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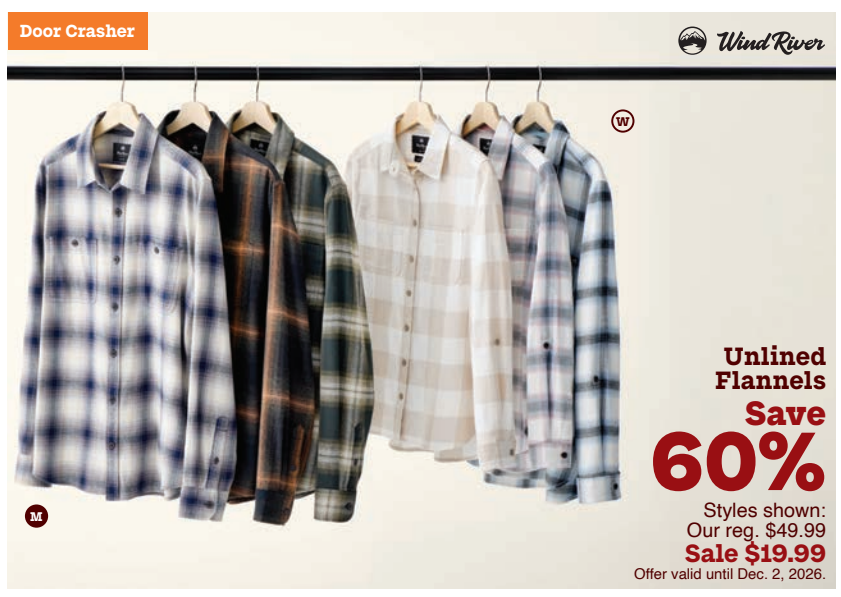


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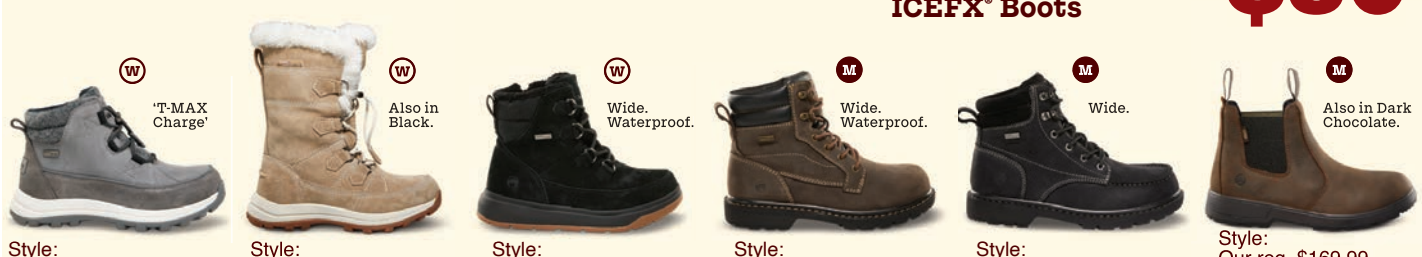
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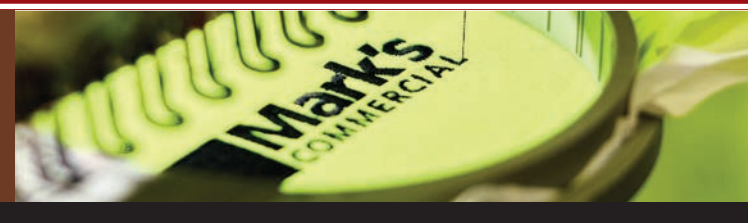
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WRAPPED IN COURAGE: The End Gender-Based Violence flag was raised at Orangeville Town Hall in recognition of Woman Abuse Prevention Month and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on Nov. 17. Brennan Solecky from Family Transition Place holds a proclamation declaring November as Woman Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Orangeville, while Mayor Lisa Raeburn and Coun. Carrie-Anne DeCaprio hold up the flag, alongside supporters, and other FTP representatives.

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Orangeville council eager to write town's next chapter

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**



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SWORN IN: Orangeville's newly elected council gathers around the table during its inauguration ceremony at the Opera House on Monday, Nov. 16. From left are councillors Joe Andrews, Carrie-Ann DeCaprio, Mayor Lisa Raeburn, councillors Tess Prendergast, Debbie Sherwood and Matthew Smith.

David Smith has seven new bosses.

And Smith, Orangeville's CAO, formally introduced them to residents Monday when the new town council was sworn in following the October municipal election. The 2026-2030 council term begins with its inaugural meeting on Monday.

The new panel of decision-makers includes Mayor Lisa Raeburn, who was formerly known by the surname Post before she reverted to her maiden name, Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, and councillors Tess Prendergast, Debbie Sherwood, Joe Andrews, Carrie-Ann DeCaprio, and Matthew Smith.

Those five councillors earned the most votes among a slate of 18 candidates.

David Smith said history will be the ultimate judge of the coming term of municipal government. The ultimate test of success will be whether life for residents and businesses is better after the next four years.

To that end, he said, everybody in the rows of seats at the Town Hall Opera House for the swearing-in will have different definitions of what better conditions are in town.

And, he said, the newly elected councillors represent the vast majority of people who didn't vote — the people who go about their daily lives counting on council to make Orangeville a better place to live.

"You are now the authors of Orangeville's next chapter," Smith said.

Working together is the best means to achieve a measure of success. Relations are challenging enough being one of two people in the union. Now each of those council members is one of seven people.

Raeburn, who was chosen from a mayoral field of five candidates, said each councillor should have differing opinions about certain issues. That challenge will ultimately lead to the best decisions for residents by way of considering different arguments of an issue.

"You've trusted me to keep going," the incumbent mayor said.

And that trust is earned every day, she said.

She offered verbal bouquets to former councillors Andy Macintosh and Rick Stevens. Macintosh decided to retire and didn't seek re-election.

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HollyFest returns to Orangeville Fairgrounds this weekend with over 130 vendors

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

If your holiday shopping list is still blank, the Orangeville HollyFest holiday market could be the place to find some inspiration.

Returning for its second year to the OAS Events Centre (247090 Sideroad 5, Mono), the market runs on Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hosted by the Orangeville Citizen, the market features over 130 curated vendors, specializing in unique holiday gifts, seasonal décor, and handmade goods.

"HollyFest is about bringing our community together and celebrating everything that makes the holiday season special. We're excited to welcome shoppers back for a second year, with an incredible lineup of vendors offering something unique for everyone on their holiday shopping list," said Janine Taylor, manager of HollyFest.

"It's also an opportunity to support small businesses, discover local talent and give back to our community. We hope HollyFest becomes a holiday tradition that families look forward to year after year."

Entrance to HollyFest is free, with a donation to the Orangeville Food Bank encouraged at the door.

New this year is Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Orangeville Agricultural Society (OAS), from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 21. Three time slots are available at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:45 a.m., costing $15 for adults and children or admission by donation for kids two and under.

The 10:45 a.m. time slot will be sensory-friendly for children with autism and cost $5 instead of $15. Pre-registration is encouraged. Visit: forms.gle/FLRrc8PTLieYUTut6

During the visits, children can enjoy stations for colouring, storytelling, and writing letters to Santa.

Santa Claus will also be roaming through the market over the entire weekend, providing lots of cellphone photo opportunities for families.

"We want there to be something for everyone at HollyFest, including the little ones," Taylor said. "We're hoping to create a fun, festive experience that gets everyone into the Christmas spirit."

HollyFest has grown from 90 vendors last year to more than 130 this year, allowing for greater variety and new categories, including pet products, crystals, women's clothing, and herbal tea.

"We wanted to grow the market this year, but do so thoughtfully. It's important to us that we maintain a good balance of vendors and variety without overcrowding the market," Taylor said. "We want shoppers to have plenty to discover while ensuring our vendors have a worthwhile experience and the opportunity to connect with customers."

Shoppers can stop for a meal at this year's food trucks: Miller's Meats serving BBQ dishes, Buckshot Roasters coffee truck, and Kabzza, which focuses on Mexican street food.

For shoppers looking to take a break, seating is available in a festive lounge area, designed by Olive and Ash Staging and Interiors. It will feature a living room vibe with a holiday-themed backdrop.

The Orangeville Food Bank will have Festive Giving Cards available at HollyFest, giving shoppers an opportunity to make a difference while checking off their holiday shopping lists.

The $20 cards can be purchased as gifts for teachers, colleagues, friends or family members, with all proceeds going toward purchasing food and supporting local households experiencing food insecurity. Donations are also tax-deductible.

The Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share's fund development specialist, Carol Maitland, said the initiative comes at a time when demand for food bank services continues to climb.

In October, the food bank served 1,679 people, with children accounting for 30 per cent of those served.

"A lot of people that would not have seen themselves using a food bank are now relying on it for food because they just can't pay their rent," Maitland said.

Last month, the food bank distributed more than 55,000 pounds of food and had to purchase more than 13,000 pounds to keep its shelves stocked.

Maitland said the organization is currently working to raise $600,000 to sustain its operations this fiscal year, relying heavily on community donations and support.

"I'm hoping that people will give a gift to help a local family put food on their table this Christmas," she said.



FILE PHOTO

FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE: Santa Claus makes an appearance at last year's HollyFest holiday market. He'll be back this weekend, roaming the market and posing for photos with families.

Westminster United Church to feature presentation from peace activist and author LeeAnn McKenna

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

Westminster United Church in Orangeville will welcome peace activist and author LeeAnn McKenna on Nov. 22 for a presentation and book signing focused on her experiences working in conflict zones around the world.

McKenna, who lives in Mono, will discuss her newly released book, Midwifing Peace: Caught in the Crossfire, during the event, which begins at 1 p.m. at the church (247 Broadway).

She began her work in war zones in 1989 and has since travelled to more than 20 countries, bringing her approach to peacemaking into communities affected by conflict.

Her work has taken her to places including Sudan, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Philippines and Iraq, as well as countries in Central and South America. Her experience includes human rights monitoring, advocacy and working alongside communities experiencing violence and political instability.

McKenna is also the founding director of Partera International, an organization established in 2007 that provides training in conflict transformation and nonviolent direct action.

The organization works with people and communities seeking nonviolent solutions to conflict, with particular attention to issues involving gender, religion and the economic roots of violence. Its approach emphasizes equipping people living in conflict zones with skills in mediation, human rights, economic literacy and peaceful conflict resolution.

According to Partera, the organization's name comes from the Spanish word for midwife, reflecting its philosophy of accompanying communities through the process of creating a more peaceful future.

McKenna's book draws on her extensive international experiences, presenting stories and reflections from people living through difficult circumstances involving violence, division and uncertainty. It explores the work of building peace through dialogue, relationships and conflict transformation.

Her contributions have also been recognized by the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, which presented her with the Muriel Duckworth Award for Lifetime Achievement in Peace Activism.

