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**CELEBRATING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:** Dignitaries, community leaders and members of the public gathered at Orangeville's new supportive housing development at 236 First St. on April 12 for a ribbon cutting and open house. The development is the latest project by Service and Housing in the Province (SHIP) and will offer 27 supportive housing units to those struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, and addiction. See a full story on Page A8.

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## Local man awarded for rescuing elderly neighbour from fire

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

A Grand Valley resident is being recognized for his heroic actions that helped save the life of a neighbour last March.

Alan Mackie was presented with the prestigious Carnegie Hero Medal on Sunday (April 14) during a special ceremony at the Grand Valley Fire Department for rescuing his elderly neighbour from a house fire.

"This award is an amazing honour, I'm still taken aback by the whole thing," Mackie said. "I'm really not comfortable with the attention, and I didn't understand it being such a big deal; it's in front of you and you deal with it."

The Carnegie Medal is an award given throughout the United States and Canada to individuals who risk death or serious physical injury to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

The first medals commemorating acts of heroism through the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission were given in 1904 following the Harwick Mine explosion in Pittsburgh, PA, which claimed the lives of 179 workers.

The Carnegie Medal for Heroism is considered one of the highest civilian awards for heroism in North America. Each year, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission receives thousands of nominations for recipients but presents less than 100 awards.

Eric Zahren, president of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, spoke with the Citizen



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**HONOURING LOCAL HERO:** Grand Valley resident Alan Mackie, was presented with the prestigious Carnegie Hero Medal on Sunday (April 14) at the Grand Valley Fire Department in recognition of his heroic efforts last March that helped saved the life of his elderly neighbour. Mackie was presented with the medal by Eric Zahren, president of the Carnegie Hero Fun Commission,

about Mackie's heroic act and what stood out to the commission.

"Alan's actions on that day were amazing, he saved a life. But beyond saving a life, he set a great example for all of us," he said. "One thing that stood out to me immediately was the fact that he was such a good neighbour, which al-

lowed him to be a hero. We all may not be heroes, but we can certainly be good neighbours. What also stood out was his resourcefulness, he utilized what he had available to be very efficient when every second counted."

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# Lord Dufferin IODE shares plans for replacement of vandalized nurse

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

A charitable women's group that's existed in the community for over 115 years is working hard to replace a chainsaw-carved wooden statue that was vandalized a couple of years ago.

The Lord Dufferin IODE has been fundraising to replace "The Nurse" statue, which was commissioned by the group in 2007 to mark its 100th anniversary. The statue was located in front of the Lord Dufferin Retirement Residence for 15 years but was vandalized beyond repair in the summer of 2022.

The nurse statue is of particular significance to the women's group since it founded the first hospital in Orangeville, the Lord Dufferin Hospital, on Oct. 12, 1912, and operated the facility with IODE nurses from 1922 to

1954. The nurse statue depicts those nurses who worked at the Lord Dufferin Hospital back when it first opened.

"It's our heritage, it's the town's heritage," said Dori Ebel of the Lord Dufferin IODE. "It's the heritage of the ladies who went before us in 1907, who had the foresight to build the hospital."

She added, "We'd like to think that the hospital up there on the hill [Headwaters] might not be here, had we not started [the Lord Dufferin Hospital]."

The artist of the wood sculpture, Jim Menken, has quoted the Lord Dufferin IODE \$6,000 to replace the statue, and the group's been setting money aside to make it happen, through its various fundraisers.

As well, the 10 and 10 Garden Centre has provided \$1,000 and the Town of Orangeville

is contributing \$2,500 to help with the cost.

The sculpture is currently being carved and the Lord Dufferin IODE plans to hold an unveiling ceremony this summer. It will be held by the pergola outside of the Lord Dufferin Retirement Residence. An announcement with specific dates and times will be made once official plans are in place.

The nurse statue will include a plaque, highlighting the IODE's history, and the Lord Dufferin Hospital's history.

The new statue has a slightly modified design from the original. Instead of holding a towel over her arm, the nurse statue will sport an old-fashioned stethoscope.

A harder type of wood and improved base for the statue should provide greater longevity than the previous design and be harder to vandalize, Ebel noted.

The Lord Dufferin IODE supports many local charities in the community like the Orangeville Food Bank, Salvation Army, and Orangeville Public Library. They donate \$5,000 each year to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, as the IODE's mission has always been to ensure there are adequate health care services in the community.

When Headwaters first opened in May of 1997, the Lord Dufferin IODE donated \$100,000, as it was a larger group at that time and had spent years fundraising.

The group plans to continue with its support for the local hospital and other charitable initiatives in the community going forward.

Anyone interested in donating to the Lord Dufferin IODE to assist with the cost of replacing the nurse statue can email LordDufferinIODE@gmail.com.

# Brave Canoe working to revitalize Indigenous culture in Dufferin County

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



The Brave Canoe, an Indigenous-led not-for-profit, is beginning its journey to revitalizing Indigenous culture within Dufferin County with two upcoming events.

The new group will be hosting an event to connect with local organizations and businesses on May 2 at 4 p.m. at the Orangeville Food Bank, located at 3 Commerce Rd.

During the event, The Brave Canoe will be sharing their Two-Eyed Seeing philosophy, and their service offerings to promote cultural revitalization and healing.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive," said Sharon Rigby, co-founder of The Brave Canoe. "Our inbox has been flooded with requests and it just

seems there is a greater need in Dufferin County than we anticipated."

Co-founded by Sharon Rigby and Julie Elsdon-Height, The Brave Canoe officially launched as an organization in February. The foundation of The Brave Canoe is grounded in the Two-Eyed Seeing approach, a term coined by Mi'kmaq Elders which utilizes both Western and Indigenous knowledge.

The overall goal of The Brave Canoe is to be a leader in Indigenous cultural resurgence and community healing in Dufferin County by fostering a space that promotes Indigenous ways of knowing, teaching and approaches that enhance the cultural fabric of the community.

Throughout 2024, The Brave Canoe will be offering a range of educational, cultural and wellbeing services to Dufferin County residents, including Indigenous history education, workshops, ceremonies, community educational sessions, community events, and therapeutic healing services.

The Brave Canoe will also be hosting its first community event in early May with a candlelight vigil in recognition of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited Persons (MMIGWG). The can-

dlelight vigil will be rooted in Indigenous Ways including a smudging ceremony, drumming, and silence.

"We're looking forward to honouring and representing the day in a way that is very solemn and impactful," said Rigby. "To be able to take the missing and murdered and make it something that we recognize together as a community, woven from many different threads but finding we connect together in the fabric of community, I feel will be very honouring."

The MMIWG candlelight vigil will be held on May 5 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town Hall in Orangeville

To learn more about The Brave Canoe visit their website at [www.thebravecanoe.ca](http://www.thebravecanoe.ca). The local not-for-profit can be contacted by emailing [thebravecanoe@gmail.ca](mailto:thebravecanoe@gmail.ca).

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Wednesday, April 24	5 p.m.	Mill St. Library and by Phone	Orangeville Public Library Board	1 289-801-5774 ID: 644 000 76#
Monday, April 29	7 p.m.	Council Chambers and Virtual	Council	Youtube @orangevillecouncil

\*Start time of Council and Committee meetings is subject to change  
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## TOWN NEWS

### Town Of Orangeville 2024 Interim Property Taxes

The taxpayers of the Town of Orangeville are reminded that the second installment of the 2024 interim tax bill is due:

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# Ontario Queen of the Furrow honoured at Orangeville ceremony

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Friends and family gathered at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on April 17 to honour Mel Karpenko – this year's Ontario Queen of the Furrow during the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, held in Bowling Green, near Grand Valley in September.

"Mel did a fantastic job during her time as our local Queen of the Furrow and we couldn't have been happier to see her with the Ontario title, and it's a pleasure to honour her in this way today," said Colin French, president of the Peel Dufferin Plowman's Association.

Mel was crowned Ontario Queen of the Furrow in a celebratory evening finale as part of the Plowing Match on Sept. 23, 2023, where the top plowmen from the five-day event were also named.

Mel was also named Miss Friendship by her fellow competitors and placed in the plowing competition.

Since being crowned, Mel has been travelling across the province as an ambassador for the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA) and Ontario Agriculture. She has been attending events to promote the International Plowing Match which is being held this fall in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes from Tuesday, Oct. 1, through to Saturday, Oct. 5.

