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Council faces questions about new noise bylaw

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


Orangeville's updated noise bylaw has generated a lot of noise about itself. Orangeville has modernized its noise bylaw to provide clarity and stronger enforcement measures while addressing the needs of the community to promote a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for everybody. Town council heard during its March 18 meeting that noise bylaws can never anticipate every single type of noise that can disturb the inhabitants of a community. Council directed staff to report back at the end of the year with an evaluation of the new bylaw's enforcement. Noise bylaws typically refer to some common sources of noise disturbances and may not list every possible scenario. They provide a framework for managing noise issues and allow for flexibility in enforcement to address emerging or unique situations. But Miranda Reid said the bylaw was so vague to her that she had to phone a municipal bylaw officer who was very helpful in

answering her questions. Not everybody is going to phone town hall to ask questions, so it's important that people who might create noise problems be aware of how they're doing so. "It does seem like the person that isn't really causing any trouble is still taking the brunt of the problem," she said. "I'm thinking that it would be beneficial to have the protocol set out so that other people can see what it going to happen and what the course of action is if they are not being considerate." Reid said the fines and penalty structure need to be clarified. And steps should be taken by council to ensure that anybody with a noise complaint can easily find out who to contact and how to go about doing so. Part of the complaint process is that noise bylaw infractions be logged by the complainer. But there's no direction on how long that log should be compiled and what details should be included, she said. Reid asked if such a complaint should be made with the municipal bylaw enforcement staff or the local OPP detachment.

"These really are the crux of the matter here," she said. Many residents believe the noise bylaw doesn't take effect until 11 p.m. Others think it's a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week ban on excessive noise. "Noise is the thing that I'm concerned about and other people who have to suffer those who aren't considerate with how loud they're playing their music," Reid said. "Some clarity really does need to be present in this bylaw so that it can be more effective." David Smith, the town's CAO, said there's a difference between the actual bylaw and procedure. Procedures are not often articulated in the actual bylaw. "Procedures can be updated as needed and can be changed as needed without the whole process of a bylaw review," he said. Antonietta Minichillo, the town's corporate services general manager, said an educational component is also important when introducing a new or updated bylaw. Members of Orangeville's business community also have concerns about the noise bylaw.

those restrictions, with the exception of emergencies. And that is a double standard as they can start work earlier than private businesses. "This discrepancy is further highlighted by the early maintenance of the baseball diamond across the street and down a bit from towns operation centre, underscoring a disparity in rule application," he said. Smith said noise bylaws are often difficult to enforce. It's transitory and involves subjective judgment calls. The wind, too, can have a hand in noise being carried. "We try to make them [bylaws] as simple and as straightforward as possible," he said. Commercial areas are easily identified. The challenge is when commercial operations offer services in residential areas. "Now you're saying to your grass crew unclear messaging," Smith said. "My point is it becomes very complicated to educate people on. If you have one rule that's consistent, then it's much easier to enforce and educate people." Nursery schools in residential areas are commercial properties, he said. Mayor Lisa Post said the way work at commercial and residential properties is addressed in the bylaw makes sense. "We can revisit this if it does become a problem later," Post said. Resident Liz Corriveau said logging noise complaints is important should the matter find its way into a courtroom. But she asked how frequently such complaints go to court. The updated bylaw mentions an investigation and charges. She asked council to clarify how that would differ from the fines system. "Under the previous noise bylaw, I submitted paperwork after five separate days of enduring blasting music for several hours each day in the summer of 2023," she said. "On my log, I included the 26 times from 2021." She was told that the five incidents were not enough for a fine to be issued and that the 26 offences were too long ago. "I only wished to show a pattern of behaviour by including the 2021 incidents," she said. She wondered at what point a fine can be issued. Raylene Martell, the town's clerk, said responding bylaw officers can either issue a \$200 fine or file a charge that will go to court. And that's when the complaint log would be important, she said.



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“The judge is going to have to see that repeated behaviour in order for that charge to stick,” she said.

Bylaw officers are empowered to make decisions based on the test of reasonableness.

“And that’s for them to decide based on the issue that’s before them,” Martell said.

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor suggested the

fine for noise bylaw infractions be increased to \$500 from \$200.

“Why I would say that is that would hurt me,” Taylor said. “Two-hundred dollars, I’m not happy, for sure.”

He said something should be done that would force people to be respectful.

“There’s people in our community that don’t understand that,” he said.

Martell said there’s no reason council has to rush to pass the new noise bylaw.

“If this bylaw isn’t passed, we do still have a noise bylaw that doesn’t have any timelines in it at all,” she said.

Coun. Tess Prendergast agreed the fine is too low and she suggested the town have a mechanism to track repeat offenders.

Coun. Joe Andrews agreed.

“The punitive approach here is something that will wake up some of our red flags that we have in our community,” he said. “People that are the frequent flyers that are causing some of the problems.”

“They need to know there are penalties when you continuously are doing something that you shouldn’t be doing.”

Habitat for Humanity eyes former railway land in Orangeville

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

Habitat for Humanity has an eye on Orangeville’s former railway property.

Eden Grodzinski, the CEO of Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin told town council on March 18 that the organization sees an opportunity in the town’s surplus land to bolster affordable housing.

She said images of volunteers building one house at a time come to mind with thoughts about the organization. But they’re growing, she said, and becoming a bigger partner in Ontario’s drive for 1.5 million more homes.

“While volunteer builds are an essential part of our DNA, we are now finding it’s more economical to build multi-residential developments,” Grodzinski said.

In fact, the group has taken to partnering with private builders that create larger condominium developments.

“They provide us with turn-key units at an affordable rate which we in turn provide to lower income families,” she said.

Each family pays a mortgage geared to their income. That is then recycled back into con-

structing more affordable housing.

“There is also a second silent mortgage attached to each property which is held by Habitat,” she said. “This second mortgage reflects the difference between what a homeowner can afford and what the market value of their home is.”

Any market gains are shared by Habitat for Humanity and the homeowner.

One of the factors that’s contributed to the inadequate supply of affordable housing is a lack of youth skilled trade workers, she said. The group has a program in which high school students build tiny homes on school grounds.

“The units are then provided to Indigenous communities or local community groups to use as emergency shelter,” Grodzinski said.

Orangeville’s population is growing, but the stock of affordable housing isn’t keeping pace, she said. Even when a unit is found to lease or rent in this town, the rents paid surpass affordability.

The average resale price for an Orangeville home is \$850,000, she said. And that’s way above what a typical household can afford.

The organization has investigated how to increase affordable housing options in Oran-

geville. And much potential has been seen in the former railway lands at 49 Townline.

Of that, about three acres could accommodate housing, while the remaining more than five acres could be developed into municipal parkland. That site has a capacity for up to 90 one-to-three-bedroom units of a stacked townhome design. Those units will remain affordable in perpetuity, she said.

“It is an ideal location close to transit, shopping, and many other amenities,” she said.

Grodzinski suggested the group and the municipality enter into a memorandum of understanding to outline a land partnership.

Mayor Lisa Post said council is looking for more housing options. Councillor Joe Andrews, the chairperson of the town’s homelessness task force, said affordable housing is an issue of which many people are aware.

There’s an awareness of the province’s housing shortfall. And the average income level is one of the pressing issues in affordability, he said and asked how long it would take for the partnership with Habitat for Humanity to come to fruition.

“One of the pressing issues that exists in our society is the affordability issue now ver-

sus how long it takes to build,” he said.

The proposal consists of 90 units, which isn’t a quick build.

She said however long it takes has much to do with the municipal planning process.

“I have seen developments take anywhere from three to 12 years,” Grodzinski said. “It really depends on the planning process.”

Something that can extend the timeline is if there are environmental issues at the site that would need to be remediated.

“Construction is the easiest part,” she said.

“Buildings like this can be done in anywhere from 18 to 36 months, depending on how you phase it.”

Tim Kocialek, the town’s infrastructure services general manager, said the former railway lands were impacted by the railway operations. He said sampling has been done in the past and there’s been indication of hydrocarbon contamination.

Additional groundwater sampling has been done in the last few weeks and a report to council is forthcoming, he said.

“There would be cleanup required before the property is used for other purposes,” Kocialek said.

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Wednesday, April 3	6 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Committee of Adjustment	1 289-801-5774 ID: 403 182 236#
Monday, April 8	7 p.m.	Council Chambers and Virtual	Council Meeting	Youtube @orangevillecouncil

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Dining in Dufferin: Orangeville’s Bluebird Café spreads its wings with opening of The Nest Suites

Written By GAIL POWELL

Restaurateurs Rick and Michelle Arsenault want to help make Orangeville a “stay and play” tourist destination.

The owners of Bluebird Café and Grill have spread their wings to expand their business model to now include accommodations above their successful dining establishment.

It comes as no surprise that they’ve aptly named their newly opened space – The Nest Suites.

“We’re looking to offer something different other than just accommodations,” said Bluebird Café and The Nest Suites owner, Rick Arsenault.

The couple and their boutique suites team, including interior design specialist Alexis Crilly, have woven a subtle and upscale colour palette of contemporary blues and golds throughout the entire 2,500 square-foot upper-level space at 100 Broadway.

Guests of The Nest Suites will notice a minimalistic décor rich with natural wood and a collection of clean-lined mid-century modern furnishings.

Both suites, including the reception and common areas, are dotted with bird motifs and historical snapshots of popular Orangeville landmarks.

“We don’t want to be known as ‘just another place to stay’ in Orangeville,” explained Arsenault.

“We want to help Orangeville evolve into a tourism destination – showcasing all the amazing things the town has to offer – including our first-class hospitality.”



NEW ACCOMADATIONS: The Blue Heron room bedroom at The Nest Suites offers visitors a spacious place to stay in the heart of Downtown Orangeville.



GAIL POWELL PHOTOS

DREAM TEAM: From left, Rick Arsenault, owner of The Bluebird Café & Grill and The Nest Suites, stands beside Jessica Marchildon, The Nest Suites, memory curator, with Michelle Arsenault, owner, in the larger family-style suite called The Blue Heron room.

Memory curator for The Nest Suites, Jessica Marchildon, also worked closely with Rick and Michelle in the development and launch of this boutique lodging initiative.

“Rick and Michelle started to see a significant increase in guests dining at their restaurant who were from out of town,” Marchildon said.

“They felt the timing was right to create a sophisticated space where guests could experience our community with the opportunity to stay overnight right in the heart of downtown. Orangeville and Dufferin County have so much to offer visitors here including theatre, hiking, food, local wine-

makers and craft breweries.”

Two separate suites are now available for booking through The Nest Suites link on the Bluebird Café and Grill’s website.

The Blue Heron Room – a one-bedroom apartment-style space includes a full kitchen plus dining space, and a large living room with stowaway beds – designed with families in mind.

