate for everyone in Dufferin County, because we are stronger together."

She added, "Whether it's a low supply of affordable housing, transportation strategies for seniors, road safety, or the mega quarry application, we are all impacted by the issues each individual municipality has to face."

Campbell said over the course of council's four-year term, from 2026-2030, she plans to address these issues. She added that two additional priorities are addressing ongoing water treatment concerns and further building Mono's sense of community.

"That's something that resonated with me while I was out door knocking, is that we need to find more low-to-no cost ways to get together and build our sense of community," Campbell told the Citizen.

"My message for the citizens of Mono is this: I will do my very best to consider every decision carefully, and ensure we take every opportunity available to consult with you regularly about the things that need attention. I'll lead with empathy, care, and passion. I can't wait to get started."

Ontario Firefighters' Memorial finds permanent home in Orangeville, honouring Dan Little

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Jones said that the memorial will pay tribute to Dan Little's legacy.

"This memorial stands thanks to long-serving Orangeville volunteer firefighter Dan Little, who not only spearheaded the idea but also worked tirelessly to fundraise," Jones said. "I am honoured to see this memorial in its new home in Orangeville, in such a prominent place in our community."

Former fire chief and deputy mayor Andy Macintosh, who knew Dan Little, said that he's also happy to see the memorial coming home to Orangeville in honour of the community legacy that helped build it.

"I felt really good for the Little family because obviously it's been a dream of theirs to have something this close to them, and I'm just excited that it's going to be there," he said.

"Gravenhurst was quite a distance for a lot of people to come from the city and even our area. It's still a heck of a drive. It's almost two hours. When it first got put up there, everybody went. But then over the years, with life taking precedence, it was just that people didn't go there that often. So I'm hoping that this will revitalize that by having it here."

Macintosh was one of the few in Orangeville who originally knew it was coming, and was involved in the process as deputy mayor.

"At the time, it was only myself and the mayor that actually knew about it, and we all kind of worked behind the scenes to get it here," he said. "It's taken a long time, but finally it's here."

The excitement was also felt by current serving members of the Orangeville Fire Department.

Chief John Snider said that completion of the memorial in Orangeville feels akin to a homecoming, and that the service and town will treasure it for generations to come.

"It's a really great feeling," he said. "It really feels like we brought it home. It was in a great place in Gravenhurst, but with this story of Dan Little being a volunteer fireman, it was just fantastic to bring it back to Orangeville, and we're going to celebrate it here forever."

A full, grand opening celebration is planned for next spring, with firefighters and dignitaries from across the province expected to mark the official opening of the new home for Ontario's Firefighter Memorial.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

HONOURING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS: The Ontario Firefighters' Memorial has found a new permanent home at Fendley Park in Orangeville after being relocated from Gravenhurst.



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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Artful Giving looks to boost Headwaters Arts Scholarship

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Once again, Headwaters Arts Artful Giving show and sale is back to the Alton Mill Arts Centre. Twenty-five plus local artists and artisans have brought over 200 items to fill the Headwaters Arts Gallery with surprises and original works that will serve as very special and lovely holiday season gifts. The show launched on Nov. 11 and runs until Jan. 3. A reception will be held on Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.

There is another delightful matter to explore, and that is the Headwaters Arts Scholarship Fund.

"Thirty years ago, Headwaters Arts began building a community where creativity could flourish," Headwaters Arts President Margi Taylor said in the organization's press release. "Our young people have the talent and imagination. We want to help give them the opportunity to succeed. Now is the time to assure another 30 years."

Taylor went on to explain, "The scholarship fund started 15 years ago with a donation of $47,000 from the Caledon Councillors Golf Tournament."

She continued, "Every year since then, qualified worthy students have received $1,000 to help further their education in the arts. The money is sent directly to their post-secondary school to help with their tuition. We now have $2,000 left in the fund."

From Nov. 11 to Dec. 18, 2026, Headwaters Arts Scholarship Fund is launching its annual Grateful Giving Campaign, with a goal to raise $5,000 for its Scholarship Fund.

The fund was established to offer high school students who have demonstrated talent and a determination to carry on as artists; a scholarship makes sense as a way to help them along. It is important to note that this includes homeschooled students as well.

"Artist" is defined as disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, photography, and digital arts.

As a means to boost the fund, events chair Nancy Kluger explained this year's plans to promote and encourage patrons to come to the Artful Giving Show during its three weeks.

With a view to raising that $5,000, Kluger expanded on the charming offer to tempt participation.

"For every $20 donation, a ticket is issued for a chance to win a $200 shopping spree at the show," she said.

Dec. 18 is the day set to draw that ticket, giving the winner plenty of chances to spend it at the show.

Additionally, every donor of $20 will be recognized with a personalized ornament on their Giving Tree,

"Their name standing proudly among friends and neighbours who believe in the power of the arts," Kluger added.

The most notable difference between other shows at Headwaters Arts Gallery and the Artful Giving show is the inclusion of artisans, high-end crafters making extraordinary items. Many are coming to the gallery for the first time, in a rare chance to display their offerings.

They bring smaller pieces which cost less and yet are still works of art, each unique in its way. Scarves, stained glass ornaments, and beautiful wooden pieces, which are also a campaign to protect forests, are arranged and displayed to be irresistible.

The process of staging this three-week event is a lot of work, done by the willing hands of volunteers, some of whom have been on deck for years.

Many more pieces than can be included are offered via the "call to artists and artisans to submit." It was Deb Menken, now in her eighth year of helping to set up the show, who took a little time after the work was done to talk about what it takes to make the show so impressive.

As a message to artists in future planning to submit, she advised, "Send good photos. The photo is all we have to see your product – make sure it is the best photo it can be."

Once all the pieces are in, there is the mighty job of jurying and curating them for best settings and overall viewing.



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NEW SHOW: Headwaters Arts is ready to welcome you back for its annual Artful Giving holiday gift show where you will find unique items from local and regional artists, all made with love for the people you love.

For Menken, who has a studio at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, she balances how much time and work she has contributed to the events which she has helped to set, with how very much she has learned about actually being part of a show or an event like this, and what an artist needs to understand about the business of art.

Now, she encourages people who love the arts to offer their time and become volunteers at the centre. For every event, people are needed to assist, and the effort is worth every minute for the associations to be met.

Reflecting on the job of setting up this show, Menken said, "We want everybody's stuff to look the best in the end, and somehow, we make it work – it's crazy."

