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Across Dufferin–Caledon, we honour the Veterans who served our country and remember the freedoms they helped secure.

We must never take their sacrifice — or our freedom — for granted.

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BREAKFAST FOR A CAUSE: Community members serve pancakes during Westside Secondary School's annual Pink Day celebration on Oct. 30. The breakfast helped kick off a day of fundraising and activities in support of Breast Cancer Canada's awareness and research efforts. See more photos on Page A2.

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Orangeville Poppy Project brings community together in remembrance

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

As Remembrance Day approaches, the Orangeville Poppy Project serves as a tribute to veterans while showcasing the community spirit behind a collective effort to honour those who served.

Leading up to Remembrance Day, thousands of handmade poppies will decorate the Orangeville Clocktower on Broadway. The handmade tribute is a labour of love from multiple community clubs and groups from across town, spearheaded in 2020 by resident Laura Austin.

Austin brought an idea to the town council, inspired by similar displays in other communities and her family's connection to the Second World War.

"I saw other communities doing it," she said. "Stratford did a great job. My girlfriend was crocheting poppies in Stouffville, and I thought we should have this in Orangeville. My grandparents were all in the war, and my parents grew up during World War II. This is perfect, especially for Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph."

With support from Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, Bill Ray, Austin was connected with retired Orangeville Public Library CEO Darla Fraser, helping establish a community project that would bring together residents and local organizations.

The project invited residents to knit, crochet and sew poppies that would be assembled into panels and displayed around Orangeville's downtown clock tower during the Remembrance Day period.

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JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

A COMMUNITY TRIBUTE: Thousands of handmade poppies decorate the Orangeville Clocktower ahead of Remembrance Day as part of the Orangeville Poppy Project, a community initiative led by resident Laura Austin.

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PINK DAY TRADITION: Westside Secondary School students, staff and volunteers came together for the school's annual Pink Day celebration on Oct. 30. The day featured a pancake breakfast, bake sales, games, pink merchandise and various fundraising activities in support of Breast Cancer Canada's awareness and research efforts.









Dufferin OPP investigating collision that resulted in death of elderly woman

Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a collision involving a vehicle and pedestrian in Mono on the morning of Oct. 30.

The incident occurred at the intersection of Headwaters Lane and Blue Heron Drive, and a 72-year-old Mono woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was not injured.

The OPP's Technical Collision Investigation team attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Suzanne Henderson, 62, from Mono, has been charged with two offences under the Criminal Code of Canada: Dangerous operation causing death and operation causing death.

Henderson was scheduled for a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026.

Blue Heron Drive was closed for several hours while officers conducted the on-scene investigation and facilitated cleanup efforts. The roadway has since reopened.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information, including dashcam footage related to the collision, is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and requires support is encouraged to contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.



Shelburne election turnout falls despite more residents casting ballots

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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Shelburne saw more residents cast ballots in the 2026 municipal election than four years ago, but voter turnout declined as the town's eligible voting population grew.

According to the Town of Shelburne's official election results, 2,546 residents voted in the Oct. 26 election, representing 30.3 per cent of 8,407 eligible voters.

That compares with 2,110 voters and a turnout of 36.2 per cent in the 2022 municipal election.

While more residents participated this year, the overall turnout percentage dropped.

Mayor Wade Mills said he would have liked to see a higher turnout, but noted the number of voters increased alongside Shelburne's growing population. He said that while the percent dropped, the number alone is misleading — more people voted than previously.

"I would certainly have liked to see a higher turnout percentage," he said. "There is, however, some important context — 436 more people voted in this election than in 2022, but our eligible voting population grew considerably faster. To put it simply, more residents participated in this election, but that participation did not keep pace with our population growth."

Mills said the challenge of low municipal election participation extends beyond Shelburne, pointing to Ontario's approximately 33 per cent turnout in 2022 and preliminary figures putting provincial turnout at about 36 per cent this year.

Rather than accepting the trend, Mills said the town needs to strengthen residents' connections with council.

"As a growing community, we need to help residents establish a stronger connection with their local government and understand how municipal decisions affect their everyday lives," he said. "That includes ensuring people know whether they are eligible to vote, how to check that they are on the voters' list, and what assistance is available.



FILE PHOTO

MIXED RESULT: Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills reflects on the town's voter turnout.

That includes making sure residents know whether they are eligible to vote, how to confirm their names are on the voters' list and what assistance is available.

The town offered online and telephone voting, assistance at town hall, house calls and visits to both long-term care homes during the election.

Mills praised town staff for their efforts to make voting as accessible as possible, while acknowledging there is always room to improve.

"Our staff worked hard to make voting accessible through online and telephone voting, assistance at town hall, house calls, and visits to both long-term care homes — I'm grateful for those efforts," he said. "There is always room to improve. We should review our outreach, listen to residents about any barriers they experienced, and continue building engagement between elections. My goal is for more people to feel connected to Shelburne and invested in helping shape its future."

With the 2026 municipal election concluded, the Town of Shelburne will review the election in a more detailed report to town council in the new year.

Orangeville Poppy Project brings community together in remembrance

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"I reached out to the Girl Guides and the Horticulture Society, which I'm a member of, and some other seniors groups," Austin said. "Some of the ladies in my horticulture society actually made poppies out of fabric, and then we had volunteers putting them all on. It was a big project."

More than 3,000 handmade poppies were ultimately produced, with volunteers contributing their time and skills to create the installation.

Participants contributed in different ways, with some knitting or crocheting poppies, others sewing fabric versions, and additional volunteers helping assemble and mount the finished display.

The project also reflected Orangeville's established network of community organizations, drawing together groups and individuals around a shared purpose. More organizations include church groups, the Lord Dufferin Centre, local seniors groups, Orange thREADS and local Brownies.

The clock tower installation became a prominent feature of the town's Remembrance Day season, complementing the annual ceremony at the cenotaph and providing residents with another way to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans.

For Austin, the project was rooted in the importance of remembrance and the desire to establish a lasting community tradition.

The handmade display provides a visible reminder of the people behind the tribute, with each poppy representing the time and effort contributed by local volunteers.

The Orangeville Poppy Project demonstrates how residents can turn a shared commitment to remembrance into a community-wide initiative, bringing together generations and organizations through a meaningful act of recognition.

The project continues to highlight the role of local participation in preserving Remembrance Day traditions and honouring those who served.

Grand Valley Lions prepare for busy holiday season

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Grand Valley Lions have several fundraisers and events coming up over November.

The Lions are a not-for-profit group that hosts community events to raise funds in support of local projects and charities.

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser

The Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser is currently running, with orders being taken until Nov. 13. Pick up is on Nov. 19 at the Grand Valley Community Centre. The cost is $15 per dozen.

"All funds raised go to the Aboyne Rural Hospice," said Grand Valley Lion Randy McClelland. "Donuts are Original Glazed doughnuts and are great fresh or frozen."

To order, contact McClelland at 519-943-5471 or visit the Grand Valley Lion's website and look under the "Programs" tab.

Grand Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Grand Valley Lions are inviting the community to join them at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 20. The event gets underway at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Taylor Pavilion in Grand Valley.

Kids can bring a special ornament to hang on the town's Christmas tree, and seniors are invited to spread some cheer through carolling. Anyone interested in participating in singing with the Lions is asked to contact the club in advance.

"The Grand Valley Lions are proud to sponsor the Tree Lighting Ceremony to kick off the Christmas season in Grand Valley," said McClelland. "Refreshments are free and we hope to be singing Christmas carols after the Christmas tree is officially lit."

The Christmas Tree Lighting will have free hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies for all in attendance.

"Bring your family, friends and neighbours as we come together to kick off the Christmas season with a little small-town magic," said the Grand Valley Lions Club.

"There's something special about seeing our community come together during the holidays, and we can't wait to share this tradition with you."

Christmas in the Valley Arts and Crafts Sale

The Grand Valley Lions are taking over its community centre on Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. While admission is free, donations to the Grand Valley Food Bank are welcome.

The Grand Valley Community Centre is located at 90 Main Street North, Grand Valley.

"Come on out to support the Grand Valley Food Bank and the Angels and Hampers program. Each are vital to everyone having a happy Christmas in the valley," he said.

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Salvation Stitchers sew their way toward helping local patients

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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The Salvation Stitchers, an Orangeville knitting group, is putting their skills toward crafting hats and pouches for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy in the community.

Founded approximately 15 years ago by Betty McCutcheon, a member of the Salvation Army Church, the idea for the group originally began as a small sewing group intended to teach church members how to sew. It eventually grew into a larger community effort, with volunteers using their skills and donated materials to respond to requests from organizations across the region and beyond.

"Well, originally the pastors we had at the time were young, and they had two young daughters," McCutcheon said. "The wife wanted to learn to sew, and the daughters wanted to learn to sew, so we started with them, a little group. Then we expanded out, and we had a children's sewing group. So we were teaching kids how to sew, and then it expanded out to what we have here."

The sewing group has donated more than 40,000 handmade items to local organizations and charitable causes, with its total approaching 45,000 items to date.

The group brings together around 20 volunteers, including members who work from home, to turn donated fabric and other materials into practical items for people in need. Its latest project includes making chemotherapy caps for hospital patients, expanding on its existing work producing items to support people undergoing cancer treatment.

Today, the group supports a wide range of causes, including long-term care homes, hospice services, shelters, food banks and organizations supporting children and families. Its projects have included quilts, fidget blankets, tote bags, backpacks, pencil cases, children's clothing and pet beds for local animal shelters.

The Salvation Stitchers also contributes to international charitable efforts through Sew on Fire Ministries in Burlington, which distributes handmade items to communities around the world.

For McCutcheon, the group's approach is straightforward: identify a need and determine whether the volunteers can help meet it.

"What we do depends on what the needs are and depends on what fabrics we have on hand at the time," she said. "We try to match those two things together and come up with some useful items."

The Salvation Stitchers make baby and children's items, including diapers and sanitary napkins, which are donated to Sew on Fire for distribution to children who lack clothing and other necessities.



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STITCHING SOLIDARITY: Members of the Salvation Stitchers, a group of women who meet twice monthly at the Salvation Army church in Orangeville, sew caps and pouches for patients undergoing chemotherapy. The items are available free of charge to patients in the chemotherapy suite at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

"Here in the community, we've had one couple, an older couple, who would cut out the quilts and lay them out on the floor, and his wife would sew them together. I mean, they did over 100 quilt tops. We still haven't got them all quilted, but we will," McCutcheon said. "If you get a whole batch of, say, heavier fabrics, well, we can make tote bags out of those. Then we can make pencil cases. Then we can make all of these things. So it just depends mostly on what we have on hand and what the needs are in the community."

That philosophy has also shaped the group's work supporting cancer patients. After McCutcheon's husband underwent chemotherapy, she recognized an opportunity to improve on the small cotton bag he had received to carry his treatment equipment. The group began making chemotherapy pouches, eventually producing hundreds.

Now, the volunteers are turning their attention to chemotherapy caps, while also exploring other items that could benefit hospital patients.

The group relies heavily on donations, with most of its materials coming from members of the public and volunteers who contribute supplies from their own collections. It is currently seeking yarn, cotton fabric, flannel and quilt batting, along with donations of portable sewing machines in good working condition.

Beyond its charitable work, the group offers an opportunity for people to learn a new skill and build friendships. McCutcheon welcomes newcomers, regardless of whether they belong to the Salvation Army, and is happy to teach those interested in sewing.

"We always need more ladies, and we take men too," she said. "If you can sew, come on in. We need knitters, we need crocheters. You do not have to be a member of the Salvation Army. This is a helpful group, a good group that welcomes everybody and anybody."

McCutcheon added, "It's a little community. It's a little support system, which is a really important thing for seniors, because there's a lot of loneliness out there, and a lot of people haven't got a regular, steady place that they know to look forward to."

The group meets twice a month and is open to anyone willing to contribute, including men, knitters and crocheters.

With thousands of items already distributed, the Salvation Stitchers continue to put their skills to work, one project at a time, helping local organizations provide comfort and practical support to people who need it.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

IODE AWARENESS WEEK: Members of IODE Headwaters, IODE Lord Dufferin and IODE Yellow Briar gather with Mayor Lisa Post outside of Orangeville Town Hall on Oct. 22 for a ceremonial flag raising marking IODE Awareness Week, Oct. 18 to 26.