While The Blue Jay room offers a more intimate one-bedroom space with a private sitting area – suitable for couples or a single person perhaps in town for business.

Each room will be gifted complimentary local fare and products from participat-

ing businesses in town, including Wicked Shortbread cookies and a selection of chocolates from The Chocolate Shop. Hereward Farms Lavender linen spray will be positioned next to each bed. Specially roasted Mochaberry coffee will also be available in each room and a local natural soap maker, Bridlewood Soaps, will provide bars for each ensuite.

“We want to be the reason people choose Orangeville as a vacation and getaway destination,” said Marchildon.

For information on pricing, availability and booking The Nest Suites, visit <https://www.bluebirdcafeandgrill.ca/thenest>

Latest Headwaters Arts exhibition draws inspiration by spring’s beauty

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local artists are looking forward to spring with works created for Headwaters Arts’ latest exhibition.

On March 20, the non-profit arts organization launched its third show of the year, titled “Rejuvenation”.

Sue Powell, Marketing Chair of the Headwaters Arts board, said the works on display at the show are unique, vibrant and colourful. She said artists were asked to interpret

the “brushing away of winter” and the exciting new possibilities of spring.

“Each work celebrates the opportunity for change, resulting in the emergence of the creative spirit,” said Powell.

Joanne Lomas is one of the artists whose work is on display at the exhibition. She said her acrylic painting, “Sunny Day”, plays with a light and airy exploration of line and colour.

“The expressive lines create an energy that I feel during the first weeks of spring, and an excitement for what the new season will

bring,” said Lomas. “With fresh clean colours on a white background, I reflect on the idea of growing buds on spring plants beginning their new life out of the starkness of the snow.”

Alan Bain’s watercolour painting, “Welcome Spring Melt”, is another of the works on display at the show. Bain said spring is the best time of the year to paint.

“The clear views, uncluttered by leaves, new bright greens and the last pads of snow for contrast, and no bugs, speaks to the loveliness of the season, so perfect, so fleeting,”

said Bain.

Artist Joana Iturriaga created a sculpture for the Rejuvenation exhibition called “Blank Canvas Music Box”.

“My sculpture is a music box with a black canvas, a rejuvenation of an artist that reinvents herself with every new challenge and every new canvas,” said Iturriaga.

Rejuvenation is on display until April 21 in the Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West). An opening reception for the exhibition is being held from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 23.


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TAKE NOTICE Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has applied for an exemption from Town of Mono Noise Bylaw 2004-16 for events that may be held at Island Lake Conservation Area, located at 673067 Hurontario Street South, Orangeville.

This exemption requests relief from Section 3.1 of the bylaw, which restricts amplified music/noise around 5 p.m. CVC is requesting an exemption to permit amplified music/noise for up to seven events that may take place between July 1 and October 14, 2024. Events may occur on a Friday or Saturday and will be no later than 9:30 p.m.

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New strategic plan implemented by Hills of Headwaters health team

Written By **ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A collaborative of local patients, physicians, and health, social or municipal agencies has charted its course for the next three years of service to the community.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) announced on March 19 that its 2024 to 2027 strategic plan had been implemented.

HOHC OHT staff said the new plan will serve as a roadmap to creating a healthy and supportive community for all in Dufferin and Caledon. The plan outlines a new set of strategic priorities for the health team and includes updated mission, vision and values statements for it.

The HOHC OHT's new strategic plan was created with the help of more than 17 community partners.

There are five strategic goals in the HOHC OHT's new strategic plan, and they are as follows: equitable health and well-being, health and social care integration, shared resources, partnership, and accountability.

Through these strategic goals, the health team looks to achieve the following outcomes in Dufferin-Caledon's health care system: increased early detection of chronic diseases;

improved chronic disease outcomes; reduced acute care utilization; increased access to primary care services; improved system navigation support to help people find and access care; and increased access to integrated, team-based models of care for patients.

Tracy Coffin is the HOHC OHT's executive director. She said the health team is proud of the work it's done since its inception in 2019 and is looking forward to achieving its new goals.

"Through a data-informed and collaborative decision-making approach, our strategic plan outlines our commitment to enhancing delivery of care and improving population health outcomes," said Coffin.

She explained that in two to three years, the HOHC OHT will become its own not-for-profit corporation, and the new strategic plan will guide the health team until that point.

Coffin noted many of the health team's partner organizations are making their strategic plans right now, so the health team was able to work with them in the creation of theirs to meet shared goals.

"It was great having them come to the table... having a fulsome discussion of what the needs of our community are and how we can best meet them," said Coffin. "Our role as an Ontario Health Team is to really bring

together all the different providers of health and social services... to talk about how to deliver services better."

Improving access to primary care, such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner, is a big focus for the OHT. Coffin said in Dufferin and Caledon, there are around 15,000 people who do not have a primary care provider. These "unattached patients" can often have worse outcomes as they are unable to regularly see a health care professional.

Equitable care is also a focus for the HOHC OHT. Health team staff said they're placing emphasis on equitable care in the new strategic plan, using Ontario Health's equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism framework.

"HOHC OHT aims to shift systemic attitudes to ensure a reduction of disparity and inequity in how services are delivered and simplify overall access to health and social care," said HOHC OHT staff.

Coffin explained there are people in the community who aren't getting access to care as regularly as they should.

"Our unattached patients, they may have instability with housing or food insecurity... we want to make sure those most vulnerable people... get the equity they need," said Coffin. "For example, if you don't have a lot of money, you may not have Wifi... you may not have

a smartphone... we have a document that's called 'where to go when you're not feeling well'. We feel it's very important that piece of paper can get into somebody's hand because often people who don't know where to go are the same people who are facing other barriers."

This document is available at many locations around Dufferin and Caledon, and Coffin said it's had the added benefit of reducing unnecessary emergency room visits.

Lesley Nagoda is the CEO of Services and Housing in the Province and the co-chair of the HOHC OHT's collaboration council.

Nagoda said a connected health and social care system can have a huge positive impact on community and population health and well-being.

"HOHC OHT is honoured to serve the people of Dufferin and Caledon in creating a connected care system," said Nagoda. "We look forward to continuing this work in our community."

Coffin said the HOHC OHT is all about bringing everyone together to help the community.

"We're very excited that we're working in a connected way, that we're working with our partners... we're going to be accountable to this and ensure we're delivering what's best for the people who live here," said Coffin.



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PUCK BATTLE: The Orangeville Fire Department gave it their all during an inaugural charity hockey game at Tony Rose Arena on March 16, winning the game 6-2 against the Dufferin OPP.



CEREMONIAL PUCK DROP: Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews (left) and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones (right) did the ceremonial puck drop during the charity hockey game.

Orangeville Fire defeats Dufferin OPP in charity hockey game

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Two local emergency services recently laced up their skates and squared off in a good-spirited game of hockey.

The Dufferin OPP faced the Orangeville Fire Department on the ice at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports in Orangeville on Saturday, March 16. The event didn't only provide a spectacle to the roughly 800 attendees who filled out the arena, it also raised \$7,500 and counting for the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS). The funds were split evenly between the two organizations.

"This event is about community engagement and coming together to support a cause much greater than the game... to support two organizations that work to support and uplift families and children in need within Dufferin County," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release.

At the final buzzer, the score was 6-2 for the Orangeville Fire Department.

The event saw fantastic community spirit with a packed arena, said Amy-Lynn Pitton, Dufferin OPP's community liaison officer.

"The crowd was electric, cheering on both sides," said Pitton. "Seeing our families and friends interacting with the community we serve, specifically so many youths in attendance was magic."

The charity hockey game was held, in part, to address the impact that the pandemic had on emergency services' community partners and the people of Dufferin County that they serve, said Pitton.



SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE: Dufferin OPP faced off against the Orangeville Fire Department for a charity hockey game on March 16 at Tony Rose Arena. Orangeville Fire came out on top with a 6-2 win.

"Though we are often working very closely with these partners, we all felt the need to try and do a little bit more, beyond our regular course of duties as police and fire. Our goal wasn't just to play a game of hockey, but to play for a purpose, and this purpose was to bring awareness and support to two community partners that do so much to support families here in Dufferin," said Pitton.

"This Charity Hockey Game is about community engagement and uniting two emergency services with the people they serve. This initiative provided us with the opportunity to have positive interactions with community members whilst showing our support and admiration not only for each other as fire and police, but the community partners in which we choose – the food bank and DCAFS," she added.

Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews did the ceremonial puck drop with Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. He said it was great to see so many people out to support the game, particularly youth.

"Prior to game-time, I was standing at the front door to the arena and there was a long line-up along Northman Way waiting to get in. It's been some time since I've seen this at a local hockey game," said Andrews. "The number of children who were on-site cheering the teams on, especially those with posters, was inspirational."

He added that it was a fierce match-up between the two emergency services.

"The competitiveness between the two teams (Orangeville Fire & OPP) was intense," Andrews said. "I know from playing hockey that competitive juices flow, and I saw that first hand between the two

benches – Orangeville Fire and OPP."

He noted that it was an honour to be asked to co-drop the ceremonial puck with MPP Jones and offered his congratulations to the two emergency services for organizing such a successful event.

"It took a lot of time to put this game together and to see just how successful it was means that there must be a rematch in 2025," Andrews enthused. "The event might even need to be relocated next year to the Alder Complex which has a larger seating capacity. The winners weren't just on the ice, but DCAFS and the Orangeville Food Bank! And a big thank you to the Orangeville Lions Clubs and the other organizations who made it the event it was."

Dufferin OPP and Orangeville Fire hope to make the charity hockey game an annual event.

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Orangeville lobbies feds for carbon tax fairness

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post is rallying council support to lobby the federal government for fairness in how it calculates carbon tax rebates for small communities.

Post made a notice of motion during Orangeville's March 18 council meeting that asks council to get behind an effort to ask Ottawa to change eligibility criteria for Canada Carbon Rebate (CCR) supplements to include small and rural communities. Those communities include Orangeville, Mono, and other smaller municipalities, regardless of whether they fall within the Toronto census metropolitan area (CMA).

Mono Mayor John Creelman brought the issue to Orangeville council's attention, said Mayor Post.

"The way that the carbon tax additional rebate for rural and small municipalities is being calculated excludes both Mono and the Town Orangeville because of the type of measurement for eligibility that they are using," she said.

And, quite simply, that isn't fair. The federal government offers a quarterly basic CCR of \$140 plus additional amounts for spouses, common-law partners, and children.

A rural supplement of 10 per cent of the basic CCR, which is soon to be 20 per cent, is available to individuals and families if they qualify.

Eligibility for the rural supplement for residents of small and rural communities is arbitrary and based on whether one lives inside or outside a CMA.