"The Ontario Queen of the Furrow program has been an important part of our IPM family for many years and Mel's genuine enthusiasm has made her an excellent ambassador this year," said OPA President Rochelle Deslippe. "I'm honoured to celebrate with her friends and family today."

Mel is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a degree in Human Kinetics. She has worked with Corteva Agriscience and BASF Canada and is currently in her final year at Western University in the nursing program. She plans to work locally as a Registered Nurse after graduating.

Raised in Caledon, Mel currently lives on a dairy goat farm in Dufferin County.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**QUEENS GATHER TOGETHER:** Mel Karpenko, the current Ontario Queen of the Furrow is joined by former Ontario Queen of the Furrows, Abbie Brander (2005), Darlene Downey (2004) and Irene Wilson (1967) at a reception in her honour held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on April 17. Each of the women won the provincial crown as a representative of the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association or the former Peel Plowmen's Association. Mel is the eighth representative of the organization to bring home the provincial honours. Photo by Anne Howden Thompson.



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## Orangeville's 2024 Accessibility Champion Awards open for nominations

Written By SAM ODROWSKI



A Town of Orangeville committee with a focus on enhancing accessibility for all residents and visitors to the area is accepting nominations.

Access Orangeville has opened submissions for the 2024 Accessibility Champion Awards.

The awards recognize people, local businesses or community groups that have shown a passion for creating a more accessible community, continually going above and beyond to achieve this goal.

"There are many champions in our community helping us remove barriers and provide accessible services, and these awards offer a chance for us to recognize the great work they are doing," said Orangeville councillor Rick Stevens, who's the chair of the Access Orangeville Committee.

"I encourage you to nominate someone in our community who creates an accessible Orangeville for all."

Nominations will be accepted until

noon on Friday, May 3 by email at [accessibility@orangeville.ca](mailto:accessibility@orangeville.ca).

For the nomination to be accepted, the following information must be included:

- The name of the individual, business, or community group nominated.
- The reason for the nomination, including what they have done to make our community more accessible for all.
- Include the name, address, and phone number of the nominee.
- Nominees must be a resident or business in Dufferin County.
- The name and contact information, including the phone number, of the person submitting the nomination.

The 2024 Accessibility Champion Awards recipients will be announced during Accessibility Week, observed from May 25 to June 1.

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PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**EVERY MOMENT MATTERS:** Jennifer Payne, executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) the parent organization of Volunteer Dufferin, was joined by members of Orangeville Council and Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) on Wednesday (April 17) to proclaim National Volunteer Week in the community.

# Volunteer Week recognizes contributions of Dufferin County's volunteers

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Volunteers are often considered the backbone of a community, and this week organizations across Dufferin County are recognizing the contributions of their volunteers.

National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 14 to April 20, is a celebration of the work of volunteers and highlights their importance in the community.

"A typical volunteer doesn't ask for accolades or anything in return, this is a modest bunch and they don't ask for recognition. It's very important to take a moment to recognize that contribution," said Jennifer Payne, executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of a community and it needs to be recognized as a valuable and vital sector of our community."

Volunteer Dufferin, a project of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA), is an online portal that helps match available volunteers with organizations that are in need of volunteers.

The system works by having individuals register a profile on the Volunteer Dufferin website and indicating their interests, skills, availability, and types of volunteer opportunities they're looking for. Volunteers are then able to browse a list of available positions in the community.

Organizations are also able to register on Volunteer Dufferin to post volunteer positions and connect with the best candidates.

While the number of opportunities on the portal fluctuates, Volunteer Dufferin currently has around 65 postings that require volunteers.

These include registered non-profits and charities as well as community groups, event organizers, and other types of clubs and groups.

A specific area Payne noted as one in need of volunteers is local boards and committees.

"A lot of organizations are really in need of board members; they're looking to di-

versify the voices on their boards," said Payne. "We'd love to encourage people who are interested in giving back in a different way to look at board work and bringing their unique skills and voice to represent the community in organizations that align with their values and passions."

For those apprehensive about venturing into volunteering or may feel they have nothing to offer, Volunteer Dufferin uses the three W's system – wisdom, wealth and work.

When approaching volunteerism, a resident can think about the wisdom they can bring to the role such as a skill or lived experience; they can think about the wealth they can bring, including financial and in-kind donations; and finally, the work, which is the time and hands of labour.

"There are so many organizations, clubs and groups doing great work in our community and they all need our help. There are so many opportunities for volunteering or giving in the way that you can and the way that you want to," said Payne.

A key factor in finding a volunteer position that will be successful is one that speaks to the volunteers' interests.

"It really makes a difference when you find an organization or a type of volunteer opportunity that really speaks to your core values, and you're more likely to have fun doing that work," said Payne. "You can also meet other people who are of a similar mind and share the values and passions that you do. I think that's a great way to make social connections."

This year, the theme for National Volunteer Week is 'Every Moment Matters'. The theme looks to highlight the importance of each volunteering act or each contribution – big or small.

"I know it's really hard on people who are accustomed to volunteering a lot because they feel like their either letting someone down or they're never giving enough, and I think what's important is for us to underscore that every moment matters; it's all valuable."

To learn more about Volunteer Dufferin or to look at volunteering opportunities, visit [www.volunteerdufferin.ca](http://www.volunteerdufferin.ca).

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**\$199** WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

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# SHIP celebrates opening of 27 supportive housing units in Orangeville with ribbon-cutting, open house

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A beacon of hope for homeless or precariously housed individuals in Dufferin County recently opened.

Dignitaries, community leaders and members of the public gathered at Orangeville's new 27-unit supportive housing development at 236 First St. on April 12 to celebrate its completion with a ribbon cutting and open house.

The 14,000 sq. ft. supportive housing development, built and managed by Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP), will offer rent support and integrated services on-site for mental health and addictions.

Attendees of the ribbon-cutting ceremony heard speeches, toured the facility, and learned more about how it will function when tenants move in later next month.

"Today marks a significant milestone in SHIP's commitment to providing affordable housing and strengthening our community," said SHIP CEO Lesley Nagoda at the ribbon cutting. "This development represents not just the construction of a building, but the construction of a home, hope, and opportunity. It embodies SHIP's belief that housing is more than just four walls and a roof – it's a human right – and it's one of the most critical social determinants of health."

SHIP's project at 236 First St. has cost over \$10 million and been in the works for the past three years. It was mostly self-funded, although SHIP has applied for some funding to offset the cost.

"We had a dream, and like most dreams, this one started with a vision for a better tomorrow for our most vulnerable in our community," said Nagoda. "It took a lot of will, a lot of perseverance. Three years later, this dream for affordable housing, with supports, in Orangeville, has become a reality."

She added, "We know we need it more now than ever."

SHIP has operated in Dufferin County for the past 15 years and manages 100 additional supportive housing units scattered throughout the region.

A team of health care professionals, including mental health and addiction specialists, will be on-site at 236 First St. to provide services to its tenants.

Also on-site are tenant relations staff that will provide tenancy support and property



**CONGRATULATING EFFORTS:** SHIP CEO Lesley Nagoda (left) accepts a plaque that "Extends Sincere Congratulations and Best Wishes" from the Town of Orangeville from its Mayor Lisa Post during a ribbon cutting ceremony at a supportive housing development, located at 236 First St., on April 12.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTOS

**BLESSING THE SPACE:** Sharon Rigby of the Brave Canoe shared an Indigenous blessing at Orangeville's new supportive housing development (236 First St.) during its ribbon cutting ceremony on April 12.

service staff to ensure all the units are adequately maintained.

This is made possible, in part, through the new office space for SHIP staff at 236 First St., who will support those living at the development as well as the broader community. SHIP has never had office space in the community before, so it's exciting for the organization to have a central space to meet clients and carry out administrative tasks, said Nagoda.

SHIP's one and two-bedroom units at 236 First St. are geared toward individuals experiencing issues related to mental health, substance abuse and precarious housing situations.

"It's providing wraparound support to meet the whole needs of the individual [staying with us] to ensure that they remain stably housed and healthy," Nagoda told the Citizen.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones shared at the ribbon-cutting that 236 First St., which previously operated as the Knights Inn Motel, had been under-utilized for many years. She congratulated the team at SHIP for transforming it into supportive housing for those in need.

"Thank you for taking an under-utilized building and turning it into truly homes that will make a difference for many of our community – friends and neighbors," said MPP Jones at the ribbon cutting.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post said the

housing development marks a significant enhancement to the community.

"These supported units represent a vital addition to our local offering of affordable housing units, addressing one of our community's most pressing needs," she remarked.