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Haunt in the Park breaks attendance and donation records

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CREEPY CHARACTERS: Haunt in the Park's scare actors were a major highlight for the thousands of people who attended this year. The annual event saw record-level success, with 6,476 attendees, 2,881 pounds of food collected and $3,950.45 in donations raised for the Shelburne Food Bank.

Haunt in the Park has wrapped up its most successful year yet, setting new records for attendance, food donations and monetary contributions during its 2026 Halloween season.

The locally organized charitable haunt event in Shelburne welcomed 6,476 attendees this year, collected 2,881 pounds of food and raised $3,950.45 in donations, marking record totals across all three categories.

Organizer Carola Little said the event's success came despite several logistical challenges and additional expenses required to bring the attraction together this year.

"So this year, unlike the last few, did end up with a few logistical hiccups along the way," she said. "We ended up actually putting in quite a few thousand dollars of our own money, aside from taking the time to build it and run it and everything else. Though we did have some amazing sponsors that really did help bring it to life. It was a little bit more of an uphill battle this year to get it to fruition, but once we were running, we were doing great."

The event returned to Fiddle Park following its renovations, with organizers working to address parking concerns and improve the overall experience for visitors. Although the lead-up involved some difficulties, the event ran smoothly once it opened, with strong attendance throughout the season.

Weather also played a significant role in drawing crowds, particularly during the opening weekend on Oct. 23 and 24, when Haunt in the Park hosted three events back-to-back.

That weekend alone brought 4,026 people through the attraction, making it the busiest stretch of the season.

The event featured its Mini Boo daytime experience on Oct. 24, giving families an opportunity to explore the attraction without the nighttime scares.

"We had some fantastic stuff going on at the Mini Boo," Little said. "We had the reptile show and the OPP even had their helicopter come out for a couple of hours so that kids could come and see what the inside of the helicopter was like… Make It Sweet was there and Revel Realty was there giving out stuff… it was very well attended."



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FRIGHTFULLY FUN: The interior of Haunt in Park offered a variety of scares for attendees brave enough to enter. Featuring a Fallout themed start to the attraction, victims were subjected to twisted asylum, a tight and winding corn maze and more. Among the frightening scenes was the web tunnel presided over by the Spider Queen.

Volunteer participation was another major contributor to the event's success. On Oct. 30, organizers had 70 volunteers working, the largest group the attraction has had to date.

Little said the volunteers, including a strong contingent of young people and adults, helped deliver the experience and keep the event running smoothly. Their efforts were particularly important given the extensive work involved in building, operating and dismantling the attraction each year.

"One of the nights, the 30th, we ended up with 70 volunteers, which was our largest cohort of volunteers to date," she said. "The group we had this year gave it their all. They were on time. They were ready. They gave everything they had to give the best experience possible for everybody that went through."

She specifically recognized both young volunteers and adults.

"We could not have pulled this off without those amazing kids giving it everything they've got," Little said. "We also had some incredible adults come out this year to volunteer. There is so much work and sweat and blood and tears that goes into creating the haunt every year."

The attraction's individual sections also received positive feedback, particularly its elevator experience, circus-themed area and blackout room. The elevator, which had struggled to work effectively in previous years, became a particularly successful feature this season.

Across its six years of operation, organizers estimate Haunt in the Park has collected tens of thousands of pounds of food and tens of thousands in donations.

Little said, the cumulative totals demonstrate the impact a small group can have when working toward a common goal.

"We're like 20,000 pounds of food over the last six years, and I think we're at $15,000 or $16,000," she said. "It's a significant amount, and we didn't really realize that until we did the math."

Little continued, "It really gives you a moment to consider what a difference one small group of people can make if we all band together and work together towards a common goal."

Looking ahead, plans for 2027 remain dependent on securing Fiddle Park, with grant proposals delayed by the municipal election year.

Organizers are already considering improvements to the attraction's layout and visitor flow, hoping to build on this year's record-breaking results.

One thing is clear: Haunt in the Park was a shocking success.

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2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 ELEVATION CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 261111

FINANCE FROM **$233** WEEKLY +TAXES

$74,835 +HST/LIC
CASH OFFER: $10,000 NSCDA OFF $84,835 MSRP
FINANCE AMOUNT $84,835
EFFECTIVE RATE 3.67% CASH ALLOWANCE AND FINANCE PROGRAM ARE SEPARATE.
$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 PRO CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4



STK# 261123

FINANCE FROM **$181** WEEKLY +TAXES

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

0% FOR 84 MONTHS

2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI



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

$234 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $69,821 +HST/LIC | @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

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4 CARBONPRO



STK# 26166A • 87,965 KM • 4X4, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 5.3 AXLE, 5.8-FOOT BOX, NAV, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, STEP BARS, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, BOSE AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, MULTIPRO TAILGATE, TOW PACKAGE, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

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

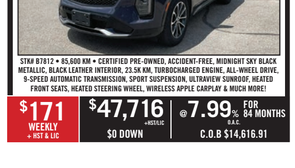
2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN HIGH COUNTRY



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

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

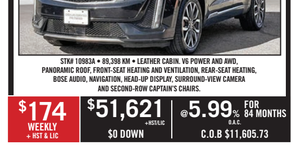
2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE STERLING EDITION



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

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

2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



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

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

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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.

$204 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $56,771 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $17,390.75

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



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

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

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



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

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

2026 RAM 1500 REBEL

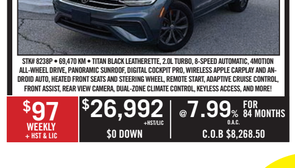


STK# TN0034 • DEMO • PRESENTED IN A STRIKING BLACK FINISH WITH A 4X4 DRIVETRAIN, THIS TRUCK DELIVERS CONFIDENT HANDLING ON ANY TERRAIN AND IS DESIGNED TO CONQUER BOTH CITY STREETS AND OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES.

$299 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $83,396 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $25,546.82

DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A $98,982 SELLING PRICE

2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



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

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

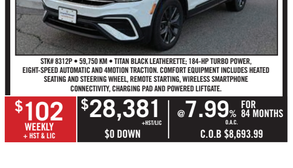
2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE ULTIMATE CALLIGRAPHY AWD



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

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

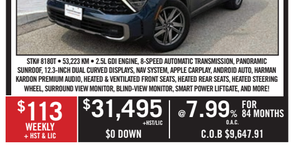
2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



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

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

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392



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

$51,175 +HST/LIC **CASH**

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2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT TRAIL BOSS 4X4



STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM **$257** WEEKLY +TAXES

$80,704 +HST/LIC
CASH OFFER: $10,000 NSCDA OFF $90,704
FINANCE AMOUNT $93,404
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!

$143 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $39,716 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,166.26

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 ON BED LINER, RAIN SENSE WIPERS.

$308 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $85,716 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $26,257.51

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!

$274 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $76,216 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $23,347.36

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!

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

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



STK# B7800 • 72,281 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPRAY-ON BEDLINER, TRAILERING PACKAGE, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, AND MORE!

$199 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $55,416 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $16,975.67

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!

$189 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $52,616 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $16,117.94

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT



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

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

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.

$174 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $51,621 +HST/LIC | @5.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $11,605.73

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2026 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN TRENDLINE 4MOTION



STK# TG2642-NEW

LEASE FROM **$107** WEEKLY +TAXES

$41,421 +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

LEASE FROM **$116** WEEKLY +TAXES

$500 DEALER BONUS INCLUDED

$36,416 +HST/LIC
$0 DOWN PAYMENT
PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

4.99% FOR 48 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.

$122 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $33,992 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $10,412.82

2024 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS COMFORTLINE 4MOTION



STK# B134P • 71,137 KM • 2.0L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4MOTION AWD, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, DIGITAL COCKPIT, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, REMOTE START, THREE ROWS, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

$133 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $36,995 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $11,332.73

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!

$174 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $42,991 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 72 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $11,157.57

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!

$147 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $40,995 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $12,558.06

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!

$97 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $26,992 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $8,268.50

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!

$125 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $34,895 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $10,689.44

2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION



STK# B312P • 59,750 KM • TITAN BLACK LEATHERETTE, 184-HP TURBO POWER, EIGHT-SPEED AUTOMATIC AND 4MOTION TRACTION. COMFORT EQUIPMENT INCLUDES HEATED SEATING AND STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE STARTING, WIRELESS SMARTPHONE CONNECTIVITY, CHARGING PAD AND POWERED LIFTGATE.

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

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!

$113 WEEKLY + HST & LIC | $31,495 +HST/LIC | @7.99% O.A.C. FOR 84 MONTHS | $0 DOWN | C.O.B $9,647.91

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The Shelburne Rotary Club is preparing to bring a little holiday sparkle to the community while raising money for the Shelburne Food Bank through its third annual Nutcracker Gala.

Scheduled for Nov. 21 at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club, the fundraiser will offer an evening of food, entertainment and auctions, with proceeds supporting the local food bank and its work assisting residents.

Rotary representative Bobbi Ferguson said the event has become a popular gathering for community members looking to enjoy a festive evening while contributing to a local cause.

"This is the third year we've put this on," she said. "The first year it was to raise money to fulfill our commitment to the food bank, the Rotary Club committed $20,000 to the food bank van, and so we decided to do the gala to raise that money. And then it was such a success that it sold out like months before the event that we had it again."

Guests can expect a meal prepared by the golf course, live and silent auctions featuring donated items from local businesses and artists, and surprise entertainment that organizers are keeping under wraps until the event.

The venue will also be transformed for the occasion, with decorations designed to give attendees a different experience each year. The golf club has hosted the event since its inception, with Ferguson praising the venue for its support.

"They do a great job," she said. We wouldn't ever think of moving it. We want to keep it in the community, and there really isn't any other place in Shelburne to have it, and it's for the Shelburne Food Bank, so we want to support the community."

This year's theme is holiday glitz and glamour, featuring shimmering decorations, lights and the traditional Nutcracker elements that have become part of the gala's identity.

A special live performance is also planned, but Ferguson said that it will be a surprise event.

"It'll be a singer entertainer," she said. "We keep it under wraps because we like it to be a surprise for everybody. The first year we had Linsey Beckett, who is a fiddler and step dancer. We are keeping it quiet again this year."

The fundraiser has typically generated approximately $20,000 annually, with organizers hoping to reach a similar amount this year. Tickets are priced at $150, with Ferguson emphasizing the importance of keeping the evening accessible while ensuring proceeds benefit the food bank.

Planning begins shortly after each gala, as Ferguson and other representatives from the food bank handle much of the preparation. Rotary members also help support the event on the day.



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HOLIDAY GIVING: The Shelburne Rotary Club is hosting its third annual Nutcracker Gala on Nov. 21, raising funds for the Shelburne Food Bank.

Beyond fundraising, the gala provides an opportunity for residents to reconnect, meet neighbours and enjoy an evening together as the holiday season approaches.

Organizers are encouraging residents to attend, experience something different and support a cause that directly benefits the Shelburne community.

At the time of print, some ticket slots have opened back up and may be available for purchase. Anyone interested can email: shelburnerotary@gmail.com

Dufferin County hosting regional forum to connect organizations with funding opportunities

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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Dufferin County is partnering with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) to host a regional forum aimed at helping local organizations access provincial funding opportunities.

The 2026 Fall Funders Forum will take place Thursday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at Monora Park, bringing together local businesses, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and economic development groups with representatives from provincial ministries and funding organizations.

The in-person event is intended to give attendees a better understanding of available grant programs, eligibility requirements and application timelines, while providing opportunities to connect directly with potential funders.

Representatives from seven organizations and provincial ministries are expected to participate, including the Ministry of Rural Affairs; Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; and Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

Community Futures and Ontario Small Business Advisory Centres will also be represented.

Throughout the forum, participants will have opportunities to learn about upcoming funding programs, understand application requirements and evaluation priorities, and ask questions directly to funding representatives.

The event is being organized in collaboration with the WOWC, a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper- and single-tier municipalities across approximately 300 communities in Southwestern Ontario.

The caucus advocates on behalf of its member municipalities, working with other levels of government to address regional priorities and opportunities, particularly those affecting rural communities.

Registration is required to attend the forum. Interested participants can register through the link provided on Dufferin County's website: dufferincounty.ca/news/dufferin-county-and-western-ontario-wardens-caucus-to-host-western-ontario-funders-forum

Dufferin OPP shares tips with hunters as deer hunting season gets underway throughout the region

Controlled deer hunting has commenced in nearby Dufferin County and the OPP recently shared advice to hunters.

The hunting period runs between Nov. 2 and 6. During this period, residents and visitors may notice increased hunter activity and hear the sound of gunshots in designated hunting areas.