Westminster United Church is inviting community members, social justice advocates and anyone interested in international affairs and peacebuilding to attend.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available, and McKenna will be signing copies of her book following the presentation.

A Heartfelt THANK YOU from Cardinal Woods Circle of Friends!

Cardinal Woods Circle of Friends, the official community social committee serving the residents of Cardinal Woods, would like to extend our heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our 5th Annual PARTY IN THE PARK such a wonderful success! The event was held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, and brought together neighbours, families, friends and community members for an afternoon of fun, entertainment and celebration.

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TO OUR VENDORS:
Thank you to all the wonderful vendors who brought their specialties to showcase at our event! From delicious food and unique products to animals and kid zone attractions, you helped create an exciting and memorable experience for attendees of all ages. Your participation added so much to the atmosphere and success of the day, and we truly appreciate you being part of our community celebration!

TO OUR ENTERTAINERS:
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Last but certainly not least, a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who showed up, rolled up their sleeves and dug right in! From setup and tear-down to everything in between, your time, energy and willingness to help were invaluable. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without people like you, and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

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With close to 500 people in attendance, we want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who came out to participate, support and celebrate with us. We hope you enjoyed yourselves!

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SANTA SPOTTED: Santa Claus waves to the crowd during the 2025 Orangeville Santa Claus Parade. He'll return to downtown Orangeville on Saturday, Nov. 21, for this year's parade, themed "A Storybook Christmas."

Santa Claus Parade returns to downtown core this weekend

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The holiday season is approaching, and Santa Claus is coming to town!

The annual Santa Claus Parade will return to Orangeville's downtown on Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 5 p.m. from the intersection of First Street and Hansen.

The parade route travels up First Street until it turns left onto Broadway, and finishes at its intersection with Fourth Street.

This year's theme is "A Storybook Christmas," built around the nostalgic stories, characters and music that are loved during the holiday season. A total of 65 floats will take part in this year's parade.

"The parade is a longstanding community tradition, bringing family and friends together to celebrate the holiday season," said Sharon Doherty-Gaudin, the town's manager of recreation and events.

"Community groups, businesses, organizations, sports clubs and more bring their creativity to the table to create a fun, festive vibe. They put so much incredible work into their floats. People walk away with memories that last for a lifetime."

New this year is a Quiet Route Zone between Fead Street and Third Avenue on First Street.

"This sensory friendly viewing area will see floats with quiet music and avoid sirens or honking, helping create an inclusive parade experience for everyone," said the Town of Orangeville.

The parade can be safely viewed from sidewalks or boulevards. Medians and the west side of the First Street and Broadway intersection are off limits.

To accommodate the parade, roads along the route will be closed at 3 p.m.

Orangeville Transit's last bus will leave its hub at 2 p.m., with service ending at 2:45 p.m.

There are several municipal parking lots available throughout Orangeville's downtown core. Anyone driving to the parade route is advised to plan ahead and allow extra time to find a parking space.

Municipal parking lots include 82 Broadway (access off Broadway and Armstrong Street), 90 Broadway (access off Armstrong Street), 112 Broadway (access off Armstrong Street), 166–169 Broadway (Little York, back parking), Mill Street (near the corner of Mill Street and Church Street), and Penny Lane (south side of Zina Street).

For the safety of parade viewers, participants, volunteers and the community, the town asks that they do not cross road closure barriers once they are put in place.

Crossing a road closure could result in fines from the OPP of $110 and carries three demerit points under the Highway Traffic Act.

To view a complete list of road closures and parade information, visit: orangeville.ca/SantaParade





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

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

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI



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

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

2018 JEEP CHEROKEE NORTH FWD



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

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

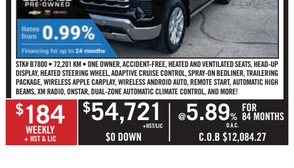
2024 RAM 3500 LIMITED LONGHORN



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

$311 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $86,769 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $26,580.08

2023 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI CREW CAB 4X4



STK# 2612234 • 82,283 KM • WHITE FROST TRICOAT, ATMOSPHERE/BROWNSTONE LEATHER, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, SUNROOF, BOSE AUDIO, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA.

$184 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $54,821 +HST/LIC | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,106.35

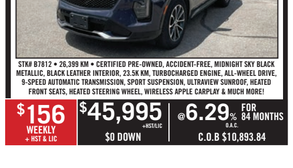
2023 GMC YUKON XL SLT 4WD



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

$262 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $77,989 +HST/LIC | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $17,222.64

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE STERLING EDITION



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

$132 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $17,969 +HST/LIC | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 36 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $2,547.34

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!

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

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2026 DODGE DURANGO GT HEMI PLUS AWD



STK# TC0107

FINANCE FROM **$204** WEEKLY +TAXES

$54,501 +HST/LIC
INCLUDES $3,000 OCL DISCOUNT AND $10,000 CONSUMER CASH OFF $80,501. INCLUDES $721 ADMINISTRATION/OMVIC FEES
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.99% FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. $17,498.16

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4



STK# TT0052

FINANCE FROM **$145** WEEKLY +TAXES

$47,901 +HST/LIC
$1,000 OCL DISCOUNT APPLIED TO $48,901 SUGGESTED PRICE.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

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

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED



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

$203 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $56,671 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $17,360.11

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0001 • 5,759 KM • FINISHED IN STRIKING WHITE WITH A ROBUST 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, THIS SUV PROMISES SMOOTH HANDLING OVER ANY TERRAIN. ITS BOLD ROAD PRESENCE AND ICONIC DESIGN MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT, WHILE THE INTERIOR DELIVERS SOPHISTICATION AND COMFORT.

$263 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,975 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $22,409.38

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0029 • 5,863 KM • AN ADVENTURE-READY SUV WITH AN EYE-CATCHING GREEN EXTERIOR AND ROBUST 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, DELIVERING IMPRESSIVE HANDLING AND A THRILLING RIDE ACROSS ALL TERRAINS. THE BOLD EXTERIOR IS PAIRED WITH AN EQUALLY STRIKING INTERIOR.

$269 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,975 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $22,956.18

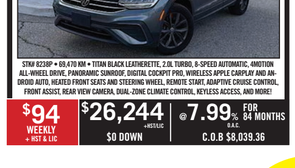
2026 RAM 1500 REBEL



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

$351 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $83,396 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $29,967.19

2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



STK# U178069 • 45,469 KM • A84 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE, 3.0L DURAMAX TURBO-DIESEL, NAVIGATION, POWER HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, SMART DEVICE INTEGRATION, WI-FI HOTSPOT, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 4X4, ALLOY WHEELS, BACKUP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT AND REAR PARKING SENSORS, LANE KEEP ASSIST, AND MORE!

$246 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $68,586 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $21,010.05

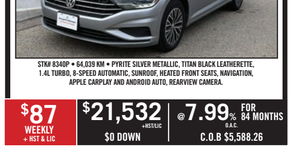
2022 DODGE DURANGO R/T PLUS AWD



STK# U198215 • 97,513 KM • BLACK, NAPPA LEATHER, 5.7L HEMI V8, AWD, SIX-PASSENGER SEATING, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, NAVIGATION, HARMAN KARDON AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL.

$161 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $44,986 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $13,780.63

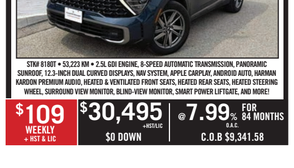
2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



STK# U582631 • 178,414 KM • LONGHORN LEVEL 1 EQUIPMENT GROUP, TOWING TECHNOLOGY GROUP, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, 17-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, REAR AUTO-LEVELLING AIR SUSPENSION, CLASS V HITCH, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, 6.7L CUMMINS TURBO-DIESEL, 4X4, AND MORE!

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

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392



STK# U565159 • 57,836 KM • TECHNOLOGY GROUP, 6.4L SRT HEMI V8, POWER SUNROOF, DRIVER MEMORY, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, HARMAN/KARDON 19-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, NAPPA LEATHER AND ALCANTARA INTERIOR, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FORWARD COLLISION WARNING, LANE KEEP ASSIST, REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!

$46,475 +HST/LIC **CASH**

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2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT TRAIL BOSS 4X4



STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM **$247** WEEKLY +TAXES

$75,306 +HST/LIC
CASH OFFER: $10,000 NSCDA OFF $90,704
FINANCE AMOUNT $89,775.84
EFFECTIVE RATE 4.3%. CASH ALLOWANCE AND FINANCE PROGRAM ARE SEPARATE.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2026 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71 CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 23534

FINANCE FROM **$199** WEEKLY +TAXES

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

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

2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4XE OVERLAND 4X4



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

$141 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $39,221 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,014.63

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD HIGH COUNTRY



STK# B7804 • 8,387 KM • HEATED/COOLED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEADS UP DISPLAY, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, WIRELESS CHARGING, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, 360 CAMERA, WIFI HOT SPOT, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, SPRAY IN BED LINER, RAIN SENSE WIPERS.

$285 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $84,995 +HST/LIC | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $18,769.81

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



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

$252 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $74,995 +HST/LIC | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $16,561.47

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



STK# 23628A • 171,272 KM • ONE OWNER, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, 360 SURROUND VISION, SUNROOF, WI-FI HOTSPOT, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, LEATHER SEATS, AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL, 20" WHEELS, POWER LIFTGATE, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, TRAILERING PACKAGE AND MORE!

$104 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $21,721 +HST/LIC | @8.99% O.A.C. FOR 60 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $5,264.76

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



STK# B7880 • 72,281 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPRAY-IN BEDLINER, TRAILERING PACKAGE, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$184 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $54,721 +HST/LIC | @5.89% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,084.27

2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD



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

$173 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,721 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $11,421.77

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT



STK# B7812 • 26,399 KM • CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED, ACCIDENT-FREE, MIDNIGHT SKY BLACK METALLIC, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 23.5K KM, TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, SPORT SUSPENSION, ULTRAVIEW SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY & MUCH MORE!

$156 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $45,995 +HST/LIC | @6.29% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $10,893.84

2024 CADILLAC XT6 AWD SPORT



STK# 10983A • 89,398 KM • LEATHER CABIN, V6 POWER AND AWD, PANORAMIC ROOF, FRONT-SEAT HEATING AND VENTILATION, REAR-SEAT HEATING, BOSE AUDIO, NAVIGATION, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA AND SECOND-ROW CAPTAIN'S CHAIRS.