Mayor Post added, "This is a true testament of what we can accomplish when we work together. It's a bold and beautiful reminder of the power of community as we're trying to tackle some of our largest social concerns head on."

She said she hopes to partner with SHIP on other projects going forward and offered them a plaque, recognizing the opening of the housing development.

Cory O'Handley, SHIP's director of housing, who's led the supportive housing project, said it's been a "labour of love" and the labour of the community to create 27 safe, permanent affordable housing units.

"That's a huge testament to the community... really addressing the vulnerable citizens in Dufferin County who require this support," said O'Handley.

Sharon Rigby and Julie Elsdon-Height, co-founders of the local Indigenous-led not-for-profit Brave Canoe, also spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"We are an indigenous cultural community centre focused on education, advocacy and promotion of well-being within Dufferin County," said Elsdon-Height.

An Indigenous ceremony was led by Rigby, where she gave thanks to the creator, the land, and all those who live upon it.

"As a proud Indigenous woman, it fills my heart with gratitude to stand before you in support of SHIP housing, and their noble mission," said Rigby. "Today we celebrate not just the acquisition of a mere building, but the dawn of hope for those who have known the darkness of being unhoused."

She added, "In our Indigenous ways, balance is not just a concept. It is the very essence of our existence. We understand that harmony with the land, with each other and within ourselves, is essential for our well-being. Just as a cedar tree stands tall and strong, its roots firmly anchored in the earth, we too seek balance in our lives. SHIP embodies this balance."

"Their vision speaks to the heart of our indigenous teachings recognizing the interconnectedness of mental health, addiction challenges and the need for safe supportive housing. They offer not just shelter but a pathway to restoration, a chance for our unhoused relatives experiencing homelessness to reclaim their balance."

"May the work of SHIP continue to be guided by compassion, resilience, and the timeless wisdom of our indigenous ancestors. Together, let us strive for balance knowing that in supporting one another, we strengthen the fabric of our communities," Rigby concluded.

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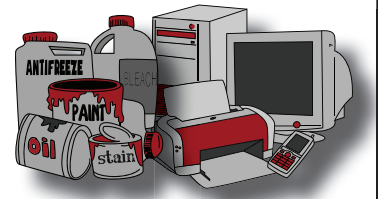
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# Love and Light Jewels Boutique celebrates grand opening

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville's downtown business community is imbued with a new shine.

That is, Love & Light Jewels Boutique has set up shop at the Old Mill Hub, formerly known as the Mill Street Mall. It promises an exciting and unique experience for jewelry lovers and fashion enthusiasts.

The business celebrated its grand opening on April 6.

Tia Sutherland, the shop's owner, is a designer with more than a decade of experience under her belt. Her jewelry pieces embody classic elegance while others adhere to modern chic.

"Each piece in the boutique had been thoughtfully selected to ensure a collection that matched a wide array of personal styles and preferences," she said. "People love to be able to get a special piece custom made for any occasion, and I love being able to provide that experience to them."

Sutherland, a former model and image consultant, said she has always nurtured a love of fashion, clothing, and accessories.

"I started making beaded bracelets as a thank you gift for my image consulting clients and I started getting asked to make more bracelets," she said.

"The jewelry-making snowballed from there and that's how my business came to life."

The attention to detail she affords her designs was extended to the physical shopping space as well. That eye toward cultivating a certain image serves the business as the store has a warm, inviting atmosphere.

"Our goal is to illuminate each customer's unique beauty with our handpicked pieces," Sutherland said during the grand opening.

Sutherland told the Citizen there are plans to branch out at the boutique to host interactive workshops, provide jewelry repair services, and other exciting events, "thereby fostering a deeper connection with the community and promoting an appreciation for the art of jewelry and crystals."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

LOVE AND LIGHT: Tia Sutherland celebrated the grand opening of Love & Light Jewels Boutique at the Old Mill Hub on April 6.

# Marketplace, craft workshop event to support hospice care in May

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Sparkle and Sass and Let's Be Crafty are working together to drum up community support for Hospice Dufferin.

The Women, Mommy, and Me Show will take place May 3-4 at Monora Park in Mono. And that just happens to coincide with National Hospice Palliative Care Week May 5-11.

The show will open with a fun night of

friendship and shopping Friday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. before a family-centred day Saturday that will be geared toward children and parents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The wares of local artisans will be available, along with fashion, craft workshops, baby items, lifestyle products, and a featured show Saturday by magician Uncle Buck. There will also be a section dedicated to made-by-kids items.

Admission is a donation that will go to Hospice Dufferin.

The weekend's event came about from a spirit of cooperation.

Heather Asling of Sparkle & Sass Handcrafted was coordinating a Mommy and Me Marketplace. ReDeana Montgomery of Let's Be Crafty was organizing a means for young people to make something for Mother's Day the following week.

They discovered their respective events were on the same weekend at the same venue.

"We decided to put our efforts together

instead of competing against each other," Montgomery said. "We both originally were going to do our own shows. However, we decided to work together to put together a bigger, better show."

And it was agreed that Hospice Dufferin would benefit from the weekend's revelry.

"I have a strong passion and support of Hospice Dufferin," Montgomery said.

According to Hospice Dufferin's website, every \$25 enables them to pay for caregiver packages; every \$50 raised makes it possible for two people to attend virtual art therapy; every \$75 allows an hour of one-on-one counselling; and every \$100 covers a palliative care assessment.

Hospice Dufferin provides support for palliative patients and their families and caregivers.

"Unfortunately, people don't realize the importance of hospice care in the community," she said. "Donations help to maintain this service in the community."

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## Lord Dufferin IODE to host Orangeville mayor at next meeting

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The not-for-profit women's group, Lord Dufferin IODE, is hosting Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post at their upcoming meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. on April 23 at the Lord Dufferin Centre (32 First St.) and provides residents with a way to connect with Mayor Post and ask questions in a relaxed setting.

"We are inviting people to come and hear what she has to say," said Dori Ebel of the Lord Dufferin IODE. "We'll be asking questions... from a woman's point of view, what do you see the future of small businesses in Orangeville? Where women can be more in the forefront?"

Ebel said they'll also be asking questions about the future of the town and what Mayor Post hopes to accomplish during her time in office.

The meeting itself will be a light-hearted opportunity for people to learn more about Orangeville's mayor.

"It's going to be a relaxed setting, it's more laid back, less pressure," said Jessica Cereveny, president of the Lord Dufferin IODE.

While the women-run group has had many guest speakers over the years, they've never hosted the sitting mayor of Orangeville and are excited to hear what she has to say.

"She's very involved in the community. She wants to speak and be present," said Cereveny.

Mayor Lisa Post was elected into the position in October of 2022.

She served as a councillor during the 2018 to 2022 term of Orangeville council.

Anyone interested in joining the Lord Dufferin IODE can email LordDufferin-IODE@gmail.com to inquire.

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# LOCAL Arts & Entertainment

## Theatre Orangeville brings Darktown Strutter's Ball to main stage

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

A stunning, brand-new production, The Darktown Strutters' Ball, is opening at Theatre Orangeville on April 25 and running to May 12. This is a show of music and stories that David Nairn says must be told.

The Citizen sat down for a conversation with David Nairn who encouraged Leslie McCurdy [Things my Fore-Sisters Saw played here at Theatre Orangeville] to write it, Cassel Miles [JOSIAH at TOV's Summer Fest 2021] who stars in the show with her and Nicholas Mustapha, instrumental in Theatre Orangeville's Main Stage and Young Company productions, who is the music director.

When Mr. Nairn approached Ms. McCurdy to write a script for his idea of telling the history of early jazz, as created and played primarily by Black musicians, in the first half of the 20th Century, she told us, "I didn't want to do the work!"

In 2015, she wrote a "stupid show" to "get Cassel back in the business." Mr. Miles had considered himself retired from the entertainment business. That show only ran for one night but it was enough to bring him back. They two have been good friends for many years.

This will be Mr. Miles' first time on the Main Stage at Theatre Orangeville.

When they all got together to talk about Darktown, she remarked that her shows "write themselves," saying, "these brilliant people around me add their own energy to the show."

"It's a very different animal," commented Mr. Nairn. "A more fully told story."

All Ms. McCurdy's shows tell the tales



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**PREPARING FOR THE BIG SHOW:** From left: musical director Leslie McCurdy, Nicholas Mustapha, and Cassel Miles take a break from rehearsals for Theatre Orangeville's latest production, The Darktown Strutters' Ball. The play's story will take its viewers through a historical musical journey through time.

from Black history, through her acting the people she is describing and bringing songs into the telling. She told the Citizen that she did "Fore-Sisters" [about four remarkable individual Black women in Canada who influenced the country's history] in Detroit.