As to the value to the artist of the scholarship, Andie Trepanier wrote, "The Headwaters Arts Scholarship was a cornerstone of my creative education. I was 18 and barely had the funds to pursue my dream. This grant not only helped me materially attend college, but also presented me with this communal vote of confidence that affirmed my career choice."

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Puzzle No. 26B310 • Solution on page: CLASSIFIEDS SECTION

CLUES ACROSS
1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN
1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Skin care manufacturer
4. A long-legged frog
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Semi-liquid food
62. Consumed food

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English: Can
Spanish: Bote
Italian: Barattolo
French: Bidon
German: Dose

ACROSS
1. Use again
3. Opposite of "off"
5. Gain advantage
7. Basket on wheels
8. Arranging in categories

DOWN
1. Processes used or discarded materials
2. Least amount of length
4. Small paper cloths
6. Flag flown on a ship

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COMPOST
mixture of decayed organic matter used in soil

Answers:
Across
1. Reuse 3. On 5. One-up 7. Cart 8. Sorting
Down
1. Recycles 2. Shortest 4. Napkins 6. Ensign

Remembrance Day service held at Alexandra Park Cenotaph

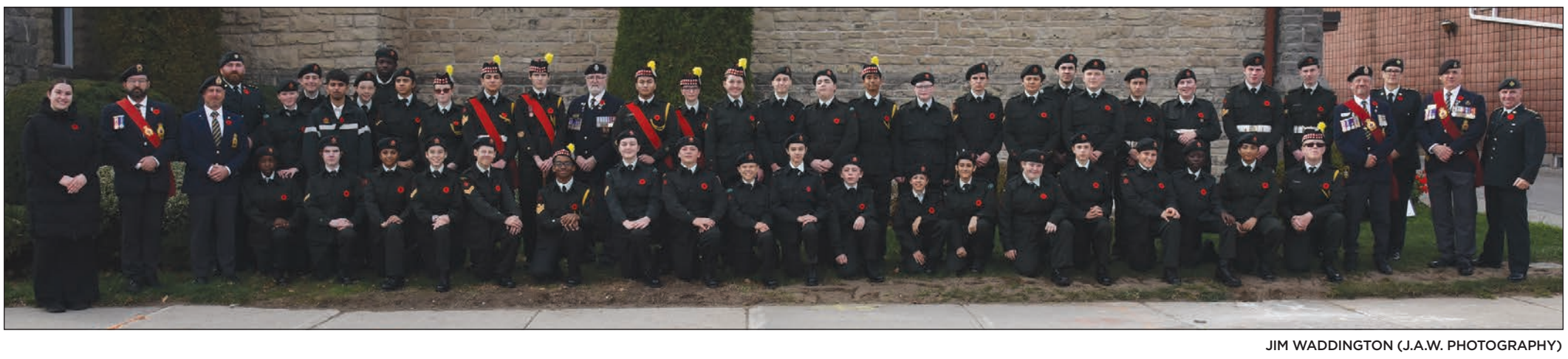












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REMEMBRANCE DAY: Residents, veterans, cadets, community groups, police, emergency services and other uniformed personnel, gather at the Alexandra Park Cenotaph in Orangeville for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11. Orangeville Legion members marched from its location on John Street, down Broadway, to the cenotaph off Second Street. Wreaths were laid by local dignitaries, representatives and residents.

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Achill Choral Society to celebrate Canadian music at upcoming holiday concerts

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

Achill Choral Society is preparing to welcome audiences to its annual holiday concert, with this year's performances highlighting the contributions of Canadian musicians and composers.

Titled around a Canadian theme, the concert will feature a selection of seasonal favourites and other musical pieces, each with a connection to Canada's musical landscape.

The performances are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston, followed by a second performance on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. at Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

The program will feature a variety of musical styles and genres, including selections from well-known Canadian artists.

Among the pieces are Stompin' Tom Connors' "The Hockey Song" and Gordon Lightfoot's "Song for a Winter Night."

Audiences will also hear selections from "Snow Angel," a suite by Canadian composer Sarah Quartel, alongside an English folk song arranged by the choir's artistic director and conductor, Emily Taub.

The concerts will mark Taub's debut performance leading Achill Choral Society. Taub said the program reflects a personal interest in incorporating Canadian music into the repertoire and celebrating the country's contributions to choral music.

"It's important to shed light on the history of Canada's choral landscape, as well as its exciting future," Taub said. "The choral world recognizes Canada as a powerhouse. We produce some of the world's most breathtaking choral music and host exceptional ensembles."

The choir has spent four decades bringing seasonal music to local audiences, with its annual holiday concert becoming an opportunity to showcase a broad range of musical traditions while welcoming the Christmas season.

Organizers said this year's Canadian theme offers an opportunity to recognize the country's established choral history while highlighting the work of contemporary Canadian composers and performers.

Tickets are available at BookLore in Orangeville and Papermoon in Alliston, as well as online: achill.ca

Caledon comedian takes aim at the public's reliance on artificial intelligence in brand new book

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

Caledon author and comedian Brad Gosse is taking aim at society's growing reliance on artificial intelligence with his newest release, Meat Proxy Max: Never Checks What Comes Out, which hit shelves Nov. 6.

The rhyming adult picture book follows Max, an employee who earns a reputation for being efficient and intelligent by relying on artificial intelligence to do his thinking for him. However, his habit of blindly passing along AI-generated responses eventually catches up with him, with humorous consequences for his personal life.

Gosse said the book was inspired by seeing people becoming more dependent on AI thinking for them.

"I've seen it personally with a few friends who have started to trust ChatGPT so much they're not even looking," he said. "Someone will send them something, and they'll just have ChatGPT look it over, and that's the response."

The book uses comedy to highlight the pitfalls of letting machines replace human decision-making, while also poking fun at the growing presence of AI-generated content in everyday life.

Gosse emphasized that he is not opposed to artificial intelligence itself, recognizing that it has a place as a useful tool. Rather, his concern is with people allowing it to replace their own judgment and intelligence.

"I'm not anti-AI," he said. "I think it has its place. I'm sad that it's replacing artists before it's replacing coal miners. I just think that… there are some people who just are… letting it outsource their critical thinking, and all of a sudden, the intelligence isn't there. It's just making work for everybody."

As a performing stand-up comedian, Gosse has built a publishing career around humorous picture books aimed at adults, often using exaggerated scenarios to satirize aspects of modern culture. He has published more than 150 books, working alongside a full-time illustrator, and regularly releases new titles.