$175 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,621 +HST/LIC | @6.29% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,226.35

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2026 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN TRENDLINE 4MOTION



STK# TG2656-NEW

LEASE FROM **$108** WEEKLY +TAXES

$41,710 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

2.49% FOR 48 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2027 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS TRENDLINE 4MOTION



STK# TA2706-NEW

$500 DEALER BONUS INCLUDED

LEASE FROM **$102** WEEKLY +TAXES

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

3.99% FOR 51 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2024 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN HIGHLINE R-LINE 4MOTION



STK# B272T • 72,182 KM • TITAN BLACK LEATHER; TURBOCHARGED 2.0L POWER, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND 4MOTION TRACTION. INCLUDES A PANORAMIC ROOF, FRONT-SEAT HEATING AND VENTILATION, REAR-SEAT HEATING, NAVIGATION AND PREMIUM HARMAN KARDON SOUND.

$117 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $32,494 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $9,953.94

2023 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA GLI DSG



STK# 8325T • 100,321 KM • DEEP BLACK PEARL, TITAN BLACK LEATHER, 2.0L TURBO, DSG AUTOMATIC, SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, BEATSAUDIO, NAVIGATION, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL.

$90 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $24,992 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $7,655.84

2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE



STK# 7603T • 81,475 KM • 5.7L HEMI V8 WITH ETORQUE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, FRONT BENCH SEAT, LARAMIE LEVEL 2 EQUIPMENT GROUP, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, NAV, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HARMAN KARDON AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, AND MORE!

$170 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $41,995 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 72 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $10,899.07

2023 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS



STK# 7686P • 27,412 KM • 2.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4 WITH ANTI-SPIN DIFFERENTIAL, SILVER ZYNITH EXTERIOR, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, COLD WEATHER GROUP, TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MORE!

$142 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $34,495 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,098.56

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!

$94 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $26,244 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $8,039.36

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!

$122 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $33,995 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $10,413.74

2021 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA HIGHLINE AUTO



STK# B340P • 84,030 KM • PYRITE SILVER METALLIC, TITAN BLACK LEATHERETTE, 1.4L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, NAVIGATION, APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, REARVIEW CAMERA.

$87 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $21,532 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $5,588.26

2023 KIA SPORTAGE X-LINE LIMITED AWD



STK# B180T • 53,223 KM • 2.5L GDI ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, 12.3-INCH DUAL CURVED DISPLAYS, NAV SYSTEM, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, HARMAN KARDON PREMIUM AUDIO, HEATED & VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, SURROUND VIEW MONITOR, BLIND-VIEW MONITOR, SMART POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$109 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $30,495 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $9,341.58

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Downtown Orangeville prepares for two weekends of the Joy & Lights Festival

Downtown Orangeville is getting all dressed up for the holidays, and everyone is invited to celebrate!

The Joy & Lights Festival returns Nov. 20 to 22 and Nov. 27 to 29, bringing twinkling lights, festive entertainment, holiday shopping and family fun to the heart of downtown.

With beautifully decorated storefronts, welcoming cafés and restaurants, and a European-style holiday market, the festival brings the charm of small-town Christmas traditions to life, inviting everyone to gather and share in the festive spirit.

Merry & Bright (Nov. 20-22)

The festivities begin Friday, Nov. 20, with Starlight Shopping, seasonal entertainment and the annual Orangeville Tree Lighting at approximately 7 p.m. Browse downtown shops, find inspiration for your gift list and celebrate the start of the season.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the Town of Orangeville Santa Claus Parade brings its colourful procession and holiday cheer to Broadway beginning at 5 p.m.

Arrive early to explore downtown and enjoy the Very Merry Holiday Market. Sunday's Family FunDay rounds out the opening weekend with festive activities and more opportunities to shop, dine and celebrate.

Firelight & Frost (Nov. 27–29)

The excitement continues during the second weekend with dazzling fire shows and live ice-sculpting demonstrations, bringing glowing flames and icy artistry to the downtown celebration.

Visitors can also enjoy outdoor skating on a synthetic rink on Second Street, presented in partnership with Prevail Activations.

This special skating experience brings winter fun to downtown without waiting for freezing temperatures. The Very Merry Holiday Market returns alongside entertainment and activities for the family.

Shop, Sip and Celebrate Local

Open all six festival days, the Very Merry Holiday Market features charming wooden vendor chalets, handcrafted gifts, holiday décor and delicious seasonal treats. The licensed Sips Lounge adds a cozy place to pause and enjoy festive refreshments.

Discover thoughtful gifts and friendly service at downtown's independent businesses while collecting Joy Book stamps at participating locations. Enjoy double stamps during both festival weekends as patrons shop, dine and explore this holiday season. Every local purchase supports the people and businesses that keep the community vibrant throughout the year.

Bundle up, bring your favourite people and make Downtown Orangeville part of your holiday traditions. For schedules and updates, visit downtownorangeville.ca and follow @downtownorangeville on social media.

Activities, times and locations are subject to change.



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LET THERE BE LIGHT: Downtown Orangeville's annual tree lighting ceremony marks the start of the holiday season. This year's lighting takes place Friday, Nov. 20, at approximately 7 p.m. as part of the Joy & Lights Festival.

Upper Grand District School Board trustees sworn in for new term, chair and vice-chair elected

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Upper Grand District School Board swore in its Board of Trustees for the 2026-2030 term on Nov.17.

Shelley Bergant was acclaimed as Orangeville's trustee and Bernie Karsch was acclaimed as trustee for Amaranth, East Luther/Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mulmur, Mono and Shelburne.

Other trustees making up the board consists of Dan Atkinson for Guelph (Wards 2, 3 and 4); Curtis Cox for Wellington North, Minto and Mapleton; Jen Edwards for Guelph/Eramosa, East Garafraxa and Erin; Bill Foster for Guelph (Wards 1 and 5); Martha MacNeil for Guelph (Wards 1 and 5); Chris McGarvey for Centre Wellington; Ralf Mesenbrink for Guelph (Wards 2, 3 and 4); and Kyle Reaburn: Guelph (Ward 6), Puslinch.

During the Nov. 17 meeting, trustees elected Ralf Mesenbrink as chair and Martha MacNeil as vice chair. Both positions require a one-year term.

Mesenbrink has been a trustee since 2022, and MacNeil was first elected in 2014.

"There have been significant recent changes to boards and the role of trustees, including a reduction in authority. I think it is more important than ever to work collaboratively with each other and with our staff in order to achieve our goals," said Mesenbrink.

"I think I speak for all my trustee colleagues when I say that we are looking forward to working together to make the sometimes-difficult decisions required to benefit every one of our learners."



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NEW BOARD: New Trustees: The Upper Grand District School Board's newly sworn-in Board of Trustees poses for a photo following its Nov. 17 inauguration for the 2026-2030 term. From left are Jen Edwards, Shelley Bergant, Chris McGarvey, Ralf Mesenbrink, Bill Foster, Kyle Reaburn, Curtis Cox, Dan Atkinson, Bernie Karsch and Martha MacNeil.







Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.

Santa Claus Parade

Joining us for this year's parade?

Here are some tips to help you, your family and friends have a great experience:

- plan ahead for parking and to avoid road closures
- arrive early if you have a specific spot you'd like to view from
- dress for the weather, bring blankets and outdoor wear
- sit on sidewalks and boulevards, not the road or medians
- **NEW** Quiet Route Zone: Fead St. to Third Ave. along First St.

Parade information

Last bus from transfer hub: 2 p.m.
Bus service ends: 2:45 p.m.
Road closures: 3 to 7 p.m.

Road closures

- Hansen Blvd. from Amelia St. to First St.
- First St. from Hansen Blvd. to Broadway
- Broadway from First St. to Sherbourne St.
- Fourth St. from Broadway to Second Ave.
- Second Ave. from Fourth St. to Sherbourne St.
- Sherbourne St. from Broadway to Second Ave.

Municipal parking lots

- **82 Broadway** – access off Broadway and Armstrong St.
- **90 Broadway** – access off Armstrong St.
- **112 Broadway** – access off Armstrong St.
- **Little York** – 166–169 Broadway (back parking)
- **Mill Street** – near the corner of Mill St. and Church St.
- **Penny Lane** – south side of Zina St.

orangeville.ca/SantaClausParade

Quiet Route Zone (sensory friendly)
Fead St. to Third Ave. along First St.

Parade viewing areas
Along both sides of First St., and Broadway

Parade route

Off-limits
Medians, west side of the Broadway/First St. intersection



Orangeville

Arts & Entertainment
LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ken Weber to discuss his latest book at Westminster United Church event

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Mysteries and misfits have been important sources for Caledon-based author Ken Weber's many books on the subjects, both entertaining collections of quickly solved mystery books and his many academic works.

Over several years from the late 1990s into the 2000s, Weber wrote a series of seven books, containing 40 stories of mayhem and mystery that are fun to read and each takes only minutes to solve.

The series has been a terrific success, garnering favour especially in Japan; it has sold over five million copies worldwide and been translated into 20 languages.

In a recent interview with the Citizen, he remarked with pleasure, "They've been paying the bills for quite a while now."

Prolific to say the least, after 23 years as well of writing a column about the history of Headwaters for *In the Hills Magazine*, from which he retired to make this effort and topping his output to 52 books, Ken Weber has written and delivered to enthusiastic followers his first novel, When Misfits Meet.

Working with special needs students as a teacher over many years, Weber has developed his methods for teaching them; he has been determined to help special needs students understand their own strengths to a level better than they ever realized.

He has woven his life into his book to give the story the full benefit of his knowledge.

Weber was born and raised in the village of Neustadt in Grey County, Ont. Missed by two highways, thus was a village, he said, "Where no one locked their doors and it mattered which church you attended."

That model became the basis of his story — the fictional village of Halbstadt, Ont., in When Misfits Meet, where Owen Hesch is coming in to teach as a first-year teacher. In Owen's new classroom are the students who have been relegated to a classroom of kids the town has apparently written off as misfits.

As an introduction to the novel's beginning: It is set in 1951, later in October. Owen has begun to have a good understanding of his students, but comes the day of disruption when a new student, Sullivan "Sully" McDonagh-Schwartz, arrives. Sully begins with his personal notion of how to behave, which does not sit well with the other students. They have been together since their days in the Little Room, the school's room for its youngest students.

Owen has to face the new challenge by adding to what he has already learned since the first day of school in this particular classroom.

Weber told the Citizen that proceeds from the sale of his novel would go to support food banks in the region, including Bolton and Orangeville.

On Saturday, Nov. 28, Orangeville's BookLore is launching Ken Weber's new novel, When Misfits Meet, at Westminster United Church from 2 to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, but it is recommended to RSVP to BookLore.

Over the years of writing his books, he and Nancy Frater, owner of BookLore, have known each other, going back 35 to 40 years. He remarked, "We moved to Caledon 45 years ago.

He left that home in Neustadt to live in Toronto and went to the University of Toronto, which was one of only four universities in Ontario.

He became a teacher and declared that "teaching was the most fun you could have with your clothes on."