And therein lies the rub for Dufferin County municipalities.



FILE PHOTO

NOTICE OF MOTION: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post brought forward a Notice of Motion at council's March 18 meeting that asks council to support her effort in asking the federal government to change eligibility criteria for Canada Carbon Rebate (CCR) supplements to include small and rural communities.

Orangeville is a small community but it falls within the Toronto CMA, which makes residents ineligible for the small and rural supplement.

Post said CMAs were designed for purposes other than determining eligibility for government rebates.

"Residents of Orangeville and other small communities face such things as significant carbon tax charges for commuting long distances for employment due to a lack of viable commuter transit options and competitively priced heating fuel options," she said.

Post said she also intends to write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"This isn't just a problem within Ontario," she said. "This is happening across the country."



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ORANGEVILLE'S OWN: Local boxer, Josh Wagner, has a title bout scheduled for April 27, in Toronto. Wager currently has a 17-0 record and will be up against Argentinian, Geronimo Manuel Vazquez.

Huge fight coming up for local boxer Josh Wagner in April

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Orangeville boxer Josh Wagner will be back in the ring for an IBF International Welterweight title fight in Toronto on April 27.

Wagner's last fight took place on October 21, 2023, at the Pickering Casino Resort, and resulted in TKO win over Abraham Juarez Ramirez, fighting out of Mexico City, Mexico.

The fight ended in the eighth round with a standing TKO.

The win brings Wagner's professional record to 17-0, with nine of those fights ending in TKO.

The upcoming fight will be 10 rounds at the Great Canadian Casino Resort in Toronto.

Wagner's opponent is Geronimo Manuel Vazquez, fighting out of Quemu Quemu, La

Pampa, Argentina.

Vazquez has a 17-1 record. That includes a single loss back in March of 2023.

Vazquez is 25 years old and stands 5'9 1/2". Wagner tends to do better in the later rounds during his fights, so it will interesting to see how he comes out in the early rounds of this title fight.

"In the later rounds, eight, nine, and ten, you want to rely on your boxing skills," Wagner said after his fight against Williams Andres Herrera in July of last year. "I thank my coach for that too. He was saying the right things in the corner."

Wagner finished that fight with a strong effort in the ninth round.

The upcoming fight will take place at Toronto Casino Resort(Woodbine Centre) on April 27.

Elementary Skills Competition to feature local schools

Written By SAM OROWSKI

The Upper Grand District School Board will soon be participating in the Elementary Skills Competition, featuring schools from across the region, including Dufferin County.

The event is set to take place on Tuesday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the W.F. Mitchell Athletic Centre, located at the University of Guelph.

"Designed to showcase the talents and abilities of elementary school students, participants will engage in a variety of skill-testing activities; the competition promises a day filled with excitement and friendly rivalry," said UGDSB in a press release.

The event is open to all, and welcomes families, educators, and supporters to



join in the fun. At the skills competition they will witness the incredible achievements of our young learners.

"The competition is proudly presented in collaboration with the Ontario Specialist High Skills Major program, highlighting the importance of skill development and innovation in education," said UGDSB's press release.

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‘I Love My Theatre Orangeville’ fundraising campaign aims to raise \$350k

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Theatre Orangeville’s Artistic Director, David Nairn was happy to tell the Citizen, “We are selling subscriptions at an unprecedented rate.”

In an interview over Zoom with Nairn and Ingrid Watt, Theatre Orangeville’s development manager, we discussed the importance and status of the theatre’s current fundraising campaign, called “I Love My Theatre Orangeville.”

Mr. Nairn went on to say, “There are record numbers of new people coming out. People are just lining up.

“I thank the heavens every day.”

But: “There is still the need for us to press on with our fundraising campaign.”

Bringing the announcement of the new season, 2024-25 much earlier than in the past may have helped encourage the lovely rush to purchase subscriptions. Loving the rush, the company remains cautious about survival over the next year or so.

To invigorate public enthusiasm for the funding of Theatre Orangeville’s campaign, Watt and Nairn want to remind the public that Theatre Orangeville is a full-fledged not-for-profit charitable organization. It’s in the same circle as a church or a hospital, Mr. Nairn is clear to say.

Those two serve their communities in other essential ways and Nairn is certain Theatre Orangeville’s service is also essential to this community’s well-being.

Newly appointed as Theatre Orangeville’s executive director, Sharyn Ayliffe has written a very interesting blog, setting out the many reasons for loving the local theatre, an important social document, Mr. Nairn calls it.

“An evening in the Theatre is a collaborative human experience that will never be repeated,” she writes, observing that no two live performances and no two audiences are



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FUNDRAISING EFFORT: Theatre Orangeville’s artistic director David Nairn and executive director Sharyn Ayliffe are encouraging those who value the theatrical arts to support their “I Love My Theatre Orangeville” fundraising campaign.

ever the same.

Ms. Ayliffe points to how Theatre Orangeville nurtures young minds, creating safer spaces, as a leader in accessibility and inclusion. Here is a pocket of the world “where all are welcome to share a piece of themselves without fear of judgment.”

Over the last four years, of which Theatre Orangeville’s doors were closed for 18 months of Covid restrictions, by dint of energetic imagination and a determined drive to keep people employed, the staff and dozens of artists were busy with filmed-for-viewing online cabaret shows, sketches and one-act plays. It meant a connection with theatre was maintained in the minds and hearts of the patrons who were missing it so much.

At last, with the permitted full return to live theatre this year, the excitement and love for all the arts Theatre Orangeville engages, the

financial needs must be supported and it is to this campaign that attention is drawn.

He calls it investing: “We are encouraging individuals, businesses and the community at large to invest in Theatre Orangeville as it serves as an important part of the community,” said Mr. Nairn.

It is well understood the necessary benefits of tourism to any town and he had the tourism statistics handy during his interview with Citizen.

For every dollar spent on a ticket to a show at Theatre Orangeville, \$17 is spent elsewhere within the town.

“How else would anyone hope for a 17 to one return?” he asked. “This is an opportunity for people to invest emotionally as well; to say, ‘Look how how we value Theatre Orangeville.’”

Within the town, there are huge business

supporters of Theatre Orangeville, keeping its name within their premises with posters and even the cocktail books Theatre Orangeville produced a couple of years ago. That Theatre Orangeville is in the conversation, in sight of customers in many places they go is important to remind them that something special is happening right in the centre of town.

Let us offer a role call of Theatre Orangeville’s contribution to this community.

Theatre Orangeville has provided programming to hundreds of youth through its Young Company Programs each summer, its day camps and after-school activities throughout the year; and its tour of Theatre for Young Audiences to elementary schools within this wide area.

This last year saw school students coming to the theatre by the thousands, to see the plays and the first Panto, all for free by virtue of a special arrangement with a few passionate Theatre Orangeville supporters. Bringing youngsters to the theatre, some for the first time but never for the last means new generations of audiences and – who knows? budding thespians themselves, even if only a few joyous summers with Young Company.

The re-launch of Theatre Orangeville Young Singers, (TOYS) initially saw nine young singers joining the choir as the organization embarked on a new beginning, with Elisabeth DuBois at the helm. She was herself a TOYS member for several years from the age of eight. The number of members has risen to over 20, bringing music into their lives – that will always be part of their lives.

There are workshops that focus on specific aspects of theatre arts and skills.

A partnership with Community Living Dufferin, unique in Canada, saw the establishment of a very special theatre company within the neuro-divergent community. Theatre Orangeville’s Creative Partners On Stage (CPOS) write and perform their versions of theatrical productions, which are fabulous and completely turn theatre on its head. A whole new experience that is very moving and a little bit life-changing.

Celebrate Your Awesome (CYA), the great annual celebration of being who you are, with music, entertainers and vendors is supported by Theatre Orangeville.

CYA’s event this year, in partnership with the theatre, is being held at the Orangeville Opera House on April 6 at 7 p.m. Titled “An Awesome Evening,” it will feature a stellar night of drag, musical performers, dance, and more.

Of the many partnerships Theatre Orangeville has established, that with Mount Alverno Luxury Resort sees the setting in August for Theatre Orangeville’s Summer Festival, an inclusive hurrah for all the arts, festooning the resort’s beautiful property with music, magic, all kinds of displays for kids and adults, plus acts from Fringe and Drag Bingo – well, come and see for yourselves.

On the main stage of Theatre Orangeville now in its 31st Season, are some of the finest performances by actors who have walked the boards across the continent and further afield. This is a theatre season after all. The main stage plays run from September to May each year. Concerts and ad-ons are part of why these doors must stay open.

There are still two shows to come this 2023-24 season. “The Darktown Strutters’ Ball” is a musical review taking you back to “the early days of music halls and vaudeville, days that have inspired every musician right up to, and including those of today.” It’s running from April 25 to May 12.

The delightful Leisa Way and her Wayward Band are bringing her Opry Gold, a salute to the greatest of Country Music and is such a treat over the weekend of June 25 to 27.

All this and the stories people tell about what Theatre Orangeville means to them, the benefits so many youngsters have felt from their association with Young Company and the loyalty felt by many businesses, sparks reasons to donate.

This came in from the Bluebird Café and Grill, in part: “...Theatre Orangeville provides an art form that exposes people to new ideas, stories and self expression. It is raw and real and helps create empathy...As sponsors of Theatre Orangeville, it helps our small business thrive and helps create tourism in showcasing our town.”

The “I Love My Theatre Orangeville” fundraising campaign has an ambitious but necessary goal of \$350,000. There are plenty of ways to donate and they can be found at www.theatreorangeville.ca

To read Sharyn Ayliffe’s blog: www.theatreorangeville.ca/post/i-love-my-theatre-orangeville-why-it-matters



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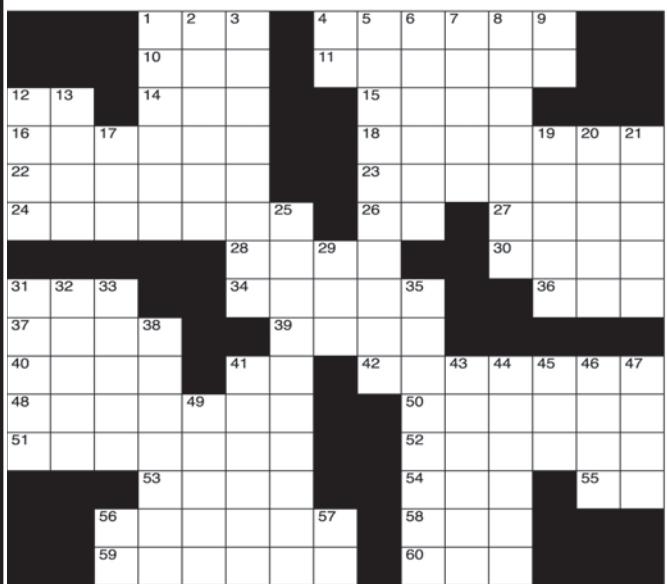
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26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
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51. Seedless raisin
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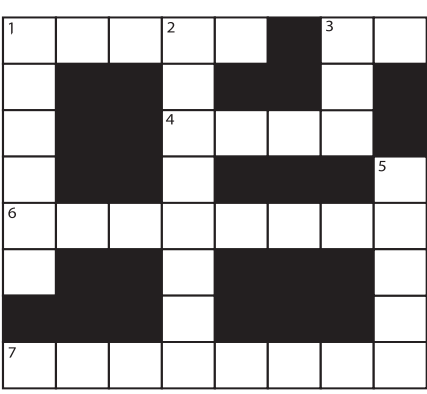
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21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
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31. Recesses
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38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
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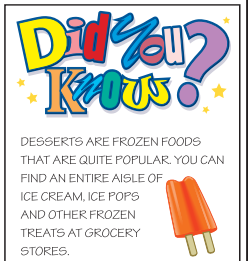


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Intuitive artist Nanci Miranda prepares for launch of exhibit at Millcroft Inn

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

When you read about Nanci Miranda’s astonishing entry into life as an artist on her website, it may well be a challenge for you to believe her amazing story. Yet, the proof of what she tells you is even more surprising.