The OPP encourages everyone to remain aware of their surroundings and to exercise caution while enjoying outdoor recreational activities.

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• Be Respectful: Always respect private land and ensure you have permission before hunting on someone else's property.

• Safety First: Follow all safety regulations, wear appropriate gear, and be aware of your surroundings. Communicate your hunting plans with someone.

• Expect Increased Activity: Be prepared for more hunters and the sound of gunshots. Stay alert while outdoors.

• Follow Regulations: Adhere to local hunting regulations and guidelines to ensure a safe and successful hunt.

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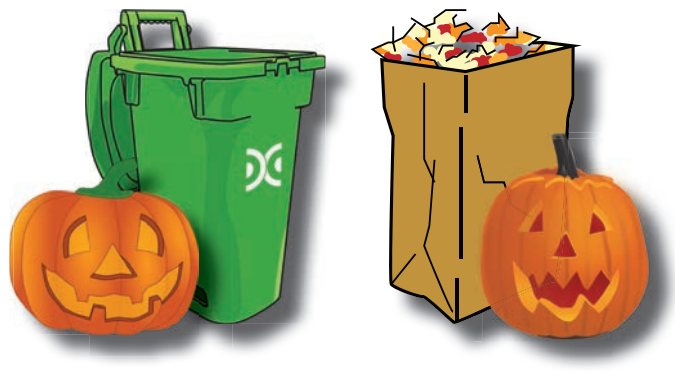


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Headwaters Arts announces People's Choice Award as 30th anniversary season continues

Written By **KATHRYN FRASER**
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On October 16, the Headwaters Arts Board announced the People's Choice Award for the 30th anniversary Fall Fest exhibit, which took place from September 16 to October 4 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

The exhibit featured more than 70 pieces that were selected from over 200 submissions.

Throughout the length duration of the exhibit, attendees were asked to take a card and write down which piece they believe was the best and the Top 3 choices would be awarded prizes.

The People's Choice Award celebration was hosted by LeeAnn Downey and Tom Hitchman, who wanted to celebrate the top 3 artists on their pieces.

Each award came with its own cash prize, with first winning $1000, second getting $750 and third place receiving $500.

First place was awarded to Reg Lecky from Orangeville, second place went to Christine Schubert from Caledon East, and third place was awarded to Mike Shatilla from Milton.

For first place winner Leck, this was his first time entering a Headwaters Arts show and he says he was inspired to enter after hearing about the event from Joan at Dragonfly Arts.

"At first I thought I was a nominee and I was so excited and then I found out that I actually received first place, and I was like wow," says Lecky.

Lecky's piece incorporates a number of logs and rocks to create the finished autumn forest scene.

"Sometimes when I'm collecting stuff, I try to take a mental snapshot of what I'm seeing in the forest and see how I can create it using natural pieces of the forest itself," says Lecky.

Second place winner Schubert has been participating in Headwaters Arts shows for around four years and said she was absolutely blown away to find out that she was one of the People's Choice Winners.

"I was in a shop when they phoned me to tell me that I won and I had to stand by a counter for a minute because I was so overwhelmed," says Schubert.

Schubert's piece had several inspirations behind it, from art nouveau – specifically Gustav Clint's work – as well as a crane symbolizing peace and longevity, and flowers to represent turn of growth.

"It's a garden, it's a place to contemplate and the name of the piece is called 'Where the Crane Keeps Time.' I'm going through a specific time in my life that is difficult, so this was important to me," says Schubert. "It was a bit of a distraction from all the other things that are going on in life, and it is a very peaceful piece."

Third place winner Mike Shatilla also entered his piece into Headwaters Arts for the very first time and ended up submitting two pieces into the exhibit. Shatilla says that it is wonderful to celebrate the awards with the other artists and Board members.

"It's a beautiful night and to be able to come out tonight and celebrate with the other artists is wonderful. Seeing all the familiar faces that I saw at the show, there is a sense of camaraderie when getting together so it was wonderful to be with everyone," says Shatilla.

Shatilla's piece was inspired by a trip that to British Columbia when on a hike with his wife and two children he was mesmerized by the view.

"We were walking around and I saw this view and I knew I had to paint it," says Shatilla. "It was the calmness of the distance and then a raging waterfall that really inspired the piece."

This is the first time that the People's Choice Awards have been implemented, and the idea came from host LeeAnn Downey after she pitched the idea to give the viewers the chance to vote for their favourite piece, rather than the judges.

"I approached them and said, I would like to sponsor the People's Choice Award, and we decided it would be like a first, second, third, and we would provide, cash prizes. It's hard to earn a living as an artist, and I think it's really important for us to support artists and make it so that it's there's a prize, not just for as a professional juror might be looking for like movement or brush strokes, but me, as our purchaser might be looking for something and it's more emotional," says Downey, of the public connecting with each work.

Downey also got the chance to purchase the piece that was her favourite which was Shatilla's at the award event.

This is the first time that Downey has hosted an event like this and looks forward to making it an annual feature in future years.



KATHRYN FRASER PHOTO

SECOND PLACE: Christine Schubert of Caledon East stands with her piece, "Where the Crane Keeps Time," which earned second place in the People's Choice Awards at the 30th anniversary Headwaters Arts Fall Fest exhibit. The exhibit featured more than 70 works at the Alton Mill Arts Centre from Sept. 16 to Oct. 4.



KATHRYN FRASER PHOTO

FIRST PLACE: Orangeville artist Reg Lecky earned first place for his piece, Red October, at the Headwaters Arts 30th anniversary Fall Fest exhibit.



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THIRD PLACE: Mike Shatilla of Milton stands with his painting, "The Calm Before the Falls," which earned third place in the People's Choice Awards at the 30th anniversary Headwaters Arts Fall Fest exhibit.

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Caledon Concert Band celebrates Rob Kinnear's 42 years as a conductor

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Known for a 110 per cent response, conductor of the Caledon Concert Band, Rob Kinnear has a special talent for bringing out the best in his band members. They have been all ages from high school up and joined the band with a range of experience and ability.

Progress and confidence of younger or less developed musicians were possible with encouragement and mentoring from other members of the band and Kinnear himself.

His lifelong enthusiasm for music and, in particular, sharing it with new musicians brought them to appreciate his passion. With his musical knowledge and considerable ability to communicate a composer's intentions, Kinnear did inspire musicians to perform beyond what they believed they were able to achieve.

The band's treasurer, Maureen Schoonbaert, told the Citizen she was a guide through Kinnear's life and love of sharing music with as many people who echoed his excitement for as much time as possible. Knowing the conductor and the band's history so well, it made sense to let her tell this story in part, via an email interview.

Far beyond the podium, Kinnear was a teacher, mentor, friend, and inspiration to generations of musicians.

"He created a welcoming musical home where people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities could come together through their shared love of music," Schoonbaert wrote.

Kinnear firmly believes that music should bring people together, and he has encouraged musicians of stronger abilities to mentor younger or less experienced members, fostering an environment of friendship, learning, and mutual respect.

Many members see the band as more than a weekly rehearsal. It becomes a place of belonging, for friendships to develop across generations as a shared passion for music brings people together.

Like a life's mission, Kinnear set high expectations, not just as an aim for perfection, but because, believing in his musicians, he knew what they could accomplish together. Combining a deep understanding of music with an infectious passion for conducting, he continually challenged and encouraged the band to grow.

Throughout more than four decades, he has been a constant source of leadership and stability for the organization. In spite of moving an hour away from the Caledon area, Kinnear steadfastly attended every rehearsal to conduct the band, a stunning demonstration of the deep commitment he felt to its members and its place in the community.

For Kinnear, it has always been about music, not financial compensation nor even recognition: Kinnear simply loves making music. Those who know him understand that conducting has always been one of his greatest joys. A passion he'd be glad to spend every day playing music if he could.

His inclination to give his time and talent so generously has been a reflection of the spirit of volunteerism and community service that has helped sustain the Caledon Concert Band for more than five decades. Throughout his career, he has been an inspiration for countless students to develop confidence and experience the rewards of performing together.

For more than 25 years, Kinnear served as a Christian choral camp director and adjudicated for music festivals and the CNE Rising Star Competition.

His influence on many of his students continues long after graduation. The musical skills and confidence they developed under his direction have remained with them throughout their lives.

Kinnear's background is as a 38-year distinguished high school music educator, including teaching at Brampton Centennial Secondary School.

Attending a number of universities, Kinnear earned his Bachelor of Science (Western) and Bachelor of Education, plus an Honours of Specialist in Music from U of T and finally, a B.M.T. at Windsor University.

During those years, he was also busy training in concert band and symphonic conducting. He went on to perform professionally with the Windsor Classic Chorale and Michigan Opera Theatre, singing operatic and choral repertoire over a four-year period.



SCOTT MARTIN PHOTO

MUSIC NOTES: Rob Kinnear conducts the Caledon Concert Band. Kinnear has led the band for 42 years, bringing together musicians of all ages and abilities while encouraging them to develop their skills and reach their full potential. The band rehearses and performs at Caledon Hills Fellowship Baptist Church.and is known for bringing together musicians of all ages and abilities, encouraging them to develop their skills and reach their full potential. The band rehearsed and performed at Caledon Hills Fellowship Baptist Church.

"On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, the Caledon Concert Band dedicated its Hallowe'en Spooktacular Concert to Kinnear in recognition of his 42 years of leadership, dedication and service," Schoonbaert reported, adding that a "full-house audience gathered to enjoy the concert and honour a man who has contributed so much to the band and the wider community."

When describing music, Kinnear said, "It's not just something you do; it is something in you – not just something you think about – it's about what you feel when you play that phase."

He continued, "It's something you can't hold down – you can actually feel it between these thoughts and you don't have control."

Even when he and his family moved to Kitchener, Kinnear continued to come back every Wednesday to rehearsals.

"It was a commitment I made," he said. "That meant something to me. It was actually about the relationship with the band. Forty-two years is a long time, and I wouldn't give up a moment of it."

"When there is music, there is reaction to it. When you see someone smile, you know something has clicked in a note, maybe in your lyrics," Kinnear added.

He commented on the veracity of bird calls, that after a while, a blue jay's call has told what you finally understand. On the bubbling of the pump in the fish tank, it is all music.

He was clear about music and the environment; walking in the woods, everything calls to us.

In answer to a pinnacle in his life, he brushed it all away: "Money is not important – there are no pinnacles – it's all about how people feel about the music."

Facebook is collecting tributes to Kinnear. Follows a couple of examples: from Deanna: "The concert was so fun. Great collection of music. This was my daughter's first time listening to a concert band. Mr. Kinnear, you are the heart of Caledon band and have touched the hearts of many. Including mine."

And from Jennifer: "I'm so sorry I missed it. Rob is the reason I pursued a career in music. He was like a second father to me in high school and a dear, beloved friend who became family. I am truly blessed to have Rob and his entire family in my life."

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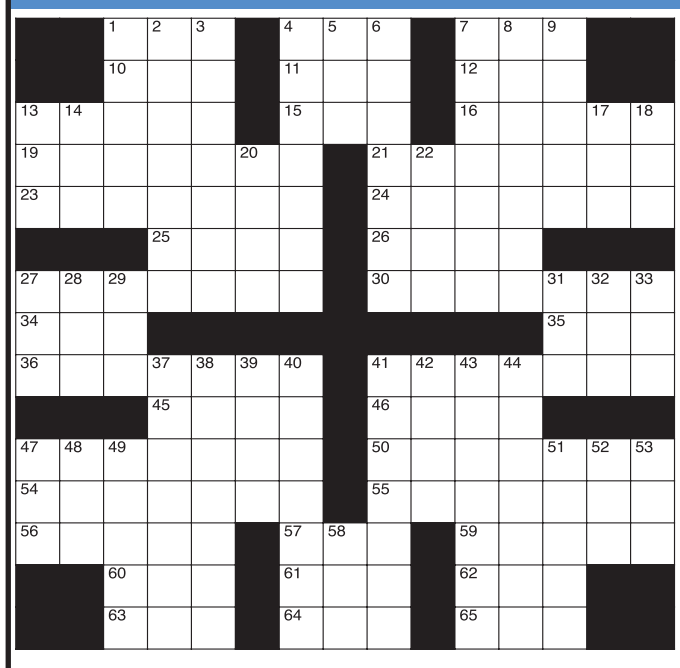

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22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
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33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
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Local artists share what inspires their abstract creations

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

To celebrate the upcoming winter time when artists are inclined to increase their production of art, three local Abstract artists of different mediums joined the Citizen for a Zoom interview to talk about what their art as abstract, rather than realistic, means to them as the major force in their own creativity.