"This was 1951, when we grew up, at the time, there were so many opportunities," he said that "schools were eager for us," meaning himself and his wife, Cecile. "The book is set in 1951, when I was also a misfit. I could respond to everything they needed. My wife taught the primary grades."

A lifelong writer, Weber, in talking about whether there will be another project, admitted he is happiest when he is working. He presents himself as a fan of history, and although "retired," he still enjoys speaking on stage to tell stories, time spent on interesting people.

His novel definitely comes with a message: "The main character discovers that the misfits are bright and better than they thought of themselves. This is not a mystery. It is a feel-good story, to make people feel better about themselves."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NEW NOVEL: Caledon-based author Ken Weber has released his latest book, When Misfits Meet. Weber. Je will attend a book launch at Westminster United Church in Orangeville on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Proceeds from book sales will support local food banks.

The Weber couple are hikers, and one of the stories about them was the hike from coast to coast across the UK, a hike from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. Fifteen of them, all seniors, made the 378 kilometres and were the first group not to have a drop-out.

Weber also reflected on the responsibility of writers to uphold morality and truth. He said his novel challenges the language and attitudes historically used to marginalize people with intellectual disabilities.

A central message of the book is that people who are dismissed or misunderstood can have strengths that others fail to recognize.

"To have readers smile," he said, describing his hope for the novel. He also emphasized the importance of ensuring people with special needs are not misrepresented.

Weber has high praise for the Creative Partners On Stage theatre company created by Theatre Orangeville, which gives people with disabilities an opportunity to participate in theatrical productions.

To the future, Weber believes in the cycle of history and that he hopes to see that pendulum swing back. He commented that AI can't have a sense of humour.

He advises budding writers to keep writing every day, "as often as you can to keep that muscle strong."

A sure sign that a book succeeds is when, as Weber noted, "Readers feel so good, it was sad when it was over."

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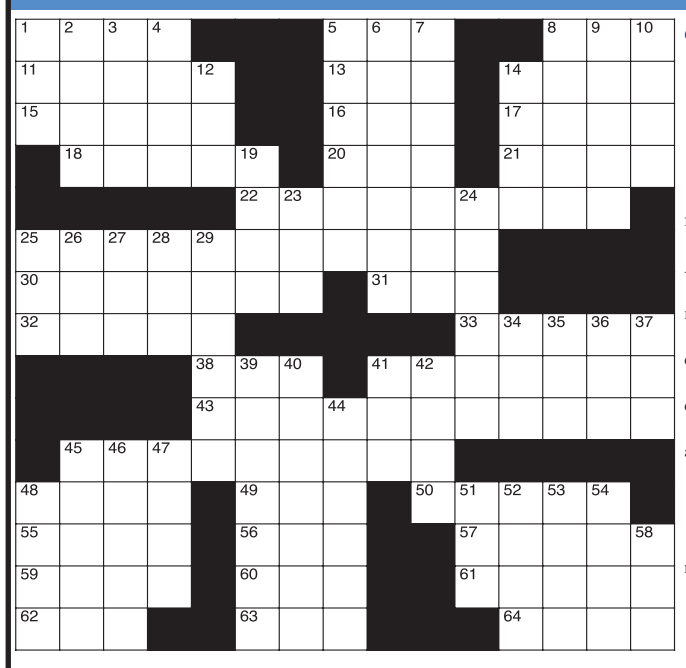
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The Citizen CROSSWORD

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1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN
1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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How they say that in...

English: Receipt
Spanish: Recibo
Italian: Ricevuta
French: Reçu
German: Kassenzettel

Money FACT:

On average, people spend between $600 and $1,100 on these each year.

Answer: Christmas gifts

NEW WORD

CREDIT

agreement where you get money, goods or services now in promise to pay for them later

solution

12	8	7
2	15	6
3	4	10

Salvation Stitchers offers free, homemade chemo caps and pouches for patients

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

To help ease the burden on local cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment, a local Orangeville-based stitching group is stepping up to offer free, homemade chemo caps and pouches at Headwaters.

Available in the chemo suite at Headwaters Health Care Centre, the caps and pouches are the products of the Salvation Stitchers, a volunteer stitching group that operates out of the Salvation Army Church in Orangeville. They are intended to help patients carry the equipment associated with treatment and offer more comfort during a difficult time.

These caps and pouches are free and homemade with donated material, and are available upon request to staff in the chemo suite.

For group founder Betty McCutcheon, this project has a personal connection

Her husband was diagnosed with cancer and required a chemotherapy bottle that he wore overnight. The experience gave her a firsthand understanding of the practical challenges patients face during treatment.

He was given a small cotton bag with a ribbon to carry the bottle upon arriving for his first chemotherapy session.

McCutcheon saw an opportunity to make something better.

"He needed to wear this chemotherapy bottle overnight," she said. "So that's where the pouches sort of came from, and when he had his first chemo treatment, they gave him this little cotton bag with a ribbon. I'm like, 'We can do better than that, right?' So that sort of was the impetus for doing those, and he did hundreds and hundreds of those. So it all comes from need. Where there's need, we are willing."

The experience also helped bring the broader needs of cancer patients into focus for the group.

Cancer treatment can involve much more than the medical appointments themselves. Patients and their families can face lost wages, travel expenses and other costs that accumulate throughout treatment.

For some, even relatively small necessities can become an additional financial burden.

Brenda, a member who joined several years ago, said she became interested in chemotherapy caps after seeing friends go through cancer treatment, and wanted to help ease their burden.

"I joined a couple of years ago when I retired," she said. "I discovered the need for chemo caps because of some friends of mine that were going through it, and the cost associated with cancer treatment … There's a lot of other expenses that people don't realize, lost wages, that sort of thing. People don't have money to go buy lap blankets and quilts and the other things that they need."

While the making of chemo caps and pouches is the current focus of the group, the Salvation Stitchers do much more for the community as well.

The group began as a small sewing group at the Salvation Army Church in Orangeville and has grown into a volunteer ministry that has donated tens of thousands of items to people in need. The group now meets twice a month to sew items for donation.

From quilts and children's clothing to tote bags, blankets and other practical necessities, the group's work reaches people throughout the community and beyond.

The Salvation Stitchers have supported a wide range of organizations, including local nursing homes, Bethell Hospice, Dufferin Child and Family Services, Choices for Teens, the Alzheimer Society and the local SPCA.

To contact the Salvation Stitchers for help in accessing chemo caps and pouches, or to organize material donations, contact Brenda at bpuck24@gmail.com.

Family Transition Place bringing back International Women's Day breakfast in March

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is inviting the community to celebrate International Women's Day in March with the return of its annual Celebration Breakfast, bringing together local residents for a morning of fundraising and support.

The 2027 International Women's Day Celebration Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Hockley Valley Resort in Mono.

Following a positive response to last year's celebration, FTP executive director Lynette Pole-Langdon said in a press release that the organization is bringing back the same format, with guests invited to enjoy a gourmet buffet breakfast, a signature mocktail, a silent auction, prizes and other activities.

"We were so pleased with the enthusiasm and support for last year's celebration, and we're looking forward to bringing our community together again," Pole-Langdon said. "International Women's Day reminds us of the power of coming together to celebrate women, recognize how far we've come, and continue working toward a future where every woman has the opportunity to live safely, thrive, and reach her full potential."

All proceeds from the breakfast will go directly toward supporting FTP's programs and services, which assist women and children escaping violence and unhealthy relationships while helping them rebuild their lives.

The event also provides an opportunity to recognize the achievements of women while reflecting on the ongoing work needed to ensure women have opportunities to live safely and reach their full potential.

Family Transition Place provides a range of services to women and children, including safe housing and professional counselling.

The organization also delivers youth education programs throughout Caledon and Dufferin, helping promote safer and healthier communities.

Early bird registration for the breakfast opens Dec. 1, 2026.

Community members interested in attending, learning more about registration or exploring sponsorship opportunities can visit familytransitionplace.ca

Dufferin OPP partners with Salvation Army to launch annual Toys for Tots holiday donation campaign

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Every tot should have a toy at Christmas, and local police with the Salvation Army New Hope Community Church are working together to try to accomplish that.

Dufferin OPP, in partnership with the church, launched its annual Toys for Tots campaign in support of local children and families this holiday season.

Police will be stationed outside the Orangeville Walmart beginning Nov. 21 to collect donated new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items and gift cards.

"All donations will remain within Dufferin County and will be distributed to local families through the Salvation Army New Hope Community Church," according to an OPP press release.

Contact Dufferin OPP or the Salvation Army New Hope Community Church for more information about the campaign.

Police will collect toys at the box store location over three weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be stationed outside Orangeville's Walmart on Nov. 21 and 22; Nov. 28 and 29; and Dec. 5 and 6.

Community members can also support the campaign by dropping off new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items at the OPP's detachments at 390 C Line, Orangeville, and at 506312 Highway 89, Mono. Items can also be brought to the New Hope Community Church at 690 Riddell Road, Orangeville.

"The Toys for Tots campaign continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families," Dufferin OPP said. "During last year's campaign, the generosity of Dufferin County residents resulted in the collection of 5,153 toys, the preparation of 576 children's hampers, and support for 264 families during the holiday season."

Program support has been shown by Walmart Orangeville and the assistance of Scott Reinhart Trailers for their continued partnership and support of the Toys for Tots campaign. For many years, Walmart Orangeville has provided a welcoming location for officers and volunteers to collect donations from community members.

Scott Reinhart Trailers in Mulmur will again donate the use of a large trailer this year to assist with the transportation of toys, food items, and other donations throughout the campaign.

"Their ongoing commitment to supporting local families plays a vital role in the success of this initiative and helps ensure donations reach those in need across Dufferin County during the holiday season," local OPP said.



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CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN: Community members are encouraged to support the annual Toys for Tots campaign by donating new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to help local families during the holiday season.

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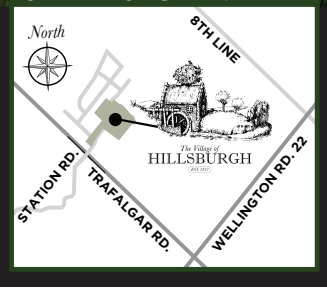


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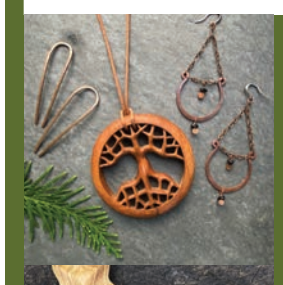
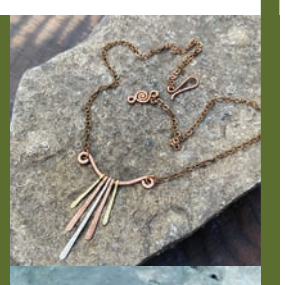
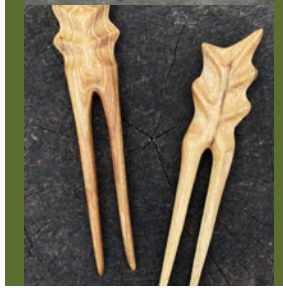
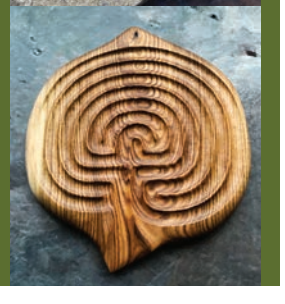
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Newly elected Orangeville council sworn in at Opera House

Continued from FRONT

Stevens sought re-election but was unsuccessful. He earned 2,619 votes at the ballot box, but needed 3,704 or more to be returned to council.