His publishing career grew out of comedy videos showcasing fictional children's books, several of which went viral and prompted audiences to ask for actual copies. He has since developed the concept into a successful self-publishing operation, alongside his stand-up work and substantial social media following.

Gosse hopes that his new book will find a healthy bridge, allowing people to have a laugh while acknowledging the criticism within the book for AI reliance.

Meat Proxy Max: Never Checks What Comes Out is available through Amazon, amazon.ca/Meat-Proxy-Max-Never-Checks



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AUTHOR AND COMEDIAN: Caledon author and stand-up comedian Brad Gosse has released his latest adult picture book, Meat Proxy Max: Never Checks What Comes Out, which pokes fun at society's growing reliance on artificial intelligence.

Orangeville poet plans writing workshop celebrating debut chapbook, encouraging new writers

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

Orangeville poet Allison Bothley is bringing poetry, creative writing and community connection to Shelburne later this month with an upcoming workshop at Cecil Books & Gifts.

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the Reading and Generative Writing Workshop will give participants an opportunity to hear Bothley read from her debut poetry chapbook, Practice for Drowning, before taking part in hands-on writing activities.

Bothley said the event will begin with a short reading featuring poems from the collection.

"I'm going to open with a little reading, mostly confessional-style poems from the book," she said. "Just a short one. Maybe we'll do a little Q and A, and then we're going to get into some generative writing."

Bothley plans to use a combination of confessional and creative prompts, keeping the activities accessible to people with different levels of writing experience. The goal is to give participants an opportunity to experiment and generate new ideas, rather than requiring them to arrive with an established writing practice or finished work.

The workshop grew out of Bothley's connection with Cecil Books & Gifts, whom she first encountered through social media after Lisa began following Bangs, Bothley's independent literary zine. The two later met in Orangeville and discussed the possibility of working together.

Cecil Books & Gifts was interested in hosting workshops, while Bothley was looking for opportunities to bring her writing and creative interests to local audiences. After discussing the release of Practice for Drowning, they developed an event combining a poetry reading with an interactive writing session.

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Applications must be received no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2026.**

The Term of Office for all positions is 4 years, concurrent with the Term of Council, unless stated otherwise below.

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Orangeville poet to host writing workshop celebrating debut chapbook

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For Bothley, the gathering is about more than writing exercises. She hopes to create a welcoming space where experienced writers, emerging authors and people who have never tried creative writing can connect and explore their creativity.

"I want people who are curious about writing to come in and give it a go," she said. "And you don't have to share what you come up with if you're not comfortable. I really believe in giving emerging writers a space because I spend so much time not doing that after my MFA [Master's of Fine Arts]. I want young writers and emerging writers, people who are maybe a senior in life but are just coming into writing, to experience community and learn from each other."

Snacks and drinks will also be available, helping create a relaxed atmosphere for participants to enjoy books, writing and conversation.

The event will also introduce attendees to Practice for Drowning, which Bothley released in October. The chapbook explores experiences of womanhood, motherhood and relationships, examining what people endure and how those experiences shape their identities. Recurring water imagery reflects the collection's central themes of survival and endurance.

"The collection is called Practice for Drowning because it's kind of themed around the things that we survive, what we endure, especially as women, marriage, children," she said. "How we position ourselves in our lives and in relationships, and it's kind of about surfacing from that, and how we come out of these moments, and building endurance through that."

The project took approximately two and a half years to develop, with poems emerging through writing exercises and local writing groups, including Orangeville's After Hours group. Cover art was done by Josie Ament and interior art was done by Alex Goubar.

Bothley uses poetry as a way to process personal experiences, and hopes readers will find connections to their own lives through themes such as loneliness, love and longing.

"I want people to feel something," she said. "I want them to be entertained. I want them to be inspired by it — that's my intention. I deal with a lot of themes of reckoning with wanting to be chosen and love and longing. And I think everybody can understand feeling lonely or feeling like they wanted to be chosen and weren't."

Based in Orangeville, Bothley is an award-winning writer and communicator with a Master of Fine Arts from The New School and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Brunswick. Her writing has appeared in publications including The Globe and Mail, White Wall Review, Pinch and Literary Review of Canada.

She is also the creator and editor of Bangs, an independent literary zine that showcases emerging writers and artists. Published quarterly around a central theme, the publication provides a platform for contributors from Dufferin County and beyond.

Through the Shelburne workshop, Bothley hopes to continue building that kind of literary community locally, giving people an opportunity to celebrate words, meet fellow writers and discover what they can create.

To sign up for the workshop, go to checkout.square.site/merchant/MLPSM6Z47XNYB/checkout/JFBSDCO53ZASCDXURKLXUUTU

For more information, visit Bothley's site at www.allisonbothley.com.

Shelburne author prepares to release third novel, a murder mystery set in Shelburne

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

Shelburne-based author Thomas Bolsover is preparing to debut his third fiction book, *Past Forward*, a murder mystery novel inspired by true events.

Bolsover said that the novel begins in Shelburne in 2025, where a murder takes place at a fictional establishment located downtown.

"Past Forward is a cold case, a crime story, and it's based on a true event, but it's fiction," he said. "It starts in a bar that I call the Pickle Fox. A murder takes place there in 2025, just when the Blue Jays were playing with Los Angeles in the World Series. It starts there, and then it goes back to the past, around 1963. I start with a bunch of young people, mainly some young men, maybe 12 years old or so."

The story follows these characters throughout their lives, as they grow up, start relationships, get married and have families until tragedy strikes. The story eventually revisits major events in 2000, 2020 and 2025, bringing its various timelines together as the mystery is discovered and explored.

In order to help make the time jumps easier for readers to follow, Bolsover said that the book is written using a combination of third-person omniscient and limited perspectives. Past Forward uses chapter headings and dated subheadings to help readers navigate its frequent timeline changes.

The manuscript is currently going through its final proofreading and editing stages. Bolsover plans to release it in paperback, hardcover and e-book formats, with a possible audiobook depending on the book's reception. He is also considering an Italian translation down the road.

Bolsover has lived in the Dufferin County area since moving from Richmond Hill in 1977. He has lived in Shelburne since around 2010. His professional background is largely in construction and engineering, including morAe than three decades of hands-on experience before joining the Peel District School Board in 1998. He retired as a project manager but continued working casually before turning more of his attention to writing.