Darktown deals with the realism of what was in popular culture. As Mr. Nairn declares, always in the theatre, we come away changed a little, as we will with this show, full of music, dancing and reflection. There are potent memories, honesty and conversations to follow us home.

And laughter. The show is full of fun, of music, dance and wonderful performances.

The Theatre's grand piano is being included on stage and Nicholas Mustapha

is thrilled about that. He has written a piece for a solo playing that "really showcases the Grand. It's been a real treat."

As the show developed, we were told that the ideas in the production were going to let people think for themselves - "further than we ever thought at the beginning."

It was Mr. Mustapha who showed them all how ragtime evolved into Latin/Afro-fusion.

This is a World Premiere and it is defined by the performance of those actors/musicians and creative team in this initial production, which the audiences will also hone with their appreciation in the theatre and word-of-mouth later.

Hence, it is always an honour and a responsibility to launch a new show, as they all acknowledged. This show will only be live-streamed, and not available beyond a one-time showing. Otherwise, Theatre Orangeville does have a library of cabarets, plays and entertainments, videoed through Covid and the two years since, available for a small "ticket" price, from anywhere in the world on the Theatre Orangeville website.

For Ms. McCurdy, "It is an honour and a privilege for me; I've been in Windsor making my shows and I've been making a living. But this is the first time with these wonderful people. David is such a master and working with Cassel again..on one hand, I feel like I'm home and this is such quality of talent."

"This is what we do," Mr. Miles noted. "We get together and bond in this camaraderie."

Our interview was at the end of their first week of rehearsals. But so in sync with each other are they, they will be ready for the opening on April 25.

The cast talked about about their own pasts as Black people in a mainly white society, how their differences were noted, and commented on. Mr. Miles' mother sent books about Black history to school with him to share.

When the classes ran to slavery and the underground railway, the other students turned to him to realize he was not like them.

"Had I had something like this to say, I wouldn't have been alone. Now I am here, the work I do must be impactful."

Likewise, Mr. Mustapha's family told him stories and he stood out in his classrooms. Ms. McCurdy had similar experiences.

Not part of this interview, there are two more musicians as part of the show, Matteo Romaniello on drums and Matthew Leombruni playing bass. These two young players, who were already studying at the early ages of two and four years old are remarkable, we were assured. They will make tremendous contributions to the music.

Candace Jennings is on deck to do the considerable choreography for the show.

The music invites us as the first reason to come and see Darktown Strutter's Ball. We will really have a good time and we will learn a lot along the way through this "historical musical journey."

"And," they called out, "for Nick's piano solo!"

For more information and to purchase tickets or your subscription for the 2024-25 season, go to [www.theatreorangeville.com](http://www.theatreorangeville.com) or call the charming folk at the Box office at 519-942-3423. A visit to the Box Office is pleasant at 87 Broadway, the Town Hall.



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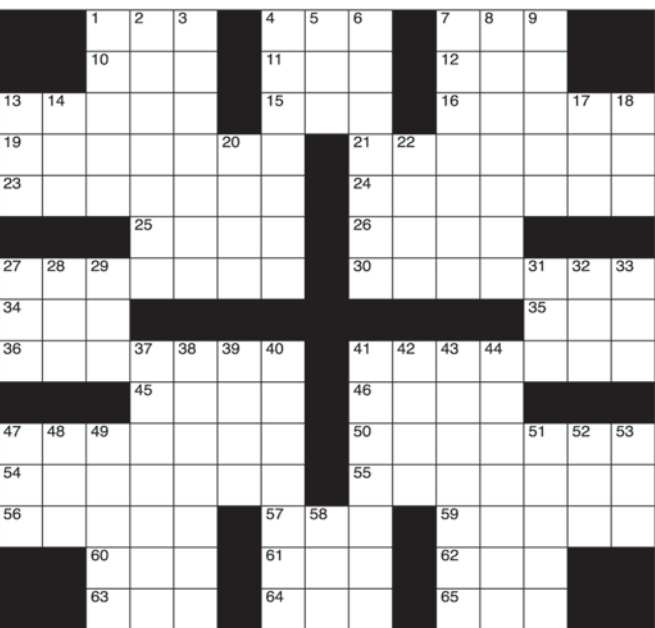
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- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They \_\_\_
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Deavour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure

- Type of whiskey
- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong
- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier
- To what degree
- Buzzing insect
- The human foot
- "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- A place to stay
- Sun up in New York

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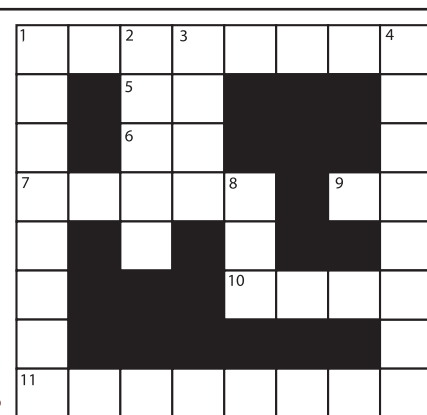
- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest
- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin

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**How they SAY that in...**

- ENGLISH:** Laugh
- SPANISH:** Reirse
- ITALIAN:** Ridere
- FRENCH:** Rire
- GERMAN:** Lachen



- ACROSS**
- Silliest, craziest
  - Account of (abbr)
  - To a great extent
  - Smiles slightly
  - Either \_\_\_
  - Not any
  - Response to a situation
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# Open call to artists issued for ‘Tapestry of Art and Music’

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An arts non-profit is looking for local artists to participate in an upcoming event.

On April 12, Headwaters Arts announced an open call to artists to participate in this year’s “Tapestry of Art and Music” event.

The event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 25 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Artists interested in participating in the event can register to receive a free six-by-eight-inch canvas, on which they’re asked to complete a piece of art that depicts how music inspires them.

Headwaters Arts hopes to involve over 100 artists in the project — all of the canvases will be displayed together on May 25, forming one large tapestry, hence the event’s name.

Sue Powell, marketing lead for Headwaters Arts, said artists are often deeply connected to music.

“Favourite songs, lyrics, musicians, instruments, scores, compositions of all genres and concert experiences have a prominent

place in artists lives, minds and in their creative process,” said Powell.

Nancy Kluger, chair of the Headwaters Arts Events Committee, said the organization is asking for artists to donate their talent and time to support the local art community. At the Tapestry of Art and Music event, all of the art created by artists will be for sale, with proceeds going to Headwaters Arts.

“We are just so grateful for their generosity and cannot wait for all to see this beautiful tapestry wall of artwork at the event,” said Kluger.

Artists must register to participate at headwatersarts.org by May 11, and can pick up their free canvas from the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West) any time.

At the Tapestry of Art and Music event on May 25, festivities will take place under the tented outdoor arts space. There will be a performance from the Achill Choral Society, the unveiling of the art, socializing and more.

At last year’s event, all of the art sold and it was a great success for Headwaters Arts.



FILE PHOTO

SHARING ART IN THE COMMUNITY: Artist Robert Chisholm poses with Terry and Joy Griffin, who purchased his work of art in support of Headwaters Arts at last year’s Tapestry of Art and Music event.

# Artist Patty Maher debuts solo exhibition ‘Cadence’ at Alton Mill

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local photographer and painter launched a solo art exhibition last weekend.

On April 6, Patty Maher held an opening reception for “Cadence”, her new exhibition at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The exhibition is located on the first floor of the centre and can be seen right when one walks through the main entrance.

Maher has been doing photography since 2010, when she started snapping pics on a whim for a 365-day project. It was a way for her to take pictures every day and start to look at the world a little differently. After uploading her pictures to social media, Maher began making friends in the photography community. She said this inspired her to work harder and try different things, as she saw all the unique things other photographers were doing. When Maher, who used to live in Toronto, moved to Caledon, something clicked.

“I was inspired by the landscapes... I was just moved by all the space and all the beauty,” said Maher.

While she started with landscape photography, Maher soon discovered she wanted to add more to her photos.

“I had this feeling — what if I put a person in there and was telling a bit of a story?” she

said. “I’ve been doing that ever since and I find it really enjoyable.”

Something unique about Maher’s photos is that she never shows her subject’s faces. Even more unique is that she started this practice unintentionally, and had it pointed out to her.