"You will always be part of Orangeville's story," Raeburn said of the former councillors.

To the rookies, Raeburn said it is important that they challenge each other and see all sides of the issues that will have bearing on the municipality and its residents. Different perspectives inform the best choices.

"We won't always agree and I'm glad we won't," she said.

The provincial government expanded the power of some municipal mayors in 2025. The so-called Strong Mayor Powers were part of an effort to speed the development of new, much-needed housing in the province.

But that change was initiated without any means of oversight to ensure Strong Mayor Powers are being used appropriately and as intended. The legislation itself has been described by some as open to interpretation. And that's a fundamental flaw in the responsible application of these potentially dangerous powers.

Raeburn didn't want anything to do with the powers before the election, and she said her opposition to it continues.

Strong Mayor Powers alter local democratic governance by concentrating decision-making authority in a single individual. That weakens the role of elected councils and goes against collaboration and shared leadership.

It gives a mayor the ability to veto certain bylaws passed by the elected council. The mayor would have the power to solely appoint a CAO and to appoint and remove managers at any level.

"I have no intention of ever concentrating power to the mayor's office," Raeburn said.

Despite the accomplishment of the last council, she said there are difficult decisions ahead. The decisions council makes today will determine the options future councils will have, she said.

"The Orangeville we're building today is the Orangeville our children and grandchildren will inherit," she said.

Matthew Smith thanked his supporters and one in particular who was his sounding board in discussions about council's work over the last few years.

Andrews said it was an honour to be returned to council chambers. The role also involves sacrifice and understanding from each councillor's loved ones and family.

DeCaprio said Orangeville feels most like home of all the places she has lived.

Prendergast shared that sentiment. She said it is an incredible privilege to represent the town she and her family call home.

"I have a tremendous amount of hope for Orangeville," she said.



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NEW VOICE: Newly elected Orangeville Coun. Carrie-Ann DeCaprio addresses residents during the town's inaugural council meeting on Nov. 16.

Sherwood said residents' support and constructive criticism helped her during her first time at the council table.

"We made important progress but there is still work to be done," Sherwood said. "The best solutions come when people work together."

Orangeville Jiu Jitsu Academy co-owner earns black belt after 10 years of dedication, training

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

At the Orangeville Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy, Nov. 4 was a day of great significance. It was on that day that Davina Rangoo was promoted to black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ), becoming one of the only women in Dufferin County to hold the honour.

Davina Rangoo, who is a co-owner of the academy alongside Professor Jake Smith, reflected on what this milestone meant to her and on receiving the belt from her longtime friend and business partner.

"After 10 years of training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, receiving my black belt was an incredibly emotional and humbling experience. Our club was filled with our professors, coaches and members all there to witness my milestone," said Rangoo.

"It was an overwhelming feeling saying my speech to the team that started out as strangers and, over the years, have turned into family. It was even more special as my husband and our kids were there."

Rangoo continued, "For me, the greatest accomplishment isn't simply wearing the black belt. It's the person I've become throughout this journey, the challenges I've overcome, the relationships I've built and the opportunity to inspire and help others along their own paths."

Head instructor at the Orangeville BJJ Academy, Jake Smith, has watched Rangoo train and develop over the years. It meant a lot to him to promote her to black belt.

"It was one of the proudest moments I've had as a coach. A black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu isn't given; it's earned over years of showing up, and Davina has shown up for 10 years," said Jake Smith. "I've watched her go from learning the basics to becoming someone our students look up to. Tying that belt around her waist was an honour."

Being one of the few BJJ black belts in Dufferin County is a very significant achievement not only for herself but for women and girls involved in martial arts in the local community.

"It's huge. Women are still a small part of jiu jitsu, especially at the black belt level, and there are very few, if any, other women BJJ black belts in Dufferin. When a girl in our kids program or a woman walking in for her first class sees Davina on the mats, she sees that this is a place for her too, and that she can go all the way. You can't put a value on that kind of role model," said Smith.

Jiu jitsu runs in the Rangoo family. To be closer to the BJJ academy, the family moved from Brampton to Orangeville.

Rangoo's husband Shaun is also involved at the gym, coaching. He has a black belt in both BJJ and Judo.

Rangoo and Shaun's son Andrew is a purple belt in BJJ and a brown belt in Judo. Their daughter Marissa is a blue belt in both BJJ and Judo.

Rangoo said she doesn't know where she would be today without her family's love and support. Her black belt is a personal achievement, but her journey in earning this milestone has been shared with the people who mean the most to her. In her words, that is something she will always be grateful for.

"Having my husband and kids involved in BJJ has been one of the most meaningful and important parts of my journey. We all share the common love of the sport," said Rangoo. "I also train judo and am currently a green belt. BJJ and Judo are definitely a huge part of our lives and we spend the majority of our evenings and weekends at the club."

Rangoo's family has been a huge part of her motivation to train and coach. As a family, they are on the mats together training and coaching while spending quality time.

"One of the greatest gifts that bjj has given us is the opportunity to build something that goes beyond a sport. It allows us to share laughs, experiences and learn valuable life skills together," said Rangoo. "Having them alongside me has made the difficult days easier, the accomplishments more meaningful and the entire journey more rewarding."

Rangoo coaches two programs at the Orangeville BJJ academy, the Minis program for kids ages three to five and their Women's Only BJJ class.

"Davina has always had a gift for making people feel welcome, and over the years she's added the skill and confidence to lead," said Smith.



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MARTIAL ARTS MILESTONE: Jake Smith (left), head instructor and co-owner of the Orangeville Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy, congratulates fellow co-owner Davina Rangoo on earning her black belt after 10 years of training.

"New students feel comfortable with her from the moment they step on the mats, and she's become one of the pillars of our academy."

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Notice of Adoption - New Official Plan

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth passed **Bylaw 2026-58** to adopt a new Official Plan for the Township of Amaranth on the **4th day of November 2026**, pursuant to Section 17(22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. This Notice of Adoption is issued pursuant to Section 17(23) of the Planning Act.

Prior to the adoption of the Official Plan, a statutory Public Meeting was held on **August 5, 2026**, and a statutory Public Open House was held on **April 22, 2026**, in accordance with the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect
The new Official Plan is intended to manage and direct long-term growth and development throughout the Township of Amaranth. The Official Plan achieves this by providing goals, objectives and policies related to managing growth, facilitating economic development, protecting natural heritage features and agricultural land. Further, the Official Plan contains policies that implement legislation, regulation and policies from the Provincial and County levels while reflecting the priorities of the Community.

The new Official Plan has been developed through the consideration of community and stakeholder input as well as the completion of background planning studies and reports.

Available for Review
A complete copy of the newly adopted Official Plan (By-law 2026-58) is available for inspection on the Township of Amaranth website https://www.amaranth.ca/municipal-government/planning-development/ and in person at the Township's office located at 374028 6th Line, Amaranth.

Written and Oral Submissions
All written and oral submissions made regarding the Official Plan have been reviewed and duly considered. Public and agency comments have been incorporated, where appropriate.

Appeal Rights & Contact Information
Under the provision of Section 17(2) of the Planning Act, the County of Dufferin being the upper-tier municipality is the approval authority for a new lower-tier Official Plan adopted under Section 17(22) of the Planning Act. As such, the Adopted Official Plan has been forwarded to the County of Dufferin for review, as required by Section 17(31) of the Planning Act.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive the notice of decision of the approval authority with respect to the new Official Plan, if a written request (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority at:

County of Dufferin
Planning Department
55 Zina Street
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The decision of the Council of the Township of Amaranth to adopt the New Official Plan through the enaction of By-law 2026-58 is not subject to appeal. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal may only be filed with the County of Dufferin, as the approval authority, once a decision on the adopted Official Plan has been made by the County of Dufferin.

Notice dated at the Township of Amaranth on November 6, 2026.

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Orangeville senior earns bronze medal at Canada Cup 150

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

The Don Lough Arena in Huntsville was host to the Canada Cup 150. A hockey tournament that saw men age 80 years and older compete from Nov. 2 to 6.

The Team Canada squads did well representing the country, with Team B winning bronze on Nov. 6. They had a score of 5-4 over USA Team B, while Canada Team A played in the finals on the same day but fell short 3-0 against Team USA A.

Mark Bates, an Orangeville resident, who played for the Team Canada B squad, shared his experience and what it meant to be named assistant captain of the team.

"When the Ottawa coach contacted me after the two-game tryout saying I would be one of the assistant captains, I was extremely surprised as I was a new player to an already established team," said Bates, who played left wing during the tournament.

Bates was inducted into the Oldtimers Hockey Hall of Fame back in March and had considered hanging up the skates when he received the call for the opportunity to try out for the Ottawa-Gatineau team. He gladly said yes and travelled east.

"I had a great time in Ottawa and got along with everyone. What amazed me was, after the first game in Ottawa, both teams went to a local bar, and it was just so neat to see a bunch of 80-year-olds having a beer after a hockey game," he said of his time in Ottawa during tryouts and playing exhibition games.

"I thought that it was an opportunity to play against players my own age for a change, and trying out in Ottawa with the chance to play in the Canada Cup 150 against the USA teams would be a unique challenge. I am always up for an adventure, so when they called me it did not take me long to decide to drive to Ottawa and check it out."

The tournament consisted of four teams of 80-plus-year-old men, two representing Canada and two representing the USA. Each team played three games in the round-robin tournament before the playoffs began on Nov. 6.