"I was interested even when I was a young man," Bolsover said. "I was a voracious reader in my teens. I read, read, read, read, read. Life, however, took me down another course. Now that I have a little more time, I enjoy creative writing as a pastime. I enjoy the human interest stories and learning all the time, talking to people. I'm trying to make myself a better writer. I think there's a good writer in me, and I'm working at trying to find him."

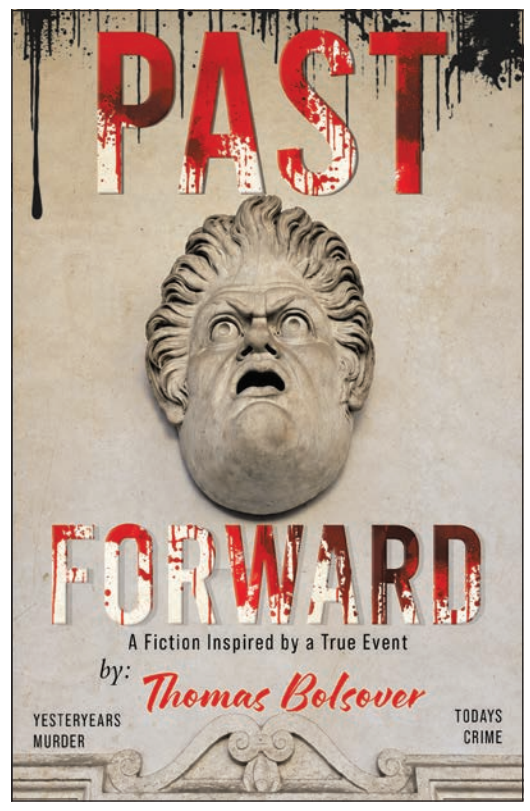
Past Forward marks the author's third creative writing project, following The Talk, a human-interest fiction story, and Tall Tales and Short Yarns, a collection of short stories.

Bolsover doesn't have any expectations on what he would like readers to take away from his work, only that his writing may promote some thinking and discussion.

"I don't consider myself credible enough to preach to anyone," he said. "What I have is a lot of life experience. What I like to do with my writing is to raise an eyebrow on contemplation. Empathy over apathy. I think that's a decision that we make on our own. We make mistakes, and sometimes, we can be kind of nasty. We're human. I know sometimes coming home from work, you have a bad day, and you realize you could have handled that one a little better. I like people to be that way."

While only a newcomer to the fiction writing scene in Dufferin County, Bolsover is eager to debut Past Forward in a December launch, with the exact date to be determined.

Locally, Bolsover hopes to make the book available through BookLore in Orangeville, which has previously showcased his work. It will also be distributed across Canada online.



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NEW RELEASE: Shelburne author Thomas Bolsover prepares to release his third book, Past Forward, a murder-mystery novel set partly in Shelburne.

Dufferin OPP charge Orangeville resident with impaired driving after incident at drive thru

Dufferin OPP recently charged an Orangeville resident with impaired driving-related offences after locating an individual in the drive-thru of a fast-food restaurant on Fifth Avenue in Orangeville.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026, at approximately 12:15 a.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP received a report of a possible impaired driver in a drive-thru lineup on Fifth Avenue. Officers attended the location and conducted a traffic stop.

During the interaction, officers observed signs of impairment and subsequently commenced an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Christian Cousineau, 58, of Orangeville, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

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

Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle involved was impounded.

The charge against the accused has not been proven in court.

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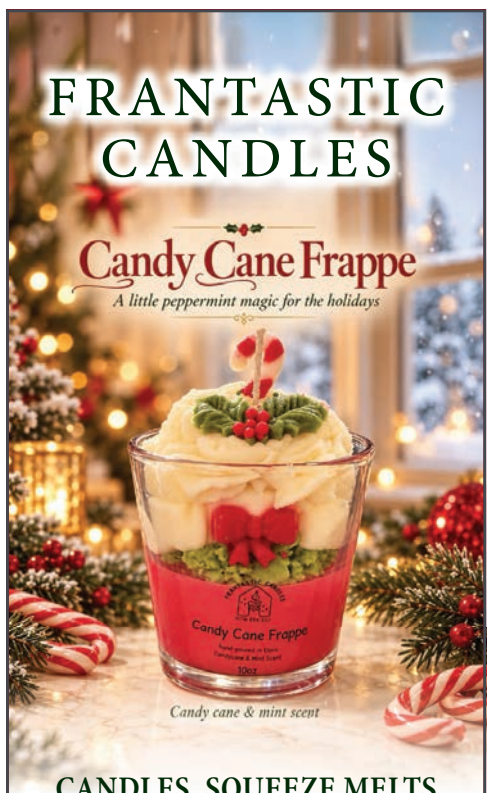
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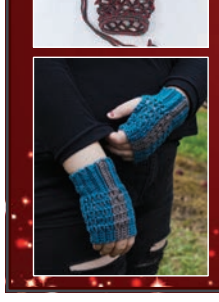
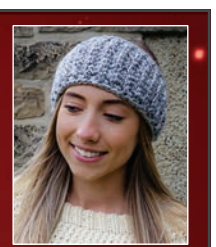


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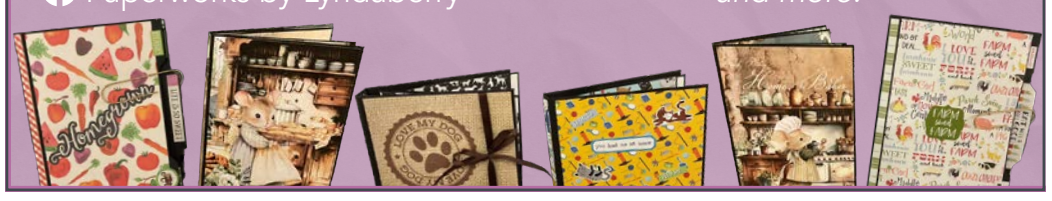


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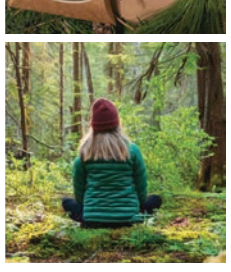


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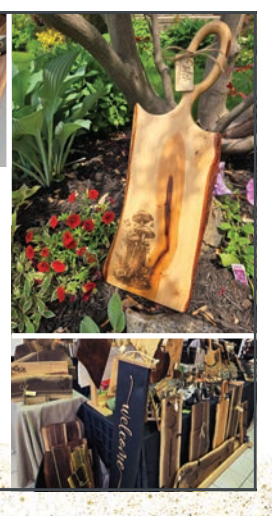