There will be an exhibition of Ms. Miranda’s remarkable paintings in the dining room of the Millcroft Inn from April 1 to June 1.

During a recent interview with the Citizen, we learned when Ms. Miranda was 50, she became chronically ill, as a result of being a caregiver to family members who needed her. Her exhaustion was so intense, she was barely able to do more than rest and sleep. She took a year off work and during that summer she just rested.

By a certain point in this effort to recover, she related that she “called out to life” She had enough of this lack of energy that she wanted her life back.

At the time, she was clear, “I had never drawn nor painted in my life, never studied art but, at the end of the summer, I got this gift.”

Her cry was answered by a sudden change to her vision: colours were more vibrant and “everything in front of me had enhanced dimension.”

It all began with a dear little sketch of her own back porch, a pencil sketch with perspective and shading, looking like the work of a talented artist, with years of sketching such vignettes.

The sketch came as a mystery and a surprise to her, as did the beautiful, painted portrait she did of her daughter as a baby, but this was barely the beginning. The paintings she started to create were one revelation after another. Without a moment of art training or any connection to the art world, Nanci Miranda was producing paintings with vibrant colours and meaning. Even more, they ranged in an



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INTUITIVE ART: A painting by Nanci Miranda, created with the help of her spirit guides.

impressive number of styles and content.

“I took me at least five years to understand that I was painting from the spirit guides and that’s why I can paint anything because they are painting through me. It’s as if I’m in an altered state when I paint,” was Miranda’s explanation.

In her early days of this experience, she kept hiding her website, worried “people would find it too weird.” Eventually, she grew comfortable with the idea of being able to create this artwork through her spirit guides; she had the evidence of their guidance as someone who “never studied art produces that portrait. It’s impossible,” she rightly observes, “A miracle.”

There are six guides communicating with Nanci Miranda. Each is a specific personality, with individual approaches to the art they lead her to produce. They started by showing her what colour, what medium:

oil, watercolour, acrylic; where to put the colour on which sort of surface; could be canvas, board canvas or wood.

They are Josef, Gregory, Ella, The Shaman, Liz and Jack.

It is Liz with whom Ms. Miranda does commissions. What intrigues her so much about commissions is the connection that precedes the work. “What matters most is the interview,” she said. “What they’re longing for and putting that in the piece; putting some of the flow in the piece.

“I love that I have the honour of expressing the emotion in the piece.”

It is about balance, for this has been quite a journey. A couple of years ago, she became a Reiki Master and she meditates every day, working at not being overwhelmed.

Learning and doing Reiki, she studied with a teacher and studied all three stages.

She now has a full practice. Healing while working with life energy that is stored in the body, the spirits guide her in this too.

Ruminating, she commented, “There was a time when the Shaman wanted me to paint a crystal ball. Everything I do is stunning. Whatever their process is, they show me how to do that.”

Although Ms. Miranda does a few large commissions a year, she admits the business of art is difficult, trying to understand how to move forward.

“I wasn’t expecting to be an artist,” she said simply. “When you’ve planned that, it can be the focus but it was dumped on me.”

The lessons were over 10 years. People would say, “All your paintings are different.” She commented, “And I am in awe; not to the point where it is not a surprise.”

Usually, Nanci Miranda’s paintings are in the Headwaters Gallery in the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Her ambition is to be able to go on with her art and to have her own studio. Indeed she and her husband, a ceramic artist, did organize a studio in Toronto where they currently live and it was all a go until Covid hit and ended the dream. They would love to return to that plan.

“The most pleasure I get is doing commissions,” she conceded.

She added her own advice to a younger generation, “Get to know yourself. Trust that life has something specular for yourself. Realize that anything is possible.”

“This has been an incredible journey,” she said. “I respect my art and the Reiki. At the beginning it was a load but now I can respect and honour them. Everything I have has been given.”

Learn more at her website: www.nancimirandaartist.com

Ms. Miranda’s stunning paintings will be on exhibition in the Millcroft Inn from April 1 to June 1.

Dufferin County launches Customer Service Survey, Basement Apartment Guide

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin County’s Building Services Division is trying to improve its customer service for residents and people undergoing construction within its limits through a Customer Service Survey and Basement Apartment Guide.

This is in alignment with Dufferin County’s Strategic Plan goal of improving governance and service delivery.

If residents have been in touch with the

County Building Services team, they’re encouraged to complete Dufferin County’s Customer Service Survey to let the County know how it is doing and what it could do to enhance your experience when accessing building services in Dufferin.

“The County is committed to excellence in customer service,” said the County of Dufferin in a press release. “Opinions on what could be improved in the permitting process and what’s working well will help the County

as it continues to ensure its processes work as smoothly as possible.”

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/32TBMM.

Meanwhile, Dufferin County residents who are considering building a basement apartment can check out the Building Services Division’s convenient checklist.

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Dufferin County declares March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month, raising awareness about the incurable disease

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County has proclaimed the month of March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month to help bring awareness to the rare, incurable and fatal disease.

During their meeting last Thursday (March

14), Dufferin County Council received a delegation from Keith Dares, a board member and secretary from the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN), regarding the disease. “We are extremely pleased that more and more communities are assisting us to bring awareness to this rare, incurable and fatal disease,” said Dares.

“We’re certainly happy to proclaim the month of March 2024 the Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the County of Dufferin to help get the word out on behalf of the organization,” said Dufferin County Warden, Darren White. The Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN) is a federally registered, not-for-profit organization formed by amyloidosis patients

that is committed to making a difference in the lives of amyloidosis patients and families by promoting awareness, offering patient support and funding research projects. “Our project is to bring awareness of this disease to the general public and the medical community in hopes that more people can be diagnosed earlier, treated earlier and with treatments, can resume some level of normalcy and balance in life until a cure can be found,” said Dares. “Amyloidosis can only be treated if it’s diagnosed, that is why awareness is so very important.” Amyloidosis is a rare disease caused by the accumulation of clumps of “misfolded” proteins, called amyloid fibrils, in organs and tissues in the body leading to organ impairment or failure. Dares, who is an amyloidosis patient himself, explained that the amyloid fibrils circulate in the bloodstream and become lodged in between smooth muscle cells. When the fibrils accumulate over time, they become a stiff plaque-like substance and cause organ impairments, which eventually leads to organ failure. “It’s a very complicated disease,” said Dares. “It’s a systemic multi-system disease, meaning that depending on the amyloid type it can affect any organs and or tissues in the body.” According to the CASN, amyloidosis affects a small percentage of Canada’s population with approximately eight in one million people diagnosed with the disease. Due to the rarity of the disease, the diagnosis process varies, taking anywhere from six months to five years because symptoms of amyloidosis often present as other more common diseases. Described as the “great masquerader,” Dares added that it is suspected that due to the delay in diagnosis some patients die before even getting a diagnosis. “A diagnosis of amyloidosis places a heavy weight on the patient, their caregivers, their families as well it creates burdens on the public health care system, human resources and financial resources,” said Dare. “If we can shorten the diagnosis time of amyloidosis, we can mitigate these costs and bring a higher quality of life to patients and families.” Dares said the simplest pathway to helping relieve the burden on amyloidosis patients and their families is to draw awareness to the disease. “Awareness leads to early diagnosis, early diagnosis leads to life-sustaining treatments, treatment leads to better outcomes, prolongs life and hopefully in the future; a cure,” said Dares.



NOTICE OF A HEARING

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement and for a new certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Town of Mono

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is asking the OEB for:

- **An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Town of Mono.** This would continue Enbridge Gas’s right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas within the Town of Mono for the next 20 years.
- **An order directing that the acceptance of the municipal electors of the Town of Mono is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**
- **An order cancelling and superseding Enbridge Gas’s existing certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply gas in the Town of Mono and replacing it with a new certificate.** The new certificate is needed to address a municipal name change that was implemented in 1999 and to address municipal boundary changes associated with past annexations.

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- Apply to be an intervenor

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Impaired driving charges laid in Orangeville on St. Patrick's Day

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin OPP officers charged one driver with impaired operation after conducting a traffic stop.

On Sunday, March 17, just after 8:00 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP conducted a traffic stop in the area of Broadway in Orangeville. While speaking with the driver, officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.


Roger FLEMMING, a 36-year-old male, from Shelburne has been charged with:

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

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

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to



plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure, or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities.”

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.

Fraud suspect caught using fake ID at bank, assaults officer

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**


Dufferin OPP officers charged an individual involved in a fraud investigation last week.

Officers responded to the report of a fraud in progress at a financial institution on Broadway in Orangeville on March 12. Officers received information that a male was attempting to open a bank account with fraudulent identification. When the officers approached the suspect, he assaulted one of the officers and fled the scene. A foot pursuit ensued, and the male was arrested without incident.

“Thankfully no one was injured,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

As a result of the investigation, Michael CHAMBERS, 47-year-old from North York has been charged with:

- Assault with intent to resist arrest
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Cause or attempt to use a forged document - (six counts)



None of these charges have been proven in court.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP Detachment urge businesses to verify who you're dealing with before conducting any business. Contact police is you suspect suspicious activity or fraudulent documentation,” said Dufferin OPP's press release. “Thank you, to the keen bank employee who trusted their instinct and called police.”

For more information on how to protect yourself or your business visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at: antifraud-centre-centreantifraude.ca

Dufferin OPP removes three impaired drivers during RIDE program

Dufferin OPP have charged three drivers with impaired operation related offences at the same Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) stop location over the weekend.