“I wasn’t consciously not showing their faces... I had to really think about why I don’t show faces and I realized, I like the photos to be anonymous because when you show a face, it immediately closes the story,” said Maher. “When you don’t show the face, it could be anybody.”

Maher said she likes her photos to be open; for people to be able to see them and say “that could be me, it could be my sister or my daughter.”

She said she often gets messages from people who say they identify with the feelings evoked from her photos.

“It’s amazing how much emotion you can evoke just by the posture,” said Maher. “When I take photos, I have the shutter just clicking, clicking, clicking because I want to capture that right moment.”

Not showing faces in photos has the added benefit of it not being hard to find models to work with. Maher said when people learn they do not have to show their face, they are excited to model for her. She said most of her friends have modeled for her over the years.



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FEATURING ALTON: “Home” is a photograph by Patty Maher taken in Alton, and features a prop from a local antique store.

“They can be a part of the art... they don’t feel like I’m taking a picture of them,” said Maher.

Maher has been painting for years, but really started to get deeper into the art form during the pandemic. With lockdowns in place and not much to do, Maher found that painting was an amazing way to spend her time. For her current exhibition, Maher said she wanted to paint a lot of flowers to celebrate spring.

“Painting flowers is really joyful,” she said. Maher said she was excited to have a solo

show at the Alton Mill Arts Centre and said it is an amazing opportunity. She said she loves the environment there and that it’s a beautiful place to be.

“It’s great to meet everybody and get people’s feedback, people are so nice,” she said. “It’s been a wonderful experience.”

Cadence can be viewed until mid-May at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, and all the art from the exhibition is for sale. Maher plans to be there on the weekends for anyone interested in meeting her and chatting about art.

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# Local man awarded for rescuing elderly neighbour from fire

Shortly before midnight on March 2, 2023, Mackie was up watching television in his living room when he noticed a flickering light on his neighbour's driveway. Opening the door of his Gier Street home, Mackie discovered flames coming out of the same neighbour's roof.

Quickly retrieving his phone to call 9-1-1, Mackie provided the address to the dispatcher, who asked him if there was anybody inside the house. He was told to remain outside

of the home, but to make as much noise as he could to alert the individual inside. After honking the horn of his car and banging on the side of the house, which resulted in no response, Mackie decided to kick in the front door.

Inside the home, Mackie discovered his neighbour in a bedroom and recounted, "I grabbed his walker, spun him around, sat him on his walker, and dragged him out backwards."

Outside the home, the two were met with an ambulance from Dufferin Paramedic Service, which transported the elderly neighbour to a local hospital. Firefighters from Grand Valley and Orangeville responded to the blaze, which was deemed non-suspicious by the Ontario Fire Marshall.

For those who know Mackie the best, his split-second decision to act that March evening was no surprise.

"He's always willing to help everybody and

doesn't really think twice about helping others," said Mackie's daughter, Torrie. "It's nice for him to get the recognition."

In June of last year, Mackie was also presented with a Citation of Heroism Award from the Town of Grand Valley for his actions.

"In these situations, you don't know what you'll do until you get pushed into it. I'm so proud to know him and I hope that his example is an example for the rest of us," said Grand Valley Mayor Steve Solomon.

# Collaboration ongoing to improve palliative care in Dufferin and Caledon

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local groups are working to improve access and quality of palliative care ser-



collaboration with primary and acute care providers; provide support to community nurses and primary care providers focused on palliative care; and develop an interdisciplinary team for further coordination.

Tracy Coffin is the executive director of the HOHC OHT. She said the clinical coach will help improve access to palliative care services and increase the number of health care professionals who can provide those services.

"Our goal is to identify those who require palliative care services earlier in their care journey and provide them and their caregivers with quality care and support," said Coffin. "This work would not be possible without the financial support of the Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN), and the tireless efforts of HOHC OHT's palliative care working group. Their dedication and commitment to improving care in our community is truly inspiring."

In the coming months, Bethell Hospice, the OPCN, and HOHC OHT will be working together to recruit the clinical coach.

vices in Caledon and Dufferin County.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT), in collaboration with Bethell Hospice and the HOHC OHT's palliative care working group, recently secured funding for a clinical coach through Ontario Health.

Bethell Hospice executive director Margaret Paan said the clinical coach will guide and support the implementation of a framework to improve access to, and quality of, hospice palliative care in Dufferin and Caledon.

The HOHC OHT's integrated palliative care model is focused on earlier identification and improved connection for those in

need of palliative care.

"We are so proud of the work being done locally and are thrilled to receive funding to help further this work," said Paan. "The success of our application for funding from Ontario Health is a testament that by working collaboratively, we can accomplish more than the sum of our parts."

Paan said with rapid population growth, Dufferin and Caledon have a great need to bolster current palliative care services to keep up with changing demographics.

The new clinical coach is going to lead implementation of the HOHC OHT's integrated palliative care model; create a single intake for palliative care services in

# Credit Valley Conservation invites public to open house

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is inviting the members of the community to attend its Pits to Parks Open House today.

The event runs between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Alton Legion, 1267 Queen St. W., Alton on April 18.

"We're planning to ecologically restore two former aggregate sites in Caledon: Pinchin Pit and the Flaherty West Pit, which is part of Charles Sauriol Conservation Area," said Terri LeRoux, director of Parks, Lands and Community Engagement

at CVC. "Our goal is to transform these properties into future Credit Valley Parks and we're seeking input from residents."

CVC is undertaking studies to determine the technical, environmental, economic and social feasibility of importing clean excess soil to facilitate the enhanced ecological restoration of Pinchin Pit and Flaherty West Pit, in partnership with the Region of Peel. The two sites will be transformed into areas suitable for tree planting and, the development of grassland habitat and will provide the community with nature-based recreation opportunities.

Building on the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area project, the Pits to Parks Restoration Project is anticipated to be a multi-year process involving the beneficial reuse of clean excess soil from municipal infrastructure projects in the Peel Region.

"CVC is committed to engaging with the community at key milestones throughout project planning, design and implementation," said the CVC in a media release.

To meet CVC staff, learn about the project and provide feedback, register for the open house at: [cvc.ca/PitsToParksOpenHouse](http://cvc.ca/PitsToParksOpenHouse).

## NOTICE

### Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that April 25-May 31 is the spring shotgun/archery season for wild turkey in 2024. Wild turkey hunting may occur only from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 877-941-7787.



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## Two drivers facing impaired driving charges over weekend

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation related offences as the result of traffic complaints over the weekend.

On April 13, 2024, just before 2:30 p.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a fail to remain motor vehicle collision in the area of Broadway and Sherbourne Street in the Town of Orangeville.

Officers were able to locate the vehicle and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Jason OVERLAND, a 50-year-old male, from The Town of Mono has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

demand

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

- Dangerous operation
- Failure to stop after accident

On April 16, 2024, just after 6:00 p.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a possible impaired driver in the area of Marie Street in the Town of Shelburne. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Denise COTE, a 53-year-old female, from the Town of Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

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. We are committed to the safety of our community.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists 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.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

## Police warn public about paving fraud as weather warms up

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to warn community members of a crime trend involving paving and construction fraud.

With the warmer months approaching, residents inspecting their property from winter damage are reminded to be cognizant of repair deals.

Fraudsters are persistent, persuasive, and sometimes aggressive. Here's some considerations:

- Examination of these "contractors" often reveals the absence of an official online presence, registration with local chambers of commerce, the Better Business Bureau, or similar reputable organizations.

- Fraudsters often contact individuals directly at their homes or via telephone, employing persuasive tactics to convince homeowners of the necessity for a con-



tract or service they neither requested nor require. It is advisable to exercise caution when opening your door to unexpected visitors or solicitors offering items or services.

- Fraudsters employ professionally designed flyers and websites that have a legitimate appearance.
- Most contractors will know how much

material they need for a job, so if they show up at your door saying they have "leftover" from another job, be cautious.

- If there's no written contract with a quote written up front and the price changes mid-job due to "unforeseen problems," you're at their mercy.

- Fraudsters target vulnerable populations such as the elderly and request cash payments for "today only" deals.

- It's a red flag when a payment is asked for up front before the job is completed.

If an offer seems too good to be true, chances are it is and it's someone trying to scam you out of your money.

For additional information on ongoing scams in Canada and to report fraud, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca).

### Two women hospitalized following Mono collision

Two women have been hospitalized following a collision between two vehicles.

The incident took place on Highway 10 at County Road 16 in Mono on Tuesday, April 16.