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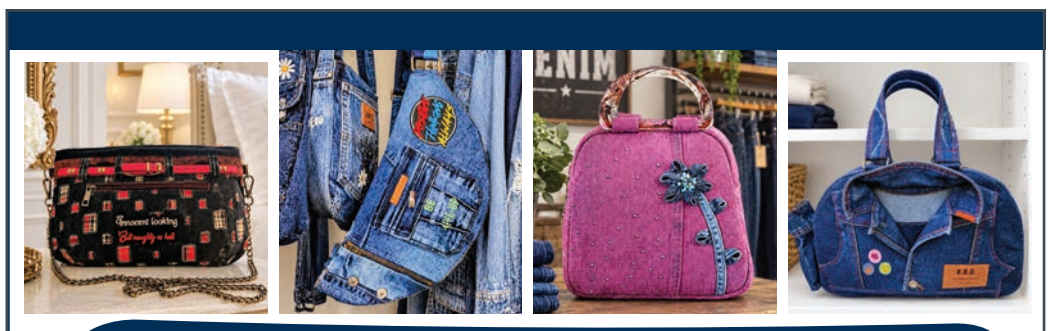
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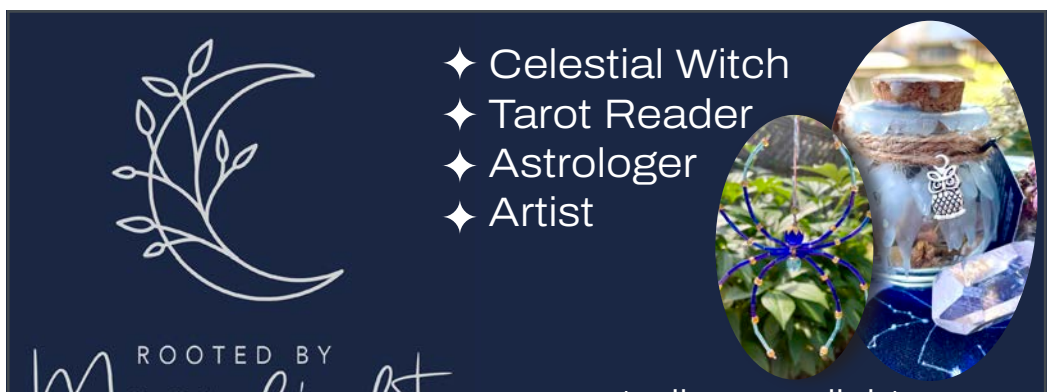




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RECOGNIZING JUNIORS: The Orangeville Junior C Northmen celebrated a successful season with their annual awards ceremony held at the Legion in Alton on Saturday, Nov. 7. Three graduating players who have now completed their junior careers were honoured at the event. Connor Hulme, Keaton Walsh, and Logan Marshall (not in photo) were honoured for their contributions to the team.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

AWARDING EXCELLENCE: The Orangeville Junior C Northmen held their annual season-end awards banquet at the Legion in Alton on Saturday, Nov. 7. The club recognized players who gave an outstanding effort as well as graduating players. Ashwood Murray was honoured as Transition Player of the Year. The Most Valuable Offensive Player Award went to Seth McCallum. Devan Doig was honoured as Most Valuable Defensive Player. The Steve Payne Unsung Hero Award went to Danny Dorval. Dorval was also honoured with the Ron McGuire Northmen of the Year award. The Most Dedicated Player of the Year was awarded to Owen Jenkins. The Graduating Player of the Year award was given to Keaton Walsh.

Junior C Northmen honour players at annual awards banquet

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was another successful season for the Orangeville Junior C Northmen, and the local lacrosse club ended the year with their annual awards banquet held at the Legion Hall in Alton on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The night was an opportunity to honour players who gave outstanding contributions to the season, as well as the chance to recognize the players who have now finished their junior career.

The Junior C Northmen didn't achieve what they hoped to this season.

The squad finished in fifth place in the Western Division with a 5-11 record. They lost their pre-playoffs qualifier series to the West Grey Rampage to finish the season.

However, the final results don't tell the full tale of what happened this year.

It was a rebuilding year for lacrosse in Orangeville. With three junior-level lacrosse clubs in town, there was a lot of trading of players and moving players up a division to fill the ranks.

As several top Junior C players moved up to 'B' and 'A' level play, the Junior C team filled the ranks with many players experiencing their first season in junior-level lacrosse.

It was a good learning experience for those players, and many of them will bring that experience back to the team next season.

During the banquet, head coach Branden Hunt announced that he would not be returning in the position next season, but would remain affiliated with the team.

Hunt cited family obligations as the reason for his decision to step down, saying he would have to take care of his own 'little team' at home. He said they would still see him at some practices and other team events.

Jamie Hunt, who was the team's defence coach last season, will be stepping up to take over head coaching duties when the new season gets underway.

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Connor Hulme, Keaton Walsh, and Logan Marshall were honoured for their contributions to the Orangeville Junior C Lacrosse Club.







OPINION

Tight days dole out more tricks than treats

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW



Old Harold is having a rough time.

Just as a great many of us are.

You remember Harold. He comes up every now and again in this space. I see him pretty much every time I saunter up Broadway. I use the strolls to clear my head of the day's detritus. The flotsam and the jetsam of a life to this point. Harold is a walker, too, for health of heart and mind.

And who among us doesn't share this difficult scratch of a life? For many of us, the hardship is all we can share. Not in the sense of giving but sharing in the way of common experience.

It seemed to me there were many more houses this year darkened on Halloween, I said.

Harold didn't say anything.

He's an older gentleman and he usually has that at-peace countenance that comes by years of having lived and witnessed and experienced. The time it takes a person to be able to see through what the younger self saw as so important.

It has been said some wounds or scars or whatever aren't readily seen. And that doesn't make them less a torment than a physical cut, abrasion, or the blackest bruises. Contusion. Edema. Those words always sounded nice to me. One's a bruise. The other's swelling. Among the few fancy words that can be kept when simpler words could substitute.

We'd sat on a Broadway bench. The same bench where we occasionally meet.