On Saturday, March 16, just after 11:30 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a RIDE spot-check on Townline in Orangeville. A driver entered the area and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Rachel CRONK, a 20-year-old female, from

Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero
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On the same day, at roughly the same time and at the same RIDE spot-check, Dufferin OPP officers charged another driver. The driver entered the area of the RIDE location and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation that also resulted in

drug charges.

Bruce PATEL, a 34-year-old male, from Alton has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance-Cocaine
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The following day, Sunday, March 17, just after 12:30 p.m., at the same RIDE spot-check, officers from Dufferin OPP laid more impaired driving charges. A driver entered the RIDE

location and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Kirk CRONK, a 60-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

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Council shells out more money for Alder Street facility

The equipment failed in September 2023 when the outdoor temperatures were above average, and the condenser had difficulty removing the heat from the plant and eventually shut down.

The rink was out of commission for 11 days.

Staff secured a budgetary quote from a refrigeration specialist for \$350,000 which was submitted as a 2024 capital budget request. Once the capital budget was approved, staff met CIMCO Refrigeration on site. It was determined the scope to remove the evaporative condenser was more signif-

icant than expected.

It requires the demolition of the existing exterior wall, the installation of support for new exterior wall panels, and the demolition and reconstruction of the library wall.

There's the cost for the supply and installation of TDI thermal panels to allow for easy access for a new evaporative condenser in the future, and the rental of a crane to remove and install the TDI thermal wall panels.

An updated quote exceed the approved budget by \$175,000 for a total of \$525,000.

Staff are seeking Council's approval for

an additional \$175,000 to complete this critical project.

"When we originally received the quote, we were meeting budget deadlines, Savage said.

A report to council indicates that the timeline for the project is extremely tight. To have this project completed by mid-August, the traditional beginning of ice season, the equipment order must be placed by the third week of March to allow for production and delivery times.

If the condenser is not replaced there is a high risk it will fail again and for longer

or for good. In this case, all ice programs will be cancelled until a new condenser can be installed. That could require up to five months of lead time.

"Just for the public, this is additional funds for Alder [Arena] but not related to the pool," said Coun. Tess Prendergast. "I think that's an important distinction. This is for the ice rink. This has nothing to do with the pool."

The pool at the facility has been undergoing renovations since 2020 with a handful of delays and cost overruns of nearly \$5 million in that time.

Caledon receives \$2.8 million from province's 'Building Faster Fund'

Written By **ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is receiving money from the Province to fund housing infrastructure.

On March 15, Associate Minister of Housing Rob Flack visited Caledon's Town Hall to give Caledon \$2,830,080 from the Province's "Building Faster Fund".

Hall was met by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, and members of Caledon council.

According to the Province, Caledon is receiving the funding as it broke ground on 778 new housing units in 2023, more than 80 per cent of its provincially-assigned housing target.

According to the Province, the Building Faster Fund is a three-year, \$1.2 billion program designed to encourage municipalities to address Ontario's housing supply crisis.

"The fund rewards municipalities that make significant progress against their targets by providing funding for housing-enabling and community-enabling infrastructure," said the Province in a statement.

When the Province passed Bill 23, the "More Homes Built Faster Act", in November 2022, municipalities were required to submit housing pledges to the Province. Caledon is expected to have 13,000 new housing units by 2031.

Flack, Groves, and Jones all provided comments via the Province.

Flack said Caledon should be proud of the work it's done to "get shovels in the ground faster."

Groves extended "sincere gratitude" for the funds received from the Province.

"We will continue to work with our Pro-

vincial partners and the building industry to bring much needed housing to Caledon," said Groves. "We are committed to delivering our part of the province's goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031. The Town appreciates the support... in our efforts to achieve and even exceed the housing targets established in our housing pledge."

Jones said Ontario's government is committed to building homes and helping municipalities reach their housing targets.

"There is no doubt that our housing supply must increase to support a growing population," said Jones. "I congratulate Caledon for making substantial progress toward its housing target last year and look forward to seeing our partnership translate to housing for Caledon residents."

The Town of Caledon issued its own news release on March 15.

In it, Groves said prioritizing a range of housing choices is essential for an inclusive community and equitable growth.

"As we embark on the journey to construct new homes, the allocation of this funding demonstrates our unwavering dedication to this cause," said Groves. "It signifies our readiness to tackle the housing challenge head-on and reaffirms our commitment to building a better, more accessible future for all."

In the release, Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde said the funding allotment means Caledon is "open for business."

"I thank our dedicated staff who are committed to realizing our housing targets in harmony with our strategic blueprint, aimed at fostering vibrant rural and urban communities for everyone," said Hyde.



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HOUSING FUNDING: From left: Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Associate Minister of Housing Rob Flack, Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Regional Councillor Christina Early, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, and Regional Councillor Mario Russo.



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RIBBON CUTTING: From left: David West, Mayor of Richmond Hill and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Richard Ubbens, Director, Conservation Parks and Lands, TRCA; Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge Township and Vice-Chair of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Town of Caledon, Wards 4, 5, 6 and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Jay Clark, Supervisor, Conservation Parks, TRCA; Stan Cameron, Peel District School Board Trustee; Ian Boyd, Senior Manager, Conservation Parks, TRCA; and John MacKenzie, CEO, TRCA, at the grand opening of a new workshop and upgraded visitor chalet at Albion Hills Conservation Park.

Upgraded visitor chalet, new staff workshop now open at Albion Hills Conservation Park

Written By **ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A renovated chalet for visitors and a brand-new workshop for staff recently opened at the Albion Hills Conservation Park in Caledon.

On March 1, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) announced the grand opening of the two buildings.

TRCA staff said the opening of the buildings marks a significant milestone in the Albion Hills Conservation Park's history.

Support from the Region of Peel and Canada Community Revitalization Fund enabled the chalet renovations and construction of the new workshop, they said.

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund is an initiative from the Federal Government with the goal of helping communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to mark the grand opening of the buildings, and TRCA CEO John MacKenzie shared remarks during the festivities.

He thanked the funding partners who supported the TRCA in its efforts, and acknowledged TRCA staff who worked to make the "dream a reality."

The new workshop at Albion Hills Conservation Park has two floors dedicated to office and storage space. It has amenities like heat pump heating and provisions for future electric vehicle charging.

TRCA staff said the building is a prime example of the TRCA's commitment to sustainable design.

Upgrades to the visitor chalet include roof and insulation replacement, new concrete walkways, and a revamped interior. Other improvements include a new deck and gazebo, which offer great views of the park. Staff said the upgrades "promise an engrossing experience for all visitors, especially those who are nature enthusiasts."

Albion Hills Conservation Park first opened in the late 1950s, before the Town of Caledon was even incorporated.

TRCA staff said over the years it's offered visitors the opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors, take part in a variety of recreational activities, and reap the physical and mental health benefits of being in nature. The park has seen many modifications over the years to support growing demand.

"This revitalization of the Albion Hills Conservation Park will provide both visitors and staff with the best experience possible during their time at the park," said staff in a news release.



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CATCHING AIR: The recent burst of unseasonably warm temperatures means more people are getting an early start on outdoor activities this year. The Orangeville bike and skate park has been a busy place over the past few weeks, at least until the recent blast of snow and frigid temperatures. Cole Copeland and Everett Burgess get some air at the park on Saturday, March 16.

Orangeville natives compete in the 95 km long Vasaloppet

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Two residents from Orangeville travelled to Sweden in early March to participate in the 100th edition of the Vasaloppet cross-country ski race.

John and Rebecca Macdonald took the challenge of competing in the Vasaloppet on March 3 and did very well in the competition.

The race covers a course of 95 km or 56 miles, from the Village of Berga to the Town of Mora.

It is the oldest running cross-country ski race in the world and has the highest number of participants.

The race has its roots in the year 1520

when a young nobleman had to race for his life during a rebellion. The modern version of the race started in 1922 with 119 participants. There have been three cancellations since the event was created.

As many as 40,000 participants now take part in shorter races prior to the main event. Well over 15,000 skiers compete in the long-distance race which always takes place on the first Sunday in March.

Although they competed in this long-distance race, both John and Rebecca were primarily recreational skiers before taking up this challenge.

“Like a lot of people, we grew up doing recreational skiing,” John explained. “We did it as

kids and a family, but Rebecca and I got back into it three or four years ago. We realized it is a great winter activity.”

They are members of the Mono Nordic ski club but had to find other venues this year due to a lack of snow.

When he learned about the Vasaloppet, John, the president of an IT company, decided to try it as a company event. The idea was to promote fitness among employees, and those who wanted to give it a try had the opportunity for training and a trip to Sweden to compete.

Preparing for a 95 km race requires a lot of training and commitment. John and Rebecca skied around 1,000 km, and another 1,000 km during the summer months on roller skis.

They had two coaches, Jordan Cascagnette of Collingwood/Highlands Nordic, and Glenn Bond, of bondxcski.com. Dominic Lonuzzo of Mono Nordic was a Nordic ski equipment advisor.

On race day, they were placed in a group of almost 16,000 skiers.

“It’s a mass start, as opposed to being a timed start – that’s one of the things that is unique about it,” John explained. “They put

people in different groups. They put the top 200 elite athletes at the front. These are the top skiers in the world. For us, we’re doing it more for the experience. You just want to try and finish.”

The start of the race is the most difficult as the trail goes directly up a large hill. The skiing style is traditional Nordic on trails in the snow, as opposed to skate-style skiing.

Of the 15,800 skiers who started, over 2,300 competitors failed to complete the gruelling race, but both John and Rebecca made it all the way to the end of the 95 km.

This year, 20.5 per cent of the skiers were women, the highest percentage the race has ever seen.

For slower skiers, the course is gated at certain points and if they do not complete that area of the course in the required time, the course is closed. This is to avoid having people left behind in a wooded area after dark, potentially creating a dangerous situation.

At 54 years of age, John and Rebecca were in the ‘masters’ division and finished with some impressive times.

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LONG-DISTANCE SKIERS: Orangeville native John MacDonald (right) and his wife Rebecca (left) compete in the Vasaloppet cross-country ski race in Sweden on March 3. The gruelling 95 km race is an annual event with thousands of competitors taking part. Both John and Rebecca completed the entire course with impressive times.

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“My doctor told me to watch my drinking. Now I drink in front of a mirror.”

During pre-internet times, the news was presented in four formats - local, regional, national, and international. A story that may be big news in one region, may not even make the news in an area just a few miles away.

Even international news was never truly international. Our news feeds are very Euro-centric. How often do you hear news about what is going on in South America?

“Last week I told my psychiatrist, ‘I keep thinking about suicide.’ He said ‘from now on, I have to pay in advance.’”