One woman was air-lifted to a Toronto

area trauma centre with "life-threatening injuries" and the other woman was transported to a local hospital with "life altering injuries," according to Dufferin OPP.

All southbound lanes on Highway 10 at County Rd 16 were closed overnight and reopened in the morning.



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# Mulmur Citizens' Coalition to feature Mkomose at Monora Park Pavilion

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFELD**

Call him Dr. Andrew Judge PhD or his Spirit name, Mkomose, his focus is, in part, on Indigenous land-based practices. On Sunday, April 28, Andrew Judge is coming to the Monora Park Pavilion, to talk about how we can modify how we garden and how we approach the issue of caring for our land, through Indigenous teaching and philosophy. Mkomose has nothing specific to address about the Caledon-Dufferin area, as he goes where he has been invited to speak. He has done about 40 presentations a year, for the last 10 years, on a range of subjects.

His knowledge of the region "stems from my study of the Attawandaron, Tobacco, Petun, Wyandot peoples and their rela-

tionships with the Mississauga peoples in South Western Ontario before and after contact with Europeans. There was an extensive trade relationship and land design relationships in the region which I find fascinating and incorporate into some of the university courses I teach," he wrote in an email to us.

While he does not seek to change anyone's perceptions, he only seeks to share what he has learned through extensive study, practice and what the Ancestors have granted him permission. He told us he can only be responsible for his actions. He does the work on the land, which he presents to others.

He wrote, "My hope is that by learning the truth about Indigenous knowledge, specifically Anishinaabe land restoration

and sustainability strategies, others may be inspired to implement these strategies into their daily lives."

It is the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition, founded in 1988, also referred to as the environmental committee MC-2 [squared] that invited Andrew Judge to come and speak. MC-2 [squared], basically a volunteer-driven organization, has been the watchdog, following issues of land development in Mono, Mulmur and Dufferin County and many more concerns. They organize public events to provide information and raise awareness.

Rita and Arnold de Graaff, members of the environmental committee told the Citizen that what is behind it is the belief there are resources in this community, people skills and its land has economic abilities.

They ask, as a community, how can we fit that into a bigger picture of the world; how do we act responsibly?

There are plans to start workshops to teach information by Brave Canoe, Sharon Rigby and Julie Elsdon-Height co-executive directors, who will talk about events to come.

Headwaters Nature field naturalist club, founded in 1986, also invites people to join them for walks and field trips.

Mkomose commented about his upcoming talk on April 28, "Practically speaking, if those who come to learn can plant even one plant to learn about its roots, shoots, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds, that will be a win.

"Spring is a time when so much is offered to us as humans, and all our other relatives,

## Over \$85,000 up for grabs with Ontario SPCA's 50/50 Lottery

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

More than \$85,000 could be won through the Ontario SPCA Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery.

There's only one week left until the Grand Prize draw takes place on April 25.

Tickets for the draw can be purchased online at ontariospcalottery.ca.

The more tickets that are sold, the higher the jackpot grows.

The Ontario SPCA depends on generous supporters to change the lives of vulnerable animals as it does not receive annual government funding.

The purchase of a ticket in the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, helps to provide the gift of shelter and care to animals in need across the province.

"Our Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery is an exciting way to help animals," says Stephanie Miller, vice-president of development for the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "This is the time of year when we see an influx of puppies and kittens, and your support allows us to give them a safe, comfortable place to grow until they are ready to find a loving home."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**A CAUSE FOR PAWS:** There's one week left to take part in the Ontario SPCA Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery. Over \$85,000 is up for grabs. Tickets are available at the Ontario SPCA Lottery website.

## Learn to Fish program teaches new anglers

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

With the warmer weather approaching it's time to enjoy outdoor activities.

Fishing is a popular Ontario past-time, but there's more to it than just casting a line into a local waterway.

The Learn to Fish program is a free provincial program that teaches new anglers how to fish in Ontario.

This is a two-hour program that combines a one-hour practical teaching session with one hour of supervised hands-on fishing.

The program will teach you how to rig, bait, and cast a fishing rod. You will learn to identify and catch local fish species and learn how to fish safely and sustainably.

The program provides information on how to get a fishing license and follow fishing regulations.

Everything you will need is provided during the program, including a fishing rod, reel, bait, lifejacket, and sunglasses. Experience instructors will focus on fish, fun, and safety.

A Learn to Fish Mobile is also available for family-friendly events.

The Fish Mobile unit travels to festivals and events across Ontario to introduce new anglers to recreational fishing.

You can find out if your event fits with the

program requirements or goals by visiting online.

The Learn to Fish program is offered four to six times per week at host locations.

Locally, Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Alliston is a host location.

The Learn to Fish program schedule will become available on the province's website in June 2024.



FILE PHOTO

**NEW ANGLERS:** The Learn to Fish program is a provincial program that teaches new anglers all about fishing in Ontario. The program starts in June and is available at various provincial parks in the province.



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**COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER:** A fundraising BBQ for a woman who grew up in the region but moved to Saskatchewan a few years ago generated over \$3,000 on April 13 for the Klassen Family Fund. Kristyne (Woodcock) Klassen lost her three children and grandparents, who raised her, in a house fire on Feb. 18. The fundraiser will help with the costs associated with the house fire as well as funeral costs.



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## Local high School athletes training for spring track and field

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Students at local high schools have started early spring training for upcoming track and field meets and they have been on the field since returning from March Break.

Both Orangeville District High School and Westside Secondary Schools have track teams that will compete.

Rob Berg, coach at ODSS has stepped up and is also acting as coach at Westside after the high school couldn't find a suitable candidate to coach track athletes.

The teams have already competed at one preliminary meet at York University on April 11. This was an indoor meet.

The teams will be competing in sprint and long-distance running, as well as all the regular field events.

Pole vaulting is an event at the high school level, but only a few schools compete as it requires a club-certified coach.

"We've got every sport covered except for pole vault," Rob explained. "Distance, sprints, hurdles, the throws, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot-put, discus, javelin, it's all covered. We have a really strong distance program. We ran very strong in the 1600 meter at the York meet. It's usually a 1500-meter race – our guys won one, two, three, four. The fifth-place finisher was 13 seconds behind us. It was a 12 school meet. It wasn't a big meet, but they are looking



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**STUDENT ATHLETES:** Orangeville District Secondary School track and field athlete, Bray Wallace, throws the javelin during team practice for an upcoming meet, under the direction of ODSS throwing coach, Kevin Downe, on Tuesday, April 16. The track and field team has already had one meet and will be competing in the District 10 competition in Guelph in May.

good. We had other winners throughout the day."

The ODSS team has seven coaches in total working with the athletes. There are close to 75 athletes participating in the ODSS track and field program this year so

they will have a good showing once the competition gets underway. Westside will be fielding a smaller team.

The serious track competition will get underway in May.

The first day of the District Competition

will take place at the University of Guelph on May 7. The second day of competition will take place on Tuesday, May 14, at St. James High School in Guelph.

Athletes must win at the Districts. From there they can go on to regional competition at CWOSSA.

Because of the large number of events and athletes at track and field meets, there is a preliminary OFSAA competition called the West Regionals.

Winners there will go on to compete at OFSAA on June 6 – 8 in London.

Orangeville winners at the York University meet include:

### Seniors

- Logan Willcott, ODSS – 1600m – 4.36.17
- Craig Stevenson, ODSS – 600m – 1.27.18
- Demaiyah Woodard, ODSS – 200m – 27.18

### Juniors

- Ailsa Bogan, ODSS – 600m 1.56.02 – 1600m – 6.07.40
- Sage Hazell-Snell, ODSS 60m 8.42 – 200m – 28.07
- Ryan Tovell, Westside – 600m – 1.49.79

### Relays

- Ailsa Bogan, Keira Phillip, Spencer McClaren, Craig Stevenson, ODSS – 4 x 400m – Open mixed 2B, 2G – 4.14.34

## Dufferin-Peel Skating Club has successful competitive season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Dufferin-Peel Skating Club had a successful season on the ice this year with many skaters achieving their goals and earning medals in competition.

The Club trains out of the Ice Corral at Teen Ranch in Caledon.

Layla, Sarah, Claudia and Melissa took home Silver and Gold assessments at STAR 2 events in Mississauga and Newmarket.

Hailey and Kristina earned silver and gold competing their first year at the STAR 4 level.

Sophia completed her second season competing with her team at the University level representing York University.