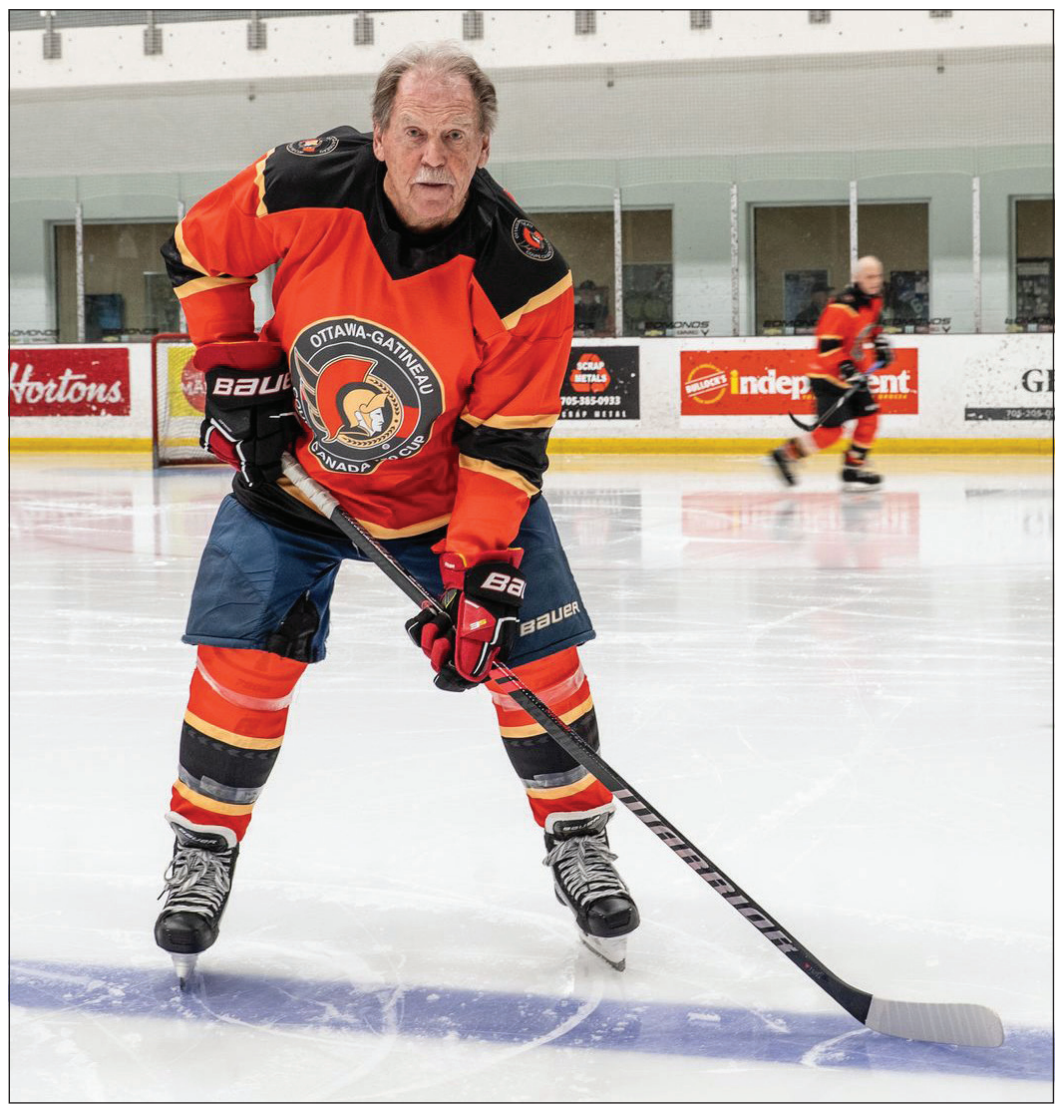
"Playing in my own age group was great, as for many years I have been playing against much younger players, and I was not enjoying it as much as I used to. In addition, I had developed some heart issues (AFIB) a few years ago, which was slowing me down even more. The neat thing about the Canada Cup 150 is to see four teams with all players in their 80s. Five years ago you would be hard-pressed to find 10 players in their 80s. The Canadian USA rivalry was definitely there during the games, but after, we were like long-lost friends," said Bates.

Fans came out to support and to cheer on the teams and the men who participated in the tournament. For Mark Bates to finish with the bronze medal, doing well in the tournament meant a little more than the prize.

"Winning is always great, but for me personally, being able to compete in a tournament in my 80s with other players in that age category meant just as much," explained Bates.

Up next for Bates is the opportunity to play for Team Canada 80+ in the World Cup being held in Brampton from April 22 to 25, 2027. Teams from all over the world in several age categories will be represented.

"Since I just bought a new pair of skates for the Huntsville Tournament, I guess I might hang around till April," said Bates.



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STILL SKATING: Mark Bates of Orangeville helped Team Canada (Ottawa/Gatineau) claim bronze at the Canada Cup 150 in Huntsville, scoring the winning goal in the final minutes of a hard-fought 5-4 victory over USA Team B on Nov. 6.

Orangeville cross-country runners exceed expectations with strong OFSAA finishes

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

The OFSAA XC High School Cross Country Race took place on Nov. 9 at Kivi Park in Sudbury, and the Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) runners represented their community well.

"They definitely exceeded our expectations. Both teams, we were kind of thinking top 10 would be a great day, and both of them were better than that — fourth and sixth place," shared Rob Berg, head coach of the ODSS Cross Country Team.

Liam Wilcott (Senior Boys 6K Race)

Fifteen runners across two teams represented ODSS at the OFSAA XC meet, including Liam Wilcott, who competed in the senior boys 6K race against 280 runners and was pleased with the outcome when his run was over.

"I was decently happy with it. My placement was great. I was excited to finish. I didn't think that I was in 12th when I finished. I thought I was going to be higher because of the gun. I was pretty far back; I was in the 50s, but I was able to work through, and when I came across the line, I saw my parents at the side, and I was able to figure that I was 12, so I was pretty happy with that," said Wilcott, who is currently in Grade 12

Liz Demczur (Junior Girls 5K Race)

Liz Demczur and Reegan Noronha, both Grade 9 students, were also happy with their outcome at the OFSAA event.

"I think that was probably one of my best races of the season. I was really happy with how I ended up. Especially during the start, I was a lot farther back, but I was really happy with how many places I moved up, and when I finished I wasn't sure what place I was in, so when I found out I was 52nd, I was really happy with that," said Demczur. "Going into this race, I wasn't sure what place I was going to get. I was hoping for top 70 so getting 52nd, I was really happy with."

Reegan Noronha (Novice Boys 4.5 K Race)

"That race is probably one of my best races of the season, it felt really good. I was really happy about the placement and the time. It was a little difficult because the course was long so it wasn't what we were expecting but as the distance and the time equaled out it was a really good time for me there and I was very happy with the overall race and placement of it all," said Noronha.

Embracing unpredictable terrain

Unlike track, running on a predictable oval or straightaway, cross country takes place over mud, hills and uneven terrain, and Kivi Park is no different.

In fact, the park is considered to be significantly harder and rougher than most other cross-country courses in Ontario, creating a challenge for the runners. However, the biggest challenge, according to coach Berg, is the competition.

"The thing about OFSAA is it's so different than any race all season because you have the best runners in the province all on the start line, so the 280 people that are on the start line are the best in the province," said Berg.

"The challenge is when you normally go to a race, and you're finishing in the top quarter, you might be in the back quarter. Like our fourth and our third runners, they weren't that far back, but they're closer to the middle of the pack instead of being up there. So they had challenges," explained Berg. "…the sheer number of really good runners can be a little overwhelming."

Looking ahead to next season

Wilcott, who is graduating this year, plans to join a cross country team at the college or university he attends, while Demczur and Noronha will return to the ODSS team next year. All three of them see how they can improve for the 2027 campaign.

"For next season, probably getting better at hills and making it to OFSAA next year — and getting a higher placement hopefully," Demczur said of her goals.

Noronha said she hopes to improve her training consistency next season, noting that a decline in training over the summer affected her performance.

"I noticed that as [I did] less and less training, [I wasn't] seeing what I wanted to see," said Noronha.

"Through the summer I was training really hard and I just fell off a little bit so in those two weeks coming back, I just need to focus on making sure that the training is there because then the first two meets won't be as hard as they were," said Noronha.

Looking ahead to his university career, Wilcott hopes to continue developing as a runner.

"I feel like one of my future goals is definitely be one of the top runners on the team and just work towards that because when you first join a university team, normally you're at the bottom, so just kind of working towards the top and trying to improve as much as I can," shared Wilcott.

Individual effort fuels collective success

Strength in the race is found in the shared struggle. Cross country is uniquely both an individual competition and a team sport where the top four or five finishers determine the team score. Everyone is important in the success of the team.

Other notable finishes include Chayse Lunnie, who finished 77th and Sam Edmonds, who placed 43rd in the junior boys' race. They both raced well, according to coach Berg.

The ODSS cross-country team will look to build on its success in 2027.





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CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS: Liz Demczur of Orangeville District Secondary School competes in the junior girls' 5K race at the OFSAA Cross Country Championships in Sudbury on Nov. 9. Demczur finished 52nd among the province's top runners.

OPINION

The looming recession and wishing Santa lived at the bank

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW



"Daddy, does Santa Claus work all year?"

That was my daughter, Millie, asking about Christmas. It was a recent post-Halloween morning while walking to school, and the coming yuletide season was felt in the air. The crisp chill. The darker mornings.

I reminded her that the jolly elf is always watching to find out which boys and girls were good and which were bad. So, yes, darling, I told her, I guess that means he's at least on duty the whole year.

I wondered as I walked back home from their school why that thought never seems to unnerve children. The thought that there's somebody always watching them. But then the idea that somebody is permitted to break into your house, to gain entry by way of the chimney or a keyhole once a year doesn't faze them either. They even put out cookies, perhaps a hot toddy of black tea and rum, and maybe a few carrots for the team of magic flying reindeer he has with him.

Millie got into her brother Rowen's baseball gear last year and made away with a half-bag of sunflower seeds. She put them aboard a bowl with some dry Cheerios and some of her craft sparkles of various colours. Put the mix outside on the front steps on Christmas Eve. Magic reindeer feed, that's what she called it.

I told all this to old Harold Saturday. We met at what's come to be thought of as Our Bench. That's what the wives call it because what starts off as a leisurely stroll to clear the mind often becomes a couple of hours people-watching and going wherever a topic takes us conversation-wise.

Harold said, sure there's magic, there's magic when you're as young as Millie and Rowen.

"There's still magic until the world has its way," he said.

I said that it's easy to think that way, but there is indeed magic in spite of how the world has its way with relationships and plans and furrows our brows in frustration. Steals sleep from us in worry. That's what I said. The world's ways that steal sleep from us.

"Many people don't make a livable wage," he said. "And for many of the people who do, the world has its ways to reduce them, too."

That hung in the air between us for a spell.

The conversation went to reports of an obscene amount of money the provincial government recently spent on advertising campaigns. Something in the area of $46 million, according to the media.

"Imagine what that money could've done had it gone to food banks throughout the province," Harold said. "And the thing is, the province wouldn't need to advertise the deed. Everybody would be talking about it."

That's right, I said. Food banks. The kindness that is every day of the year and not just during November and December.

"He's still on that," Harold said.

But think about it, I said.

There's magic in the people who manage to see through the hardships that come from all we've sown. The daily struggles and the unfairness that's all around us like a fart thrown in the face and a finger-flick to the Adam's apple. They are people who trudge through the same muck, but they manage to turn a day around for strangers.