However, that has all changed. News feeds provide coverage from across the nation, the continent, and the world. They pick up stories from all over just to fill the space on the screen.

“My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met.”

The Canadian Press fills up the news feeds daily with stories from across the country. From murders out west to small-town council decisions in Ontario, they don't really filter much of what is released. If it's in their feed, it goes on the internet.

“My psychiatrist told me I'm going crazy. I said, ‘if you don't mind, I'd like a second opinion.’ He said, ‘alright, you're also ugly.’”

I will admit, I read a lot of the stories. Sometimes it's interesting to find out out what Cobourg town council is up to, or how a town in Manitoba has decided to adopt a new animal for the town mascot.

“A computer once beat me at chess, but was no match for me at kick boxing.”

The disturbing thing about getting so much news from such a huge source is the fact that you realize just how much crime there is in the world.

At one time, a murder-suicide in Texas wouldn't make the Ontario newspapers, unless it was so horrific it became national news.

“I was the kid next door's imaginary friend.”

Now, just about every murder, mass murder, and murder-suicide that happens on the

continent is on my news feed every day – and there are a lot of them.

“Half the people you know are below average.”

It can be depressing to see how often crimes of violence occur. It seems every day there are stories of multiple violent murders happening across the continent.

Top that off with the several wars that are taking place where people are dying daily and suffering in refugee camps. It certainly doesn't make the situation seem any better.

The fact that the world seems to be gearing up for a third world war, again based in Europe, doesn't paint a promising picture of the next 10 years.

“The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.”

World leaders must get their act together, and solve the current problems in Europe, before they head down a path that may lead to an even more catastrophic situation than the last two great wars resulted in.

“Ninety-nine per cent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.”

The news feeds, however, do provide a lot of other information. This includes every-

thing from the best tourist get-aways, to what the Kardashians are up to.

While the Kardashian news is not something I would read, I will read the stories on popular music history or even where the best place in Ontario is to find a good hamburger.

“My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, ‘In the lake.’”

So in contrast to the continuous stream of bad news that crosses your computer screen every day, here are some jokes, courtesy of Rodney Dangerfield, Emo Phillips, Red Skelton, and Stephen Wright.

“A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.”

Sometimes you just have to turn off the news and have a laugh.

“Last night coming home from work I saw a naked man running down my street. I yelled at him, ‘Why are you running down the street naked?’”

He said, “You're home early!”



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Haiti: The curse of history

It may seem that the violence and chaos that have gripped Haiti are finally being addressed. The unelected acting president nobody wanted, Ariel Henry, has resigned. An international police force may soon arrive in the Caribbean Island to restore order. There is even talk of a free election. But nothing is fixed, and the violence isn't over.

Listen to what gang leader Jimmy ‘Barbecue’ Cherizier said last week: “We're not in a peaceful revolution. We are making a bloody revolution in the country because this system is an apartheid system, a wicked system.”

Apartheid? That was the oppressive system that protected the privileges of whites in pre-1994 South Africa. There are practically no whites in Haiti. What's the man even talking about?

‘Barbecue’ (the name allegedly refers to his habit of incinerating his victims) is not confused. He is deadly serious about fighting a revolutionary race war against ‘the arabs and the mulattoes’ whom he sees as the oppressors and exploiters of Black Haitians.

That's a vast over-simplification of Haiti's real social structure, but there is just enough truth in it to convince the angry and illiterate young men in the gangs that

now control 80 per cent of the capital, Port-au-Prince. Once they just stole things and shook people down and did a bit of rape and murder, but now they have a cause.

Or at least some of them do. How many is hard to say, because when career criminals take over a country, they always need some plausible political cover, but maybe enough of them to get a race war going. And if they did they would win it, but that would be just one more repetition of an old theme.

Cherizier and his ‘G9 Family and Allies’ coalition of gangs have come together with the rival ‘G-Pep’ coalition to oppose yet another international attempt to bring in foreign troops and police to “stabilize” the country. (The lead country this time would be Kenya.)

Instead, the gangs propose a three-member ‘troika’, picked by them, to lead the country on a journey that might include elections at some point, but would fundamentally reorder Haitian society and put poor blacks in charge.

It is unlikely that this coalition will attain its goals or even last very long. Its leaders are mobsters whose power over their own associates comes from being exceptionally violent men with short tempers. But they do have a point.

There has never been a slave-owning society worse than the one that flourished in Haiti under French rule in 1625-1791. Slavery was practically universal in the world at the time – about a third of West Africa's population were slaves – but what happened in Haiti was particularly efficient and murderous.

Slavery had died out in Europe during the Middle Ages, but when the opportunity arose to get rich by using slave labour to grow sugar cane on West Indian plantations, Europeans were more than happy to go back into the business. The nearest place that had large numbers of slaves for sale was West Africa, so that's where they bought them.

The African slave traders were glad of the new customers (previously the export trade had all been north across the Sahara to the Islamic countries on the Mediterranean). The demand never slackened, and at least ten million slaves were sent west across the Atlantic in the next two centuries.

The ones that went to Haiti died very fast, because it was cheaper to work them to death and just buy some more. ‘Turnover’ was so high that when revolution came to Haiti two centuries later (as part of the great French Revolution of 1789),

slaves were almost 90% of the population – but most of them were still fresh out of Africa.

However, there was also a significant number of mixed-race ‘mulattoes’. European women were scarce in Haiti in the early days, and the white fathers of these mulattoes mostly looked after their children – so they grew up free, educated, and in many cases slave-owners themselves.

In the latter stages of the Haitian revolution, more than 200 years ago, almost all of the whites fled or were massacred, but some of the mulattoes took on leadership roles: Toussaint L'Ouverture, for example. They took charge because they knew how to do things – and they still dominate in those roles today, which is greatly resented by the ‘black’ majority.

This is a drastically compressed version of Haitian history, and the exceptions almost outnumber the facts. But it's why ‘Barbecue’ talks the way he does, and why he warned that there might be a “civil war” that could end in “genocide” if Ariel Henry did not step down.

It's still possible. History is a burden everywhere, but in Haiti it's a curse.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

Great Ambitions

A few years before the great man died – and I think he died of deciding to – Stephen Hawkins declared that humans had to get off this planet and go and live somewhere else. The only way for the human species to survive, he told us definitely, is to move to another planet because we have destroyed Earth and we cannot survive here. Actually, as I remember it, that is what I thought he said and it makes sense considering Dr. Hawkins' usual habit to speak bluntly. Instead, once he jollied us up, saying that he had no doubt of our ability to find a way to get Proxima B, the planet most likely able to suit our needs. “It may have water on the surface,” says a commentator.

Unfortunately, at our current rate of space travel speed, no matter Elon's efforts so far, it would take us 1,000 years to reach Proxima B, a planet orbiting at a suitable distance around a red dwarf star we've named Proxima Centauri nearby, in space terms.

Please note that all the discussion of humans moving to other planets, every time, it talks about “colonizing.”

Like we have never learned a single thing about our earthling mistakes.

Imagine it: a rumbling space vessel, patched together finally at a cost of so many zeros after the 1, we stopped trying

to count them and after nearly 100 years – the maximum time Dr. Hawking gave us to get off the planet – of arguing and politics – being launched to great hurrahs by the poor slobs left behind to face the inevitable.

Clinging to the faint hope of a new world and a new place to exist 100 people are on board the space vessel. They are the 45 breeding couples it will take to produce enough generations for there to be any people living, once the vessel arrives at its destination after 1,000 years of hope and storytelling.

Inbreeding, radiation's influence on newly borns and ever after; on board diseases, some brand new; and, naturally, the multiple mini-civil wars fought by the fore-finders and their troubled and very divided descendants.

Just to picture the documents that were sent with them, setting out laws of behaviour, rules of conduct and details of justice and punishment. Within mere decades, given how strange time would be in these circumstances – the big screen across the head of the ship counting the time left to land on Proxima B, in seconds, minutes, hours, days, years...

Yes, given not much ability to tolerate the pace, there will be questions about veracity, legal authority and interpretation of the ruling documents by subsequent

offspring. By the time any of them achieve the all-knowing age of 16, authority will be questioned; secrets will be rife and unauthorized pregnancies will pop.

It is such a great picture. Let's pretend they actually make a soft landing on Proxima B, enough not to kill them all off and that, of the original 100 and their one thousand years of breeding, 300 survive.

To a paradise. Maybe the colours are not what the stories about earth had led them to expect.

What grows on Proxima B might be fuchsia, but there is life and for all those thousand years, one word that came out of the stories was “colonizing” and how to do it. Energy- how to drill for it. Commerce – how to excel and repress for it.

Differences among themselves and whoever already lives on Proxima B – how to despise and subjugate them.

All our strengths, our traditions, our opposing thumbs: ready for colonizing, to build destructively; gobble up whatever there is of use or value as we see it, by military means.

Before too many generations have come and gone, why, Proxima B might be just like Earth.

Stephen Hawking did certainly express real concern about Earth's climate crisis and hence, urged the development of

space travel escape from Earth, due to the harm we have done, are continuing to do with the likes of the very many dangerous leaders like Putin and Trump, who distain the climate crisis and intend with all vigour to drill and warmonger.

Dr. Hawking was also deeply concerned about the speed at which Artificial Intelligence is being pressed ahead, saving industry millions of dollars while thousands are put out of work but dismissing the well documented risk of AI achieving self-awareness.

Then, “the carbon-based units could be eliminated.” That's us.

The problem overall is simple: acquisition of gain: no matter how much wealth the wealthy have, they live in fear of losing it; it is never enough wealth.

Truth is, that is the main directive which was never more obvious than now. No matter what the evidence to the contrary is, the wealthy need there to be poor people, in order to assure their own status.

Stephen Hawking talked about the risk of meteors hitting Earth, altering, perhaps ruining the planet.

Last time, it killed off all the dinosaurs... maybe that's us too.



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Growing anxiety about the direction of our country

If you're looking for warning signs about the state of our economy, there were all kinds these past few weeks. Fueled by inflation worries, gold is trading at an all-time high. Year-over-year business insolvencies were up nearly 50 per cent, according to a report issued last week by the Canadian Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy. And Canada is on track to register another massive deficit. But there are other, far deeper and more worrisome trends that are eroding our country's economy. Our manufacturing sector – and the good-paying jobs that go with it – is vanishing. You no longer see factories being built – only new and massive warehouses for storing imported products. When you go into any major department store, you no longer see many products that are made in Canada. But the fact is, a country that imports more than it exports will inevitably experience deteriorating living standards.

