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Sunday, November 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall
1267 Queen St., Alton
Potluck lunch in the upstairs hall following the Service. The Legion asks that anyone attending the lunch to please bring a dish. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-942-4021.

BOLTON

Sunday, November 9, 2025
12:30 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph
Centennial Drive, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton

CALEDON EAST

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph (Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

GRAND VALLEY

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:50 a.m.
Grand Valley Cenotaph (corner of Amaranth St. W. & Main St. N.)
Grand Valley

SHELBURNE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Service at 9:30 a.m.
(203 William St., Shelburne)
March to Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m.
Service at Cenotaph at 11:00 a.m.
Cenotaph located at 203 Main Street E., Shelburne
The Legion will be hosting a dinner at the Legion at 5:30 p.m. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-925-3800.

ORANGEVILLE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Orangeville Cenotaph (Alexandra Park)
Orangeville

MANSFIELD

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:45 a.m.
Mansfield Cenotaph
Mansfield Park
(937016 Airport Road)
Mansfield

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The war began on September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Canada officially entered the war days later on September 10, 1939.

Canada's military contributions to the Second World War were immense. More than one million Canadians fought in lengthy and arduous campaigns around the world serving on land, sea, and in the air. These campaigns included the Dieppe Raid, the Italian Campaign, the Battle of the Atlantic, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy where Canadian forces demonstrated tremendous valour and whose efforts significantly contributed to the defeat of the German, Italian and Japanese forces.

By the time the Second World War officially ended six years later in 1945, more than 1.1 million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in uniform here at home and abroad with more than 45,000 making the ultimate sacrifice and another 55,000 being wounded.

We remember the sacrifices of the exceptional Canadian men and women who served in this War to protect our great country.

Kyle Seeback, M.P.
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ANNUAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTEST - ENTER TO WIN!

Passing on the torch of Remembrance from generation to generation is essential in ensuring the selfless service and sacrifices made by our country's finest will never be forgotten.

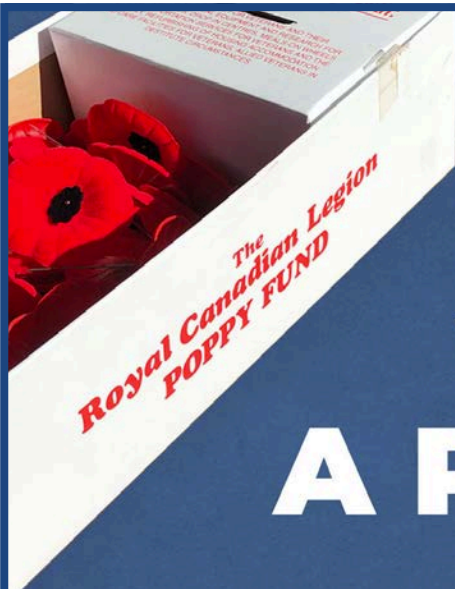
I'm **inviting youth of Dufferin-Caledon to enter my 4th annual poster contest**, sharing their original creative artwork (hand-drawn or painted) to proudly honour our Veterans and to show what Remembrance Day represents to them.

One prize will be awarded for each of the following **four categories: 1) Primary Level (Grades 1, 2, 3), 2) Junior Level (Grades 4, 5, 6), 3) Intermediate Level (Grades 7, 8, 9), and 4) Senior Level (Grades 10, 11, 12).** Please note one entry per youth.

Contest entries **may be dropped off at my constituency office at 180 Broadway, Third Floor, Unit B, Orangeville** or a clear photograph of the original poster art **may be forwarded to me by e-mail at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca** (parents may assist with this step). When entering your submission, **please provide your name, a phone number or e-mail address (so you may be contacted if you win), and indicate the category (grade level) for your entry. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025.**

Contest winners (and photos of their artworks) **will be announced on my Facebook page (/KyleSeeback) on November 13, 2025. All four winners will be notified by my office and to make arrangements for collecting their prizes.**

Primary and Junior Level prize winners will each receive a **pair of mittens with a large felt Poppy appearing on the front.** Intermediate and Senior Level prize winners will each receive a **water bottle with a Poppy motif. All prizes have been purchased from The Royal Canadian Legion's The Poppy Store.**



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2025 POPPY CAMPAIGN

When we wear a Poppy, it's one small, but important way we can show our gratitude and honour those who've served Canada.

Each year, Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Canadian cities, towns, and communities, including here in Dufferin-Caledon, organize the Poppy Campaign.

Legionnaires volunteer their time to support their local Legion Branches with the campaign. This year's campaign will run from October 31 to November 11.

Poppies are free to anyone who wishes to wear one; however, our local Legion Branches greatly appreciate any donations to the Poppy Fund. The funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level. When you make a donation to the Poppy Fund, you can know **you're directly supporting Veterans and their families within our community**, as well as the vitally important work the Legions perform throughout the year.

Let's show how much our Veterans, and their sacrifices, mean to each of us by wearing a Poppy.

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RECOGNIZING REMEMBRANCE: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of the Town of Orangeville, proclaimed Oct. 31 to Nov. 11 as the Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Poppy Campaign on Oct. 31. Gathered at Town Hall for the proclamation are, from left, Dufferin OPP Detachment Commander Insp. Michael Di Pasquale, Orangeville Legion past president Chuck Simpson, Councillor Andy Macintosh, Mayor Post, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Coun. Debbie Sherwood and Coun. Joe Andrews. A Lest We Forget flag was also raised in front of Town Hall following the proclamation. Simpson also presented poppies to everyone who was present. The Orangeville Legion will mark its annual Remembrance Day ceremony with a parade from its location at 5 John St. to the Cenotaph at Alexandra Park on Nov. 11, around 11 a.m.

Mono opposes aggregate operation's extraction proposal

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Mono council recently shared its concerns about an aggregate company's plans to extract material and water from below the water table in Melancthon.

Council agreed that there are serious issues regarding the integrity of Dufferin County's water resources stemming from the proposal.

If the water system were negatively affected by the aggregate company's plans, it would have serious implications for Mono and its agricultural operations.

Strada Aggregates has applied to start a pit and quarry in Melancthon. It's proposed to be located within the company's existing Pits 1 and 2 and its Melancthon Pit Extension. Those sites are three licenses that are operated as a single pit.

The existing pit licences only allow the extraction of sand and gravel above the water table. The proposed pit and quarry would allow for the extraction of sand, gravel, and bedrock above and below the water table, according to the company's application.

The area proposed for licensing is the same 149 hectares that is currently licenced, and the application does not propose to increase the existing approved extraction area.

The new licence would permit a 123.7-hect-

are extraction area for the pit and a 65.7-hectare extraction area for the quarry.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said Strada recently made an application to extract significant swaths of water.

"Maximum five million litres a day for 365 days a year," he said.

That'll be for 10 years, he added.

The company intends to take water from the community's Wash Pond to wash aggregate.

Permits to take water are classified into three categories by the Ministry of Environment. Strada's permit would be Category 3, which refers to water takings anticipated to have the highest potential to cause unacceptable environmental interference.

Nix said Dufferin County council intends to object to the application, and each of the lower-tier municipalities will be asked to follow suit against the company's plan.

"Other than applying for a permit to take water, it's not clear, at least to me, what they're going to do with the permit," Nix said. "It'll be a few years before they get their quarry application through. In the meantime, they'll have this permit to take water."

A detail of the aggregate permit application is that Strada is looking to extract material from "significantly" below the water table.

And that's concerning because there is no

mention of what effect that extraction may have on Dufferin County's water table as a whole.

"This isn't just NIMBYism [Not in My Back Yard]," Nix said. "It is important because Dufferin County is the headwaters of all the major rivers in Southern Ontario that flow out of this area."

That makes the integrity of the water table beneath the county critical.

Councillor Elaine Capes said she's submitted her personal objection to breaching the water table.

"Rather than [use the word] concern, can we not use a stronger word?" she said. "Concern just doesn't seem to give it enough weight. We absolutely disagree with this."

Coun. Melinda Davie said five million litres daily is more than all of Dufferin County uses.

"It is very strange that, even prior to getting a license for the extractive activity, they are trying to get a water taking permit," Mayor John Creelman said. "Wouldn't they both run in parallel to each other or are they (Strada) trying to get a water taking permit to strengthen or buttress their application for an extraction?"

Mike Dunmore, the town's CAO, said two provincial ministries are involved: one governs aggregate and the other covers water resources.

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Neighbouring residents of local shelter share concerns at community meeting

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

A community meeting with local residents, Choices Shelter staff, and local leaders was held on Oct. 28 to discuss the impact of the shelter, located off of Townline in Orangeville.

There has been significant public concern about the shelter, including alleged thefts, unsafe conditions, and litter around the facility. In an effort to bridge the growing gap between the shelter's management and the community's neighbors, a public forum was held at the train station on Townline. The forum was moderated by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, and Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) members were present.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Choices' executive director Jamie Edge, who expressed her hope for transparency and constructive dialogue.

"We want to come up with a solution that everyone's happy and satisfied with, we want to open the door to communication," she said. "We're really hopeful to have an honest and open conversation. We're here today to share information about the work

that Choices does in the community, the people we serve, and the impact we're making together in Dufferin County."

Edge continued by describing the situation from the perspective of Choices Shelter, which she said struggles to keep the doors open due to funding constraints.

“We want to help people understand the truth versus rumours, and we want to work collaboratively with the neighborhood. We believe we’re part of the solution,” she said. “The work that we do every day is very hard. It’s very challenging. A lot of our days are filled with worry and stress and anxiety, and we struggle in terms of time and funding.”

Despite the financial challenges, Choices works to provide more than just a bed to those in need. They are actively helping people get back on their feet, even with an extremely busy season of clients at the shelter.

“We offer employment support and job readiness training, daily living and life skills support,” Edge said. “A lot of people don’t realize that when we are bringing somebody out of an encampment, sometimes daily living skills need to be relearned. So cleaning and cooking, hygiene, things like that.”

"We're averaging 375 to 425 bed stays in one month, and that equates to 14 to 18 men

in our shelter per month," she added.

There was understanding among the residents present that running the shelter was not an easy task. They acknowledged that demand, influx of clients, and inadequate funding make it difficult to operate effectively.

Choices said it upholds its rules as strictly as it can, and does not tolerate drug or alcohol use on its grounds. They also said theft is immediately reported or resolved as soon as they become aware of it.

After the presentation concluded, some community residents in attendance asked questions of the shelter staff. They asked about the success rates of those who stayed or were housed in the shelter, while others questioned the finances, wanting to make sure money was going to where it was needed.

As the meeting continued, the focus shifted from the shelter's operations to the impact residents say it is having on their neighbourhood. Several stood to read victim impact statements from themselves or from residents who couldn't attend or were uncomfortable attending.

One statement highlighted what's allegedly being observed around the shelter building.

"I have personally witnessed open drinking, open drug use, including injections, drug purchasing, drug stashing, knife fighting, and destruction of private property," the statement read. "I'm unable to feel safe when I go outside in my own yard, I'm always looking over my shoulder. I feel unsafe leaving a window open at night. I have to worry about what drug paraphernalia I might find in my garden or grass."

"I'm now afraid for my own safety," the statement concluded.

This was echoed by several residents in the audience, who all agreed they had witnessed similar acts described in the statement.

The statement continued by saying that they are not, and have never been, opposed to the presence of the shelter. They said they recognize the role shelters have in helping the needy, and only want to see conditions

in and around the shelter improved.

They provided a copy of the Toronto Shelter Standards (TSS) to Mayor Post and said they would like to see some of these standards applied in Orangeville.

"Currently, there is no set provincial standard for shelters; however, that does not mean we cannot instill those requirements here to allow for the accountability of those clients who are there to seek help... I believe the Choices organization has a lot of responsibility."

They closed their statement by saying they hope the Choices Shelter will take advantage of the assistance the TSS booklet provides and that other neighboring shelters should be more than willing to offer advice if asked. A cleanup of policies would be something they said they'd like to see as well.

While the shelter disputed some of the claims raised in the victim impact statement, it also acknowledged the concerns and testimony shared by concerned residents and agreed on the need for open dialogue and to make the necessary improvements going forward. The floor was then opened for community-led suggestions to help improve the situation.

Suggestions shared include an updated and public-facing Code of Conduct policy that clearly outlines expectations for how clients interact with the neighborhood, a secure outdoor disposal space for drug paraphernalia, and, most importantly, a new community working group.

This proposal would form a group composed of residents and staff from the shelter, who would meet regularly to maintain open lines of communication and prevent further buildup of tension between the shelter and neighbouring residents.

There was an understanding that while no one wants to see the shelter shut down and everyone wants to see it succeed, that won't come without a significant and focused effort.

A commitment to work together to iron out differences and concerns is hoped to bring about a positive solution to the current dispute between the shelter and local residents.

Correction

The front-page article in the Oct. 30 edition of the Orangeville Citizen, with the headline “Recognizing the legacy of library CEO Darla Fraser,” had the incorrect story run under the headline.

The story that ran was about Dufferin County council discussing service gaps

during an ice storm earlier this year. The correct version of the story on Darla Fraser's retirement can be read on Page A3.

The Citizen apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused.

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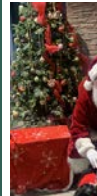
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 Orangeville Senior Centre, 26 Bythia St

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Orangeville recognizes legacy of library CEO Darla Fraser

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Friends and colleagues gathered on Oct. 21 at the Orangeville Public Library on Mill Street to honor and congratulate CEO Darla Fraser on her retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the local library.

Library board chair Peter LeBlanc said the library wouldn't be what it is without Fraser's 15 years of commitment.

"What can I say about Darla? She's been running the ship [for] 15 years now, and we're headed in the direction that we are because of her hard work and dedication. She is fiercely passionate about everything that our library stands for," said LeBlanc.

Under her leadership, the Orangeville Public Library has undergone a radical transformation, adapting to the needs of a modern, growing community and becoming a welcoming place for everyone.

From a total makeover with renovations, such as the addition of a kids zone called Storyland, creatively marked by giant books around its entrance, to a communal living room area with a fireplace, the library has embraced the sense of community that marks Orangeville's downtown hub.

LeBlanc said that this is thanks to her ability to bring the right people together to do the right jobs to make her ideas work.