Taking part were photographer Peter Dušek of Hockley Valley, fibre artist Pat Hertzberg, living near Alton and Mono-based painter Deb Menken.

Their approaches to doing art and what they want to achieve as artists varied.

Peter Dusek opened with the thought, "Compared to a conversation between two people, abstract is like a direct meeting of the minds as opposed to translating it into words first and then back into the mind."

.He had little interest in art when his job was "to make beautiful code."

Asked what makes code beautiful, Deb Menken pitched in "It works! Code has to be perfect."

They share a common but unrelated professional history in the tech business but Menken has also been truly creating art since she was very young. By coincidence, 2015 marked a stepping stone in each of their artistic lives.

For Menken, it was the year she became more aware of artists paintings and one day like a bolt, she wondered, "Could I learn to do that?"

Since that heady moment, Menken has accepted the challenge to do ever better as a painter and has developed such a passion for painting abstracts that she cannot imagine herself ever giving it up.

With a studio in the Alton Mill Arts Centre, she does much of her painting and meeting visitors to the historic site. Menken admits that abstract is not for everyone but for those who visit her studio, there is the time and chance to talk about it.

"Sometimes, it's hard to explain the lure of abstract," was her comment. "You don't know what the final product will be."

The year 2015 was when Dušek realized that he wanted to photograph and began to be interested in visiting galleries and in art.

Pat Hertzberg's early life in the arts was her time studying Fine Arts. She recalled that lessons in her school focussed to begin, on realism in a painting and then they taught the students how to abstract it.

Following school, she went into fashion design for 12 years, finally realizing that she wanted to return to fine art. That brought her to creating abstract with her fibre art. She still struggles with the perception of accuracy where abstract is her goal. In recent years, Hertzberg has loosened and learned to be less rigid.

"Perfectionism is not good," she pronounced.

Hertzberg loves working in fibre art, saying that, with fibre the possibilities are limitless. She believes too that viewers always look for realism in abstract.

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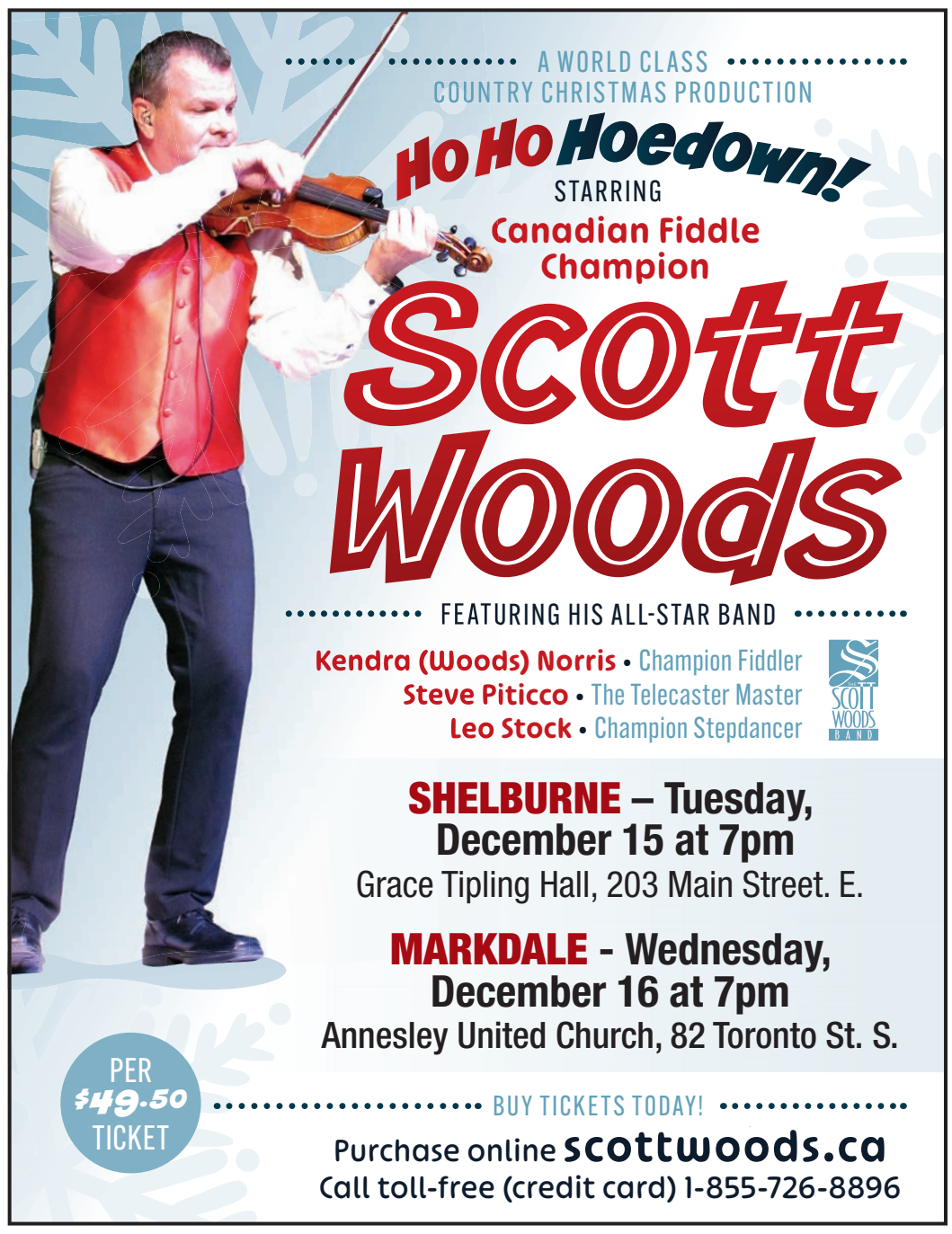
MUSIC NOTES: Peter Dusek poses between his Water Music 21 and Water Music 5 pieces at his art gallery in Creemore, Ont.





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MUSIC NOTES: (Left) This mixed media piece is called Rescued by Deb Menken. The piece was inspired by the Newfoundland landscape after my 2024 artist residency made possible by the Dufferin Arts Council Reed T Cooper award. (Right) Titled, "Of Sea & Sky," this art piece by Pat Hertzberg, pictured here, is made from various textures including hand-dyed, hand-woven and hand-silk-screened fabrics: velvets, denims, silks, cottons, linens and damasks. It represents an abstracted turbulent sky and underwater seascape – in a contemporary fibre mosaic



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Mulmur's annual tree program returns with fruit trees and bushes

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

Mulmur Township is preparing to launch the fourth year of its annual tree program, offering residents and those in surrounding communities an opportunity to add greenery to their properties while growing their own food.

Roseann Knechtel, planning coordinator for Mulmur Township, said that this year's program, themed "Plant a Tree, Grow a Garden," will be a bit different from previous offerings.

"This is our fourth year running this program," she said. "The program's been really successful so far. Last year our theme was to plant a tree and grow a legacy in honour of Mulmur's 175th anniversary, and this year our theme is to plant a tree and grow a garden. So this year's a little bit different because we're offering fruit trees and bushes along with our regular selection."

Available options will include apple and pear trees, as well as blueberry and raspberry bushes, giving participants the opportunity to harvest their own fruit at home.

The program was initially introduced as part of the council's strategic plan, supporting commitments outlined in the township's Official Plan to encourage sustainable development, protect the environment and maintain Mulmur's identity as a garden township.

The township is also continuing its partnership with Maple Leaves Forever, a locally founded organization that helps support native tree conservation.

"We work very closely with Maple Leaves Forever," Knechtel said. "Ken Jewett, who was the founder of Maple Leaves Forever, unfortunately passed away, but his organization still continues on, and what they do is they subsidize the cost of native Canadian maple trees. So there's three trees that we offer: red maple and sugar maple seedlings, and then a sugar maple potted plant that is subsidized by the Maple Leafs Forever Organization."

Orders are expected to open in early November, with the township anticipating the ordering period will begin the week of Nov. 9. The deadline for ordering fruit trees and bushes will be the end of January, while orders for the remaining tree varieties will be accepted until the end of March.

Trees are expected to arrive during the first week of May, with three pickup opportunities planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Now entering its fourth year, the initiative has consistently attracted interest, with several varieties selling out in previous years. Unlike some municipal programs, participation is also not restricted to Mulmur residents, with anyone able to place an order.

The program has sold 10,471 trees since its inception in 2024, with roughly 4,000 to 3,000 sold each year.

The expanded selection also offers an opportunity for households to grow some of their own food, providing a practical benefit as grocery prices continue to rise.

Further information and ordering details will be available through the Township of Mulmur as the program opens.



Two men charged with obstructing police, after failing to stop vehicle

Dufferin OPP charged two individuals following an impaired driving investigation in Shelburne.

On Oct. 19, at approximately 8:09 p.m., officers were conducting traffic enforcement on County Road 124, Shelburne, when they observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed.

Officers say they attempted to conduct a traffic stop however, the driver failed to stop and continued to a nearby fast-food restaurant.

The driver then fled the vehicle and entered the restaurant, while the passenger was uncooperative at the scene, according to Dufferin OPP. Officers subsequently attended the restaurant and located the driver.

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

As a result of the investigation, Kumar Sharma, 27, from Welland, has been charged with the following offences:

- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Speeding 1-49 Km/h over posted limit
- Obstruct plate
- Drive motor vehicle, no validation on plate
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

Fail to stop for police

Gurdhian Singh, 30, from Ottawa, was also charged with Obstruct Peace Officer.

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

Sharma had his driver's licence suspended, and vehicle impounded, after being charged,

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



Local artists share the inspiration and creative process behind their abstract works

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Some of Hertzberg's intricately woven and constructed fibre pieces can take her two months of working full time to complete one. She explained how fibre allows her to dye, stitch, tear and cut anyway she wants. Knowing when a piece is done is another skill.

"You look at it and see there is nothing left to do," she explained and she has pioneered techniques with molding fibre that are unique. Part of the joy is new techniques.

Menken agrees she reaches that point when she is done intuitively.

Abstract allows the artist to explore feelings and the many ways there are to express them.

"Sometimes you look at your work and you hate it!" Menken warned. Hertzberg joined her to say, "Just keep at it, art needs you to keep pushing, keep adding – it's called the ugly middle but it always comes around."

Abstract works spontaneously with your feelings.

They began in earnest to describe Why Abstract.

From Dusek, "What I want when someone looks at my pictures, is their feeling of elation that music can give – that joy you feel when you first hear music that you love."

For Hertzberg, noting that it is love of the process, allowing the artist time to arrive to an end result. The excitement of the process, to immerse themselves in the work.

Dusek is blazing a trail of his own. Once he began with photography, he learned how photographs can be manipulated – a snowy field with a simple tree on a hill's slope can be tidied by removing some elements. Many artistic touches to his photos added a mystic lure, more unusual as his skills developed.

Most recently, Dusek has developed a process, which he describes as a secret.

"I am photographing the wind, the sun and the water," he said. "Nothing else," he clarified.

His photos come up as patterns of coloured lines in which faces or forms might be construed but only by chance or imagination. One has to stand and gaze.

There has been much that abstract has taught each of them over their years. Most importantly is that abstract is limitless, agreeing that an artist's limits are only set by oneself.

So: Why abstract?

Pat Hertzberg is sure that we need it so much to off-set the digital age and keep our own integrity as artists.

Menken observed that as people are aging, they seem to be appreciating abstract more.

Abstract reaches the artist and the viewer both at the very depth of us to keep that strong.

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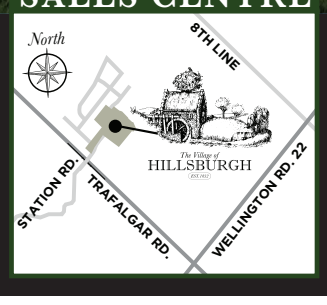


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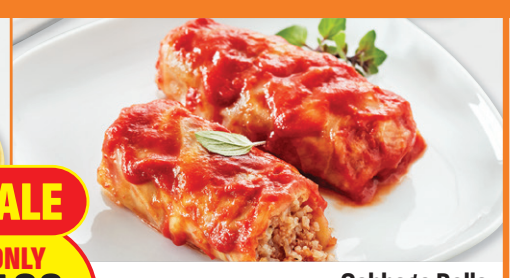


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Legion offering free membership in 2026 to mark centenary

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

As the Royal Canadian Legion marks its 100th anniversary, Canadians have had an opportunity to become members for free in 2026, helping support veterans, preserve Remembrance traditions and strengthen community connections.