The Provincial Level team of Jillian, Jordan, Ella and Kaitlyn represented the club well and gained valuable experience at many qualifying events throughout Ontario.



There were many personal best skates to their credit.

Ella and Kaitlyn advanced to the Provincial Championships at the Cassie Campbell Arena in Brampton on March 21-24.

Kaitlyn finished sixth in the STAR 9 Artistic event with a strong performance.

Ella improved on her fifth-place finish at last year's Provincials to take home the gold medal in STAR 5 Artistic with a personal best score.

The team will continue spring and summer training at the Teen Ranch Ice Corral to prepare for the new competitive season.



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**CELEBRATING SUCCESS:** The Dufferin-Peel Skating Club had a successful competitive season for 2023-24. In the photo, in the back, are Sophia Thomas, Hailey Parker, Kristina Nilsson, Jillian Young, and Jordan Young. In front are Layla Fragapane, Sarah Hayden, Claudia Bennett, Melissa Simpson, Kaitlyn Hunt, and Ella Stamenkovic.

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# Stop a thief – go to jail

Several years ago, someone I know was woken up at about 3 a.m., by the unmistakable sound of someone in his house – who shouldn't have been there.

He picked up the baseball bat he always kept bedside for just an emergency and went to investigate.

Upon making his way to the first floor, he realized the sound was coming from the garage.

He opened the door to the garage and was confronted by an unknown male in the dark, who proceeded to approach him.

My friend swung the baseball bat and dropped the intruder to the floor, where he was held until police arrived and arrested the man for breaking and entering, or some similar charge.

Later, I asked him why he felt the need to clobber the guy with the bat.

His response was, "It was the middle of the night, it was dark and there was a stranger in my house. I wasn't going to wait until he shot me to find out if he had a gun."

That made perfect sense. In a threat type of situation, you shouldn't have to wait until you are hurt in order to stop an attack.

In Canada, the laws around self-de-

fence, aren't very clear. In fact, if you're a homeowner, you may end being charged with a crime if you try to stop someone from entering your home illegally and you crack them across the head with a nine-iron.

The law states that how you respond to a threat, should be considered 'reasonable under the circumstances.' That is a wide definition considering the way you feel during a threat, will be a lot different than how a judge feels about that same threat, hearing of it as a third party and not experiencing the terror of a home invasion.

Being the victim of a robbery can be a terrifying experience. Many people who have experienced this have never returned to work at the same place or the same type of job because of the trauma involved.

During a robbery, you are confronted by a stranger making demands. Most likely you can't even see who it is because they are wearing a mask or some kind of disguise. They are probably holding a weapon and threatening to harm you if you don't comply.

The experts say to remain calm and just hand over the money.

That's an easy solution when you are speaking from your desk in an office

somewhere, offering advice. It's a different situation when someone is pointing a gun at you.

What if you are being robbed by someone holding a knife or gun? Do you simply wait until that person stabs or shoots you? Then – it's too late.

You may remember Barbara Turnbull – an 18-year-old store clerk in Mississauga, who followed the advice of staying calm and handing over the money. She was shot in the throat, for no reason, and left a quadriplegic.

There is a case in Peterborough that will be going to the courts.

A store clerk was working the midnight shift at a convenience store. He was speaking to a customer when another man entered the store with a baseball bat.

A scuffle ensued and the clerk was struck by the bat. The clerk managed to get a hold of the bat and went after the suspect striking him with the bat.

The clerk has been charged with aggravated assault – for beating a robber who entered his store, threatened him, and then struck him with a weapon.

I think the reaction of the clerk was 'reasonable under the circumstances.' He was probably scared and worried the guy

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



would come back.

It wouldn't be the first time a criminal returned to the scene of a crime and killed someone in retaliation.

The man who tried to rob the store was charged with assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon and robbery. If convicted, he probably won't see more than a few months in jail.

The clerk, who was doing his job, is facing a charge that could net 14 years in prison if the maximum sentence is applied. Think about that for a moment.

'Reasonable under the circumstances' only applies to someone who wasn't there.

I don't believe in the 'stand your ground' laws in some southern U.S. states, where you can pump a guy full of lead for trespassing, but you certainly should be allowed to defend yourself when threatened.

Police were just following the law in the Peterborough case, but I think it would have been better if they, and the City Council, just gave the convenience store worker a pat on the back, and thanked him for stopping a crime in progress.

# There really are rules

History is mostly a matter of dates, and the key date is always that of the last conquest. All previous conquests are then magically forgiven and forgotten.

This observation is prompted partly by the current wars in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip, but equally by the confused apology that a young student union official made on the website of a Canadian university where I spoke recently.

In Canada, the world capital of apologies, almost every public event begins with an acknowledgement that it is taking place on the 'unceded territory' of one or more 'First Nations' (although these statements never end with a promise that the 'settlers' are going to give the territory back).

This assumption of collective historical blame even leads to declarations of personal guilt like that of the student union leader I mentioned above. "My name is [name withheld]," she wrote on the website. "I use she/they pronouns, and I am a settler and uninvited guest on the unceded territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSANEC First Nations."

It would be funny if it weren't so sad. She was born in Canada, as were her parents for several generations past, and she has no other home. She feels guilty only because she doesn't understand how his-

tory works. The people she is apologizing to were almost certainly once conquerors themselves.

There have been human beings in the Americas for at least fourteen thousand years. Unless the cycle of perpetual conquest and re-conquest worked differently there than it did everywhere else in the world, there can be no patch of ground that did not change hands violently several times during that long period. We just don't know the details.

The cycle was certainly still going strong when the Europeans arrived five centuries ago. The Aztec empire in what is now parts of Mexico and the Inca empire in the Andes, both founded on conquest, were less than 300 years old. Aztec rule was so brutal that most of that empire's subjects united with the Spanish conquistadors to overthrow it.

History always worked like that. The wars of the European great powers in the 'modern' era were just variations on a theme, and nothing really changed until 1945. Then everything changed.

The politics of the Second World War were familiar, but the technologies had grown too powerful: the Second World War killed at least 40 million people and by the end they were using nuclear weapons.

People were rightly frightened, and they collectively concluded that the endless wars and the constant changing of borders by force had to stop.

A lot of borders were changed immediately after that war – Poland, for example, was moved more than a hundred km. west – but once the United Nations Charter went into effect in late 1945 the new rule was clear: force and even the threat of force between member states is prohibited, and above all borders may no longer be changed by force.

This involved the freezing of many historical injustices, because almost all borders were the result of past wars, not of free votes or legal decisions. However, allowing the borders to be changed by force again would open the door to future wars ad infinitum, so they would have to stay where they are – forever.

It made sense. Indeed, there were no good alternatives, and the new rule is still being observed in the vast majority of cases even eight decades later. All the colonial borders remained intact when the European empires collapsed, including the internal borders of the old Soviet Union. As a result, there have been no more great wars, only local ones.

Some of those wars were quite big, but

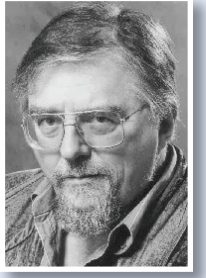
none has killed even one percent of the people who died in the Second World War. Despite occasional exceptions like the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the various wars over the borders of Israel and Palestine, the new rule has been a huge success.

So why is it right to call Israelis who build Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank 'settlers', but wrong for the young Canadian woman to see herself as a 'settler and uninvited guest' in her own country? It really is a question of dates.

Canada's borders, like those of the vast majority of countries, are older than the UN Charter and were fixed by the freeze. Those of Israel and Palestine were fixed by the UN partition of 1948 but were immediately changed by the war of that year. They can only be finally settled by mutual agreement, and seizing more land in the meantime is illegal.

Whereas the border between Russia and Ukraine already existed before 1945, was ratified by Moscow on several later occasions, and cannot legally be changed by force. There really are rules, although their enforcement is distinctly spotty.

**GWYNNE DYER**  
OUR WORLD TODAY



# Beginning with the Welsh

Every year, Patricia and I take our little business to a round of festivals that preoccupy the majority of our summer. Rather than the heavy weight of a full-time permanent storefront, of bricks and mortar, we haul tents and tables to numerous parks in an assortment of cities. We set up our one-day or weekend establishment and hope for the best from the weather. By and large, it is a lot of fun.

Fun, yes but there is also a lot to learn. Into every situation in life come a variety of characters and one never knows how that will play out. With experience, there is proof of what works and what does not in a day or a few days of steady interaction. For us, selling our sterling silver Celtic jewellery, it is all about the stories, the myths and truths (as far as anyone really knows about history), the philosophies and the humour.