"She is a connector," he said. "She brings people together, not just in our community, but in our neighboring areas as well. It's her sheer passion and advocacy for the library that make these connections happen."

LeBlanc said one of his favourite projects he worked on with Fraser is the upcoming Exploratorium. The new area will open at the Alder St. branch and will be centered on new and old technologies, exploring how they can support local businesses and further education.

"It's called the Exploratorium because people can come in to learn about different types of technology, whether that's digital, like computers, music creation, podcasting, or even book binding or sewing," he said. "I'm thinking of young entrepreneurs that might create their prototype products there, and all of it is guided by our on-site specialists."

He continued by saying that Fraser remains reluctant to take credit for it, insisting that it was only through a team effort that any of her projects could have succeeded.

"At our last meeting, I told her that she's leaving a wonderful legacy here," he said. "And she insisted, 'Well it was us as a team, it was all teamwork,' and I said, 'Look, yes, it's teamwork, but somebody led that teamwork,' and that was her."

These sentiments were shared by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, who spoke warmly about Fraser and her work during a speech at the event on Oct 21.

"It is an absolute privilege to be here, and to celebrate the retirement of our one and only Darla Fraser," Mayor Post said. "Throughout her career, Darla has been more than a leader. She has been a champion of learning, a builder of community, and a tireless advocate for inclusivity."

She said that it was Fraser who made the library what it is today. Through her tireless dedication, Orangeville's library is setting trends across the province.

"She has transformed our library into so much more than a place for books; it's a safe, welcoming space for all ages, backgrounds, and interests to connect, grow, and discover," she said. "I can tell you firsthand about her passion for creating safe spaces and opening up access to information. Because of her leadership, Orangeville's library isn't just keeping pace with other libraries, it's setting the standard."



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

RECOGNIZING HER DEDICATION: Darla Fraser, members of the library board, and Orangeville councillor Joe Andrews gather to celebrate her 15-year-long career as CEO of the Orangeville Public Library. She receives flowers and warm wishes during her retirement celebration at the Mill Street branch of the Orangeville Library on Oct. 21.

Councillor Joe Andrews, who has worked with Fraser for years, recalled the many changes she facilitated throughout her tenure.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Darla on many transformative projects over the years, both in my elected role and as principal of the Humber Polytechnic Orangeville Campus," he said, pointing to the communal living room area. "It's hard to believe it all started in this space, the first of three renovations. We knew the role of libraries was changing, and there was a need for a larger community gathering space."

He said that Fraser's cooperation with other organizations made it even more possible.

"In 2017 we made a beautiful children's room, which was made with the help of the team from Theatre Orangeville," he said. "In 2023, the new, fully accessible elevator was installed in a new lobby with a living wall and atrium. All of this would not have been what

is now without the vibrant, beautiful vision of Darla."

Fraser herself thanked everyone for their best wishes and support over the years and expressed excitement about where the library will go after she retires.

"Thank you, everybody, for coming. It has been my pleasure to serve the community in this capacity, and thank you for helping me bring my ideas alive," she said. "I can't take credit for anything. I didn't do anything by myself; I had lots of ideas, but I put lots of smart people around me to make those ideas come to fruition."

"It's the staff here at the library who really make it alive every day," Fraser added.

With a storied 15-year career behind her, Fraser will be remembered as a champion of learning, an advocate for accessibility, and a visionary who has inspired libraries at home and abroad for years to come.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To listen in
Monday, Nov. 10	7 p.m.	Council chambers and virtual	Council	Youtube @orangevillecouncil
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PREPARING FOR GREATNESS: Orangeville Otters swimmer Alyssa Smith was recently selected to receive one of 55 grants from Petro-Canada's Fuelling Athlete and Coaching Excellence (FACE) program. The grant, totalling \$10,000, will assist in training Smith as she prepares and hopes to be selected for Team Canada for the 2028 Paralympic Games.

Local athlete awarded grant to prepare for 2028 Summer Paralympics

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

The 2025 recipients of Petro-Canada's Fuelling Athlete and Coaching Excellence (FACE) Grants were announced earlier this month, and among them is Orangeville's own Alyssa Smith.

Smith has been competing with the Orangeville Otters swim team for the past eight years.

The \$10,000 FACE grant she is receiving is for up-and-coming athlete-coach duos preparing to compete in the Olympics or

Paralympics. Smith, with the support of her coach, Richard Parry, will use the funds to support training by purchasing specialized equipment, attending training camps, and traveling to national swim meets held across Canada.

Smith, who has Stargardt Disease, an inherited genetic eye condition that causes progressive vision loss in children and young adults, is hoping to compete with Team Canada in the 2028 Summer Paralympics.

“It is an honour to represent Orangeville in the swimming community, and if the time

comes to represent Canada on a National Team, she will be beaming with pride," said Alyssa's father, Sean Smith.

She currently competes in the S13 sports class of para swimming, which is for athletes with visual impairment, and holds three Canadian National Records.

“Her journey is a reminder to us all that not all conditions are visible, and that kindness and understanding go a long way,” said Sean Smith. “Alyssa shows us that we are not defined by our limitations, but by the strength, hope, and resilience that we carry as we pursue our dreams.”

Since 1988, Petro-Canada's FACE Program has provided over \$14 million to more than 3,500 athletes and coaches striving to represent Canada at the Olympic or Paralympic Games, but don't yet qualify for funding.

In total, 55 athlete-coach duos each receive a \$10,000 grant annually. Of those selected, 22 reside in Ontario.

Smith will soon travel to Chile to obtain her international classification and compete in the Youth Para Pan-Am Games, in hopes of opening the door to opportunities in other international competitions.

Mono leaves question of fire permit fee to smoulder, decision set for future date

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

In the face of a new fire permit fee, Mono residents should take solace in the years when there was no such cost.

That's the sentiment conveyed by Councillor Melinda Davie during a recent debate about the town's fees and charges during a council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said he disagrees with the \$30 fee for residents to get a permit to have a backyard fire.

"I think it'll just deter people from reporting, from getting a fire permit," he said. "They'll just go ahead and have fires, and they won't pay the fee. We won't have any infor-

mation as to where these fires are located.

"I hear you," Davie said.

But.

Davie said she read the staff report about municipal fees and charges and related it to her personal life, as people do in such situations. So her dogs are going to cost more, and it will be more expensive to have a backyard fire.

“But come on,” she said, “It’s \$30 and there’s an administration (cost). The point of the fees is that there is a cost to the town to administer these things. We should consider ourselves very lucky to have had this freebie being given for a long time.”

There are constraints on staff, and there are only so many hours in a workday, Davie

said.

"It's a very sad state to assume that our Mono residents are not law-abiding and will not have permits," Davie said. "I would assume that they would appreciate that everybody's time is worth money."

It's only – with emphasis on the word only – \$30, she said.

Coun. Elaine Capes asked what other Dufferin County communities charge their residents for fire burn permits.

Nix said that in at least one municipality, namely Mulmur, there are no fire permits.

"So there's obviously no charge," Nix said. "I'm not sure of the other municipalities."

Fred Simpson, the town's clerk, said he would have to look into whether other coun-

ty municipalities charge for such permits and, if so, how much they cost.

The Township of Melancthon has asked all county municipalities to review their respective fire bylaws. Simpson said the goal is to have common county-wide fire bylaws.

"So each town would have its own, but they would be rationalized," he said.

Clerks of the county's municipalities have established a group and scheduled meetings with the various fire chiefs to discuss the issue.

"The idea of a fee may be discussed at that time," Simpson said.

Council decided to leave the issue until a future date when the bylaw and a possible associated fee will be debated.



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While gunshot victim receives care at local hospital, police lay firearm charges

While gunshot victim receives care at local hospital, police lay prohibited firearm charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged three individuals with firearm-related offences while a man was receiving care for gunshot wounds at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Dufferin OPP officers were at the local hospital while the man was being treated on Oct. 29 and noticed a suspect vehicle nearby, leading to a traffic stop.

“During the stop, a handgun was located inside the vehicle, and the driver was taken into custody,” reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

During Dufferin OPP’s investigation into the gunshot victim, they determined that the incident had occurred in another jurisdiction. They also learned that a second individual had been treated at a Brampton-area hospital for similar injuries.

As a result of the officers’ investigation, Loverpreet Singh, 25, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been charged with:

- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Occupant of Motor Vehicle knowing there was Firearm
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition

Ramneek Singh, 25, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Occupant of Motor Vehicle knowing there was Firearm
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition

As well, Navjit Virk, 49, from Paris, has been charged with possession of a prohibited device or ammunition.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

All involved vehicles, along with the firearm located during the incident, were seized.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Dufferin–Caledon MP shares criticism of 2025 Budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Government of Canada, under Prime Minister Mark Carney, tabled its 2025 budget on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The budget includes \$141 billion in new spending, offset by roughly \$51 billion in cuts. The deficit comes in at \$78 billion, nearly twice the Liberals’ projection in their most recent fiscal update. During the 2024 Fall Economic Statement, the Liberals projected the federal deficit for 2025-26 spending to be \$42.2 billion.

Cuts in this year’s budget include about 40,000 public service workers.

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who represents the Conservative Party as Shadow Minister for Labour, didn’t mince words when discussing the 2025 federal budget.

“The Liberals’ 2025 Budget delivers the largest [non-pandemic] deficit in Canadian history at \$78 billion. That means higher inflation and a higher cost of living for everyone,” said MP Seeback in a statement issued on Nov. 5.

“There’s nothing in this budget to make homes affordable or life easier for working families. It grows government, adds another bureaucracy, and pushes ahead with an EV mandate that hurts Ontario auto workers.”

MP Seeback said his party has called for bringing down the deficit and ending what he calls the “inflation tax” by reining in government spending.

He also suggested scrapping “hidden taxes” on food and fuel, including the industrial carbon tax, noting that these policies drive up the cost of steel, packaging, transportation, and everything Canadians buy. Seeback added that the federal government’s fuel standard tax adds 17 cents a litre to diesel and gas.

“Canadians work hard. Their government should too. Spend responsibly, keep costs down, and make life more affordable,” MP Seeback said. “Reluctantly, I will be voting against this budget.”

Debate on the budget will take place on Nov. 5, 6, 7, and 17 in the House of Commons.

The official vote on the budget is set for Nov. 17.



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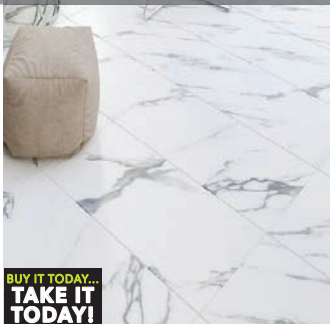
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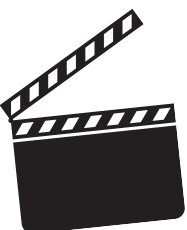
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Century Church Theatre presents ‘Alice in Wonderland’ for their holiday Panto

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Century Church Theatre's latest play, “Alice in Wonderland,” is written by Ben Crocker, based in the UK, and is the author of many Pantos. The theatre's selection committee found his website and obtained the rights to this show.

Opening Nov. 22 and running over three weekends to Dec. 7, all but one of the performances are matinees; the Friday, Dec. 5, performance starts at 2 p.m., and the Dec. 7 performance is an evening performance at 7 p.m. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7, it's a 2 p.m. matinee.

Amanda Phillips, co-director with Angie Sapalovski, is also directing music and designing the choreography.

In an interview with the Citizen, she outlined the story, keeping the surprises back but saying there is a cast of 30 performing, 21 of whom are ages 4 to 16. The ensemble consists of 15 young children, all 12 years old or younger.

“They have become a family, to put on such a huge production,” Phillips said. “By the end, they'll be saying, ‘look what we did!’”

Phillips shared some of the details, “There are two Queens, a Right Queen and a Wrong Queen and the Queens both want to rule. But the Great Clock needs to be rewound or time will stop!”

It seems there is a Great Book, which predicts that Alice will come to find the Key and wind the clock, so all will be safe.

But: the Wrong Queen has Bandersnatch and the Wrong Rabbits, who will try to stop Alice from getting the Key.

Whereas, the Right Queen has “everyone else,” as Phillips put it. “Alice (Principal Girl) and Harry (Principal Boy), the White Rabbit, the March Hare, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, Tweedledum and Tweedledee.. and more!”

The Key is guarded by the Jabberwocky, and Phillips parted with the caution: “No one knows how scary he is,” she added. “Then, there is the Looking Glass, which turns everything around.”

The audience will enjoy seeing so many children and the sing-along, offered in a different way, but still there. They will be highly enter-



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PREPARING FOR PANTO: Century Church Theatre is presenting its latest Panto, “Alice in Wonderland,” as this year’s traditional holiday show, opening Nov. 22 and running to Dec. 5.

tained by their own participation as the show goes along.

Phillips outlined what has been most challenging about being co-director, as working with a large cast was her first time directing. This massive learning experience has included learning lines and blocking, as Phillips herself has always been the one performing on the stage, not in front directing it.

Yet, she comes to the job with strong qualifications: she is the mother of five children and has been involved in choreographed Zumba fitness. She was clear that she is not a dance instructor but brings a good understanding to her present task.

Rehearsals are going really well; the cast has been dedicated to learning their lines so they can be off book and move freely around the stage.

“The kids have been great,” Phillips praised them. “About 90 per cent of the ensemble have never been in a theatre before and a couple of them have been looking to audition for next year.”

With real sensitivity, she made the point that everyone has something to do and say, and they have made the best use of the ensemble members. Audiences will notice a balance in the show between the “goodies” and the “bad-dies.”

“The costumes are really amazing,” she said. “With so many characters, the costumes are a huge credit to the team that is putting them together.”

The costume designer is Trish Hamilton, assisted by Gillian Riseborough, Rosemary Crisp, Linda Steen, and Betty Andrews.

There was also a brief chance to speak with Neville Worsnop, the co-founder with his late wife, Jo Phoenix, of Century Church Theatre. Jo Phoenix introduced Panto to Century Church and wrote the first pantos the group produced until she died in 2022.

Still the secretary/treasurer of the foundation, he commented, “I’m looking after tickets, but I am not going to see it until opening Nov.