The Legion has been offering free membership to all new members for the 2026 membership year, which runs from January to December. The initiative is part of the organization's centenary celebrations and is intended to encourage more Canadians to become involved in its work.

At Orangeville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233, membership provides an opportunity to support local veterans while contributing to the organization's broader community role.

Branch public relations officer Elizabeth Mangos said the Legion is a welcoming local organization where members can volunteer, attend events, meet neighbours and help make a difference throughout Orangeville and Dufferin County.

"Being a member of the Royal Canadian Legion means joining a community that honours those who have served, supports Veterans and their families, and keeps the tradition of Remembrance alive in Orangeville, and Dufferin County," she said. "At Branch 233, members are part of a welcoming local organization where they can volunteer, attend events, meet neighbours, and help make a difference in their community."

Membership is open to Canadian citizens and citizens of Allied nations aged 18 and older. Residents do not need to be veterans or have a family connection to military service to join. You don't have to be a veteran yourself, or have veterans in your family.

"Membership is open to any Canadian citizen, or citizen of an Allied nation, who is 18 years of age or older," Mangos said. "There are several membership categories. Ordinary membership is for eligible serving and former military personnel, RCMP members, police officers, Canadian Coast Guard members, and others who meet the criteria.

"Associate membership is available to certain family members of someone eligible for Ordinary membership. Affiliate voting membership is open to other Canadian citizens or Commonwealth subjects who support the Legion's aims and objectives. In short, anyone in our community who wants to support Veterans and Remembrance has a place at Branch 233."

According to the Legion, members help sustain its work supporting veterans and their families, while gaining opportunities to volunteer, participate in branch activities and connect with others in their communities.

"The main responsibility of membership is to support the Legion's mission: honouring service, remembering the fallen, and assisting Veterans and their families," Mangos said. "Members are encouraged to participate in Branch life in whatever way they can; whether that means attending meetings and events, volunteering for fundraisers or community activities, helping with the Poppy Campaign, or simply bringing new ideas and energy to the Branch."

"There is no expectation that every member must take on a major role. Every member contributes by showing up, supporting Legion activities, and helping ensure that Remembrance remains meaningful for future generations."

The branch, like others across Dufferin County and beyond, organizes Remembrance activities, including the annual Remembrance Day service and Poppy Campaign. Funds raised through the campaign support veterans and their families, alongside local community needs.

> "We're starting to get more younger people coming to the Legion, which is a good sign," ... "Young people are our future, and we need some of them to step up and help out in order to keep the legion going in the future."
>
> Dean Schroeder,
> Shelburne Legion past president

Mangos said the Legion also provides opportunities for fundraising, social connection, youth involvement and community events, helping residents remain connected while ensuring the sacrifices of those who served are remembered.

Membership also comes with practical benefits, including discounts through MemberPerks, a subscription to Legion Magazine, newsletters and access to branch activities and programs.

Mangos encouraged residents to consider joining as a way to support veterans, take part in Remembrance activities and contribute to a longstanding community tradition.

"We encourage residents to consider membership because the Legion is more than a building, it is a community organization with a purpose," she said. "Joining Branch 233 gives people a direct way to support local Veterans and their families, take part in Remembrance activities, and contribute to programs



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

MORE THAN A MEMBERSHIP: Chris Skalozub, District E Parade Marshal with the Royal Canadian Legion, collects funds and hands out poppies at the Shelburne LCBO as part of the ongoing Poppy Campaign. Alongside the benefits of Legion membership, some responsibilities include supporting Legion activities, such as the annual Poppy Campaign. Members are also asked to attend meetings and events, volunteer for fundraisers or community activities and contribute to branch life however possible.



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Elizabeth Mangos,
Orangeville branch public relations officer



FILE PHOTO

NEVER FORGOTTEN: Wreaths are laid at the Shelburne cenotaph each year on Remembrance Day to honour those who have served and sacrificed for their country. The annual tradition pays tribute to fallen soldiers and recognizes the service and sacrifice of veterans and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

and events that bring people together."

"This is also an especially good time to join: in honour of the Legion's 100th anniversary, new members can join free for the 2026 membership year, which runs January through December. It is a no-cost opportunity to get involved, meet people, and help carry forward an important community tradition."

For the Shelburne Legion, membership centers strongly on community integration, and being good neighbors and strong community advocates. Past President and 30 year veteran Dean Schroeder said that the Shelburne Legion has served as a vibrant community hub and loyal community partner.

"Our Legion is very involved in our community, as much as we can be," he said. "We do a lot of fundraising for the food bank, for the different committees, even if it's just loaning our hall for hall rentals, donating our hall and stuff like that to different communities, we've also helped with the fair board."

Schroeder said that beyond community support with other organizations, the Legion also has its own initiatives that provide their own positive effects on the town. The legion provides meals, breakfast and dinner, in support of the community, and hosts events that bring people together.

He said that it's a perfect platform to showcase how volunteers in Shelburne give their time.

"I think it's a good centerpiece for Shelburne to see where people go to donate their time for volunteering," Schroeder said. "Because we also do the breakfasts, our wing nights, different events, sporting events that we have at ours, entertainment, just to help people come into the Legion, see what the Legion's about, and show how we support the community."

While the Shelburne Legion continues to provide as much engagement to the community as possible, there is a simple reality that they are very aware of - their base is aging and there aren't many young people joining.

In order to continue traditions and to continue to offer the food programs, community nights and to continue fundraising and donating to organizations like the food bank, the Legion needs members and volunteers.

Schroeder said that maintaining that continuity is crucial to the survival of the Legion.

"Members have come and gone," he said. "A lot of our older members and a lot of our members now have been with us for a long time, and they've done a whole lot for our legion, but people are passing away, and that's the hard part about it."

He said that void is starting to show signs of healing, with some new young faces appearing at the Legion. He explained that the time is coming soon for a passing of the torch to younger generations, who will need to pick up the responsibility of carrying the legion forward.

"We're starting to get more younger people coming to the Legion, which is a good sign," Schroeder said. "Young people are our future, and we need some of them to step up and help out in order to keep the legion going in the future."

"It's up to the youth now to do their part if they can, and come in, join, and see what it's about. The veterans; they support different programs and people through the Legion, like service dogs and homeless vets. It's just passing on that knowledge."

Schroeder said that it's also important to remember that despite the change in global conflict, there doesn't need to be a war in order to have veterans. So long as there are the Canadian Forces, soldiers training, and soldiers deploying, the Legion will be a home for them after their service.

"Soldiers still do the training," he said. "The soldiers still do their job. It doesn't matter where they are, if they're peacekeeping or they're just in Canada and they get hurt doing a job. I guess for an example, Wainwright Alberta right now, where soldiers were training and they got hurt. It hurts their families, not just the veterans and the guys that are with them."

The Legion is the support base for those soldiers, veterans and families. Anybody is welcome at the Legion, and now, more than ever, is the time to consider seeing what they have to offer.

"Come to the Legion, support your veterans, support your community, and at the same time, come in and have fun and enjoy yourself," Schroeder said. "I'm sure we have something that will interest you. Either it's cards, washer toss, Darts, or just a place to talk, there's something there for everybody."

The free membership offer from the Legion provides an opportunity for residents to explore the Legion, meet fellow community members and help carry its work into the next century.

With welcoming doors, a supporting community, and a strong emphasis on community support, the Royal Canadian Legion is far more than a club for veterans, it's a loyal, dedicated community partner with a lot to offer the community it strives to serve.

Now they're asking for a helping hand in keeping that spirit going for years to come.

For more information on Legion membership, go to: legion.ca/join-us







Lest we FORGET

‘Help a veteran and their family’: Orangeville hosts flag raising and proclamation to recognize start of the Poppy Campaign

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Remembrance Day is a time to stop, reflect and honour the veterans of Canada who answered the call to serve. Not all returned home, and those who did don’t always have the means to support themselves without a helping hand. The Royal Canadian Legion is that hand — and works year-round to support veterans and their families.

The Poppy Campaign is one way they raise money to facilitate that assistance.

With Remembrance Day approaching, Orangeville honoured that dedication and support of veterans and raised the Poppy Campaign flag over town hall on Oct. 23, with Mayor Lisa Post, MPP Sylvia Jones and Orangeville Legion President Chuck Simpson in attendance.

MPP Jones paid tribute to the recent events in Wainwright, in which four Canadian Forces personnel died when a grass fire spread rapidly across training grounds.

“Today, as we mark the start of the 2026 Poppy Campaign, our thoughts are with the personnel impacted by the tragedy in Wainwright,” Jones said. “Donating and wearing a poppy is a visual reminder of the sacrifices of our Canadian personnel.”

> “A veteran can be extremely prideful, and they are self-sufficient, and they don’t think they need help ... But when we find them, the help they need can be quite expensive and sometimes beyond their means. These donations really come in handy for us to help a veteran and their family if they need it.”
>
> Chuck Simpson, Orangeville Legion president



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

LEST WE FORGET: Orangeville Legion President Chuck Simpson, Mayor Lisa Post, Coun. Joe Andrews and MPP Sylvia Jones raised the flag to recognize the start of the annual Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign in the Town of Orangeville. The program raises donations to help support veterans and their families in the community. This year, the Poppy Campaign began on Oct. 24 with a fixed start date, which will continue for all future campaigns.

Mayor Post followed her remarks by recognizing the importance of the Poppy Campaign in supporting veterans and their families, as she read from the proclamation prepared on behalf of the Town of Orangeville.

She encouraged the public to participate in the campaign and to take time to recognize and honour veterans in the community and beyond.

“The annual poppy campaign of the Royal Canadian Legion serves as a solemn act of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices made by Canada’s veterans, active military personnel, and those who gave their lives in service to our country,” Post read from the proclamation. “Funds raised through the Poppy campaign support veterans, their families, and community initiatives that promote remembrance and provide assistance to those who have served our nation.”

She continued, “I encourage all residents to wear a poppy with pride, participate in remembrance activities, and take time to honour the sacrifices made by our veterans and honour the sacrifices of those who served and gave their lives in service to Canada.”

Representing the Royal Canadian Legion, Orangeville Legion Branch 233 president and master warrant officer, Chuck Simpson, handed out the first poppies to attendees at the flag raising and shared that some veterans are reluctant to seek help.

He said that despite that attitude, the work of the Legion and the Poppy Campaign remains critical to supporting veterans and their families.

“A veteran can be extremely prideful, and they are self-sufficient, and they don’t think they need help,” Simpson said. “But when we find them, the help they need can be quite expensive and sometimes beyond their means. These donations really come in handy for us to help a veteran and their family if they need it.”

He said that beyond donations, simply wearing the poppy is a help for the Legion, as wearing one spreads awareness outward and brings more attention to the Legion.

Volunteers will be out in the community collecting donations for poppies leading up to Remembrance Day.

Donations are focused on staying with the community and supporting local veterans and their families.

Previously, the annual Poppy Campaign began on the last Friday of October, but starting this year, the campaign now begins on the fixed date of Oct. 24.







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JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICE: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones joins members of the community, Town of Caledon, OPP, and Orangeville Legion for the annual Mono Mills Remembrance Day ceremony at the Mono Mills Cenotaph on Sunday, Nov. 1. The service honoured those who served and sacrificed their lives in defence of Canada.



Remembrance Day ceremonies planned throughout Dufferin County and area

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Remembrance Day is a time to reflect and honour the sacrifices of those who paid the ultimate price protecting the country's freedom.

Nov. 11 will be marked with ceremonies throughout Dufferin County to honour the great men and women who have served or are on active duty.

SHELBURNE SERVICE

An indoor Remembrance Day service begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Shelburne Legion before participants march to the cenotaph in front of town hall (203 Main Street East) for a ceremony, beginning at 11 a.m.

After the service, the Shelburne Legion is hosting a Remembrance Day Dinner at its branch (203 William Street, Shelburne). A meet-and-greet starts at 5:30 p.m., and a roast beef dinner is planned for 6 p.m. A vegetarian option is available upon request. The event is age of majority with a $25 cost of admission. Veterans eat free. Dress code is semi-formal attire.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

MANSFIELD SERVICE

The Mansfield Women's Institute is commemorating the day with a remembrance service, beginning at 10:45 a.m. at the Mansfield Cenotaph (937016 Airport Road, Mansfield).