Some people will shovel the snow from a neighbour's driveway if they have the time after their own is dug out. There are people who give of their time to volunteer for numerous causes and community groups. People organize food drives. Or give hours at a local food bank, for that matter, I said. Some groups take requests from families to receive toy hampers so the kiddoes will have something under the tree to open on Christmas morning.

"I could use some of that now," he said.

That also hung in the air between us.

"Emily's husband lost his job," Harold said. Emily is his daughter. "The trade war or tariffs or the recession that's beginning. Anyway, he's out of work. So me and the missus went to the bank to get a line of credit. So we could help them out, yeah?"

Did the bank help you out?

"Santa doesn't live at the banks," he said. "I started thinking about all the made-up fees they have us pay. Service charges and whatnot. So I took a plant."

What's that now? I said.

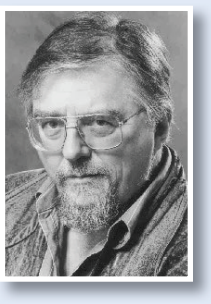
"A potted plant," he said. "Dried up thing that's always been by the door thirsting for a drop of water. Probably the best thing to happen to that plant, whatever kind it is."

"Aren't you about the cameras?" I said.

"For a plant that's half dead? Sure, nobody at the bank knew it was there," he said

Amateur spies for hire

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Pity the Central Intelligence Agency and the various other spy agencies that work for the US Government. It's bad enough when Donald Trump ignores their reports and insists that Iran is trying to get nuclear weapons. Marco Rubio's State Department is now offering cash rewards for anybody who can tell him where Iran's imaginary nukes are.

The offer was posted on the State Department's 'Rewards for Justice' website on Nov. 8: up to $20 million for information on Iran's nuclear program, including "facilities, equipment and associated personnel." The state will also provide "possible relocation" if the informant needs to go into hiding afterwards.

The first thing that strikes you is the sheer naïveté of the offer – you wonder why it doesn't also say 'please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply'. But then you realize that the truly weird thing about this invitation is that doing the research is the last thing the amateur spymasters thought of, not the first thing.

'Amateur', in the sense that these are the political appointees who followed Donald Trump and his spiritual guide, Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu, into the morass of unfounded suspicion and speculation that twice ended up in unprovoked US-Israeli surprise attacks on Iran (June 2025 and February-November 2026).

To be fair, not all Trump's appointees drank the Kool-Aid. In March 2025 his then Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, loyally reported the US intelligence community's collective view that "Iran is not building a nuclear weapon" and has not been working on it since 2003, but Trump just replied "I don't care what she said" and attacked Iran anyway.

However, he did it in the usual slovenly way, waiting almost a week after he had made his intentions clear before the American bombers actually struck. That was plenty of time for the Iranians to remove the 400 kg. of 60% enriched uranium from the Fordow and Isfahan sites and disperse it all over a country half the size of India.

Satellites actually spotted sixteen big trucks leaving the sites – but they couldn't track them to their destinations because orbits don't work that way. And the Iranians cannot just turn that uranium into bombs, because a) 'weapons-grade' uranium must be over 90 per cent enriched, and b)

several other engineering challenges still lie between Iran and functional nuclear weapons.

So – leaving aside the question of why Iranian nuclear weapons are any more dangerous than North Korean, Pakistani or indeed American nuclear weapons – why is the hunt for a few probably non-existent Iranian nukes getting more attention than the war in Ukraine or global heating or even a Silicon Valley IPO?

A little history. After the 1979 revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini banned all weapons of mass destruction as 'un-Islamic'. Did he mean it, even though he and everybody else in Iran knew that Israel had already had nukes for decades? Of course, he did. Is the Pope Catholic?

Why did Iran have a secret but rudimentary nuclear weapons program between 1998 and 2003? Probably because there was always a tug of war between the Revolutionary Guards and the religious authorities on this question, and the Pakistani nuclear tests of 1998 temporarily gave the soldiers a plausible reason to want nukes.

Once Iran's secret program was exposed to the world in 2003, Ayatollah Khamenei was able to reimpose the ban on weapons of mass destruction. It has remained in force ever since, which is why Khamenei was free to sign the treaty promising no nukes with all the great powers in 2015.

Iran got a substantial easing of US economic sanctions as part of that deal, and it would probably have been renewed for another decade last year if Donald Trump, obsessed with erasing every jot and tittle of Barack Obama's legacy, had not torn it up in 2018. Nobody claimed that Iran had been cheating, but the sanctions snapped back automatically.

Iran was hung out to dry, and its only leverage was a gradual increase in the enrichment of its nuclear fuel. The implicit threat was that it might one day go to 'weapons grade', but it meticulously declared each step up in advance, moved very slowly, and never went beyond 60% enrichment. But nothing worked: everybody was too frightened of Trump.

So here we are eight years later, with Trump stuck in a self-inflicted 'forever war' and the whole global economy waiting to see which way he jumps next. I don't know, and probably neither does he.

Trump could just declare a victory and leave, but his pride won't let him. The Revolutionary Guards are having too much fun to let him off the hook, ignoring the small but very real risk that he might go nuclear. Where are the grown-ups when we need them?

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Recently, the Citizen has run a goodly number of features about new books by new or familiar authors, freshly written and delivered for readers of all ages.

In many ways, it is hard to truly define why books have so far won over tech for preference, why electronic books have not swept the library shelves clear.

It is a tactile issue for sure, a better connection to the words perhaps, a feeling of being involved somehow with the effort of carrying and caring for them, saving them on your own shelves for years.

We are not inclined to throw books out – they are rarely looked upon as garbage. On the contrary, if we part with them, it often is to pass them on to another person with a knowing recommendation or deliver them to a second-hand bookstore, even to the waiting shelves at the thrift store.

The study of writing goes back fully 5,000 years ago as standard, but there are always new discoveries in our lust and enthusiasm to learn more about our ancient selves. For example, it seems that the Egyptian hieroglyphics were established some 2,000 years before Chinese writing in Asia.

That is a bit vague, but the overall details are fascinating and lead, at the least, to the notion that as humans we have been writing to communicate for thousands of years.

Most recently, in February 2026, in Germany, mammoth tusks have been found with markings on them that indicate some form of writing existed 40,000 years further back than was understood.

The intensity of the intelligence evident in some artifacts is stunning.

The famous Rosetta Stone is the gateway to understanding everything we came to know about ancient Egypt. It was written in two languages, Egyptian and Greek, and in three writing styles: hieroglyphic, Demotic, and Greek.

I know, I need to scramble to say what is relevant about all this.

We are who we have been. To understand how we have descended to our present selves matters because -well, it is interesting and important to better study our strengths and our failings. In many ways, the intellectual strengths of our predecessors could teach us other ways of communicating and learning even now, other ways to treat our health and healing. Too often do we hear from doctors that they do not know how to heal so many of the conditions and illnesses we suffer (I am looking at my own daughter suffering very much from rheumatoid arthritis, for example).

As long as we continue to learn from the texts that we have, the deep thinking and important philosophical teachings that come from our long- ago predecessors, there are ideas to explore, critical thinking to develop; the essential abilities to think analytically are based in the teachings of the great minds living long ago.

We have the right to that ancient knowledge, and it is important to keep it available because much of it can feel like something new. It is not merely old history in which to browse and swim, learning how those first fledgling humans discovered to think objectively, to communicate to each other what had been found over that hill or around that corner, but to learn, as well, in amazement that if we put aside much of what is harmful or of little use in our lives to study theirs – how much we have in common.

Writing is the cornerstone of understanding; it can be the standard by which we know how and what we feel and want.

All the relevance of how important it is to learn and enjoy the stories of the past, right back to long before there were people, but there were dinosaurs and other astonishing creatures, is proven in museums, and the ROM in Toronto can be a worthy day trip.

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Headwaters Rising: Leadership flows through everyday acts of community service

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"You can never step into the same river twice," said Heraclitus. To understand movement and change, we invite you to consider the river. Rivers are always in motion. Yet, when we talk about societal change, we are often told to study the leaders, revere the individuals who stood at the head of the movement. Society often defines a leader as an exceptional individual who is more talented, capable or worthy than the rest of us.

This myth of exceptionalism is unmoored if we shift to learning from the river. Water follows basic principles of physics. Rules do not apply differently to certain drops of water. There are no exceptions.

Before we throw the leadership baby out with the river water, let us learn from the flow. Water always works as a team. Over time, it wins even against solid rock. Rivers are constantly moving, shaping the landscapes through which they travel. Where a river flows, life flourishes. Plants take root, and wildlife gathers to feed, play and bathe. A river brings everything together.

What is leadership if not being deeply embedded in the collective, drawing people in and nourishing a community?

That is the leadership we need — not a "hero" individual who stands above others and demands devotion, nor a charismatic figure whose initiatives crumble the moment they step away. We are talking about the river. We are talking about the Headwaters.

We are talking about you — the person who may not feel like a leader because your name is not engraved on a plaque, your paycheque does not reflect high status, and your title does not inspire awe. Awe is rarely the best measure of a good leader. Often, with the best leaders, we do not even realize that they are leading at all.

Leadership does not mean being a superhero. Comic book movies have not set us up to succeed, and despite their popularity, they teach us very little about moving forward. Leadership and bravery rarely involve swooping in and fighting hard. True leadership is slow. It is modelled, not proclaimed.

Children learn how to be in the world by watching adults, not by listening to lectures. They mimic what they see. As adults, we mimic popular culture, workplace norms and people we admire. It is wired into our brains — it is how we survived in the wild, and how we navigate society today.

Before falling into despair over humans' tendency to follow the crowd, pause. This wiring also means we can influence what others mimic.

When you join the board of directors of a non-profit organization, your friends, children and colleagues see that community service is a valuable way to spend time. When you choose not to laugh at an insensitive or poorly worded joke, you show others that they can decide what is acceptable and funny, and what is not. When you choose to buy local or give something handmade instead of ordering cheaper goods online, you show neighbourhood businesses that their work matters, and your community that you care enough to spend time on them.

These small choices will not fix the world overnight, but they sow seeds. Where and when those seeds blossom is not up to you.

Sometimes called transformative or servant leadership, this type of leadership we're talking about is rooted in service to something bigger than ourselves, the desire to make things better for others, and the belief that we can. It is demonstrated through many small acts, which set lasting examples for others, and compound into enduring, positive change.

We are heading into the season of giving and cheer — though for some, it can also bring isolation and pressure. It is a complicated time when conformity to traditions and cultural norms is often expected. Yet, there is room for leadership here, too. There are no leaders without followers, and following is a choice. Perhaps your family expects a grand holiday meal or a certain performance from you. This year, leadership might mean letting someone else take the reins. It might mean simply saying no, or saying yes to something new. Or, it might mean reframing the obligation as the recognition of a unique gift that you make to the collective experience.