22. It’s a big cast. I know some of the people in it who will put on a great show.”

Worsnop directed the early Pantos, and now he has great confidence in co-directors, Amanda Phillip and Angie Sapalovski.

Everyone, from little kids to grandparents, will love this show and how panto brings in a lot of audience participation.

“Theatre is an enriching cultural experience,” is Phillips’ opinion, “Watching people on stage is a completely different experience from watching a movie.

“It is a tradition for Century Church to present panto over the Holiday Season and it can be the tradition for our audiences too! We want the audience to get involved and really enjoy themselves,” she said.

Alice in Wonderland opens Nov. 22 and runs for three weekends through Dec. 7. Century Church is located at 72 Trafalgar Road N (formerly Main Street) and Station Street in Hillsburgh. For details and tickets, go to: centurychurchtheatre.com



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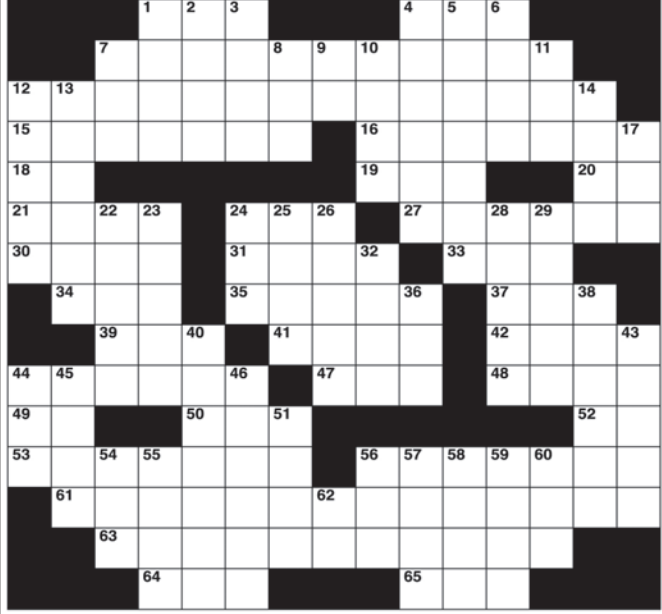
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Puzzle No. 25B210 • Solution on page: CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of southeast
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)
35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale

CLUES DOWN

1. Razorbill genus
2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
3. Performs on stage
4. Supports a sentiment
5. Rugged mountain ranges
6. Broadway songwriter
7. Snakelike fish
8. Men's fashion accessory
9. Hospital worker
10. Something to scratch
11. No (Scottish)
12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this
14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)

32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet
54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
60. Government lawyers
62. Larry and Curly's pal

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



Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Answer: Adopt a baby



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Baby bottle

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11	3	14
10	1	6

Solution



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Volunteer Dufferin showcases local opportunities at annual volunteer fair

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

Local charities and community groups are always looking for volunteers, and on Oct 22, they gathered at the Edlebrock Center in Orangeville to find community-centered volunteers.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

MENTORING YOUTH: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District shared information with attendees of Volunteer Dufferin's annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22.

Led by Volunteer Dufferin, the day was an opportunity for those looking to volunteer their time and for those seeking volunteers to meet, exchange contact information, network, and sign up.

The group had just gone through a re-brand aimed at streamlining its processes, according to co-coordinator Jennifer Payne.

"We've been around for a while, and we used to be run wholly by volunteers ourselves," she said. "But just in the past year, we've launched a reboot of the portal itself."

The organizations had a wide variety in what they were looking for and offering, ranging from wildlife and outdoor conservation groups to senior care and child support and care. The volunteer fair was an open forum for everyone.

Volunteer Dufferin's role is to provide a bridge between volunteers and potential roles in the community. They will help pair volunteers with roles that best suit their skill set or interests, and connect them with like-minded organizations.

Payne said that what people think about volunteering might not reflect the reality of it today. There are a plethora of new types

of volunteering.

"Volunteering can look like a lot of different things," she said. "It's not just showing up for a shift; it could include serving on a board of directors, or volunteering just for an event, one time, easy peasy."

"There's a growing movement of micro volunteering, which is one-off little projects, maybe just hanging some posters around town, but also participating in focus groups or completing a survey or joining an advisory Team," Payne added.

This was reflected in all the groups present at the volunteer fair.

Sunny Bhogal represented the Orangeville Lions Club.

Originally established in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, the Lions Club runs and supports charitable programs, such as Sight-First, which supports the blind. They also run disability programs and coordinate international donations to support humanitarian projects.

Bhogal said they are looking to highlight the critical importance of volunteer work and seek new potential members.

"We're finding that a lot of people aren't making time for volunteering, so this event is all about getting more community outreach," he said. "It's important for us to come out and show the importance of volunteering and why the Lions Club has been doing what it's doing for so long. It's so important for everybody to give a little bit of their time back to the community."

Situated not far from the Lions Club table was Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Established in 1984, Caledon Meals on Wheels provides volunteer-driven programs for seniors and people with disabilities. They run programs designed to get seniors moving and engaged, and offer visiting services so seniors are less isolated, wherever they live.

Maureen Chilko, program and volunteer services supervisor, said they are actively seeking volunteer drivers and visitation volunteers.

"We're always looking for volunteers to help deliver our hot and fresh meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and there's also friendly visiting opportunities to support clients with mobility issues," she said. "Some of our clients aren't able to get out to activities, and senior social wellness programming can help to get seniors moving and socializing. We want to get them spending time with their community."

For those looking to use their administrative experience in a volunteer capacity, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County may have opportunities available. Lauren



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

WE SERVE: A member of the Orangeville Lions Club spoke to attendees of Volunteer Dufferin's annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22 and encouraged them to join the Lions.

Culver, manager of fund development and representing the charity, said that they have officer and support roles that need to be filled.

"We have various volunteer opportunities available," she said. "One would be an office assistant, who would help us out with stuff around our office space. Another would be education support. They would go out into the community with our education coordi-

nator, and talk to community leaders about dementia."

From Orangeville to the wider Dufferin County, volunteer groups are seeking a variety of roles and are offering unique opportunities to expand skill sets and connections, all while serving the community.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, head to <https://www.volunteer-dufferin.ca/>.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

NATURE LOVERS: Members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club spoke with people who might be interested in joining the club during Volunteer Dufferin's annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22.

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Mono’s updated noise bylaw debated further at council

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Mono’s proposed bylaw to regulate noise aims to ensure that the interests of event organizers and residents are considered.

One of the recommended exceptions to the town’s proposed new noise bylaw is the annual fall fair at the Orangeville Agricultural Society (OAS) Event Centre. However, Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said he’s heard from residents who don’t want the fall fair to be exempted from the rules that will regulate noise.

“They want us to be able to write conditions,” he said. “I’m prepared to sort of say the fall fair should have an exception, but I’m wondering if we should put a timeline on that exception.”

He suggested a window like 9 a.m. to midnight.

“So that things don’t get unreasonable,” Nix reasoned.

Councillor Melinda Davie said she raised that point at the previous meeting, but the rest of council shot down the idea. There was word about an OAS fall fair after-party that extended past midnight. And the monster truck event, which is often at the event centre, was broached.

Davie said bylaws should not itemize or label certain groups or events.

“It puts you in a bind and it makes for difficult discussion,” she said.

Most events are held once a year, and there’s a process in place for groups or individuals to present a case for an exemption.

“We do meet every two weeks so I don’t think it’s that big of a deal for every year to have the Orangeville Fall Fair on our list,” Davie said.

She suggested the OAS and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority be entities that need to send representatives to offer an explanation when they plan “something that’s outside of our bylaw.”

Mayor John Creelman agreed that the “cleaner” solution is to remove the fall fair from exemptions.

“The event centre has to come to us as a process and they’ll be required to flag such things as after-parties which came as a complete blindside to me and probably to other members of this council and

certainly the community surrounding,” Creelman said.

Fred Simpson, the town’s clerk, said the proposed bylaw dictates that an event that was so loud it created noise that was likely to disturb residents would be a violation.

The monster truck event appears to meet that threshold, he said.

“The policy is to provide guidance to bylaw enforcement to define what is likely to disturb the inhabitants of the community,” Simpson said. “It has to be able to address something as simple as a barking dog or a one-off party to something as significant as the monster truck event.”

Coun. Elaine Capes said council should support a fall fair, but there needs to be a definition of what a fall fair can include.

“And it doesn’t include monster trucks,” she said. “And it doesn’t include an after-party.”

Creelman suggested that Cape’s desired definition would be addressed when the group holding a fall fair approaches council to explain what their event entails.

“We can’t build into this bylaw a definition of what a fall fair constitutes,” he said.

The proposed updated bylaw has a section that pertains to large outdoor events.

The provisions for amplified noise doesn’t prohibit a picnic with a radio at Island Lake or anywhere else. Rather, amplified noise is allowed only within a defined timeframe.

Davie said there’s been discussion about a band playing inside the OAS Event Centre. And, because it was inside, though outside the timeframe, it was thought that the music didn’t contravene the regulations.

“Noise that affects you, it doesn’t matter where the noise is coming from,” Davie said.

Given that, Davie asked if the town is also concerned about large indoor events.

“The more detail we add into it, the trickier it gets,” she said. “I would argue maybe we should take out the outdoor phrase there and just say events in general.”



Calling all animal lovers: Procyon Wildlife to host action-packed fundraising gala

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Procyon Wildlife, a not-for-profit organization that cares for wild animals in the region, is holding its third annual fundraising gala at the end of the month.

The gala runs on Nov. 29, 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Caesar’s Centre, Bolton, with dinner, auctions, a 50/50 draw, speeches, comedy, live music, and dancing.

Based out of Beeton, Procyon Wildlife supports the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured, sick, and orphaned animals inside a 50-kilometre radius that includes Orangeville, Shelburne, Caledon, and New Tecumseth.

“Every animal that comes through our doors has a story, and each one deserves a second chance. Fundraising events like our gala make that possible. The support we receive from our community allows us to provide the medical care, nutrition, and [a] safe environment that injured and orphaned wildlife need to heal and return to the wild,” said Angela van Breemen of Procyon Wildlife.

Each year, the organization treats hundreds of animals injured by vehicles, displacement, habitat loss, or those that are orphaned due to the loss of their parents.

“The gala is a vital fundraiser that helps cover the significant costs of food, housing, and medical care for these animals,” reads a press release from Procyon Wildlife.

The gala will feature comedians Kelly Zemnickis and Desirée Walsh, who will be entertaining attendees with their stand-up routines.

“Desirée, a comedian with cerebral palsy, traded her early mornings as a competitive swimmer for nights on stage, performing across Canada and appearing on Breakfast Television, the Reel Abilities Film Festival Comedy Night, and ALTdot Comedy Lounge,” reads Procyon’s press release.

“Kelly, a Toronto-based comedian who began her stand-up career at the age of 37, has performed across North America and been featured in major comedy festivals including

Boston, Burbank, and Laugh Riot Grrrl. Together, these talented performers promise an evening filled with laughter, warmth, and connection.”

As well, wildlife artist Sarah McComb-Turbitt, known for her lifelike animal portraits, will be painting Procyon’s red-tailed hawk, “Rusty,” on a canvas during the gala. The finished piece will be sold during a live auction later in the evening.

To cap off the gala, Tottenham-based band DazeGoneBy will perform live, offering a fun opportunity to dance to their rock-and-roll sound.

It’s been a busy year at Procyon Wildlife, and there is a constant need to raise funds to support its work year-round.

“[Our wildlife] centre has completed major renovations, including a fully finished office and a beautiful new reception area for admissions. The site now features a charming on-site gift shop, with even more merchandise coming soon to its online store,” reads Procyon Wildlife’s press release. “The expanded education room provides additional space for hosting community groups, school visits, and volunteer training sessions. Most exciting of all, the new medical triage room is up and running, giving the team improved facilities to care for injured and orphaned animals.”

Tickets to the gala are \$185 per person and include a \$50 charitable receipt.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting canadahelps.org/en/charities/procyon-wildlife-rehabilitation-and-education-centre/events/3rd-annual-procyon-wildlife-fundraising-gala and following the instructions on the page.

To sponsor or donate, contact Procyon at procyonfundraising@gmail.com. Donations are also accepted via e-transfer at debras@procyonwildlife.com.

“Procyon extends heartfelt thanks to its dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and loyal supporters who made these achievements possible. Their kindness and commitment have allowed Procyon to continue growing and improving its care for Ontario’s wildlife,” reads Procyon’s press release.

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

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

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

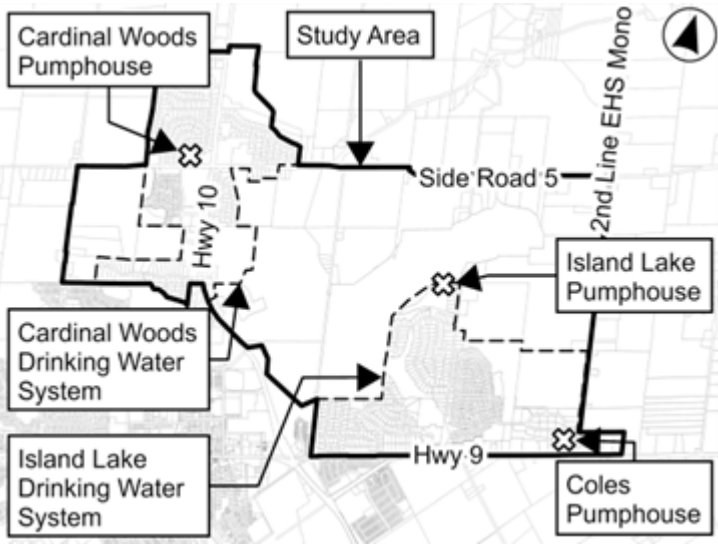
Your Input is Important!
The Town would like to ensure that anyone interested in this Study has the opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of the project. At this time, the Town is inviting public input on local issues and the alternatives being considered. Information about the project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

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

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



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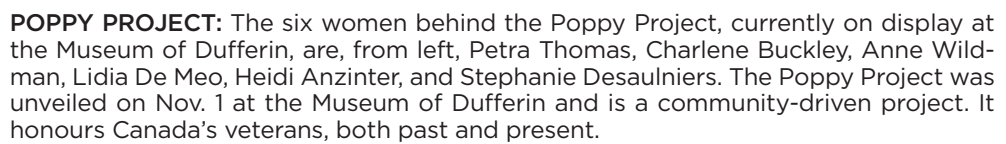
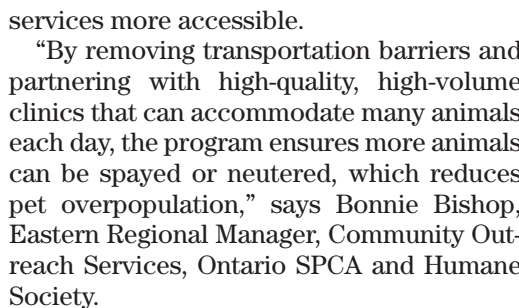
The OBA noted the importance of writing a valid will, as fewer than half of Canadians currently have one, according to a 2023 RBC

“With Canadians increasingly living

Out-of-date documents can also create risks. The OBA noted the importance of keeping everything up to date regarding marriage, divorce, children, digital asset

To register for the free information session at the Orangeville Public Library, visit orangevillelibrary.ca/Make-a-Will-Presentation-Nov-27-2025.