Add to that a complex tax system that caters to the rich and special interests, the never-ending buildup of bureaucracy, and the smothering red tape and regulations that go with it. All of these problems combined are like an out-of-control freight train heading for a major crash. I know many decent politicians, and I always ask them: is this the kind of country you want to leave behind to your children and your grandchildren? But our elected officials and civil servants are trapped in a system that no longer works for the benefit of most Canadians, and many of them are just as frustrated as the majority of Canadians. I came to Canada from Europe in 1954. After several years of working at various factories as a toolmaker, I started my own small business in a rented garage. Over the years, I built that business into a global multinational corporation employing close to 180,000 people.

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But I could never have accomplished all that if I had stayed in Europe. Sixty years ago, Europe had far too much red tape and far too many obstacles – much like the country that Canada has today become. I could live anywhere in the world, but I choose to call Canada my home because I believe it's the greatest country in the world. My concern, however – one that many Canadians share – is that our country has deteriorated over the past several decades. The basic fact is, if the economy doesn't work nothing else will. We won't be able to adequately care for those most in need. And we won't be able to sustain the high living standards that made Canada a desired destination for people from around the world. That's why it's critical that we get Canada's economy back on a solid foundation. But how do we go about doing that? For one, we can start by balancing the budget and paying down debt. We can claw back spending on gov-

ernment overhead and streamline government regulations. And we can make it far easier for Canadians to start their own small businesses. We can simplify our tax system – it's something almost everyone agrees should be done, and yet no one ever does anything to fix it. We can give more Canadians the chance to share in the financial success of the companies they work for. And we can create the ideal conditions for small business to flourish and thrive, including eliminating business income tax so these companies can grow and create badly needed jobs. These are all simple, common-sense fixes. So why aren't we doing them? To learn more about how we can get Canada back on track, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Humans and inventions: Our intricate relationship

Inventions and humanity go hand in hand. Two sides of the same coin. We as a society and a species are shaped because of inventions. From cavemen discovering fire to attempts at pioneering space travel to colonize Mars and beyond, inventions have been with us side by side through our history and time on Earth. People like Jeanne Villepreux, Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, Henry Ford, Leonardo Da Vinci, Steve Jobs, and Eli Whitney, are just some of many famous inventors who pioneered innovation and creation in different fields. When looking at architectural creations, it's astonishing how we humans came up with the means of creating them. Like the Great Wall of China, the I.S.S., or the Taj Mahal. Oh, and of course, the aliens for the Pyramids of Giza. Just kidding. Technological inventions such as ships, planes, and cars, made traveling around the world possible. Hundreds of years of improving transportation led to the Age of Discovery, mapping the world, and reaching far away places. Communication improved from handwritten letters, through telegraph, phones, radio, television, cellphones, and of course, the Internet. This allowed us to connect in a way never before. Often, an invention is created because of a

problem or a need for a solution. A dishwasher and washing machine to make cleaning faster, and little effort on our part. Often times inventions are designed to make our lives easier, improve them, and entertain us. The light-bulb, farming machines, refrigerators, musical instruments, cameras and film, are just a few to mention. In terms of hygiene, thank God for toilets, sewage systems, and water filters. More recently, New Zealander Ayla Hutchinson created the kindling crackler; a rerod metal ring frame with a base and a splitting wedge in the middle. Simply put the wood in the ring, and use a mallet to split the wood. Simple, easy, and safe. Hands free from the wood. And it started as a school science project after she saw her mother nick her finger while using an unwieldy axe. Other times inventions help save our lives, such as penicillin, insulin, and numerous vaccines, as well as seatbelts, smoke detectors, airbags, life jackets, and plenty, plenty more. Inventions helped push us forward with the Scientific Discovery, that led to the Enlightenment, a period of rapid social and philosophical change. The printing press helped the common person become literate, and led to the Renaissance. The Industrial Revolution turned many rural agrarian societies into urban giants. It's interesting reading and learning about past world epos, places to show off inventions.

I think in our time, Steve Jobs presenting various Apple products was fascinating, because of the way he described and explained the devices. "1,000 songs in your pocket." Adding that theatrical element gets people excited about the next big thing, and that's clearly shown when people line up for Apple products. But, not all inventions are for the betterment of humanity. In the animated show Futurama, the character Professor Farnsworth said it best. "Technology isn't intrinsically good or evil. It's how it's used." Nuclear power plants create so much energy for us, but the fallout from meltdowns is incredibly detrimental to us and the environment. Zyklon B was used originally for pesticide control, before the Nazis used it during the Holocaust, to eliminate what they viewed as another kind of pest. Airplanes started off as a means of transportation, before World War 1 turned them into killing machines, to eventually rain down fire. Oh, and Professor Farnsworth's quote on technology ends by pointing to his latest invention, adding "like the death ray." Yeah, some inventions are designed primarily for evil purposes. During war, the drive to invent a better weapon, tanks, ICBMs, all to more efficiently kill the enemy. Swords and trebuchets weren't efficient, or too big. Gunpowder and artillery are better.

Inventions and technology may start off for one purpose but turn into another. What I enjoy about older inventions is seeing the design, the looks of them can vary. Plus, you see the parts move and work, doing the job it was created for. It actually feels like a living thing. But the most interesting part of inventions? Not the invention. The person who thought and made them. You see the creations and wonder how that person came to think of them. From the mind, on paper, to physical creation. It's amazing. The creators of our world are pushing us forward in many ways, are the brave ones who dare try, are unafraid of the challenge, and make their dreams a reality for us all. But of course, no invention is perfect. And it takes a lot of trial and error, time, and failure for the invention to work. And convincing others to buy and use it, and deal with competition. Anything small brings greater usage and becomes part of our lives. A coaster, or the adjuster on your work chair, to sliced bread. We're surrounded by inventions. You can't have inventions without humans, and we aren't where we are and who we are without them. I wonder what the next big invention will be. And who will be behind it?

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Restaurant's 2% carbon fee sparks controversy

A recent initiative by a Toronto-based restaurant chain, Goodfella's, which operates seven establishments known for their wood-oven pizzas, has sparked considerable debate. The chain introduced a two percent "carbon fee" on all orders, ostensibly to contribute to carbon capture efforts by supporting Tree Canada's National Greening program, which aims to reforest areas in need. Its decision, revealed by a CTV News report, ignited a flurry of social media criticism. The chain has since changed its policy and now offers an opt-out option. The policy was implemented at the point of sale, with receipts clearly stating the intention behind the levy: to offset the carbon footprint associated with dining by investing in environmental sustainability. While the legal standing of this surcharge is not in question – provided it is not characterized as a tax – the public's response was predictably divisive. The concepts of 'carbon' and 'fee' alone are sufficient to provoke a public outcry, particularly in a climate of heightened sensitivity towards both food prices and environmental politics. This situation intersected with several broader socio-economic issues. First, it underscores the volatile nature of consumer attitudes towards food pricing, an area already under scrutiny due to incidents like Wendy's dynamic pricing controversy, which was perceived as an

unfair price inflation tactic. Goodfella's introduction of a carbon fee, regardless of its noble intent, was received with skepticism, with some interpreting it as yet another financial burden. Furthermore, the initiative touched upon the politically charged debate surrounding carbon taxation. With Ottawa's carbon tax policy serving as a contentious cornerstone of Canada's environmental strategy, the imposition of a similar charge by a private entity can be polarizing. Consumer reaction to Goodfella's initiative is indicative of a broader discomfort with policies perceived as mandating lifestyle changes, particularly when the public discourse around carbon emissions and climate change is so fragmented. Goodfella's implementation of this initiative also deserves criticism. The absence of an opt-out mechanism at the beginning or clear pre-dining communication about the fee suggests a lack of transparency, which is crucial in fostering consumer trust. In the current climate, any policy perceived as inflating costs is met with intense scrutiny. The restaurant industry, competitive and customer-oriented, is especially susceptible to backlash over perceived financial impositions. Trust is another critical factor. The onus is on Goodfella's to ensure that the collected fees are transparently and effectively channelled towards the intended environmental projects. This is analogous

to the broader issue of tip distribution within the service industry, where there is growing concern over whether gratuities reach the intended recipients. Ultimately, Goodfella's initiative raises important questions about the effectiveness and acceptance of environmental surcharges within the restaurant industry. The critical response to this policy suggests a misalignment between the chain's intentions and consumer expectations. While addressing the carbon footprint of dining is commendable, the approach to doing so must consider consumer sentiment, especially in a leisure context where patrons seek respite from broader societal concerns. If this initiative was intended as a publicity stunt, it reveals a strategic miscalcula-

tion and underscores the need for deeper insight into modern marketing trends. The complexities of consumer behaviour, particularly when tied to political and environmental matters, demand a sophisticated approach. Overall, Goodfella's situation serves as a warning about the challenges of incorporating environmental responsibility into business practices. It highlights the importance of clear strategy, engaging with customers, and being sensitive to the wider social and political environment. Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University.

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Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery to help local animals in need

Written By **PAULA BROWN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is springing into a new season by hosting a lottery fundraiser aimed at helping animals in need.

Tickets for the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery are now available for the April 25 Grand Prize draw as well as tickets for two early bird draws planned for April 4 and April 18.

“This time of year, Ontario SPCA animal centres often see an influx of orphaned animals, as well as mothers with their babies,” said Stephanie Miller, OSPCA vice president of development, in a press release. “The Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery is an exciting way to make a difference in an animal’s life.”

The jackpot is now at nearly \$20,000, and the pot is growing, with five weeks remaining.

The Ontario SPCA, which has a location in Orangeville, added that their animal cen-

tres across the province typically see an increase in the number of kittens and puppies coming into their care during the spring months.

The registered charity does not receive any annual governments so they rely on the support of donations from community members to help change the lives of vulnerable animals.

“By purchasing a ticket in the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, you’re providing shelter and care for an animal in need,” said the Ontario SPCA in the press release.

Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win \$500 for each of the early bird draws. The grand prize pot for the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery grows as people buy tickets.

The OSPCA said the winner of their holiday lottery took home more than \$74,000.