I asked Harold if he'd seen many costumed trick-or-treaters at his door. Told him about a lad I'd seen out who was dressed as Scooby-Doo and that the costume brought me back to when I was younger and everything was simpler.

I asked Harold if he'd brought his grandchildren through the neighbourhood, knocking on doors to fill a bag or a pail with goodies. Our conversations usually come to him talking about his daughter Emily and her children.

Harold asked if I'd heard about any reports of tampered candy. He said he read a few things about that but he'd never known anybody who had experienced that. Not his own children or nieces and nephews, and not his grandchildren. But perhaps they're doing such things now, he said. The world is a different place.

"Definitely not how it was," I said. "Not even when I was a kid."

I always thought Harold had about 20 or 25 years on me. Is that a generation?

"The missus, she went to the grocery the last time she did," Harold said. "Few days before Halloween that was. Just the two of us living in the house and we've been pulling the ends together, making them meet, with the same money."

One of those fixed incomes you read about in the newspaper, he said. The ones you hear the politicians talk about how something needs to be done to make it better for people having to live on limited means, he said. But nothing is ever really done beyond a bit of sound for the TV just long enough for a screen image between commercial breaks. Or it's a quick quote for a newspaper reporter so the story is written balanced.

"The items in the grocery bags keep getting fewer," Harold said. "The space grows each trip between the top of the bag and the few apples and the box of tea, milk, or whatever else she can manage at the store. It isn't as if the bag's getting bigger."

I thought about how all incomes are fixed. Most of them are fixed below sufficiency. Employers don't give monthly wage increases to match the need. Unions gear negotiated contracts to how much more it costs to live since the previous pact was signed. The interim is the struggle. And there are more days in that interim period. Maybe instead of four-year contract terms it should be monthly, given how quickly prices rise and the game changes.

I thought to say to Harold about how finally there's something shared by generations. Other than The Beatles. It used to be one generation spoke about how it was in their time and the younger crowd spoken to would roll eyes and say, "Whatever, Dad."

"We turned the lights out," Harold said.

I didn't speak.

"Halloween," he said. "We turned the lights out in the house. The missus sat in the dark while I walked around with Emily and the children."

Harold wiped his eyes then.

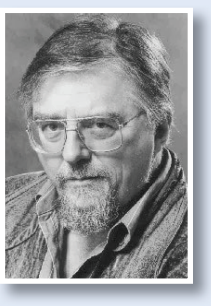
I looked at him beside me on the Broadway bench and put a hand to his shoulder.

"Emily and the kids stayed at the house on Halloween," Harold said. "Came a point I turned on the living room lamps and the TV for them. A gaggle of kids knocked at the door. Saw the light, I suppose. I opened the door and Emily's babies used their treats, gave some to the kids at the door."

I thought of Scooby-Doo and those easier times that seem so long ago for so many people. And I wondered if this time is a trick on most of us while the few collects treats.

Is America back?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



If the question is: 'Is America Back?', then the answer must be: 'No.' At least not in ways that are meaningful to non-Americans, who make up 96% of the world's population.

For Americans, it's a bit more nuanced. Nothing at all will change until 3 January, 2027, when all the new and old members of Congress are sworn in. What will happen after that remains to be seen, but it won't include much legislation because Donald Trump is promising to use his right of veto to thwart any measures he dislikes.

There is some chatter in Democratic circles about trying to impeach the president again. (They tried and failed twice in his first term). That would be stupid, because large numbers of Republicans in both Houses would have to defect to make it possible, but the Democrats might try it anyway out of frustration (because Trump is vetoing all their legislation).

Trump might even tacitly encourage another impeachment effort, as it would distract the Democrats from better targeted and more useful investigations into his many and flagrant self-dealing enterprises. It would also help to keep the paranoia level high on his own side.

So for all the hyperbole about 'electoral earthquakes', this is not the dawn of a new and better era in the United States. If the Democrats can stay cool and forensic in their approach they might lay the foundations for another electoral victory and a real reckoning in 2028, but it is not within reach now.

Where Trump remains unconstrained is in his dealings with the rest of the world: his tariffs, his wars, his whims and hates and boundless greed. He is not one whit less powerful in that domain than he was last week, and the damage he can do is both unpredictable and incalculable. Just one example: Iran.

Since Trump was beguiled into making a surprise attack on Iran eight months ago by Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netantyahu, he has oscillated endlessly between believing he can bomb the Iranians into submission – and imagining that he can 'negotiate' a better outcome than Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran (which Trump tore up eight years ago).

As I write, we have no idea whether or not Trump will resume bombing Iran now that the mid-terms are out of the way. He probably has no idea himself. Of course, Iran still has no nuclear weapon or anything near that – but senior regime members are now openly debating whether Iran should get the bomb just to deter this kind of nonsense.

And so it goes, from threats to annex the '51st state' (Canada) to rambling monologues about how Trump already controls Greenland to boasts about how the United States now owns most of Venezuela's oil. Most of it is empty threats but bits of it actually come to pass, and you can't really be sure which is which.

Never mind. Only two more years and it will be over – but will it?

There is no reason to believe that the United States is only dabbling in the business of being a rogue state, and will revert to being the guarantor of global stability once the madman has been removed or retired.

In all the vox pop voter interviews and the politicians' thank-you speeches, did you hear a single American saying that they were worried about their country going rogue.? Did anybody say that kidnapping Venezuela's president and stealing the country's oil was illegal, or that conniving in Russia's war against Ukraine was both evil and counter-productive?

No. The most you heard even about Donald Trump's on-again-off-again war on Iran was the complaint that it had driven up the cost of living and especially the cost of diesel fuel. This is not a country that can commit to a serious military alliance on the far side of a large ocean.

There's no good reason it should. Its oceans are sufficient defence against any conventional threat of invasion, and the threat of nuclear weapons is a matter for deterrence, never for fighting.

Once upon a time a large number of Americans were persuaded to belong to a major overseas alliance by broad ideology and a specific geopolitical concept (The Russians Are Coming!), but those days are long gone. The Russians still need to be deterred, but it doesn't require Americans.

It still makes sense for Europeans to have a sort of post-NATO alliance, because Russia really is aggressive in seeking to regain its old imperial frontiers.

It even makes sense for Canada to belong to that post-NATO organization, because it helps defend Canadian sovereignty from American challenge.

But it's foolish to depend on Americans for support, because they don't have skin in this game.