The Ontario SPCA rolled out its first Neuter Scooter trip in Orangeville in October, transporting 13 cats for spay/neuter surgeries, which prevented close to an estimated 200 potentially unwanted offspring. It's one of the Ontario SPCA's community outreach services designed to help keep pets and families together by making basic veterinary



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Date: November 6, 2025

UPCOMING MEETINGS: 2026 BUDGET

Meeting	Date & Time	Location
COUNCIL — 2026 DRAFT BUDGET	Wed. Nov. 12 at 9 am	Town Hall Council Chambers
COUNCIL — BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENTS	Tue. Nov. 18 at 7 pm	Town Hall Council Chambers
COUNCIL — 2026 COUNCIL BUDGET	Wed. Nov. 26 at 9 am	Town Hall Council Chambers
COUNCIL — 2026 FINAL BUDGET	Tues. Dec. 9 at 9 am	Town Hall Council Chambers

Town Hall Address: 347209 Mono Centre Road, Mono

Confirm the dates and times and view access information by going to [mono.civicweb.net](#)

If you have any questions regarding the 2026 Budget or if you wish to provide written comments, please email to les.halucha@townofmono.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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NOTICES

Accepting Applications:Town Committees

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

Climate Action Committee NEW!

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

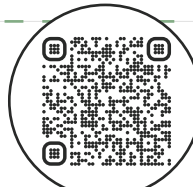
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

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

Recreation Advisory Committee

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

For further information, please visit [bit.ly/twncom](#)
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‘Respect YOUR Rec’ campaign launches, discouraging further vandalism, theft

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

The Town of Orangeville is home to parks, libraries, and recreation centres that provide essential recreational and sporting opportunities for local residents.

“They are a way to connect the people and places where we live, work and play,” reads a press release from the Town of Orangeville. “These crucial services are put at risk when things like vandalism and poor treatment of our staff and other users becomes an ongoing problem.”

“In 2024, Respect YOUR Rec brought attention to several major vandalism incidents, and unfortunately it continues to be an issue,” the release added.

The Alder Recreation Centre was vandalized last week when its new accessible power door operators were torn off the wall.

Other instances of recreation facilities being disrespected include copper wiring being stolen from baseball diamond lights and spectator seating benches being stolen from Rotary Park earlier this fall.

“These are just some examples of incidents that hurt us all in the end,” reads the town’s press release. “Often spaces must be closed to complete repairs, and this impacts our participants and our residents.”

The Town of Orangeville’s manager of recreation and events, Sharon Doherty-Gaudin,

highlighted the importance of the ongoing Respect YOUR Rec campaign.

“Respect YOUR Rec is all about recognizing the power our community spaces have to bring us all together,” said Doherty-Gaudin. “It’s a call to own our role in keeping these places welcoming, safe and full of pride. When each of us chooses to respect our parks, facilities and one another, we build a stronger, more caring community.”

The Respect YOUR Rec launch takes place on Monday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Alder Recreation Centre. The campaign launch will feature an evening of activities, giveaways, and the opportunity to sign the “Respect Pledge.”

Anyone who enters the pledge photo contest will have a chance to win \$100, \$200, or \$300 in Rec Bucks.

“It takes strong leadership, willing to lead by example to inspire change. That’s why Mayor Lisa Post and members of council will begin the evening by taking the pledge again this year,” reads the town’s press release. “Together, they are committing to work with the community to Respect YOUR Rec.”

The Town of Orangeville’s parks, libraries, and recreation centres act as community hubs that should provide a safe and welcoming space for all. This includes staff, visitors, and users alike.

“In the end, vandalism costs everyone,” said Mayor Post. “These are valuable funds and re-



FILE PHOTO

RESPECT YOUR REC PLEDGE: The Town of Orangeville’s running a pledge campaign for Respect YOUR Rec. From Nov. 10 to 16, residents can stop by the Alder Recreation Centre to take the pledge.

sources redirected from enhancing our spaces and programs to make repairs that shouldn’t be needed in the first place. We’re a community rooted in the way we are connected — we all need to take responsibility for protecting our spaces and respecting each other.”

The Respect YOUR Rec campaign’s message is to show respect for yourself, others, the town’s spaces, and to take responsibility for your actions.

“When all of us lead with respect and kindness, we get to continue enjoying our amaz-

ing facilities here in Orangeville,” said Heather Savage, Orangeville’s general manager of community services. “We’re a community that deserves to be proud of these spaces. To do that, we must work together and do our part.”

The pledge campaign for Respect YOUR Rec will be available at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre and Alder Recreation Centre from Nov. 10 to 16.

Everyone residing or visiting Orangeville is encouraged to make the Respect YOUR Rec pledge.



TOWNSHIP OF East Garafraxa

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

In accordance with Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, a Statutory Open House and Public Meeting are being held regarding the proposed new draft Official Plan for the Township of East Garafraxa.

An Official Plan is a legal document required by the Province through the *Planning Act* that sets out the municipality’s long-term land use strategy for growth and development.

This Notice is being given in accordance with *Planning Act* requirements. A final recommendation on the new Official Plan will not be presented until after the Township Open House and Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

DATE AND FORMAT FOR THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Open House and Public Meeting dates and times are as follows:

OPEN HOUSE DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
PUBLIC MEETING DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Open House and Public Meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and remote participation available. Registration is required for those wishing to attend remotely. The Zoom registration links will be posted on the Township website calendar (under the applicable meeting dates).

Any person may participate in the Open House and Public Meeting or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition of the proposed Official Plan.

Council will consider all written and oral submissions regarding the draft Official Plan and will provide any person attending the Open House and Public Meeting the opportunity to be heard, as required under the *Planning Act*.

1. Written Submission
Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments will be accepted until Monday, February 9, 2026. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Official Plan, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption.

2. Oral Submission
Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the Open House and Public Meeting.
The Township of East Garafraxa is processing the Official Plan as required by the *Planning Act* and welcome any comments that you may have.

DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The purpose and effect of the draft Official Plan is to update Township policies to conform with the County of Dufferin Official Plan and provincial plans, be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, and address matters of provincial interest. The draft Official Plan also responds to community needs and sets out a vision for the future of East Garafraxa. The Open House and Statutory Public Meeting provides an opportunity for public review and comment.

The Official Plan contains policies and maps to guide planning and development by identifying where land uses can and should be located. Updating the Official Plan also ensures the community’s long-term vision is managed in a way that balances social, economic, and environmental interests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to this notice and the proposed new Official Plan will be available by Monday, December 1, 2025, and can be viewed in the following ways:

- In-person at the Township Administration Office during office hours (065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa, ON L9W 7J8); and/or
- Visiting the Township website (Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page);

Material related to the Introductory Official Plan Workshop (Special Council Meeting) held on September 17, 2025 is available on the Township website on the Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa, to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk at the address provided below.

Should the proposed new Official Plan be adopted by the Township of East Garafraxa, it will be submitted to the County of Dufferin for approval pursuant to Section 17(2) of the *Planning Act*.

Dated this 6th day of November 2025
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NEW CAO NAMED: Credit Valley Conservation’s board of directors announced Terri Le Roux as its new CAO, secretary and treasurer, effective Nov. 3. She brings experience from related roles and served as the CVC’s interim CAO prior to moving into the role indefinitely.

CVC announces Terri LeRoux as new CAO

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

The not-for-profit organization responsible for the care and protection of Island Lake Conservation Area and the Credit River Watershed, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), has a new chief administrative officer (CAO).

CVC announced on Monday, Nov. 3, that Terri LeRoux was appointed to the role, in addition to serving as secretary and treasurer.

“Terri is an accomplished leader with expertise in governance support, organizational strategy and multi-stakeholder relationship building,” reads the announcement by CVC. “[She has] more than 20 years of experience working within the Credit River Watershed, first serving as executive director of the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation

and then joining CVC in 2019 in the Parks, Lands and Community Engagement department.”

The announcement noted that during her tenure with CVC, LeRoux oversaw conservation area services and critical initiatives that connect people with nature while protecting and enhancing natural spaces.

LeRoux has been the CVC’s interim CAO since May 30 of this year, and is looking forward to officially moving into the role.

“We are excited to welcome Terri LeRoux to her new role as chief administrative officer,” said CVC board chair Michael Palleschi.

“Terri brings a deep knowledge of CVC, strategic insight and a proven ability to foster collaboration across a wide range of partners. Her leadership will be instrumental in guiding CVC’s current initiatives and shaping the organization’s future success.”

Students dig into Food Literacy at Albion Hills Community Farm

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

On a blustery Wednesday, Grade Six and Seven students from the Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre (EOEC) could be seen at Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF), tucking garlic cloves into small divots in the dirt, all while learning the importance of food literacy.

The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre is an overnight centre that is owned and operated by the Toronto District School Board.

Students are provided the opportunity not only to learn more about the environment, but also, through their experiences, achieve many of the goals and objectives set out in their grade-specific curriculum at their schools.

Karen Hutchinson from AHCF shared that they were working with the field centre and their students to help plant their garlic for next season.

Garlic is typically planted between Halloween and Thanksgiving, and is harvested in July, Hutchinson explains.

AHCF plants over 18,000 cloves of garlic annually every fall.

Hutchinson explains that while students from EOEC are learning a variety of skills through their education at the field centre, AHCF also incorporates farm activities.

“The idea is that we’re incorporating farm education, or food literacy, into the outdoor education curriculum because we’re a farm, in a park, in the conservation area,” says Hutchinson.

It is critical to introduce food literacy into the education system, she says.

“When people learn about things then they start to care about them and embrace them,” she says. “We’re educating the next generation of environmental eaters.”

Hutchinson says that they want to teach students where their food comes from.

“We all need to learn about that, about building our food literacy skills. Whether it’s gardening, planting, growing, harvesting, or cooking with food, it goes a long way to making people healthier.”

As Jonathan Clodman, a Grade Six teacher with the Toronto District School Board, watched his students plant garlic, he explained that every Grade Six class in the TDSB has the chance to take an overnight trip like this.

“As much as possible, I set my class up so they get the chance to do this. It’s really a great opportunity because a lot of students don’t have access to experiences like this in the city,” says Clodman.

“As a teacher in my classroom, it’s amazing to see the growth coming back from the trip, seeing them after a trip where they’ve learned to clean up after themselves, to problem solve on their own, it’s really helpful for my own classroom too.”

He notes that food literacy is part of a bigger picture that students don’t often have the opportunity to see where their food comes from.

“This is an experiential opportunity where they’re part of it, where they make connections between the garlic powder on their table, or the garlic right in the jar, and something that actually goes into the earth, which is a connection they haven’t had before,” says Clodman.



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Food For You offers weekly hot meals to those in need

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Times have not been easy on Canadians, as evidenced by the sharp increase in food bank use across the country, but some community members are doing their part to help.

Enter Food For You, a weekly hot meal initiative operating right in the heart of Shelburne. Staffed entirely by volunteers, they are doing their part to combat food insecurity in the area.

Sandra Gallagher, one of the founders of the group, said it all started because of the need they saw in the community. Originally getting together in January of 2025, Food For You held its first dinner for residents in need on March 5 and has run every week since then.

“We’re just a group of ladies that got together to fill a need in Shelburne,” Gallagher said. “We wanted to bring people together and help them with food scarcity. We deal mostly in soups right now.”

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., those in need of a hot meal can head over to the Trinity United Church. There are no reservations or sign-ups required; its doors are open to everyone. Guests are welcome to sit in or take the food to go, whichever is more comfortable.

Meals are also catered to specific needs, and include meat and vegetarian options.

“We don’t always have all the options, but we try our best to have options available to everyone,” Gallagher said. “So we do have some vegetarian options, like our soups. We keep them frozen so we can pull them out quickly if there’s a need.”

Ann McAlpine, another member of the team, said they work with the Shelburne Food Bank, offering free meals more frequently than the food bank can, providing them with some reprieve throughout the month.

“We do kind of work with the food bank, we do try to give them a little relief when we can,” Ann said. “We make sure people have access to a free meal when they can’t go to the food bank because of the monthly allotment, which is totally understandable. We wanted to give people another option.”

Gallagher said they’ve been seeing a steady increase in weekly users of Food For You, both sit-ins and take-outs. On average, they see 16 to 25 people every Wednesday, and that number continues to rise consistently.

Gallagher said, thankfully, they are able to meet this growing need thanks to generous donations and community support.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY: Sandra Gallagher (centre), and members of Shelburne’s Food for You initiative, volunteer their time to prepare home-cooked meals every Wednesday for those in need, and offer seating in the Church if guests wish to eat together. The volunteers show some items they will have available for patrons on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

“We have a lot of donors that give to us,” she said. “We have hot dogs tonight that came from the Rotary Club. We had [the] Shelburne Golf and Country Club provide us with soups, and our bread through the food bank. It’s a big community effort to come together.”

Currently, Food For You is looking to partner with local businesses to host food nights.

“We are starting to encourage people to

maybe do a night, as a sponsorship,” Gallagher said. “Something along the lines of them coming in and serving food, or making it with us, they’ll be taking the lead for the night. Trillium Ford will actually be doing that in December.”