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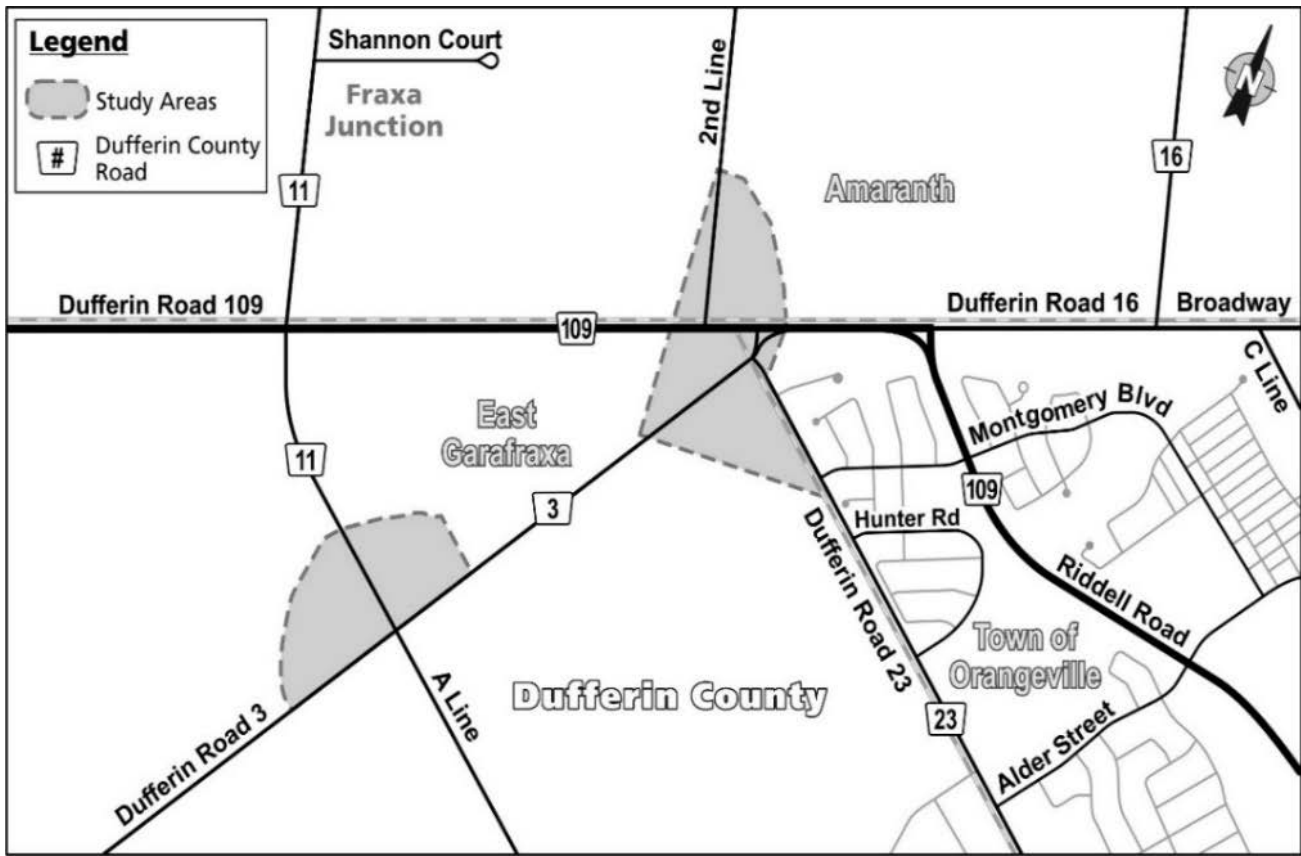
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Notice of Study Completion
Schedule ‘C’ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study
Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment, Dufferin County

THE STUDY

Dufferin County has completed the Schedule ‘C’ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study that considered potential solutions to realign Dufferin County Road 109 and 2nd Line (Amaranth). 2nd Line is proposed to be realigned as the fourth leg of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. This realignment could precipitate a domino effect of impacting other intersections, namely the intersection of Dufferin County Road 3 and Dufferin County Road 23, which is less than 100m south of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. The project looked to better understand the broader traffic impacts of the realignment and to confirm the best solution(s) for the study area.



THE PROCESS

This MCEA process followed the planning and design process for Schedule ‘C’ projects as described in the MCEA Document (October 2000 as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Dufferin County has prepared an Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the planning, consultation efforts, decision-making process and the recommended plan. By this Notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period in accordance with the MCEA, beginning **March 21, 2024**. An electronic copy of the ESR can be reviewed and downloaded at www.dufferincounty.ca/MCEA . The Report can also be found at the below review location:

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Interested persons may provide written comments to our Project Team by **April 22, 2024**. All comments and concerns should be sent to:

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Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at 11:00 am. with visitation to begin at 10:00 am. Memorial donations to CAMH or Epilepsy Canada would be appreciated by the family.

The family of Sandra Breadner wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have reached out with love and support during this difficult time. Special love to all family, friends and service providers who have supported Sandra over many years.

A tree will be planted in memory of Sandra in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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Jean lived a full life with an interesting career being a partner with David in multiple business ventures including the origination of Coppertone Paving in 1973 followed by Coppertone Delivery, Arctic Snowblades, Terra Video, and Call Tech Answering Service. She exemplified her faith through Bible Study, leading several groups through Bible Readings, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, and being a constant friend keeping in touch with those in Orangeville and establishing many new friendships in Sarnia. Jean founded the Bereaved Families Organization in Orangeville and volunteered with Hospice. Her volunteer efforts continued with the knitting of hundreds of baby hats donated to Bluewater Health for their P.U.R.P.L.E. campaign (shaken baby syndrome). Jean was also a creative artist with many drawings, needlepoint and counted cross stitch pictures, and also knitting and crocheting, displayed throughout her home.

Jean's sense of humour uplifted many. She found joy and laughter where others might not which was inspirational and remains a positive role model for others to follow. She'll be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held at *Dods and McNair Funeral Home, Chapel and Reception Centre*, 21 First St. Orangeville on Monday, March 18th with visitation at 1:30, and a service at 2:30 followed with a reception. Spring interment to be arranged.

Many thanks and great appreciation are extended to the wonderful palliative team that surrounded Jean these past many months who provided such generous and tender care: Doctor MacSweeney, the PSWs at VON Sarnia-Lambton, Palliative Nurse with Bayshore Home Health, the Bluewater Health Palliative Department staff including Doctors Lilly and Crombeen, and Doctor Taylor. Donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated: Canadian Cancer Society, St. Joseph's Hospice Sarnia, or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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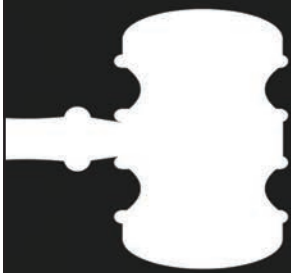

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VEHICLES WANTED

WE PAY CASH for Scrap Vehicles - any size. We also buy construction and farm equipment. Open 7 days a week. Call 905-859-0817 (Peter).

RIDE WANTED

TRANSPORTATION from ORANGEVILLE to Eglington Ave in Mississauga, there and back twice a month. Please call Edmund at 647-763-7077.

GENERAL HELP WANTED

Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society is currently looking for a **TREASURER**. An honorarium will be paid. Our organization puts on the Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull & Bolton Fall Fair. Please email your resume to: bolton_fair@hotmail.com for more information.

ABATE RABBIT PACKERS Meat Processing Facility from Arthur immediately requires 16 Wholesale and Retail Butchers with a minimum of 2 to 3 years of direct hands on experience in meat cutting and processing. Duties include cutting and sectioning of eat, skinning and removing blemishes, deboning rabbits and chickens, cutting meat into specialized cuts and preparing for wholesale and retail sales. HS diploma or equivalent required. Positions offered are permanent full time and salary is \$17.00/hr for 42.5 hrs/week. OT after 44 hrs/week. Please apply in person at 7597 Jones Baseline in Arthur, via email at joea@abatepackers.com, via fax at 1-519-848-2793 or via phone at 1-519-848-2107.

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SERVICES

The Lord Dufferin Chapter IODE holds their meetings at the Lord Dufferin Centre on the 4th Tuesday of every month. We are looking for women who would like to help in the Community. Call 519-941-1865.

IF YOU WANT to keep drinking, that's your business. **IF YOU WANT** to stop drinking, that's our business. **Call Alcoholics Anonymous Hot Line, 1-866-715-0005**. www.aanorthaltonein.org.

DRUG PROBLEM? We've been there, we can help! Please refer to georgianheartlandna.org for a complete list of Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Call anytime 519-215-0761.

ARE YOU A WOMAN living with abuse? For safety, emergency shelter, and counseling call Family Transition Place, (519)941-HELP or 1-800-265-9178.

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

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

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUPS meet monthly for spousal & family support. Call (519) 941-1221.

LA LECHE LEAGUE Orangeville offers breastfeeding support. For more info call Erin at 519-943-0703.

ORANGEVILLE OVER 65 - Single Social Club. A place to meet and make new friends. We meet every Thursday at 5:30pm. Many activities. For information call Ken 519-278-6341 / Betty 519-942-3090.

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When you buy from a **small business** you're not helping a C.E.O buy a 3rd holiday home, you are helping a little girl get **dance lessons**, a little boy get his **team jersey**, a mom or dad put **food on the table**, a family **pay a mortgage** or a student **pay for college**.

Thanks for shopping local! ❤️



NEW MANAGEMENT



SHAWN VISWAKULA
Service Manager

With over 20 years of experience in the automotive industry and a deep passion for cars, Shawn is ready to hit the ground running as our Service Manager. Shawn is not only a seasoned automotive expert but also a devoted family man, with a beautiful family of five. When Shawn is not spending time with his family, you can find him playing the guitar/bass in his band, and driving around in his “88 Mustang.



Left to right: Jason Durant, Nicholas Durant, Kevin Boodram, Shawn Viswakula, Norm Myers, Evan Irons-Crocker

MEET OUR TEAM



NORM MYERS
Licensed Technician

Norm Myers is a seasoned Licensed Technician with over 21 years of experience in the automotive industry. He spent 19 years working at independent shops, before joining the Blackstock Family over 2 years ago. Outside of work, Norm enjoys spending time with his family and fishing.



EVAN IRONS-CROCKER
Licensed Technician

Evan Irons-Crocker is a skilled Licensed Technician with 4 years of experience in the automotive industry, and 3 of those years spent with the Blackstock Family. Evan is a proud Northmen Alumni and gives back to the community as a volunteer lacrosse coach. Outside of work and coaching, Evan enjoys spending time with his family.



KEVIN BOODRAM
Service Advisor

Kevin brings with him over two decades of industry experience. He was a technician for 14 years and spent another 10 years in parts. Kevin is a dedicated family man and enjoys fishing in his downtime.



JASON DURANT
Quick Lane Maintenance Technician

Jason worked with Blackstock for 2 months and then transferred to Quicklane and has worked there since the Grand Opening over 5 years ago. Jason aspires to continue his apprenticeship and become a licensed technician in the future. In his spare time, Jason likes to play video games and participates in Mixed Martial Arts.



NICHOLAS DURANT
Quick Lane Maintenance Technician

Nicholas has spent one year with Quick Lane Orangeville as a Maintenance Technician and aspires to pursue a career in the automotive industry. When, Nicholas is not at work, you can find him playing video games and driving his RC Cars.



LEYLAND VIZI
Co-op Student

Leyland has been with Quick Lane Orangeville for just over a month as a co-op student and would love to pursue a career in the automotive industry. Leyland enjoys skateboarding, video games and spending




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