The Museum of Dufferin is hosting a post-service reception afterwards, beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the museum grounds (936029 Airport Road, Mansfield). Attendees can enjoy light refreshments and explore the museum's remembrance display, featuring over 3,500 handmade poppies and a pop-up exhibit on Dufferin veterans.

All are welcome to attend.

ORANGEVILLE SERVICE

The Orangeville Legion's members, veterans and related parties will form up at its location (7 John Street, Orangeville) for 10:30 a.m. and begin marching to the cenotaph in Alexandra Park at approximately 10:40 a.m. A Remembrance Day service will begin at 10:55 a.m., with two minutes of silence at 11 a.m., and wreath-laying. When the ceremony concludes, Legion members and affiliated groups will march back to the Orangeville Legion. It will be open to the public for a post-service reception.

At 2:30 p.m., a service will commence at Forest Lawn Cemetery, followed by a service at Greenwood Cemetery, honouring the fallen.

All are invited to attend.

GRAND VALLEY SERVICE

A Remembrance Day service will take place from 10:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Valley Cenotaph (5 Main Street North, Grand Valley) or the Grand Valley Community Centre if weather conditions are poor.

All are welcome to attend.

CALEDON EAST SERVICE

A Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at the Caledon East cenotaph, located at town hall (6311 Old Church Road), starting at 10:50 a.m.

The public is welcome to attend.











Lest we FORGET

Retired lieutenant-colonel brings Dufferin County's fallen soldiers' stories to life

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REMEMBERING THEIR STORIES: After decades of service in the Canadian Forces, retired Lt.-Col. Ron Alkema has dedicated four years of his retirement to learning as much as he could about the men inscribed onto the Dufferin County War Memorial in Alexandra Park in Orangeville. The men recorded there came from across Dufferin County, including Shelburne, and fought in the First World War (1914–1918), Second World War (1939–1945), and the Korean War (1950–1951). He wanted to highlight the human side of veterans, sharing the stories of a select group of five and what their lives were like before their service.

Retired Lt.-Col. Ron Alkema spent more than four decades in the Canadian Armed Forces, serving overseas and commanding the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

Since retiring in 2022, he has turned his attention to another kind of service: uncovering the lives and stories behind the names engraved on the Dufferin County War Memorial in Orangeville.

Alkema enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1980. He served in the regular army with the First and Third Battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and in the Army Reserve with the 48th Highlanders of Canada. His military career included deployments to Germany, Cyprus, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan, as well as domestic operations in the Northwest Territories and Northern Ontario. He received the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation for his work as a military adviser to the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

"I had gone to enough Remembrance Day ceremonies in Orangeville, heard the names, and wondered what was the story of the guys whose names they were reading," Alkema said. "So I thought I'd just start looking into it."

His research became the focus of a presentation at the Shelburne Public Library on Oct. 29, where Alkema explored the history of the memorial and shared stories of five local soldiers who died during the First World War: George Chester Crozier, Robert James Gallagher, Wilfred O'Reilly, William Thomas Osborne and Melville John Henry Silk.

Alkema selected these men because their stories are local, and they are listed among the fallen on the memorial in Orangeville's Alexandra Park. More personally, they are all buried locally, and had lives, stories and connections to the region that are often overlooked.

Crozier was born in Mono and worked as a farmer before joining the Royal Flying Corps, where he trained to become a pilot. He was killed at 19 when his aircraft suffered a mechanical failure and crashed during a solo training flight in July 1918.

Gallagher, known as "Burt" to family and friends, grew up near Kilgorie and enlisted in the 26th New Brunswick Battalion. He fought in major battles in 1916 but was exposed to poison gas. After returning to Canada, he died in November 1917 from complications related to his exposure, one month short of his 26th birthday.

O'Reilly was born in Amaranth Township and raised on a farm near Jessopville. He enlisted in the 164th Battalion in Shelburne at 17. During grenade training in Hamilton, he was handling what was supposed to be dummy ammunition when a live grenade exploded, killing him at 18 and injuring nine other soldiers.

Osborne was born in Orangeville, and eventually settled in Waldemar and worked as a tractor mechanic before being conscripted into the Canadian Forestry Corps. While serving in England, he developed respiratory problems and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. He returned to Canada but died at age 22, during January of 1920, from an illness attributed to his wartime service.

Silk was born in Shelburne and worked as a clerk and helped support his widowed mother and siblings before enlisting in the 164th Battalion at 21. He served as a machine gunner before health problems forced his return to Canada. He died in October 1920, aged 26, from an illness attributed to his service.

Alkema explained that these men are just five of a larger number inscribed on the memorial, and that it remains important to not remember just names, but who they were, what they did, and what they sacrificed.

"Each one of these guys that we talked about, and all the others inscribed on the memorial, have a story, they had a life, and they were real people," Alkema said. "Remembrance is a verb. It's an action word. So we need to remember them not just as being guys who did stuff, but it's really important to say what did these guys do? What were they willing to give their all for? To give their today for?"

Alkema also shared some history about the memorial that bears their names.

The memorial, located in Alexandra Park, was established following the First World War to honour those from across Dufferin County who died during their military service. Originally bearing 144 names, it has since been expanded to include casualties from later conflicts, including the Second World War, Korea and Afghanistan.

Alkema explained how the memorial was designed, including its granite construction, inscriptions and the eight major First World War battles commemorated on its base. He also discussed how the memorial's original county-wide purpose has changed over time, with later names largely representing Orangeville.

His research has uncovered errors and omissions, including names that may have been added based on incomplete wartime newspaper reports. He has identified about 80 additional First World War soldiers and roughly 30 from the Second World War with connections to Dufferin County whose names are not currently inscribed.

For Alkema, the research is about more than correcting a historical record. It is about ensuring the people behind the names are not forgotten, the true meaning of remembrance for Alkema. He believes the values of service, helping others and putting the needs of the community before oneself remain relevant more than a century later.

"It's not just remembering these guys because they died," he said. "Remember what they died for, and how does that shape the decisions that we make and how we live our lives today? That to me is what remembrance is really all about."

Alkema is now working on a book documenting the memorial and the soldiers connected to it. He plans to provide copies to local municipalities, libraries, churches and schools. Each name, he said, represents a person who had a life and a story worth remembering.

The event was a poignant way for the community to connect with and learn about those who came before them, fighting across the world, and how they are more than names carved into stone — they were neighbours, relatives, friends and young men who called this community home.



Lest we FORGET

Orangeville Legion brings Remembrance Day service to seniors centre

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Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233 brought Remembrance Day commemorations to the Orangeville and District Seniors Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 3, offering members an opportunity to honour veterans and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served.

Three members of the Orangeville Legion attended the service, performing a modified service to accommodate the room and small count, which was originally intended to be six members. Members stood at attention for O Canada, followed by a playing of The Last Post. Legion members then played God Save the King, and proceeded to share their personal stories of service with the seniors present.

The floor was also opened up to allow attendees to share their own stories.

Branch 233 Sgt.-at-Arms Tim Simpson said the annual service gives seniors an opportunity to participate in Remembrance Day observances without necessarily having to attend the larger community ceremonies if they are physically unable or otherwise.

"We do this once a year here," he said. "But we do a bunch of different services in different seniors centers, schools and churches this year. So we've got about nine to 14 services a year."

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>
> Chuck Simpson, Orangeville Legion president

For the Legion, bringing Remembrance Day services into the community is an important part of its work to preserve military history and ensure future generations understand the significance of the day.

"We come in, we talk about the Legion, we talk about Remembrance Day, where we've been and our stories," Simpson said. "It's also because some of these people can't make it to Remembrance Day, so we bring it to them."

Simpson added, "Why we do the services with the schools is to teach the kids about Remembrance Day, teach the kids about history, because unfortunately they have an idea of history, but they don't know history. So this helps show the history of Canada, the history of the world, also the history of the poppy."



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

SENIORS SERVICE: Three members of Orangeville Legion Branch 233 visited the Orangeville and District Seniors Centre on Nov. 3 for a special Remembrance Day Service. The service provides seniors who are unable to attend the Nov. 11 service with an opportunity to reflect, remember and honour those who served or are on active duty. The Legion conducted a modified service, shared their personal experiences, and welcomed seniors to share their own.

Simpson said the services allow Legion members to explain their organization's work, share historical information and give people a different perspective on military service.

With fewer Second World War veterans remaining and firsthand experiences of military service becoming increasingly difficult to hear directly, Simpson said the Legion's educational efforts help bridge that gap.

He also emphasized the importance of giving young people an opportunity to see military uniforms and hear about the experiences of those who served.

Beyond remembrance, the Legion supports veterans and their families, contributes to community organizations and provides donations to groups such as local cadets.

Simpson said his own involvement is rooted in honouring his family, veterans and fellow Legion members while giving back to the community.

The Legion is always looking for new members, and Simpson said that those who are curious should visit the Legion, and members would be welcome to talk more.

"If you want to join the Legion and want to know more, the easiest thing is you can actually go to the branch," he said. "You can talk to people there. You can go online to thelegion.ca. There's a lot of things that the Legion does for our community. We help veterans get off the street, but we do donate back to the community and host different services at the hall. Depending on the community, we donate to the cadets, because those are our future. So, if anybody wants to know more, all they need to do is just show up to Legion, ask questions, and we're ready to answer."

Following the completion of the Remembrance Day Service, attendees were welcomed to stay for lunch, and staff prepared sandwiches, soups and dessert.

The seniors centre service provided another opportunity for members to recognize and celebrate Remembrance Day in an accessible and interactive way, engaging directly with Legion members who recognized that not everyone could attend the Nov. 11 service, and so instead brought the service to them.



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Orangeville Otters host third annual Spooky Splash Meet, break records

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SWIM MEET: The Orangeville Otters gather during the club's third annual Spooky Splash Swim Meet, held Oct. 23 to 25 at the Alder Recreation Centre. The three-day competition welcomed 336 swimmers from seven clubs, including 88 representing the Otters.

From Oct. 23 to 25, the Orangeville Otters hosted their third annual Spooky Splash Swim Meet at the Alder Recreation Centre.

Six swim clubs accepted the invitation to join the Otters in this event. The teams included the Waterloo Club Warriors, Hanover Swim Club, Owen Sound Aquatic Club, Mississauga Swim Club, the Port Elgin Breakers Swim Club and the Collingwood Clippers Swim Club.

"It is incredibly encouraging to see so many clubs accept our invitation and join us for this event. Visiting swimmers and their families provide significant financial support to our organization, but it is also a reflection of the reputation the Otters have worked hard to build," said Otters President David Egbert.

We take great pride in hosting well-organized, competitive and fun events that provide a positive experience for swimmers, coaches and families. Having so many clubs participate is a tremendous endorsement of our club and the swimming community we are proud to be part of," shared David Egbert, President of the Orangeville Otters.

In total, 336 swimmers participated in the three-day Spooky Splash Swim Meet, with 88 of those representing the Otters. The swimmers took part in a six-session meet. The 13 and over category had 14 events and two relays, with the finals on Saturday, Oct. 24. The 12 and under group did 11 events and two relays.

Paige Miller, head coach of the Otters, shared how she felt her team did in handling the nerves and pressure of competing in their events.

"First meets always bring a unique mix of anticipation and pressure, but our athletes handled it with exceptional maturity and composure," said Miller. "They supported one another, focused on their race strategies, and channeled that nervous energy into great performances. Seeing them rise to the occasion and step up under pressure speaks volumes about their preparation and mindset for the season ahead."

The Otters had record-breaking times during some of the races that swimmers competed in.

In the 200 Individual Medley, Wesley Halls had a time of 2:09.99 in the Boys 15-17 and Open

Qyona Egbert, Jemma Harrison, Ava Yardley and Claira Reinhart competed in the girls 11 to 12 4x50 medley relay where they swam in a time of 2:15.80.

In the girls 10 and under 4x50 medley relay, Hannah Herzog, Natalie Reinhart, Gracie Chapman and Nora Bennett raced a time of 2:49.74.

Grace Chapman did a time of 43.27 in the girls 10 and under 50 metre breast lap.

Natalie Reinhart did a time of 38:24 in the girls 10 and under 50 metre fly lap.

In the 50 metre free lap, Qyona Egbert swam a 29.13 for the girls 11 to 12.

For the girls 11 to 12, 200 individual medley, Jemma Harrison swam a time of 2:37.93

The 11 to 12 Girls 4x50 free relay, Jemma Harrison, Qyona Egbert, Ava Yardley and Olivia Breeunig-McLennon swam a time of 1:59.92.