In the meantime, McAlpine said that Food for You is continuing to request food, financial donations, and volunteers – anything helps. She also reiterated that everyone is welcome on Wednesdays.

“We are currently accepting dry and packaged goods, and if you’d like to volunteer, please contact us,” McAlpine said. “It’s a really enjoyable evening, the volunteers love doing it, the guests are appreciative. Our door is always open.”

For more information about Food for You, including contact information, head to shelburnerotaryclub.com/blog/soup-for-you/

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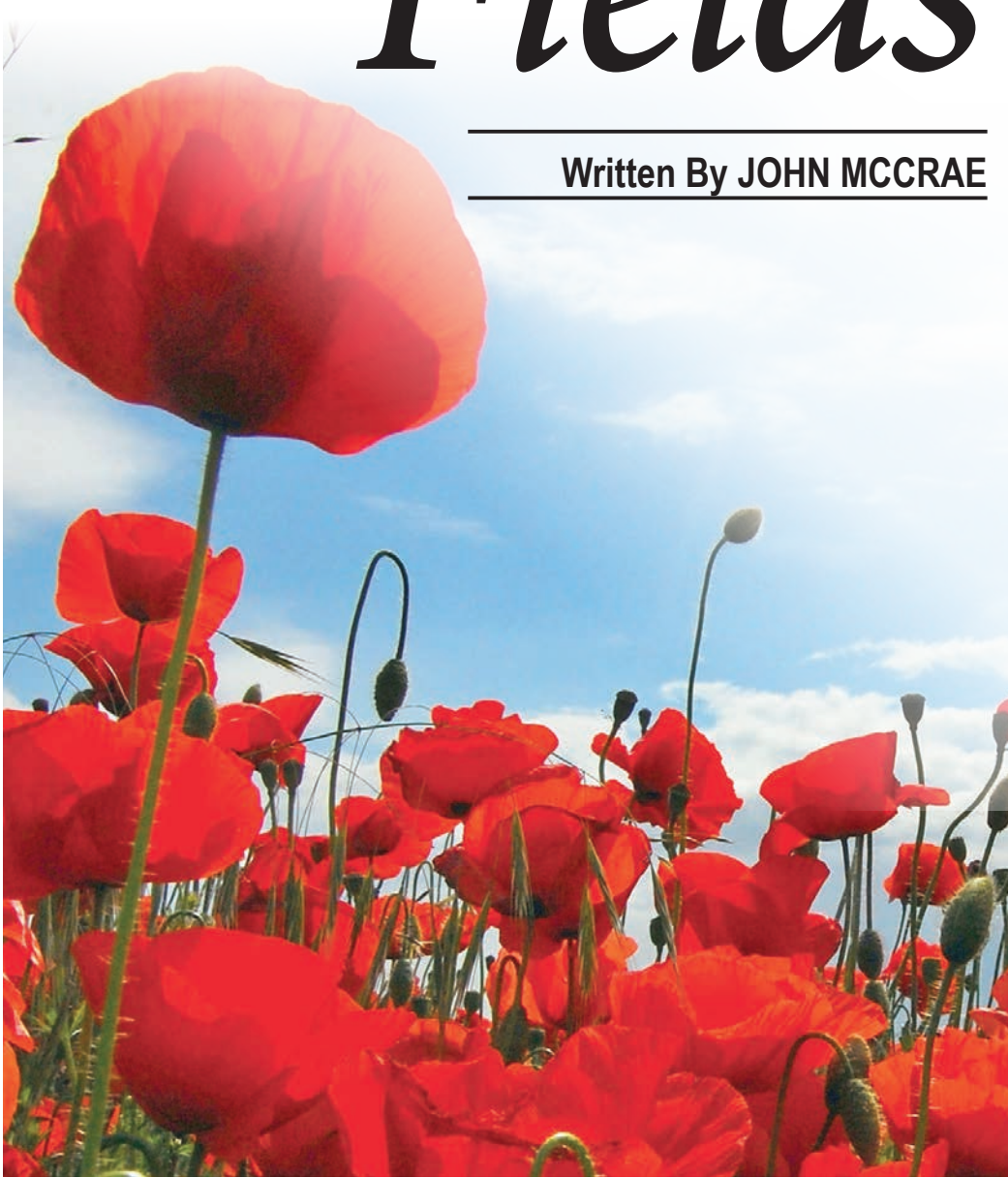
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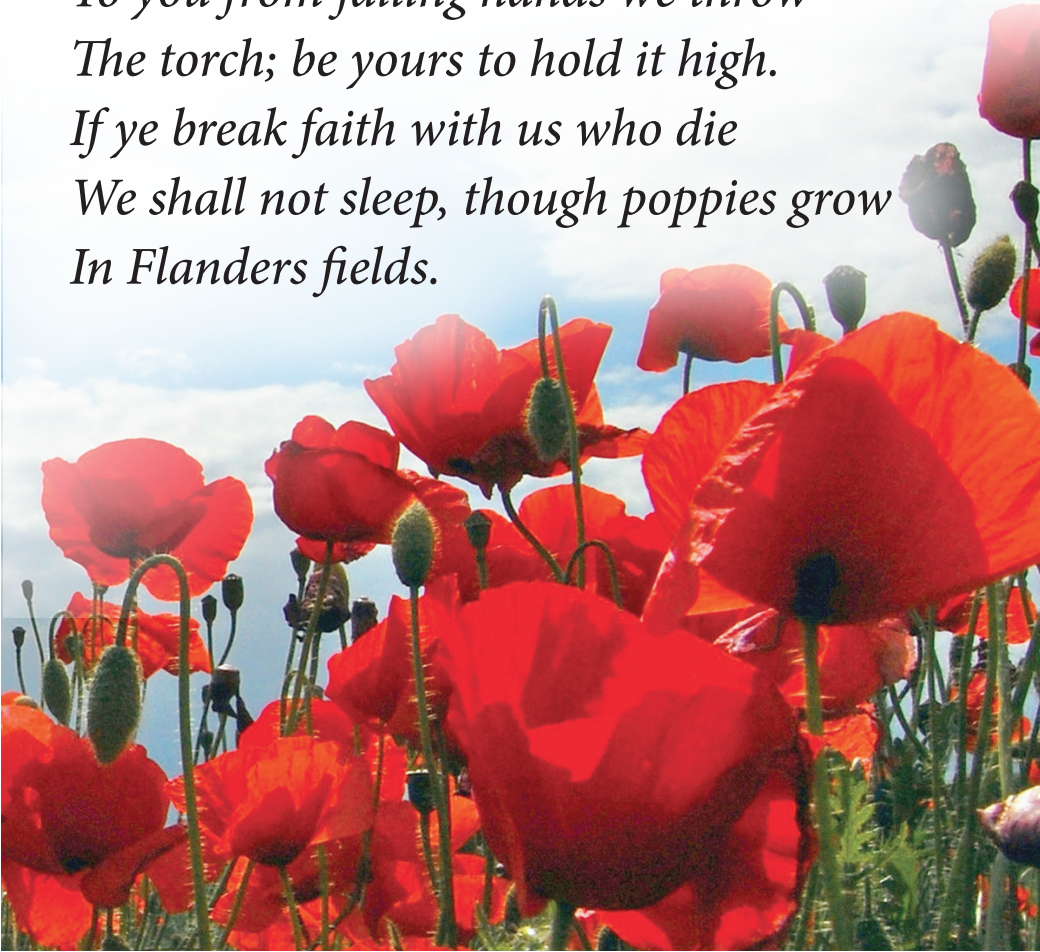
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Orangeville
The Orangeville Legion Branch 233 is holding a Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11. A parade starting at the Orangeville Legion (5 John St.) will march down Broadway to the Cenotaph behind Town Hall, in Alexandra Park, for 11 a.m.
Following the Remembrance Day ceremony, all are welcome to stop by the Orangeville Legion at 5 John Street.

Shelburne
Remembrance Day activities on Nov. 11 will begin at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 at 9:30 a.m. with speakers sharing remarks. Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills be in attendance and Captain Diane Powers from the #164 Air Cadets in Shelburne has planned a video presentation.
Afterwards, around 11 a.m., Legion members will be marching to the cenotaph from the Legion around 11 a.m., where a wreath laying ceremony will take place.
Later in the day, the Shelburne Legion's doors will open for a Veteran's Dinner at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner being served at

6 p.m. Attending the dinner are Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Mayor Mills.
The Shelburne Legion is located at 203 William St., Shelburne.

Melancthon
A Remembrance Day Service will take place at the Horning Mill's Cenotaph and Community Hall on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.
"Join us as we come together to honour and remember those who served and sacrificed for our freedom," said the Township of Melancthon in a Facebook Post.

Mulmur/Mansfield
The Mansfield Women's Institute is holding a Remembrance Day Service at the Mansfield Ballpark Cenotaph on Nov. 11. The service will commence at 10:45 a.m. The location is 937016 Airport Road.

Grand Valley
A Remembrance Day Service in Grand Valley will take place at the Cenotaph just before 11 a.m., with a wreath laying ceremony, and remarks from the mayor. The 85 Tornado Air Cadet Squadron in Grand Valley will be attending as well. The Grand Valley Cenotaph is located at 2 Main St. North.

Township Council will be attending services in Grand Valley, Shelburne and Orangeville as Amaranth does not have a Legion or Cenotaph.

Amaranth
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Orangeville senior girls' basketball team advances through playoffs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears senior girls' basketball team continues to steamroll through the season and has advanced to the semi-final round of District 10 playoffs.

After finishing the regular season with a 13-1 record and first place in the District 10 standings, the team is gearing up to claim the championship.

They entered the playoffs with a quarter-final game against the St. James Lions in the gym at ODSS on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

After a strong start, the Bears were leading 17-2 at the end of the first quarter.

At the half, they had extended that lead to 30-6.

Pressing hard in the third quarter, the ODSS team led 43-12 with one quarter remaining.

The final was a 51-19 win for the ODSS team. They earned the right to advance to the semi-final round of competition.

"We did well as a team, we got really prepared for this game," said Bears forward Leah Firth. "This is our biggest week of the season. We practiced and got really prepared for this game and Thursday's game. We practiced a lot on our defence this week and I think it paid off well because they only scored 19 points. Our offence worked really well, we had a new system. We'll have a practice tomorrow after school to get ready for Thursday's game."

The Bears will now face Centennial Col-



BEARS' WIN BIG: The Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears seniors girls' basketball team hosts the St. James Lions in the gym during their District 10 quarter-final game on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The Bears won the game 51-19 and will advance to the District semi-finals.

legiate in the semi-final game. That game is scheduled for today (Nov. 6).

In the other District 10 semi-final, John F. Ross will be up against Bishop Macdonell.

The winners of the semi-final games will meet for the District 10 championship game at the University of Guelph on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Westside boys' volleyball teams compete in District championships

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Westside Secondary School Thunder boys' volleyball teams both had good seasons this year and represented the school at the District 4 championships.

District semi-final and championship games were held at Westside on Monday, Nov. 3.

Senior

The Thunder senior boys' team had a good season, finishing in first place in the District standings with an 11-1 record.

Going into the playoffs, they eliminated Erin District High School in the semi-final match.

The Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds knocked out Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in their semi-final to set the stage for a Norwell / Westside championship match.

In the final, Norwell won the first set. Westside tied it up with a win in the second set.

The Norwell team, which finished second in the regular season, played well and won the next two sets to capture the District title.

"It was a really good season," said Westside coach Jessica Shortt after the match. "We had only one loss in the regular season, which was to Norwell. We had more dedication on the team this year. They were taking practices really seriously. In general, we had good teamwork."



MOVING ON TO CWOSSA: The Westside Secondary School Thunder junior boys' volleyball team takes on the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in the gym at Westside during the District 4 junior boys' volleyball championship on Monday, Nov. 3. The Westside team took a 3-0 loss in the final set, but is still eligible to go to CWOSSA to compete at the regional level.



SETTING UP THE SPIKE: The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior boys' volleyball team gave a good effort in their District 4 volleyball championship match against the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds in the gym at Westside on Monday, Nov. 3. The Thunder took a 3-1 loss in the final game.

She added, "It's the best season we've had in a few years."

Junior

The Westside Junior boys' volleyball team finished the regular season in second place in the District 4 standings.

They eliminated the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals in the semi-final round of the playoffs, winning 3-0.

In the other semi-final, Emmanuel Christian High School knocked out Wellington Heights Secondary School 3-0.

That set the championship match between Westside and Emmanuel Christian. Emmanuel claimed the title, winning the match 3-0.

The Westside juniors are still eligible to enter regional competition at CWOSSA.

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OPINION

Mother Nature

I was watching a YouTube video a few years ago filmed by a bunch of college ‘frat boys’ in the US.

They were in Florida on vacation as a hurricane was approaching, and they were staying at a multi-level hotel near the beach.

Most local citizens with any common sense battened down the hatches at home, loaded up the car, and beat it out of there before the storm made landfall.

The frat boys, however, were looking forward to experiencing a full-blown hurricane. There was a lot of bravado among the fellas.

There was a lot of boasting like, “We’re going to ride out the storm, man!” And, “Yeah, man, we’re waiting for the hurricane dudes!”

The video then cut to the next day, when the storm was pounding the Florida coast.

Two of the frat boys were crying in their hotel room like three-year-old girls who had been stung by bees. The guy filming turned his camera on a stairwell where the storm surge was flooding the second floor of the hotel, and rising.

He didn’t say much – obviously, he was

scared to death. However, he did make some kind of comment about them making a serious mistake by underestimating the power of a hurricane and by not evacuating when they had a chance.

The guys realized the hotel may be in danger of collapse due to the flood waters, and they were now all in danger of being swept out to sea and drowning.

Jamaica was recently hammered by Hurricane Melissa. You are in a serious situation when you are on an island, the airports have been closed, and a serious storm is approaching.

It was one of the strongest storms ever recorded in the region.

The island nation has been heavily damaged, but fortunately, there has not been a large loss of life.

When it comes to natural disasters, we are lucky to live in an area where catastrophic natural disasters are rare.

The wildfires of last summer were serious, but caused no loss of life.

Ontario has around 20 tornadoes every year. However, most of them occur in unpopulated areas with no loss of life. Although the Grand Valley–Barrie tornado of 1985 did cause loss of life and

widespread damage.