The lonely old man

KEITH SCHELL
REMEMBERING WHEN



When I was very young, my parents took me aside one evening to make a special request. An elderly gentleman in our neighbourhood, whom my parents liked and trusted, had recently lost his spouse and was grieving deeply. With no children of his own, he was completely alone, with no one to help him through his sorrow.

Feeling compassion for his loss, my parents asked me to spend a Friday evening with him — to keep him company and perhaps talk to him for a while. Although my parents knew him well, I hardly knew him at all and wasn't enthusiastic about the visit. But this was one of those special requests that a child couldn't really refuse, even though I had no idea what to say to someone I barely knew.

When the arranged Friday evening arrived, my dad dropped me off at the gentleman's house and waited until I entered after knocking on the door. The gentleman was happy to see me and invited me in. He knew I liked the newspaper comics and had saved a bunch on the living room coffee table for me to read. I sat in the living room with a soft drink and read the comics, which took all of about 15 minutes.

Then we started to talk. It was awkward at first, as neither of us knew each other very well. He asked me about my interests, and I answered, but I didn't know what to ask him in return. As a kid, I had no idea what to say to an older gentleman like him. There were many awkward silences that evening as we tried to relate to each other.

Despite the awkwardness, I think the gentleman was simply glad to have company for the evening, even if it was just a little kid who didn't know what to say to him. I didn't think much about that evening after I went home, even when I heard much later that the gentleman had passed away. As a young child, there was still much about life that I didn't yet understand.

Decades later, while watching television, something triggered the memory of that visit. Reflecting on it now as an adult, I finally understand what my parents were trying to do. Growing up in a busy and happy home surrounded by loved ones, I never truly grasped why my parents wanted me to visit him. But now that I am older, I understand completely.

Loneliness can be insidious, especially for an older person who has lost their spouse and faces the remainder of their life alone. After a lifetime of hard work and building a legacy with their partner, no one deserves to be alone in their golden years. My parents were trying to ease his loneliness, if only for one evening. In hindsight, I hope I helped, even just a little.

For those who find themselves alone in their later years, be sociable if you can. People need people. Get out, join activities, play cards with friends, call loved ones whenever possible, and keep the lines of communication open with family and friends.

For adults in their prime, remember the time your parents spent with you as a child — and try to reciprocate now that they are aging. You were vulnerable then, and they are vulnerable now. It's time to return the favour. Family is everything, and the most important gift you can give your loved ones is your time.

If possible, put down your phone and visit your parents in the seniors' home regularly. Drop in on other family members whenever you can. Someday, you will be in the same situation as your elderly parents. It's never too soon to care about the people who cared about you.

After all, the only way to fight the ongoing war on loneliness and isolation among today's seniors is by being as sociable as possible.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Report card season: Understanding your child's strengths and needs

Report cards and parent-teacher interviews can provide valuable insight into your child's learning and development. However, it can be concerning to hear that your child is struggling academically, having difficulty paying attention, or finding classroom routines challenging. You may wonder what these concerns mean and how you can best support your child.

Here are some ways to better understand your child's needs and explore how you can help them at school and at home.

Understanding the feedback: Report cards provide a snapshot of your child's progress, but they may not tell the whole story. Ask the teacher for specific examples of what they observe in the classroom. Your child's teacher is there to help them succeed, and their feedback can offer valuable insight into your child's strengths and challenges.

During a parent-teacher interview, consider asking:

- What areas is my child struggling with? Can you provide examples?
- How are these concerns affecting my child at school?
- Are there any underlying factors that might explain these difficulties?
- What supports are currently in place, and what additional supports are available?
- How can I support my child at home and in the community?

Approaching these conversations with curiosity and an open mind can help you better understand your child's experiences and identify ways to meet their needs.

What comes next? Depending on your child's needs, additional support may include special education services, tutoring, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, or help with attention and organization. Ask what resources are available through your school or school board, whether services can be provided at school, and how long accessing them may take. Availability and wait times vary, so understanding your options can help you plan next steps.

If you continue to have concerns about your child's learning, a psychoeducational assessment may help clarify how your child learns, highlighting their strengths and areas where additional support may be beneficial. Depending on the reason for the assessment, it may explore:

- Language and verbal reasoning: Understanding language, explaining ideas, and identifying relationships between ideas.
- Nonverbal problem-solving: Recognizing patterns and solving visual problems.
- Processing speed: How quickly a child processes and responds to information on structured tasks.
- Academic skills: Reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Fine motor skills: Skills involved in tasks such as handwriting.
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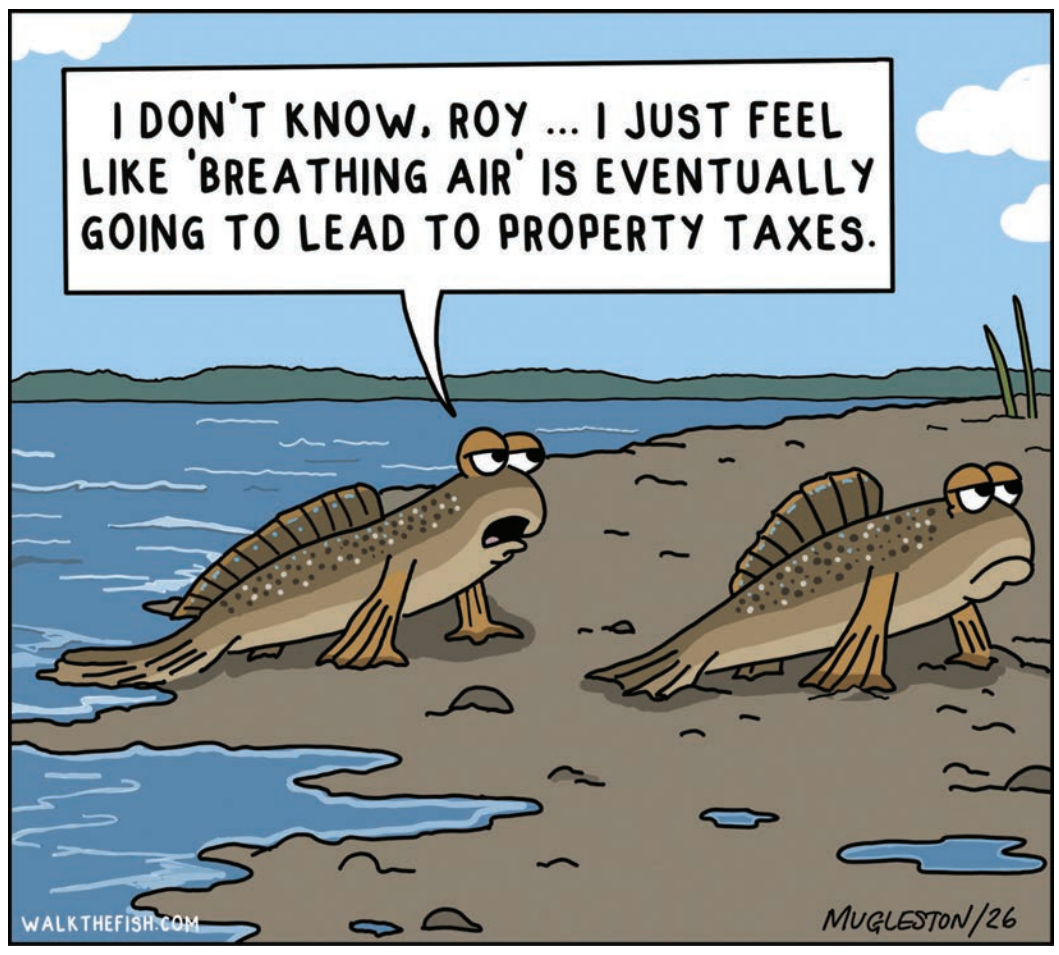
Assessments should always be tailored to your child. Findings can help explain your child's learning strengths and challenges and provide individualized recommendations to support their learning at school and at home, and can potentially identify differences in how their brain works. Knowing how each child learns and processes information can help with planning for supports and harnessing their strengths.