Austin Nelissen set two records in the Ontario Provincial S10 Para-swimming. Nelissen swam a 2.07.69 in the 200 free and broke a 20-year-old record by swimming a time of 31.63 in the 50 metre fly.

Miller was pleased with her team's overall performance.

"I am incredibly proud of how our team performed at our first swim meet of the season. The swimmers brought fantastic energy to the pool deck, and we saw some truly great racing across all events. Delivering results like these this early in the season is fantastic, and it gives us tremendous momentum as we move forward," said Miller.

The next swim events for the Otters are on the weekend of Nov. 20 to 22 in Owen Sound and back in Orangeville on Nov. 28.

Women's Hockey action: Udder Tournament returns this weekend in support of Bethell Hospice

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The annual Udder Tournament is back this year, celebrating its season of making a difference in the Caledon community.

The event will be held at the Caledon East arenas from Nov. 6 to 8.

The Udder Tournament is a charitable women's hockey tourney where participants are able to compete and raise money for Bethell Hospice.

The tournament was first started to recognize Donna DeBoer, a Caledon Women's Hockey League founding member who had made a large contribution to the league and community.

DeBoer was known as a proud, hard-working local dairy farmer, and her passion for farming was the reason that the cow theme was selected for the tournament.

DeBoer passed in 2011 after a courageous battle against brain cancer, and the Udder Tournament continues to be held to celebrate DeBoer.

The tournament's success has been threefold: it celebrates a friend, teammate, and lifelong dairy farmer's influence and qualities, brings the community together for some good old-fashioned Canadian sport and camaraderie, and raises money for community needs.

Last year, the Udder Tournament raised over $57,300, which is included in the rough total of $384,500 that has been raised and donated back into the Caledon community over the past 11 tournaments.

This also includes a scholarship that has helped support 25 female athletes and students to pursue post-secondary education and goals. The scholarship will also be available this year for a local female athlete attending post-secondary school.

From Friday to Sunday, eight divisions with teams sorted by skill level will play, starting at beginner, and the teams will have a mix of ages with many mother/daughter combinations as ages range from 19 to 70.

Registration for the tournament filled up in a span of one day, with a waiting list now in place.

Thirty women's teams will be hosted during this tournament, with the first game of the tournament starting Nov. 6 at 4 p.m., and the final game wrapping up on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m.

The Caledon Women's Hockey League says that this tournament is successful primarily due to the more than 75 volunteers, community involvement and player's participation.

In addition to the tournament, there will also be a raffle and silent auction.

For those interested in donating or looking to volunteer for the event, please reach out to UdderTournamentSponsorship@gmail.com.



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HOCKEY FOR HOSPICE: Women take part in last year's Udder Tournament, an annual charitable hockey event that raises money for Bethell Hospice. This year's tournament runs Nov. 6 to 8 in Caledon East.



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OPINION

The Englishmen at the hockey game

KEITH SCHELL
REMEMBERING WHEN



It was Monday, Nov. 14, 1988. I had just worked the weekend shift and had the day off. And with that day off, I decided to do something I had always wanted to do ever since I moved to the big city:

I went to my very first Toronto Maple Leaf hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens!

Even though the Leafs did not have a good team at that time, I was still excited to go. After spending all my life in central Ontario watching Leafs games on TV, I wanted to finally have the full Maple Leafs experience with the Minnesota North Stars in town that night. Getting off the subway close to the gardens, I bought my ticket from a scalper near the building for a decent price and went in and found my seat, about halfway up the building between centre ice and the blue line.

Unbeknownst to me at the time, I ended up seated directly behind a row of five Englishmen who had never seen a hockey game before. The crowd hushed as the game began.

That night, with the Leafs mired in the middle of a weak Norris Division and little hope for improvement on the horizon, the gardens was a tomb — no sound from the stands whatsoever, the crowd thoroughly cowed into a resigned silence by the myriad of losing traditions firmly established during the Ballard years in Toronto. You could hear a pin drop in the building.

Used to the enthusiastic rowdiness of British soccer crowds, the five Englishmen in front of me were flabbergasted by the silence. "Blimey, it's quiet…" one said in stunned disbelief, lowering his voice as if he were talking in a library, "…so quiet!" Turning to the others with a grin, he piped up, "Right, lads, let's get the place hopping!" They all started laughing and making a little noise, but it petered out quickly, making no difference to the general gloom in the building that night.

It was not a particularly exciting or energetic game, but occasionally something happened that would roust the crowd out of its discouraged slumber.

As the North Stars brought the puck over the Leaf blue line, tough as nails Leafs defenseman Brian Curran dropped the puck carrier with a thunderous body check to the general approval of the crowd. The Englishmen in front of me were wowed by the act of legal physicality. "Crikey!" one said to the others, "Did you see that? I wish they could do that in football!"

Later in the period, during a stoppage in play, Curran tried to inspire his team by chirping with North Star Brian Bellows at the Leafs blue line and getting into a wrestling match. Less than a fight but far more than a shoving match, it rousted the Gardens crowd from their slumber. As the combatants were led to the penalty box, the Englishmen were duly impressed.

But when the two minute roughing majors were announced, one astonished Englishman said to the other, "You mean he only got two minutes for that?" "Yes," the other one mused, "The harshness of the sentence seems to be in direct proportion to the severity of the assault." And he was absolutely right — an astute and accurate assessment from a neophyte fan trying to make sense of hockey justice.

As the intensity of the game started to pick up, we became more focused on the action, and the conversations in front of me began to drop off. But throughout the whole game, the Englishmen just couldn't get their heads around the silence that permeated the building.

Towards the end of the game — the first hockey game they had ever seen in their lives — one of the Englishmen made a poignantly accurate observation to his mates as he looked around the crowd: "There seems to be a general despondency about the building…as if they expect their team to lose!" And again, he was absolutely right. In his own English way, in the very first Leafs game he had ever seen, he had hit the nail right on the head. I couldn't have said it any better myself.

Overall, the Leafs lost again that night, 5–4, and I was not particularly impressed as I filed out of the building with the rest of the crowd. It was not a particularly good game. The players feed off the crowd, the crowd feeds off the players, and when both have little enthusiasm, it can make for a long and disappointing night.

But what saved the night for me was the five Englishmen who sat right in front of me. Their accurate observations throughout the game on a sport they had never seen before were both interesting and refreshing.

Towards the end of the game, when I politely volunteered to answer a couple of hockey questions they had posed amongst themselves, they realized I had been listening in on their conversations and stopped talking. Me and my big mouth. I hope they forgave me for my eavesdropping. But it was so long ago now that they probably wouldn't remember me anyway.

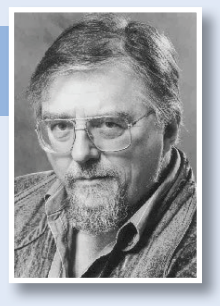
I honestly didn't mean to eavesdrop on them at the beginning of the game, but over the course of the evening, I just couldn't help myself. I found it fascinating to listen to the observations of a handful of sports fans from another country who had never seen hockey before and to hear their perspective on the game. And their observations that night were generally right on the button.

Looking back now, I remember that night far more for those five Englishmen than for the actual hockey game itself. All these years later, I can still hear their voices and still see their wide eyed amazement at a sport they were experiencing for the first time.

And on evenings like that, sometimes the best part of the game isn't the match itself, but the people you share the seats with.

Aluf Benn's despair

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Aluf Benn, the editor of the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz, has been a steady voice of moderation and common sense for a long time amid the dogmatism and extremism of so many other observers, but he is about to give up. This is what he wrote after last Tuesday's election.

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's bloc does not command a majority of the Israeli public, but no stable government can be formed without Likud [Netanyahu's party]. Voting is driven by identity and by tribal loyalties, not by voters' reactions to external events or by their desire to reward or punish the outgoing government for its policies."

Israel has reached a dead end, in other words. The country has got so tangled up in its own fears and fantasies that it literally cannot respond intelligently to real-world events, however striking they may be. Benn continued:

"Israel has experienced upheavals, each of which would have been difficult to imagine separately, let alone in such rapid succession: a judicial coup initiated by the prime minister to establish unchecked rule; mass protests against the government; Hamas's invasion and the October 7 massacre; hundreds of Israeli hostages held in tunnels;"

Wait, there's more:

"the devastation of the Gaza Strip and the killing of tens of thousands of Palestinians; the assassination of arch-enemy Hassan Nasrallah and seizure of territory in Lebanon and Syria; an Israeli-American war against Iran; accelerated settlement expansion and Jewish terrorism in the West Bank; Qatar's penetration of Netanyahu's inner circle;"

and still more:

"the normalization of Kahanism, racism and ideas of population transfer; and mass emigration by secular and educated Israelis who have grown disillusioned with life here." (Kahanism is an ultra-nationalist Zionist ideology officially designated as terrorist by the US and Israel.)

All that in less than four years, and yet at the end of it:

"These upheavals have had almost no effect on public opinion. All these events, however momentous and unexpected, have failed to move the needle."

One sympathizes with Benn, who has spent his life struggling to preserve the vision of a democratic and inclusive Israel, but it is still too early to despair. Most Israelis are stuck in their tribal trenches, unwilling and maybe unable to move even as the region changes rapidly and radically around them, but there are some new players at the table.

More than one-fifth (22 per cent) of Israeli citizens are not Jews but Muslim or Christian Arabs, theoretically with exactly the same rights and duties as other citizens (except that they are exempt from military service). In practice, of course, they are less well served by the state in many ways, but they do have the vote.

In the past, with one brief exception, Arab political parties were excluded from the coalitions that are always necessary to put a government together in Israel. There was no law against cooperation, but an undeclared agreement between all the Jewish parties worked just as well. So eventually few Arabs even bothered to vote.

This time was different. It was clear to anybody who could count that Netanyahu's coalition would be unable to form a government if it lost only a few seats in the election. However, if the Jewish opposition parties wanted to form a government without Netanyahu instead, they would need to make a deal with the Arab parties.

All the Jewish opposition parties promised publicly before the election not to do any such thing (the old unspoken deal spoken out loud), but the Arab parties suspected some of them would give in to the temptation of power once the voting was past. So the two main Arab parties, Ra'am and the Joint List, worked really hard to get out their vote this time. The Arab parties won nineteen seats in the 120-member Knesset. That's close to a 'fair share' in terms of population, and certainly enough to make the Arabs king-makers in the coalition negotiations that start this week. If, but only if, some of the Jewish opposition parties are willing to make a deal.

There is no good reason not to. The Arab parties, as Palestinians, obviously are not keen admirers of the Israeli state, but they are loyal to the democratic values that Israel still embodies (just). The people they represent were born in Israel and still live there. Cooperation is not only possible but necessary.

The Arab parties and the Israeli opposition parties also share an overriding desire to dethrone Netanyahu and send him back to the courts for his trial on corruption charges. There is a genuine opportunity here, if they have the will and the wit to seize it.

Cleaning house

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It means more than using a brush and pan; sometimes the meaning is dangerous; other times, it means clearing rubble that can also be emotional.

The problems come when it is time to "clean house," and that might not happen because one's attention is being directed away or by simple lethargy... laziness, we could call it.

That main distraction, our very invasive lives online, can persuade us to scroll for information on how best to effectively clean our house, all the while preoccupying the time we need to do the job. And – goodness! We've dwindled that time away, and now it is too late, and we have to make dinner.

For a creative person, such a stall can be called writer's block, a terrible time when the initial prompt for a project gets bogged down and the letters in one's head desert the fort. A painter is about to dab with colour but hesitates and the moment has passed. The composer realizes that phrase won't work.

Not only us, but in every breath of any prospective chore comes the shadow risk of being harder to do than thought, subject more easily to the temptation of doing something else. Even washing the dishes is an alluring alternative!

It is a human condition, that and rationalizing our mistakes, made in the past or about to be made in the sooner or later future. I believe one thing that is really strange is that we actually know we are making a mistake before we make it and we do it anyway – that last donut, those expensive shoes that will fit even if they are a bit tight at the moment... leaving the party early.

Getting into the car to drive when one has had too much to drink.

A friend of mine (asked me not to use her name) told me recently about having to drive between Waterloo and Orangeville, a distance of about a hundred kilometres, leaving late in the evening, well after dark. She had been absolutely clear about not drinking any alcohol at all. Even the offer of "just a taste" was politely declined.