Many people are still traumatized by what happened that day.

I have been involved in a few natural disasters.

During my final year in high school, our travel club went to Mexico City. The second night we were there, a powerful earthquake had our hotel swaying back and forth.

People were running through the halls and screaming. There were aftershocks for the rest of the week.

In 1997, I was in my office in a large distribution centre in Toronto. A storm was raging outside.

I was speaking to someone on the phone when the storm suddenly became loud and sounded like it was blowing through the building.

A moment later, one of the guys from the floor burst into my office, yelling that we had lost the roof.

I stepped out of my office and looked up at the night sky. The roof had been ripped off, and it was now raining in the building.

Fortunately, there were no injuries.

A few years ago, we had pretty serious flooding in the local region. I drove my

truck up a familiar concession road to take photos of the flooding. I knew the spot because I had been recording beavers building a dam in the creek.

The fields were flooded, and the road was covered in around six inches of water for about half a mile.

I took a chance and drove my truck through the water to a high point by the bridge.

I was surprised to see that the creek’s level had risen by eight to 10 feet. The water was close to flowing over the bridge.

As I was taking photos, a truck approached. It was a Town truck, and the driver asked if I lived on the road. I told him I was taking photos of the flooding.

He warned me that the river had just breached its banks near Highway 9, and all that water would be here in about 30 minutes.

I thanked him for the information and got out there really quickly.

Natural disasters can occur at any time. It’s always best to make a plan and be prepared for any disaster.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Denmark vs. the shadow fleet

Back in the 16th and 17th centuries, two-thirds of the Danish kingdom’s income came from taxes paid by every ship passing through the Øresund strait (‘The Sound’), the only exit from the Baltic Sea. Each ship had to declare the value of its cargo – and if the Danes thought they were understating it, Denmark had the right to buy the entire cargo at the declared value.

The Danes don’t do that anymore, but they still don’t like to be jerked around. They were quite cross when unidentified drones forced them to shut down their airports on several occasions late last month, and Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said that Russian involvement could not be ruled out.

She was being diplomatic. That was the week when Russian drones also violated Polish and Romanian airspace. Frederiksen had good reason to suspect that the drones harassing Denmark were coming from a Russian-chartered ship off the Danish coast, so she or one of her aides came up with a devastating response.

This week Royal Danish Navy ships began stopping and checking ships in the Øresund strait. Not just any ships. Old oil tankers flying flags of convenience from

low-rent countries that are heading for the North Sea and thence into the open Atlantic. Ships that belong to the ‘shadow fleet’ transporting sanctioned Russian oil to India, China, and other Asian countries.

Fossil fuel sales account for between 30% and 50% of the Russian government’s budget revenue. Two-thirds of the country’s gas and oil is exported, and most of the exports used to go to Europe – until Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022. International sanctions then stopped most European sales, but Russia cut its prices and found new markets in China and India.

The problem was that while there were lots of pipelines connecting Russia and Europe, there were no oil pipelines and only one gas pipeline between the oil-fields of northwest Russia and the new customers in Asia. Almost all of Russia’s fossil fuel exports now had to go by sea – 14,000 nautical miles from, say, Kaliningrad in the eastern Baltic to Qingdao in China.

To make matters worse, the sanctions regime makes it hard for Russia to charter ships from legitimate shipping companies and buy insurance for them. Instead, it has built a ‘shadow fleet’ of almost a thousand elderly oil tankers (average age about 20

years) most of which would otherwise be on their way to the ship-breakers yards.

Their flags may change weekly, as may their names. Their insurance cover, if any, is dodgy, and their documents certainly do not say that they are carrying Russian oil. Their crews are multinational, with few or no Russians. Some transfer oil to other ships in mid-Atlantic; others go the full distance in the same ship.

It’s a more expensive way of doing business and there are more accidents, but until recently Russian oil and gas exports were holding up fairly well. Oil income was down because Russian sales are heavily discounted, but there was enough money coming in to pay for the war and still keep the civilians contented (or at least quiet).

But now Denmark is stopping some of these ‘shadow’ ships in the strait and boarding them. “These old ships pose a particular risk to our marine environment. That’s why we are tightening controls with very basic environmental rules,” explained Environment Minister Magnus Heunicke, but it’s really a legal excuse to stop them and get on board.

Then the Danish inspectors can examine the fake documents, discover safety issues, note the absent or inadequate

insurance, and delay the ships or even detain them. Denmark only has so many inspectors so not every ship of the shadow fleet is being stopped yet, but the number will grow. Russia’s oil income is under serious threat for the first time.

And in just a little while the big oil terminals in Russia that pump the oil onto the ghost ships will be coming under direct attack. Ukraine doesn’t have to wait for Donald Trump to sell it Tomahawk missiles (indirectly, through NATO). Its new Flamingo missiles have the range to hit all three of the main terminals: Primorsk, Ust-Luga, and Novorossiysk.

They are less accurate than Tomahawks, but their warheads are twice as big and they are coming into high-volume production so they can overwhelm Russian air defences with swarm tactics.

Ukrainian strikes on refineries and pipelines are already causing fuel shortages in Russia, but these new approaches will actually damage the whole economy. No single new weapon or tactic can decide the outcome of a war of attrition, but the odds are moving in Ukraine’s favour.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Cloned food coming to a grocer near you

Cloned-animal foods could soon enter Canada’s food supply with no labels identifying them as cloned and no warning to consumers—a move that risks public trust.

According to Health Canada’s own consultation documents, Ottawa intends to remove foods derived from cloned animals from its “novel foods” list, the process that requires a pre-market safety review and public disclosure. Health Canada defines “novel foods” as products that haven’t been commonly consumed before or that use new production processes requiring extra safety checks.

From a regulatory standpoint, this looks like an efficiency measure. From a consumer-trust standpoint, it’s a miscalculation.

Health Canada argues that cloned animals and their offspring are indistinguishable from conventional ones, so they should be treated the same. The problem isn’t the science—it’s the silence. Canadians are not being told that the rules for a controversial technology are about to change. No press release, no public statement, just a quiet update on a government website most citizens will never read.

Cloning in agriculture means producing an

exact genetic copy of an animal, usually for breeding purposes. The clones themselves rarely end up on dinner plates, but their offspring do, showing up in everyday products such as beef, milk or pork. The benefits are indirect: steadier production, fewer losses from disease or more uniform quality.

But consumers see no gain at checkout. Cloning is expensive and brings no visible improvement in taste, nutrition or price. Shoppers could one day buy steak from the offspring of a cloned cow without any way of knowing, and still pay the same, if not more, for it.

Without labels identifying cloned origin, potential efficiencies stay hidden upstream. When products born from new technologies are mixed with conventional ones, consumers lose their ability to differentiate, reward innovation or make an informed choice. In the end, the industry keeps the savings while shoppers see none.

And it isn’t only shoppers left in the dark. Exporters could soon pay the price too. Canada exports billions in beef and pork annually, including to the EU. If cloned-origin products enter the supply chain without labelling, Canadian exporters could face

additional scrutiny or restrictions in markets where cloning is not accepted. A regulatory shortcut at home could quickly become a market barrier abroad.

This debate comes at a time when public trust in Canada’s food system is already fragile. A 2023 survey by the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity found that only 36 per cent of Canadians believe the food industry is “heading in the right direction,” and fewer than half trust government regulators to be transparent. Inserting cloned foods quietly into the supply without disclosure would only deepen that skepticism.

This is exactly how Canada became trapped in the endless genetically modified organism (GMO) debate. Two decades ago, regulators and companies quietly introduced a complex technology without giving consumers the chance to understand it. By denying transparency, they also denied trust. The result was years of confusion, suspicion and polarization that persist today.

Transparency shouldn’t be optional in a democracy that prides itself on science-based regulation. Even if the food is safe, and current evidence suggests it is, Canadians deserve to know how what they

eat is produced.

The irony is that this change could have been handled responsibly. Small gestures like a brief notice, an explanatory Q&A or a commitment to review labelling once international consensus emerges would have shown respect for the public and preserved confidence in our food system.

Instead, Ottawa risks repeating an old mistake: mistaking regulatory efficiency for good governance. At a time when consumer trust in food pricing, corporate ethics and government oversight is already fragile, the last thing Canada needs is another quiet policy that feels like a secret.

Cloning may not change the look or taste of what’s on your plate, but how it gets there should still matter.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: November brings gratitude, giving, and gatherings

As the temperature drops and we cozy into the rhythm of November, the festive season is one of the most exciting times of year for us at the Orangeville Food Bank and the Dufferin Food Share – Grand Valley. This month is all about gratitude, community connection, and celebrating the spirit of giving that keeps our programs thriving year-round.

We have so many wonderful things happening in November, and I can't wait to share them with you! From our Annual General Meeting to our biggest food drive of the year – and even a visit from Santa himself – there's something for everyone to get involved in this season.

Every November, we celebrate Monthly Giving at the Orangeville Food Bank, and it's one of the most important times of the year for us.

Monthly donors are such a big part of our organization. Their steady, reliable support allows us to plan for the future and ensure that we can continue to meet the growing needs of our community. With predictable monthly funds, we're able to purchase fresh food and essential items from wholesalers and ensure our shelves are stocked year-

round... even when the giving season slows down.

If you've ever thought about joining our monthly giving program, this is the perfect time. Whether it's \$10, \$25, or \$100 a month, your gift ensures that we can keep doing what we do – feeding hope and building a stronger, more resilient community. Donate at orangevillefoodbank.org/donate

On Monday, Nov. 3, we'll be gathering for our Annual General Meeting at the brand-new home of the Dufferin Food Share – Grand Valley, located at 27 Main Street North.

We are incredibly proud of this new space and the opportunities it brings to Grand Valley and the surrounding areas. It's not just a food bank location — it's our vision of a hub where other community agencies can connect with residents, where partnerships can

grow, and where dignity and kindness lead the way.

We invite our community members, partners, and supporters to join us as we reflect on the year's achievements, share exciting updates for the year ahead, and celebrate the people who make it all possible. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will follow shortly after.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 22, because we're going BIG!

That day, we'll start by hosting our High Five Festive Drive, our final all-store food drive of 2025 – and we're pulling out all the stops. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., our passionate volunteers will be stationed at Zehrs, Metro, Sobeys, FreshCo, and No Frills in Orangeville, ready to greet you with smiles, high fives, and holiday cheer.

This is one of our most important food drives of the year, and it's always an incredible day of community spirit. Whether you bring a non-perishable food item or make a financial donation at the store, every contribution helps families in Dufferin County have access to nutritious food this holiday season.

Stop by any of our participating stores, say hello to our volunteers, and help us finish the year strong.

But that's not all that's happening on Nov. 22!

We'll also be at the Orangeville Citizen's First Annual HollyFest, happening at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Nov. 22 and 23. We're so excited to be part of this reimagined community event celebrating the magic of

the holiday season.

We'll be showcasing our brand-new Festive Giving Cards, which we believe are the perfect gift for the person on your list who already has everything. Each card represents a donation made in someone's honour, available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. It's a meaningful way to give back and share the true spirit of the holidays.

Starting Nov. 1, Festive Giving Cards can also be purchased in bulk – a wonderful option for local businesses, schools, or community groups looking to give a gift that truly gives back. To arrange any-sized order, please contact me, Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, at 226-558-2109.

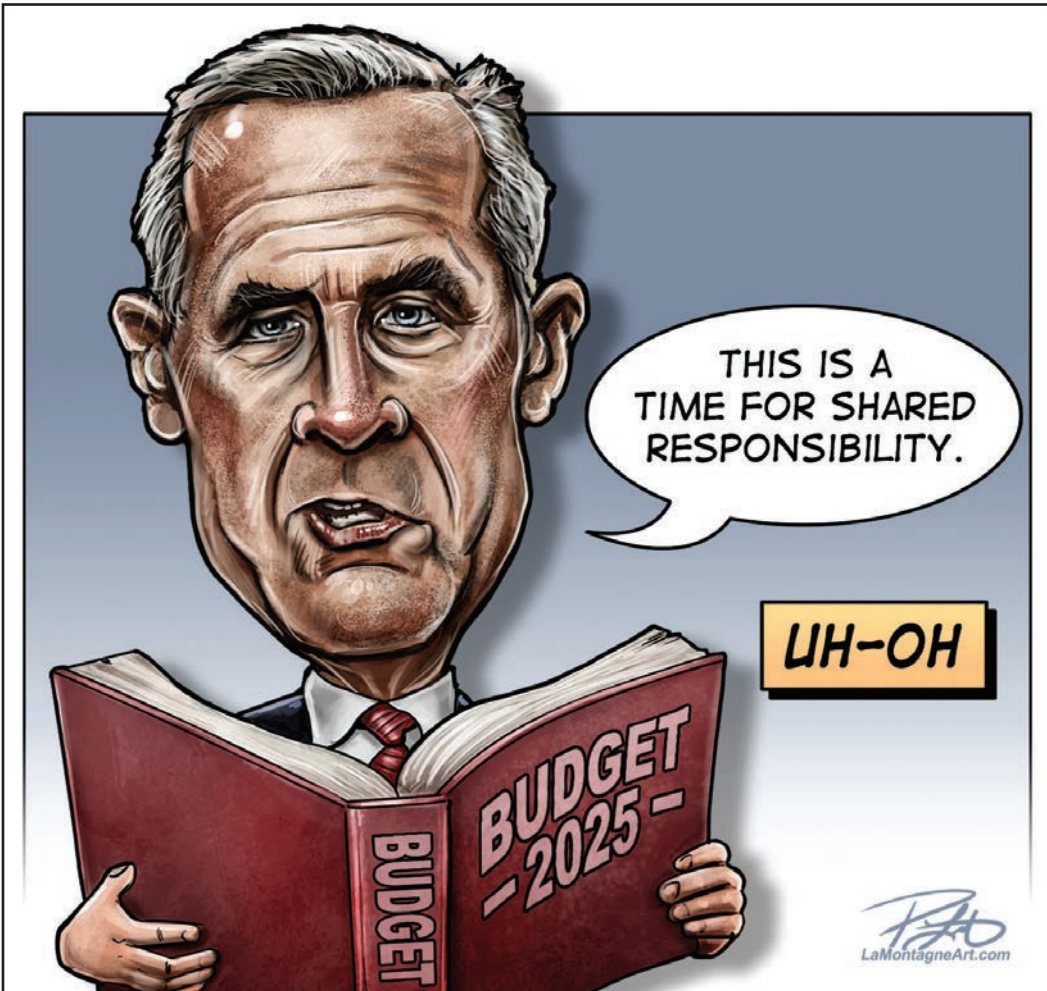
By gifting a Festive Giving Card, you're not just spreading cheer – you're putting food on the table for local families and strengthening the community we all love.