What leadership means to you is a personal question, and we invite you to explore it.

Sit with this question this month: If your future self — the one who has everything figured out — could reach back to you today, how would they encourage you to lead? Consider how you might lead in your workplace, among friends and family, in community, and most importantly, how you lead yourself.

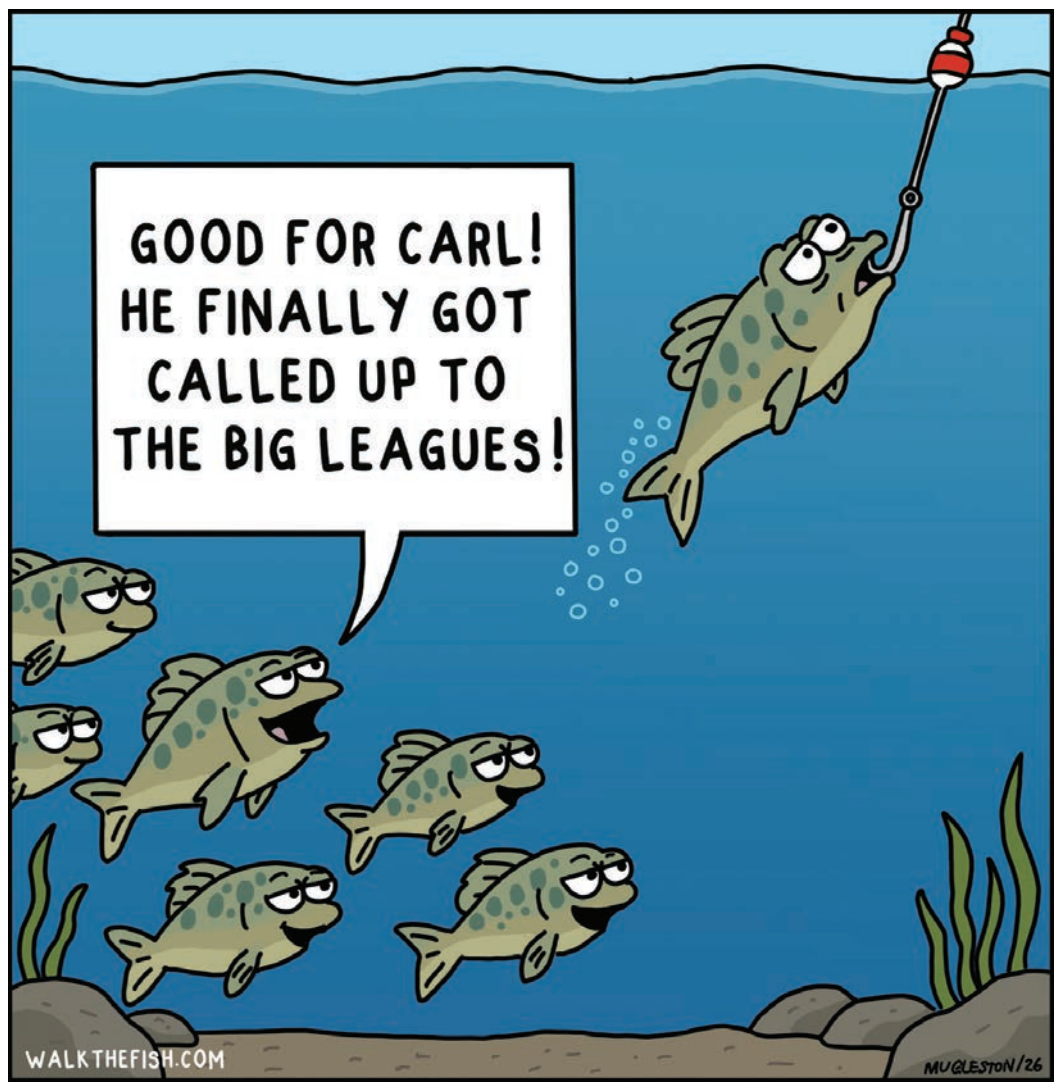
We have two practical tips to get you started.

First, to lead, we must first listen. In our work with VOICES of Lived Experience Dufferin, the Community Wellness Council, volunteers, collaborative tables and service provider networks — these groups always lead by listening. Personal experiences are as valuable as any PhD. Listen to yourself, your peers and your community. What you hear may surprise you. It may set you on a different course. That river may take some unexpected bends, but learning and adapting to new information feeds a current that will carry you in the right direction. Bring your lived expertise and deep listening to an organization, a conversation or a social movement in your community.

Second, if you would like to learn more about formal roles available locally, attend the Volunteer Expo and Leadership Seminar this Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Mill Street branch of the Orangeville Public Library. Focused on leadership and board opportunities, the free, no-pressure event—complete with snacks—is open to anyone who is open to exploring different types of leadership, both within and beyond yourself.

All are welcome, no matter what gifts you bring. After all, the river does not judge what it carries.

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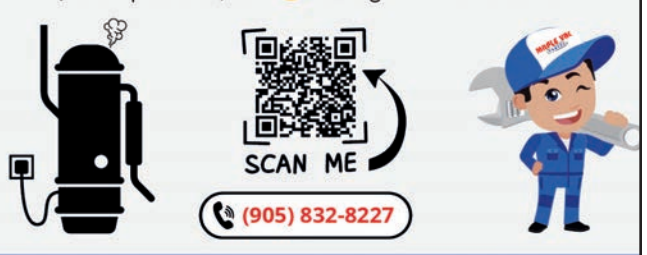
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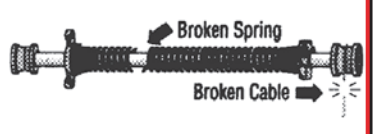
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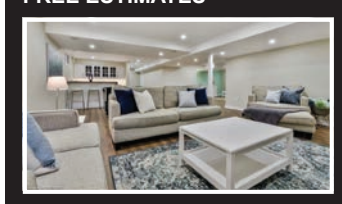


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Ontario looks to crack down on excessive vehicle noise

Province proposes steeper fines aimed at deterring motorists from revving engines and illegal mufflers

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Ontario government is planning to increase minimum fines for drivers who cause excessive vehicle noise.

The proposed legislation comes after several municipalities petitioned the province for stronger tools to deter drivers who are revving engines or installing illegal mufflers.

If the legislation moves forward, the minimum fine for these offences would be raised from $60 to $200 while the maximum fine will remain at $1,000.

"Extreme noise is disruptive to communities and drowns out vital emergency sirens and pedestrian warnings while distracting drivers and delaying reaction times," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation.

"By increasing fines, we're giving law enforcement the tools they need to protect communities and keep roads safe."

Drivers who cause excessive or unnecessary vehicle noise, including through prohibited exhaust modifications and deliberate engine revving can be charged under the Highway Traffic Act

The province says the proposed legislation would amend act to strengthen existing enforcement efforts, deter repeat offenders and ensure drivers who disregard the rules face greater consequences.

"Our government's proposed legislation to increase the minimum fine for excessive vehicle noise would help keep neighbourhoods safe and welcoming," said George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth.

"By holding drivers accountable for excessive noise, we are helping protect the quality of life people value in communities across Ontario while ensuring Ontario's transportation system works for residents, businesses and local communities."

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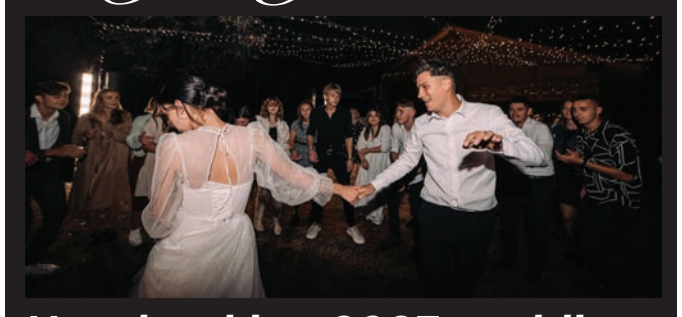
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On Nov. 8, 2026, at approximately 12:57 a.m., officers responded to a call for service where the caller said they were having issues locating their vehicle and required police assistance.

Officers attended the area where call had originated. They observed a vehicle parked in the area of Zina Street with the headlights on.

Officers also noticed what appeared to be a male resting in the driver's seat.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was registered to the same address as the individual who had contacted police earlier.

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

As a result of the investigation, Kevin Yanez, 30, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

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

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Lillian Ellenor Hammond passed away peacefully at her home in Mono on Sunday, November 15, 2026, three weeks shy of her ninety second birthday, with her husband and daughter by her side. Ellenor was born and raised on a century farm in Etobicoke to Roy and Esther Laver. She attended Humber Summit Collegiate and Weston High School. Employed by General Mills Canada Corp. for thirty-eight years. Ellenor commuted from Bolton where she lived with her husband for nearly forty years until they moved to the Town of Mono in 1998. Ellenor was always knitting or crocheting, and trained in oil painting. An excellent gardener and very knowledgeable of flowers. Always on call for flower arranging and did bridal bouquets for many weddings.

Sister to Edna Rutledge (deceased) (Jim), Doreen Mackay, (Russell) Beachburg, Roy Laver (Pat) Beeton, John Laver (Aileen) Mono, and William Laver (Peggy) Everett. Married to William (Bill) Hammond for 65 years. Mother of Paul Hammond (Lindsay), Pamela Smith (Stephen) (Mono) and David Hammond (Lindsay). Grandmother to Cassidy, Michaela, Mathew, Ashley and Great Grandmother to Jaxson, Finleigh, William, Leah and Charlotte.

The family will receive friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton, on Tuesday evening, November 24 from 6-8pm. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, November 25 at 11am. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville. If desired, memorial donations may be made to CNIB. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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He has returned to the Creator, his journey on this physical plane complete. As Mother Earth holds him close, his spirit has expanded into the infinite peace of the ancestors and the unseen world.

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Scott was a devoted husband and loving step father to Tanner, Dylan and Renee. Being a Papa to Ryder, Jackson, Ella, Wyatt, Callum and Marigold was his greatest joy. His grandchildren were his ultimate purpose and greatest hope for the future.

DAVID "DAVE" ERNEST CHARLES WOODS



Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, November 6th, 2026 at the age of 64. Beloved son of the late Jim & Barbara Woods. Loving brother of Wendy Lackey (Bill), Jamie Woods, Randy Woods (Silvia-deceased), Dean Woods (Heidi) and Dale Woods (Joanne-deceased). Dave will also be greatly missed by his beloved friend Cathy Birch and her mother Norma, nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church 5 First Ave. Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, December 5th, 2026 at 11:00 am. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Reception to follow at Dods & McNair Funeral Home - Reception Centre. Memorial donations to St. Marks Anglican Church or Headwaters Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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