"I'm not as laissez-faire about driving at night as I used to be," she commented, not that she was intimidated by the drive, only that it was somehow more work. The night was clear and pleasant; the road was broad enough but not a highway, and the traffic was as light as such an hour may expect.

The comfort of the white line that identifies the right edge of the road – she made it her unwavering guide and had to be grateful for unimposing weather. Still, the white line and the flow of the white lights of approaching vehicles took on the feeling of a dream once she reached her destination.

My friend was stuck to make the drive, and there was no real burden to it, but it stretched out as a metaphor when I thought about it as similar to those chores that are there to do but seem easy to set aside in favour of so much else.

Cleaning house can mean seeing to how we think about things. How much are attitudes changing and not changing when maybe they should. Meanwhile, we need to decide how we will educate ourselves to understand the changes or maintain our historic standards. It could easily be mainly me who knows yet drags my feet to do. Sometimes the shadows last longer than they ought; sometimes the night is not long enough to rest, but the worries are rightly there, and the planet's pain is inescapable. Just look – David Suzuki and Tara Cullis have stepped back from their active duties at the David Suzuki Foundation to spend more time with their children and grandchildren.

'Twas never thus.

The global tangle of shifting humanity and the monster soup that is eight billion opinions; the unwarranted economic chaos – "how much are those apples!?" is affecting everything right here: conversations, real and questionable news. How art is created, and there are our life rafts.

Whatever is difficult in this time and this town, that artistic endeavour and the arts community that covers so much of what happens here is as strong as any in the province and an essential part of Orangeville's success.

As long as we keep going to the theatres, which are dancing with new tunes and fun ideas, let us continue to attend our fine festivals and events in art galleries, concerts and entertainment on stage.

I hope so much that we will bring our children to theatre camps, dance lessons, and art workshops.

Art tells the stories in any world, sounding the alarms where needed.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Our community shows up: Here's how you can join in this season

This fall has been a great reminder of what makes Dufferin County special. Local schools rallied for our Thanks/Giving Food Drive Challenge. The Dufferin OPP filled our van at Metro. Visitors to the Dufferin Farm Tour brought food donations as their ticket in. Every can, box and bag adds up, and we're so grateful!

That generosity matters, because the need keeps growing. Every month, about 1,600 people turn to the Orangeville Food Bank for help. One in three is a child. Sixteen per cent are working but still can't afford to feed themselves or their families.

Since 2021, the number of people we serve has grown by 88 per cent. Food donations have grown by 22 per cent over the same period. We're filling that gap by purchasing more food and building new partnerships with other food banks.

More than a food bank

Walk into the food bank, and you'll see people choosing their own groceries, just like at any store. Our client-choice model means families take home food they'll actually use.

Our Community Kitchen prepares meals for our client fridge and for vending machines at the Orangeville Public Library and HART Hub. Through our monthly seniors' markets, more than 60 seniors receive fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and milk at no cost.

None of it happens without our more than 265 volunteers. They sort, pack, cook, stock shelves and greet every person with a smile. They are the heart of this place.

Growing pains

The first two weeks of every month are standing room only. On Oct. 6, we served 127 families in nine hours and on Oct. 8, we served 63 families in three hours.

Space is tight. Our cold storage is limited, so produce like squash, onions and potatoes doesn't last as long as it should.

Our non-perishables are spread across several locations, including two sea cans and a storage locker. Our vehicles date back to 2019, and recent repairs on our refrigerated van alone cost more than $5,000.

Food banks don't receive provincial or federal funding. This year, the Town of Orangeville and the County of Dufferin make up 6 per cent of the funding we need. The rest comes from you. For 34 years, this community has been our backbone. Whether you drop off a can of soup, give your time or make a financial gift, you help a local family put food on the table.

Thank you for helping us build a well-nourished community supported by kindness, dignity and choice

To donate, please visit: orangevillefoodbank.org

Mark your calendar for upcoming food drives

Bring the kids, grab a friend and drop off non-perishable food at any of these events:

• Saturday, Nov. 14: Winter Food Drive at FreshCo, Metro, No Frills, Sobeys and Zehrs, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22: HollyFest with the Orangeville Citizen at the Orangeville Fairgrounds (247090 Side Road 5, Mono). On Saturday, the event runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, the event runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Saturday, Nov. 28: Stuff a Truck with the Orangeville Fire Department at Canadian Tire (99 First Street), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food donations are being accepted in-store from Nov. 1 to 28.

• Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19: Sobeys holiday food drives with local police, fire and paramedic services

• Save the date: Coldest Night of the Year returns on Feb. 27, 2027.

Next year marks 35 years of the Orangeville Food Bank. Food banks were never meant to be permanent, and without real solutions to poverty and the rising cost of living, the need will keep growing. But 35 years also shows what this community can do together!

Join the Orangeville Public Library and help guide the future of library services

With the municipal election behind us, the incoming Orangeville council will appoint members to a new library board. Applications are now open on the Town of Orangeville's Boards and Committees site, and we're looking for people who will bring their experience, ideas, and knowledge of this community to the table.

Public libraries are a vital part of a community's social infrastructure. They provide equitable access to information, technology, and places to learn, helping people build skills and explore new ideas. They also provide a special third space, somewhere between work and home, where people can meet others and make human connections. People rely on these services, and making good decisions about their future takes thought and care.

That is where the board comes in.

Under Ontario's Public Libraries Act, library boards govern public libraries. Council appoints the Orangeville Public Library Board, which sets the library's overall direction, policies, and financial oversight. Library management works with the board to carry out that direction and lead the staff who deliver our services. The library also works closely with the town, whose funding and support are essential to delivering these services.

Board members ask questions, consider the information before them, and make decisions together. They also help explain the library's value and advocate for the resources it needs.

The coming term will include an opportunity to contribute to a new strategic plan. This means listening to the community and choosing where we should focus our efforts. What do Orangeville residents truly need from their library? Who could we be reaching more effectively? How can we make the best use of our spaces and resources?

We need different perspectives to answer those questions well.

Experience in business, finance, non-profit organizations, human resources, information technology, law, education, or community development would all be valuable. So would experience volunteering, working with community groups, or understanding the barriers people face when trying to access services.

You don't need to arrive knowing everything about public libraries; you just need to be willing to prepare, listen, learn, and work through decisions with others.

To be considered for the board, applicants must be at least 18 years old, be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and meet the residency requirements under the Public Libraries Act. Employees of the Town of Orangeville cannot serve on the board. Full eligibility and application details are available through Orangeville's Boards and Committees webpage.

Members should generally allow six to ten hours a month for meetings, reading materials, board correspondence, and other responsibilities, including library events and advocacy. Members will also learn more in 2027 as they complete orientation and begin strategic planning.

Applications open Oct. 30 and close Nov. 20 at 11:59 p.m. Visit orangeville.ca and look for "Boards and Committees."

We're also holding an information session on Tuesday, Nov. 10, where you can meet library leadership and current board members to ask questions and learn more before applying.

Another way to get involved is through the Friends of the Orangeville Public Library.

Our friends are volunteers who support the library through fundraising, events, and program support. Their book sales turn community donations into support for library resources and activities, including the Battle of the Books held each spring.

Joining the Friends of the Orangeville Public Library group is a chance to meet people, contribute your time, and see the results of your efforts here in Orangeville. Visit the Friends of the Library page at orangevillelibrary.ca or ask our staff how to get involved.

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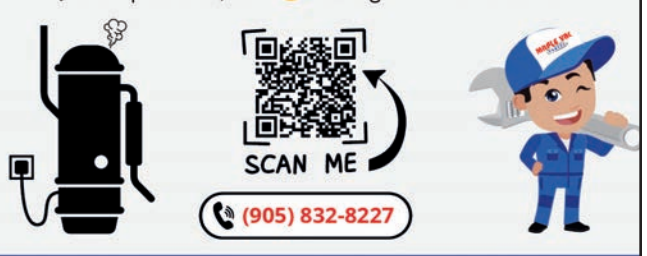
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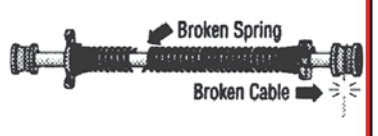
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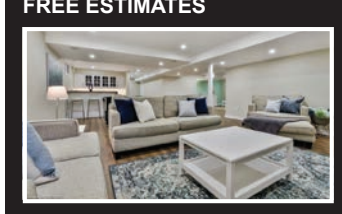


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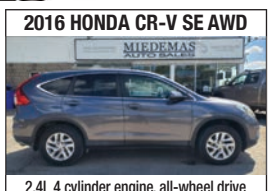


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Dufferin OPP recently charged two individuals with impaired driving-related offences.

On Oct. 17, at approximately 1:23 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 10, Mono. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

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

As a result of the investigation, Joel Wood, 36, from Mississauga, has been charged with operation while impaired – drugs.

On Oct. 21, at approximately 11:09 p.m., officers responded to another traffic complaint in the area of Highway 10, Mono. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

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

As a result of the investigation, Ryan Keating, 36, from Mulmur, has been charged with the following offences operation while



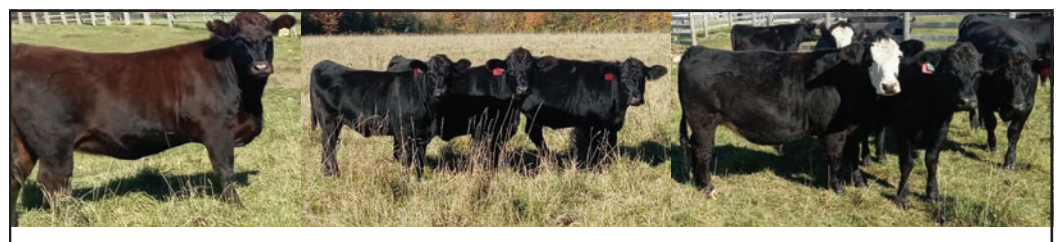
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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Anthony Johnston. He died peacefully surrounded by his wife of 46 years, Joanne, and daughter, Caitlin.

Born in Orangeville, Ontario, September 6th, 1958, to parents Edward and Sheila Johnston. Brother to Heather (Tom, dec. 2018), Nancy (Scott), and predeceased by Allan.

Survived by his wife Joanne. Proud father to two outgoing daughters, Caitlin (David) and Kelsey (dec. 2016). Doting Grandpa Mike to Kyan Ulrick and Papa to Jordyn Wight. Beloved son-in-law of Kenneth and Elizabeth Fish. Cherished brother-in-law of Lynn (Bryon). Favourite uncle of Trevor (Kate), Carla (Mark), Mark (Vanessa), Brook (Jeremy), Kyla, and Angus. He will be missed dearly by many other relatives and friends.

In his younger years, he worked at several jobs before becoming self-employed, which was a life-long dream of his. In 1995 he started up Warp 9 Sports Inc., a recreational vehicle store, selling Arctic Cat, Tigershark, Kawasaki, and Polaris. After 20 successful years in business, including a National Award from Arctic Cat for Dealer of the Year, he sold the business. Always up for a new challenge, he decided that he wanted to drive a transport truck. It was a passion that he always wanted to take on and now had the opportunity. Driving the truck took him all over North America – Utah, California, Texas, New Mexico, North Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi to name a few.

In his "spare time" he spent countless hours and days with his girls, that he affectionately called his "Chicklets", at the racetrack. Early on it started in snow-cross, until one fateful day in April in the early 2000s, where they went to a go-kart track. And as they say, "the rest is history". Nothing made Mike prouder than to see and share in his daughter's successes. Their time together took them to many different tracks all over Canada and the US, and from go-karts to open wheel cars, and NASCAR. Never one to be on he sidelines, he too was an accomplished racer himself. Water-cross, snow-cross, and even a go-kart championship in the Masters class, in his first year. Later, still having the itch, he took up Pro Challenge oval car racing. A motor-head at heart, he could always be found watching something car related on TV, tinkering on a project, visiting a racetrack, or going out for a drive in one of the many classic and current cars that he owned.

Mike was a loving husband and amazing father. He was always willing to lend a hand or share some expertise. He was a jack of all trades, with a wealth of knowledge about many things. He would drop everything when he got a call from either of his daughters for help with their "daddy-do-lists". He will be missed beyond words, remembered forever, and loved with an everlasting love.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Mike's life will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, from 3 to 6 PM at In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. (28 Main St N, Grand Valley, ON)

Online condolences can be made at www.imfunerals.com

In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour of serving the Johnston Family.

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The application may be considered by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. Any person who has an interest in the application and who wishes to make submissions, for or against the application, to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

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