To finish off this winterrific day, we'll be joining our friends and neighbours at the Orangeville Santa Claus Parade, which kicks off at 5 p.m. on November 22nd.

Look for our large food bank logo'd van and wave to our volunteers as we celebrate the season in true community fashion -with joy, laughter, and most importantly, gratitude for all the support we've received throughout the year.

November is a month that reminds me how fortunate we are to live in this community. From monthly donors to event volunteers, from business partners to families who give what they can – every act of kindness helps keep the shelves stocked and hope alive. From all of us at the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share – Grand Valley: thank you for being part of this journey with us. Our vision today and always is a well-nourished community.

This week's Community Voice submission was provided by Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, donor engagement and outreach manager of the Orangeville Food Bank / Dufferin Food Share – Grand Valley.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The food bank needs our support

Dear Editor:

The community of Orangeville must prioritize supporting the food bank. The recent article titled “Orangeville Food Bank shares Monthly Community Update for September” (Oct. 23) makes it clear that Orangeville Food Bank is giving out far more food than it receives.

The current donations to the food bank are unable to meet a rising demand for its resources. What will happen if the food bank runs out of food to give? Hungry clients may face being turned away.

The Town of Orangeville’s website commits to supporting its citizens’ health, security, and well-being, a goal that requires the whole community’s help to succeed.

Everyone has a role to play. Town organizations and clubs can hold fundraisers for the food bank. Restaurants or stores can donate extra food at the end of the day, and other businesses can give monetary support.

Churches and schools can hold food drives; individuals and families can buy items from their wishlist when they shop for their own groceries. A little help from everyone goes a long way.

Food is a universal need that secures human health and well-being, but with the rise in prices, it is becoming unaffordable for many people.

Those who are blessed with an abundance must share their resources — after all, what better use for them exists than to preserve life?

Mikayla Kottelenberg
Amaranth

Hockley



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Open letter from resident on Strada Aggregates’ quarry application

This matters to me because of the following:

Blasting below the water table produces incalculable risks to the supply of pure local water that is essential for our personal use and for the agriculture on which we all depend.

As Melancthon is the headwaters for three major river systems, contamination will flow in all directions to neighbouring communities and water systems.

Also consider that a contaminated water supply affects not just humans and agriculture, but the wildlife and habitat of the area as well.

It is disturbing that “Most mining activities (including exploration activities) like soil stripping, trenching, road building, ore extraction, and others, can lead to the release of soil and sediment (fine soil particles) into nearby streams and lakes. Water quality and aquatic habitats can also be affected by increased amounts of sediment in the water column and settling on streambeds.”

“When it is suspended in the water column, sediment can cause tissue rot or even directly kill fish. When sediment settles, it can smother fish eggs and aquatic plants that can decrease both reproductive and survival rates for affected species. Increased turbidity, where light that is unable to penetrate the water due to suspended particles, can decrease water temperatures and make it hard for fish to locate food.” (<https://ontarionature.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/mining-inontario-web.pdf> pg 15)

Please decide in favour of the health of the environment and the people and creatures who make Ontario their home.

Paula McClintock
Melancthon

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Seeback issues open letter to Strada Aggregates

To the representatives of Strada Aggregates,

Following my Oct. 14 Community Town Hall in Honeywood and numerous conversations with residents, local organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups, it's clear that many in our community still have serious, unanswered questions about your proposed quarry project.

Before the close of public consultation on Nov. 10, I am formally requesting that Strada provide clear, public responses to the following questions. These concerns come directly from residents, technical experts, and community organizations who have engaged extensively in this process.

I will not be in a position to offer any support for this project until these matters are addressed transparently and substantively.

Environmental and Hydrological Concerns

1. How does Strada plan to address findings from its own integrated transient modelling that predict reductions in the Pine River headwater tributary stream flows of 20–35 per cent at Horning's Mills?
2. How will Strada reconcile the apparent underestimation — by more than two times — of dry-weather streamflow at Horning's Mills within its integrated Groundwater Model?
3. Why did the application not include Fisheries Population and Impact Studies or consideration of the historical fish hatchery and culture context?
4. Should the application be approved as submitted on September 18, 2025, what mitigation plans does Strada have for protecting Brook Trout and other fish populations?
5. Why did the submission omit detailed data on absolute changes in transient wetland flows, and on water-quantity and water-quality characterizations for each quarry phase?
6. Why has Strada withheld data in its possession—such as Model Virtual Transient

Flows (monthly), streamflow monitoring results, private well data, and the Community WELLness Survey—despite repeated community requests?

7. How will Strada address the deficiencies identified in its groundwater model, including the absence of unmitigated worst-case scenarios and lack of groundwater quality (nitrates) treatment scenarios?

Community and Economic Considerations

8. What tangible benefits does Strada commit to delivering to the local community should the quarry be approved—number of local jobs, community investments, or other measurable contributions?
9. Has Strada studied the potential impact on wetlands within Ontario's Greenbelt?
10. How often will Strada test for water contaminants, and what specific notification and remediation protocols will be followed if contaminants are detected?
11. Given that the site lies within a highly vulnerable aquifer area, has Strada provided comprehensive documentation confirming there will be no negative effects on groundwater quantity or quality, as required by the local Official Plan?

Transportation and Infrastructure

12. Can Strada confirm that the operation will result in 65 gravel trucks per hour in one direction (130 total) on local roads, and did its Traffic Impact Study account for this volume?
13. Why does the Traffic Impact Study not extend to the traffic bottleneck in Shelburne?
14. What is Strada's long-term plan for the site once aggregate extraction concludes? Residential and Agricultural Impacts
15. What assurances can Strada provide that quarry operations will not compromise private wells—both those of participating and non-participating landowners—and that any impacted wells will be restored or re-

placed at Strada's expense?

16. If a water source must be replaced, how will remedial actions be selected and communicated to the landowner? Will all Schedule C options be offered, including water transport and storage solutions?
17. Has Strada consulted with the Niagara Escarpment Commission or local conservation authorities?

Air Quality, Noise, and Wildlife

18. Beyond standard Ministry of Natural Resources requirements, what air-quality studies (including dust, silica, and particulate impacts) has Strada conducted on local agriculture, water, animals, and residents?
19. Has Strada identified the air-quality radius of influence (e.g., two kilometres) and what on-site measures will be used to reduce dust?
20. What studies, if any, has Strada undertaken on the effects on amphibians and pollinators, and what were the findings?
21. What steps beyond the minimum ARA requirements will Strada take to reduce noise impacts for nearby residents?

Property, Business, and Safety

22. How does Strada intend to respond if home foundations are damaged by blasting or shifts in the water table?
23. Has Strada evaluated the potential impact of the quarry on local businesses and employers?
24. Has Strada studied the potential effect of this project on land and home values, and what mitigation measures would it provide if negative effects are confirmed?

Residents of Dufferin–Caledon have engaged in good faith to understand the implications of this project. It is now Strada's responsibility to match that good faith with full transparency and accountability.

I urge Strada Aggregates to respond publicly to these questions prior to the close of the consultation period. Only with complete and accessible information can our commu-

nity—and I as its Member of Parliament—fairly assess this proposal.

Sincerely,
Kyle Seeback, M.P.
Dufferin-Caledon

Editor's Note: In a response to the Orangeville Citizen regarding MP Seeback's letter, Strada said:

“Strada Aggregates is committed to a thorough, transparent, and regulated review process under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA).

“The Melancthon Quarry application, submitted on September 18, 2025, is currently in the formal public consultation phase, with the comment period closing on November 10, 2025.

“All technical studies, modelling results, monitoring data, and proposed mitigation measures are contained within the application package. These documents have been publicly available since submission and were presented at our Open House, attended by residents, stakeholders, and technical experts.

“As outlined in the official ARA process, Strada will provide detailed, written responses to all questions and comments received during the consultation period following the close of the comment period. These responses will be submitted to the commentor and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

“We respect the formal review process and will not circumvent it by addressing individual inquiries through the media. Doing so would undermine the integrity of the public and technical review framework established under the ARA.

“We encourage continued participation in the formal consultation process and thank the community for its engagement. For access to the full application and supporting studies, please visit the project website or contact the Ministry directly.”

Response to Seeback's newsletter on crime

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank Isabel Carey for her thoughtful letter of Oct. 9 regarding the Conservative Party's proposed “Stand On Guard” legislation.

Kyle Seeback's most recent newsletter, with many frightening crime headlines, prompted a quick Google search of Statistics Canada crime statistics. They tell a very different story. The most recent numbers for 2024, compared to 2023, are:

- Crime Severity Index (CSI): Decreased by 4.1 per cent overall.
- Violent CSI: Decreased by 1 per cent.
- Youth crime rate per 100,000 population: Decreased by 4.2 per cent.
- Homicides: There were 788 homicide victims in 2024, a decrease of 8 per cent from 2023. Gang-related homicides, particularly with firearms, made up about one-fifth of the total.
- Police-reported crime rate per 100,000

population: Decreased by 3.6 per cent.

- Non-violent CSI: Decreased by 5.7 per cent.

The numbers reported by Statistics Canada indicate a reduction in crime and don't support the Conservatives' position that crime, particularly violent crime, is overwhelming Canadian communities. It simply isn't true.

The question for MP Seeback is, why are you misrepresenting crime in Canada, especially as a potential consequence, which is

raising anxiety and fear for some citizens?

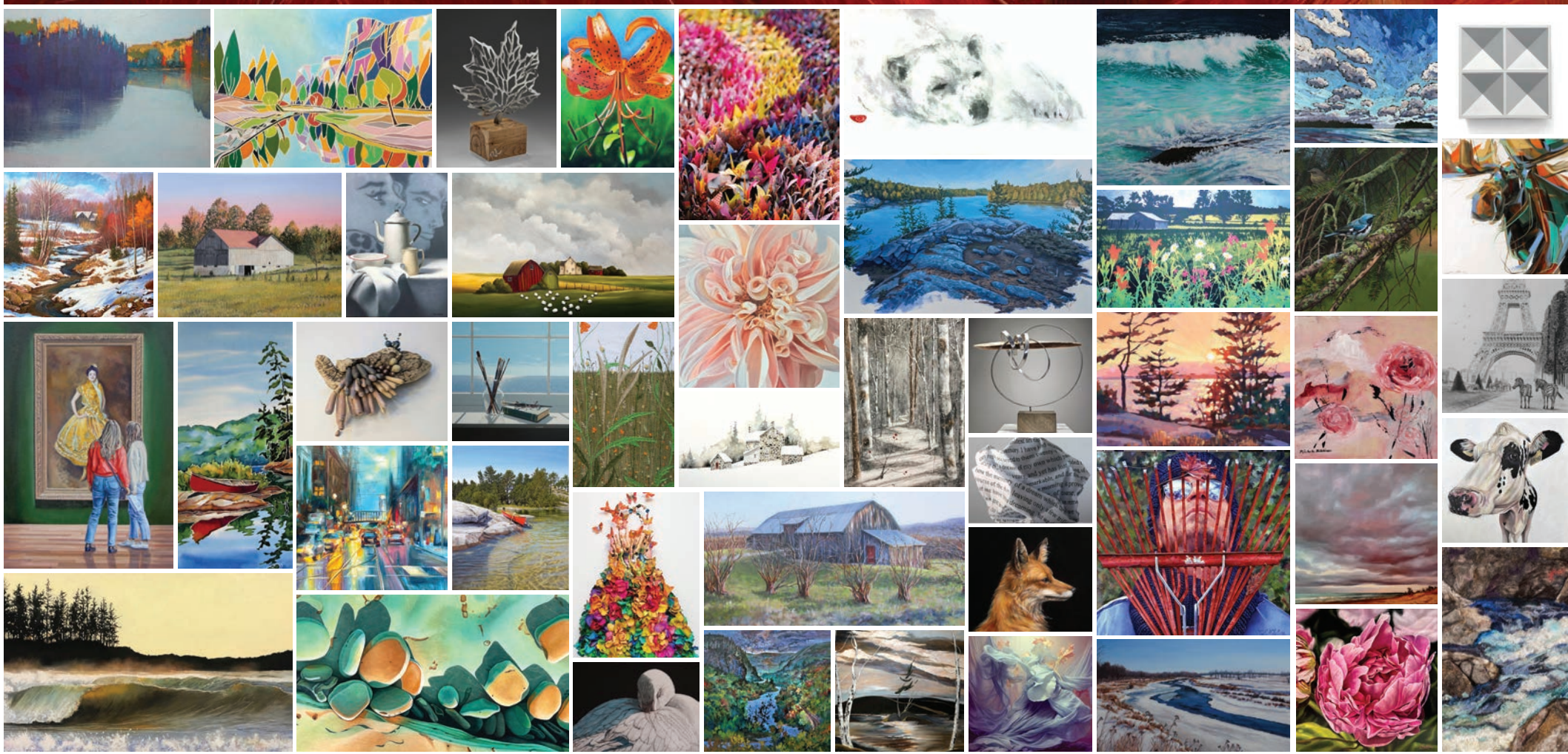
It is my hope that Mr. Seeback will consider the outcome of the American “Stand Your Ground” legislation, as Ms. Carey pointed out, and reconsider engaging in generating unnecessary fear for political gain.

Policy based on evidence is a more helpful way forward for Canada.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Seeback’s response to letter on ‘Stand on Guard legislation’

Dear Ms. Carey,

Thanks for your Oct. 9, 2025 Letter to the Editor in response to my support of our Conservative Stand on Guard principle: a common-sense amendment to the Criminal Code that finally puts the law on the side of law-abiding Canadians before repeat offenders.