Follow up and stay connected: You do not need to make every decision immediately after receiving a report card or during a parent-teacher interview. Take time to consider your options and stay connected with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps. Monitor accommodations and adjustments that the school provide to your child to see what works, and what doesn't.

Working together with educators can make a meaningful difference in your child's educational journey.

Remember, you are the expert on your child, and your involvement and dedication are crucial in helping your child thrive in school.

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Following the results, I have now considered that all three concerns must be managed by two new councillors, as nothing else seems to be affected insofar as the elected executive processes.

Okay, maybe the incumbent members have each had a change of heart and will address the three observed concerns, and the improvements will be enjoyed by everyone, maybe.

Respectfully,
Bernie Lynch
Orangeville

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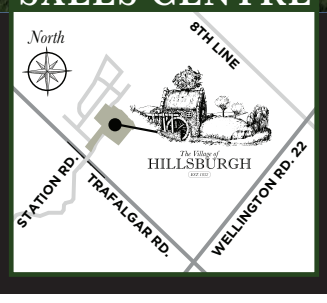
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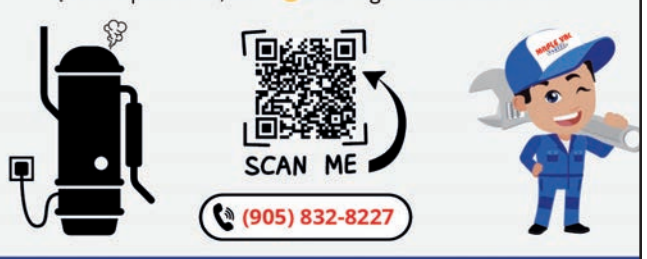
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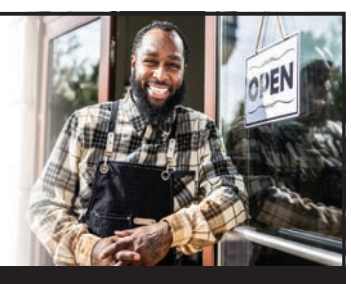
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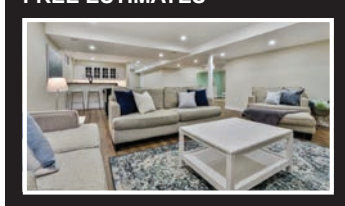
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Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Mono has many roads in need of adoption.

Mono resident Anthony Hosein said some local roads have been sponsored by the same groups for decades. As such, he asked council during its Nov. 10 meeting what the term for a sponsorship is.

"And will council set fixed terms with an open application window so new applicants have a fair chance," he said.

Matt Doner, the town's public works director and roads superintendent, said there is a policy followed in the sponsorship program by which people can adopt a local road.

"We're in constant communication with the current applicants and always are encouraging new applicants to either replace the current roads or adopt new roads," Doner said.

He isn't aware of receiving any new applications from people or groups wishing to adopt a length of Mono thoroughfare, he said.

But the town "definitely encourages residents to help maintain roads and keep them clean," Doner said.

"Is there any obligation on the individual or company that sponsors a road to do litter pickup or anything else, and how do we make certain they are living up to an obligation if there is one?" Mayor John Creelman asked.

Doner said sponsors in the program generally are in communication with departmental staff. That usually happens between April and November annually. Sponsors responsible for a road are provided bags by Public Works.

After those bags are filled with any litter from the roads, they're left on the roadside for staff to pick up.

Councillor Elaine Capes said there are many Mono roads that haven't been adopted.

"So if you're looking to adopt a road then find a road that's not already adopted and file a request to the town," she said.

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Mass will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church 42 Dawson Rd Orangeville, on Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations to the Toronto General Foundation-Transplant Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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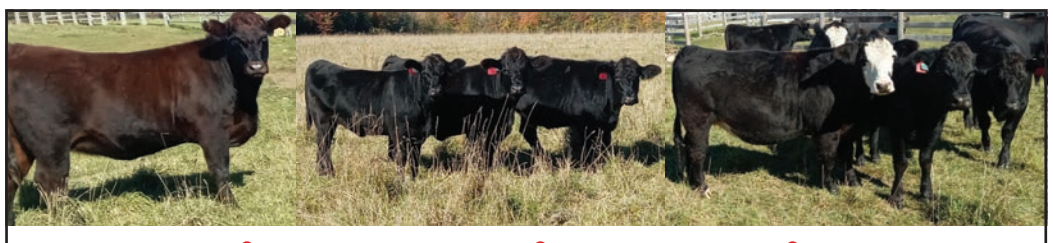
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FOR INFORMATION regarding **HEART and STROKE**, call Dori Ebel (519)941-1865 or 1-800-360-1557.

IF YOU or a **FAMILY MEMBER** are struggling with gambling, Gamblers Anonymous is there to HELP. Call: 1(855) 222-5542 or visit www.gatoronto.ca.

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