I agree, Canadian law, under Section 34(2) of the Criminal Code says Canadians have the right to use force to defend themselves and others from threats of force; however, the law is vague and subjective. Under Liberal laws, too many Canadians who fight off violent intruders end up arrested facing years of expensive trials, while violent repeat offenders walk free on bail.

Our Conservative amendment to section 34(2) would deem the use of force to be presumed reasonable when used against an individual who unlawfully enters a house and poses a threat to the safety of anyone inside. Specifically, it will clarify that when a person reasonably believes that an individual who has unlawfully entered their dwelling poses a threat to the safety of any person within the use of force is presumed to be reasonable.

You assert our Conservative proposal is modeled on “Stand Your Ground” legislation

in the U.S. It is not. Our proposal does not create blanket immunity, nor does it import those U.S. laws. It is a targeted, Canadian clarification anchored in the existing section 34 reasonableness standard. Our principle maintains proportionality, individualized assessment, and guardrails against vigilantism.

Canadians are living in fear because of Liberal catch-and-release laws C-5 and C-75. After years of the Liberals’ broken justice system, repeat violent offenders walk free on easy bail while ordinary Canadians face years of expensive trails. The Stand on Guard principle is a step forward to putting law-abiding families before repeat offenders, making Canadians feel safer in their communities.

Families deserve protection, not punishment. Conservatives will change the law to ensure Canadians can act with certainty when their loved ones are put in danger that they won’t be thrown in jail for simply defending their homes, their families, and themselves.

Thanks again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,
Kyle Seeback, M.P.
Dufferin-Caledon

The conflict has context (Part II)

Nearer to our period, the 1948 context becomes clearer: Israel imposes military rule on the West Bank, Gaza, and the Naqab (Negev), home of the Bedouin, giving total control of the lives of the Palestinian people to the Israeli military. They are imprisoned by the thousands, often without trial, one quarter of whom without charge, many of them children, ripped from their beds in the middle of the night, taken away, leaving parents ignorant for hours, days, months of their child’s whereabouts.

All ranks within the Israeli Occupation Forces wield the initiative of a general, destroying crops and wells (in the West Bank. Once your well is destroyed, it is illegal to rebuild it. They are killing sheep and cattle by drone, helicopter, or machine gun, imprisoning families in their homes, preventing them from work and school, banishing Palestinians from their fields, their homes, murdering them. Over the years, 800,000 illegal settlements have been built to monitor, surround, shrink, curtail access for, and put pressure on Palestinians to leave, as platforms from which they can harass, raid, and destroy. How does one convey the madness of this genocide in slow motion?

The near-total disinterest of the West has resulted in an age of vacuous, twisted journalism, concocted lies, and media outlets failing to report the truth that was obvious, taking their marching orders from the Israeli communications centre.

The all-important context, the long history,

was erased as compliant newscasters for two years began their newscasts with the Hamas breakout of 7 October, repeatedly reframing the story of the aggressors and the victims. A particularly cogent photo has a little boy throwing a stone at an Israeli tank, tagged with ‘The power of propaganda would have the whole world believing that the guy in the tank is the victim.’

The fact that Jews lived in Palestine in Roman times does not permit them to return and demand the houses and lands of the longtime residents. It is irrelevant. That someone has an affinity, a connection, to this land is irrelevant. The Bible is not a science text, nor is it a historical document; it is the story of a people in search of God and how to serve God, sometimes getting it right, sometimes getting it dreadfully wrong, attributing pathological violence to the God that is love.

This is important because the right of the Palestinians, a captive people, to resist occupation is the most cogent and sincere understanding missing from Western discussions on Israel-Palestine. Likewise, the claim of Israeli self-defence, as they carry out occupation, apartheid, starvation, and ethnic cleansing throughout Palestine, is the most damaging, unjustified, and incorrect assertion by officials and journalists. As long as this warped understanding of the foundational aspects of the Israeli-Palestine relationship of occupier and occupied is misunderstood and misrepresented, a political solution will remain impossible.

(Rev’d) LeeAnn McKenna, PhD(c)
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Orangeville Blitz hockey team remains undefeated in the North Division

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Blitz are currently in first place in the North Division of the Northern Premier Hockey League with a 6-0 record so far for the season.

An elite, semi-pro men's hockey team based in Orangeville, the Blitz were founded in 2021, and spent their inaugural season in Erin, Ont., as the Erin Blitz before relocating to Orangeville due to ice-time issues.

At the time of their move to Orangeville, they were the first team above the Junior ranks in town.

The Blitz previously competed in the Western Ontario Super Hockey League, and later the Central Ontario Senior Hockey League, where they won the inaugural COSHL league championship during the 2024/25 season.

In June 2025, the team transitioned to the NPHL for the 2025/26 season.

The team has become a prominent force in Ontario senior hockey. The roster includes many players from Orangeville and the surrounding area, some with past NHL experience, such as Tyler Randell and Ben Thomson.

Several home games this season will have

different theme nights, including Veterans Night, Teddy Bear Toss, Minor Hockey Night, and Hockey Fights Cancer Night.

The team aims to provide high-energy, hard-hitting hockey entertainment for the local community and has a strong focus on community engagement.

The next game is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7, when they will take on the Stratford Irish. It is also Veterans Night. The warm-up will start at 7:30 p.m., and the game will start at 8 p.m.

Scheduling and tickets can be found on the Club's website at blitzhockeyclub.ca.

Tickets are also available at the door.



LP Productions' cast of 36 young performers to stage 'Singin' in the Rain' at Grace Tipling Hall

Local theatre group, LP Productions, is proud to present its upcoming youth production of Singin' in the Rain, running Nov. 21 to 30, at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

Featuring a talented cast of 36 young performers aged 7 to 16, this musical classic brings the glitz and charm of Hollywood's Golden Age to life with iconic songs, lively tap numbers, and plenty of laughter.

"We chose Singin' in the Rain because it's an era we really love," says Alison Port, one of the two founders of LP Productions. "The music is fun and catchy, the stories are simple, funny, and romantic and it all ends with a happy ending. It's the perfect show to bring to life with our young cast."

This production gives LP's young members the chance to learn more advanced choreography, including tap dancing, while exploring the history behind early Hollywood.

"We like to weave education into the rehearsal process," says Port. "We talk about what life was like in those times, when movies had no sound, the first 'talkies,' and how silent film stars had to adapt."

The creative team includes Hailey Sargeant as music director, Kristen Gamache as choreographer, and Danielle Gamache as stage manager. Sargeant, who has performed with LP Productions since she was six, takes over from former

music director Mia Jin, now studying musical theatre at the University of Windsor.

After last season's large-scale production of The Little Mermaid, the team has chosen to keep the Singin' in the Rain set minimal, letting "the story, songs, and dances speak for themselves."

Live theatre has always been at the heart of LP Productions' mission. They are dedicated to building confidence, teamwork, and creativity in young people.

"Not all of our kids are interested in sports, but here they can perform, sing, act, and dance while making friends and building confidence," says Port. "It encourages even the shyest child to transform into whoever they want to be."

Many LP alumni have gone on to pursue careers in the arts, both on stage and behind the scenes as lighting and sound crew, set builders, costume designers, and directors.

"If we don't support opportunities like this for kids, they don't get a fair start," Port adds. "The community can help by attending shows and keeping live theatre alive."

Audiences can look forward to a joyful, nostalgic evening that celebrates imagination, music, and the timeless magic of live performance.

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CCRSA reflects on a year of Action and Awareness on road safety

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

A year after its inception, the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) group held a public meeting to discuss its current initiatives, where it's been, and where it's going.

The CCRSA is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for significantly improving road safety in Caledon and surrounding areas by addressing a range of critical issues.

The group, led by Franca Pisani, Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski, and Amanda Corbett, was created after the September 10, 2024 collision at the intersection of Coleraine Drive and King Street West in Bolton that tragically took the life of 23-year-old Bolton woman Adrianna McCauley.

"The Town reacted with anger and hurt, and so I reached out, and the response was incredible," said Pisani at that evening's at CCRSA's public meeting. "People that have known Pia [Adrianna's mother] hurt, and they wanted this to stop. We've just been snowballing from there, and Pia's been very engaged in everything, and we hope to, in Adrianna's name, at least do something."

"We're getting everybody involved. Everybody's finally starting to open their eyes."

At the meeting that night were residents and representatives from every ward across Caledon, something the CCRSA says demonstrates that these issues are oc-

curing across the Town.

There was also staff from the Town of Caledon with informational boards showing the potential east-west connector roads through the south end of Caledon.

CCRSA shared many initiatives that they have been working on for the past year to advocate for better road safety.

They have had various meetings with the Ontario Trucking Association, which will now launch a Caledon-specific campaign.

They have also held various protests around Caledon on road safety issues, including calls for better training and licensing, as well as against illegal truck yards.

CCRSA has participated in numerous conversations with various organizations and levels of government to continue advocating and spreading the word about the necessary changes they hope to see.

They are currently working with eco-Caledon to make headway on the environmental side of illegal truck yards.

"We believe that these truck yards are contaminating the waterways, drinking water, and it's going right into the Humber and the Credit River," says Pisani.

They have also been working with the OPP to develop a road safety presentation they intend to deliver to Caledon secondary schools to teach students about road safety.

This will include their driving simulator.

This simulator, which CCRSA brings to local events, gives users a firsthand experience not only of what it is like to drive

a truck on the roads, but also of what it is like to drive next to one, as well as around snow plows and in various conditions.

Palkowski says they intend to get as many people as possible to see for themselves whether they're as safe a driver as they think they are.

The simulator will also give users an idea of how long it takes a truck to slow down and stop, as well as give new drivers a first-hand experience of the dangers of impaired driving (alcohol and drugs), distracted driving, and speeding.

They also plan to have insurance brokers on hand at these presentations to explain how poor driving habits can affect insurance rates and even make it difficult to get insured.

They hope to see this program come into Caledon schools soon.

In the meantime, they will continue to bring the simulator to events and festivals across Caledon to show users what can happen in just a matter of seconds while driving.

The three, sitting down after the meeting, shared how inspiring it was to see the community come out that night.

"We wanted to tell people that it's not about sitting behind your computer, that's not what the page is about," said Palkowski. "The page is about a bigger picture of a not for profit that we have to take action now. Let's come together with solutions and let's figure out how to fix this as residents."

Their group page on Facebook has accumulated more than three thousand members.

The three agreed that the residents in Caledon are extremely special, and through working in other communities facing similar issues, they realized how involved Caledon is.

Corbett added that they really notice a difference, and other places "don't have as much of a sense of community as there is in Caledon."

She said not only is the night about reflecting on their work ahead, but also being proud of what they've been able to accomplish.

One thing they did take the time to reflect on is the work they do together.

"It's three women who didn't know each other before, and worked together so well," said Corbett.

"If you have that dynamic, and we've been able to find it, it's not common to find people that you click with so well," says Palkowski. "We have each other's backs."

"I don't think I could have found two better people in Caledon to work with in all this, and now I feel like we're getting there. We have to push a little bit harder," added Pisani.

"These are our roads. Our kids are on our roads. We're on the roads. Our families, our friends. We don't accept it. We want change," said Palkowski.

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OBITUARIES

HEATHER MACDONALD MACPHERSON SHEEHAN

With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, we share the passing of Heather MacDonald Macpherson Sheehan, who left us peacefully on October 28, 2025, in her hometown of Orangeville, Ontario, at the age of 84.

Born on November 19, 1940, to Arthur and Sara Macpherson, Heather trained as a nurse and began her career in Northern Ontario, where she met the love of her life, Dennis Sheehan. They were married in May 1968 and built a beautiful life together, raising their children Dan and Sara.



Heather and Dennis made their home in Port Credit before settling on their beloved farm in Caledon East. After Dennis's passing, Heather moved to Windy Ridge, her cherished sanctuary where she planted trees, tended her gardens and dogs ran free.

Heather was predeceased by her parents, her husband Dennis, her brother Hugh, and brothers-in-law Joe and Hunter. She is lovingly remembered by her children Dan (Kristy) and Sara, her sisters Janet and Margaret. Adoring Grandma to Charlotte and a rock of support and friendship to Huguette.



The family would like to extend a debt of heartfelt thanks to all the staff at The Lord Dufferin Centre, Ontario Home Health and to wonderful Ida for the compassionate care and companionship Heather received in her final days.

Heather embodied kindness, generosity, and acceptance in everything she did. She will be profoundly missed by her large and loving community of friends and family.

A natural burial at Holstein Cemetery will be attended by the immediate family at a date prior to a Celebration of Life.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday November 15, 2025 at 2:30pm. Visitation will begin at 1:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health www.camh.ca or an organization of your choice.

A tree will be planted in memory of Heather in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

MICHAEL ROY LONGWORTH

Michael Roy Longworth, aged 78, of Creemore, Ontario, passed away peacefully at Campbell House in Collingwood on October 29, 2025, with family by his side.



Born on October 11, 1947, in Toronto, Michael was an incredible husband, father, and grandfather to his wife, Kathleen; his son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Jennifer; and his two grandsons, Nate and Brady, and not to be forgotten, his dog Wiley.

Michael grew up in Woodbridge, Ontario, where he excelled in both school and athletics. From his time on the hockey rink, golf course, basketball court, or football field to family adventures at Lake Nipissing, he lived an active and eventful childhood.

He went on to study accounting at the University of Western Ontario, followed by several years as an accountant with Clarkson Gordon and later in private practice in Orangeville. Eventually, he found his true calling in teaching. Michael was a professor at Seneca College for nearly 30 years, where he made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students. Known for being tough but fair, he had a gift for bringing out the best in people and helping them find success.



Those who knew Michael knew that his love of teaching went far beyond the classroom. He was always one to offer advice or a helping hand, putting the needs of others ahead of his own. Through his wisdom, support, and quiet generosity, he touched the lives of so many. He could always be counted on to show up when times were tough.

He also lived his life with passion. Passion for his work, his boats and cars, but most of all for his friends and family. So many wonderful memories were made over the years on the lakes of Muskoka or sitting by the river in his backyard. He was the life of the party, while always ensuring all around him were having a good time.

We will all miss Michael (Mike, Mikey, Dad, Grampa, Uncle Mike), but the memories he gave us and the impact he had on so many lives will live on. For that, we will always be grateful.

Friends may visit Michael's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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