This weekend, we are off to Stratford to attend the Welsh Festival. This is an annual couple of days of singing, mostly, as you might imagine and we really enjoy being there. The Welsh, unlike our other shows, moves about the province, this year Stratford, next year maybe Ottawa. Given its early schedule in the months of festivals, it is held indoors.

For many years, they have invited a choir but, this year, well-known soloists

will come from Wales and the festival is centred around the Saturday evening concert, staged usually in a church.

The choirs are often all male, sometimes young and other times older, but they all speak the sing-song Welsh and the air rings with its odd notes. It is said that to speak Welsh must begin as a baby. So, it is impressive the language has been so nurtured as it has and the people are proud of their own fluency with it. Like many traditional languages, the Welsh went through a period of diminished use but later in the 20th century, interest was renewed. Now it is taught in schools in Wales as emersion, children speaking it in the classroom and socially.

To me, the true value of the festivals is their educational worth, for there is a Welsh workshop over this weekend and chances to learn more about traditions and stories. The songs tell the history. The attendees mainly stick together with the various activities.

It is a different sort of mindset to the other four Scottish festivals we will attend from July 1 through to mid-August. Those are open – the pipe and drum bands playing, the variety of athletic games, which are all about being very strong and the marketplace.

The festivals vary in size. Some have an

entry fee for visitors; others are in open parks. They have all been staging the events where they have been hosting for much of their existence.

The Embro Highland Games, a one-day event, takes place on July 1, regardless of the day on which that falls. The first games were held in 1856 by the Embro Highland Society in Caledonia. Disbanded in 1888, the games were revived in 1937, making it the oldest highland games in Canada.

Just up the highway from here, Orillia Highland Games takes place on the weekend of July 20, a happy day in the lovely Couchiching Park, facing the lake of the same name. Everyone was so delighted to be back and the kilts bands, playing their pipes and drums, marched in the park and played on the Main Field.

Glengarry Highland Games [in Maxville, Ontario] and the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games (July 9 to 11) vie with each other as to size and age.

So close to Orangeville, Fergus is the definitive games and includes everything anyone could wish for. The culture, traditional Scottish dancing, the clan's tent and much more in the way of entertainment – just terrific.

The festivals and games matter primarily for the way in which they keep the cultures current. So many people in Canada

have ancestors coming here from Britain and remembering where we come from helps to remind us who we are. In these times of disruption when people are losing their traditional homes abroad and this country's population is becoming very mixed, two things matter: to remember and enjoy knowing where we each come from and learning to appreciate the memories of others with very diverse histories.

The old saying that if we don't know our pasts, we will make the same mistakes in the future does not convince me that is true. It does seem to me that we anyway make the same mistakes over and over as if we tie ourselves into our own vicious circles.

Yet, we must learn and we must do better. It begins in education and that begins in the home. Once a child is going to school by the age of five or six, what they have heard at home, the stories and attitudes of their parents and guardians are what they take into their lives.

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# How do we boost productivity? Give workers a piece of the action

As the former CEO of Magna International, one of Canada's largest manufacturing companies, my philosophy was always that employees don't work for you – they work with you.

At Magna, we backed that statement up by making every employee a partner in profitability. It was the secret to our success: giving workers a piece of the action to generate greater productivity and ingenuity.

However, overall productivity in Canada has been deteriorating for quite a while now, so much so that the Bank of Canada recently declared it a "national emergency." Carolyn Rogers, the Bank's Senior Deputy Governor, said productivity in Canada has essentially flatlined over the past few years. When a longer timeframe is considered, the productivity picture is much worse, showing signs of steady and significant decline over the past four decades.

So, if we truly are in the midst of a national emergency, then how do we go about boosting Canadian productivity?

Investing more in modern machinery, equipment and new technology is one sure-fire method for spiking productivity, at least in the short-term. So too is training workers and upgrading job skills.

But for me, the best way is still one of the oldest and simplest: make employees partners in profitability and let them share in the success of the business.

The profit-sharing culture that we established at Magna gave everyone at the company a stake in the outcome and a share of the profits. After we started sharing profits with all of our employees, productivity went through the roof, and we began generating spectacular growth in sales and profits.

But Magna is just one of many companies that have shown that sharing profits with employees is a tried-and-true formula for increased productivity.

A landmark study from the National Bureau of Economic Research in the US published a number of years ago concluded that profit sharing can in fact boost productivity. What's more, the

report showed that profit sharing programs lead to better pay, enhanced job security, and better employee/management relations.

Profit sharing carries a number of other benefits, as well – primarily for workers. For example, some studies have shown that profit sharing not only puts more cash in the pockets of employees, but it also can improve job satisfaction.

A survey conducted last month by recruitment firm Hays Canada showed that 71 percent of Canadian workers indicated a desire to leave their jobs in the next year due to rising dissatisfaction. One of the main reasons for wanting to leave, according to the study, is that workers feel "unmotivated."

Is it any wonder why Canada has a productivity crisis?

But if employees have a real and tangible financial stake in the company's success, they are more motivated because they know that their contributions will be rewarded, and they will be more driven to find ways to improve productivity and

enhance quality.

It's just common sense: when workers get a percentage of the profits, when they feel they have something at stake, then they care more, they work harder, and they think about ways to make their business more productive.

Profit sharing is one of the key economic principles in the national economic charter of rights that I've been advocating for the past year.

If we want to end the national productivity emergency dragging our living standards down, we need to start making Canadian employees partners profitability.

Profit sharing will make companies more productive. It will raise the incomes of employees. And it will lift Canada's sagging living standards.

To learn more about how we can improve Canada's economy and increase living standards, email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca).



**FRANK STRONACH**  
CREATING AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS

# The cat and the sunbeam

As with most cats, our cat loved to sleep in the sun. Like a solar panel designed to follow the sun throughout its trajectory to maximize the absorption of light and warmth, our cat diligently followed the sunbeam throughout the house and seized the opportunity to bask in its warmth and sneak a snooze in it on a regular basis.

Wherever the sunbeam was shining, there was our cat. If the sunbeam was warmly shining through the patio doors onto the living room floor, there was our cat. If the sunbeam was warmly shining on the living room couch, there was our cat. If the sunbeam was warmly shining through the bedroom windows onto one of our beds, there was our cat, always lying in the sunbeam, basking in its glowing warmth and having a little snooze.

As our cat got older, sleeping in the sun became one of the great passions of her life. If you were ever looking for our cat, just look for a sunbeam warmly shining through a window someplace and usually there she was.

As we were having a family discussion around the kitchen table one spring after-

noon, the sun came out, shining brightly and warmly through the dining room picture window. It shone directly on the kitchen table and made the surface of the table very warm.

While we were talking, our furry little sun-worshipper slowly padded into the room. Seeing the sunbeam shining through the window onto the kitchen table, she walked over to the table as we were talking and hopped up on the only empty chair that was left around the table. Surprised by her actions, we began to look at the cat as she stared intently at the sunbeam shining in on the kitchen table. She knew she wasn't allowed on the table so we really didn't think too much about what she was doing. We had always given our cat the run of the house with the exception of the kitchen and dining room food preparation surfaces, like the kitchen table and countertops, the stovetop, and to a lesser extent, our big upright freezer lid because we didn't want her on any of the food-contact surfaces in the house for health and sanitary reasons.

But there comes a point in an old cat's life when they are just going to do what they

want to do whether you like it or not.

And with that, our cat jumped from the chair up onto the kitchen table and lay down in the sunbeam in the middle of the table while the entire family was sitting around the table staring at her!

We were momentarily flabbergasted, staring open-mouthed at each other in disbelief as our cat lay down in the warmth of the sunbeam shining on the kitchen table.

She knew she wasn't allowed on the kitchen table! And we couldn't believe she would hop up on the table with all of us sitting right there! But our old cat wanted what she wanted and that was that.

So what did we do? After recovering from our initial shock, we picked her up off the table. She sagged like a limp dishrag in our hands as we lifted her from the table back down to the floor. We set her back down on the floor with a stern "NO! BAD KITTY!" and gave her a light little tap on the rump as a reminder that she had done something bad.

And what did the cat do? Doing what she always did on those rare times when we had to scold her, she meowed defiantly right back at us and sulked as she walked away.

In hindsight, I believe this was not so much an act of defiance as it was just a 'too old to give a damn anymore' thing. The sunbeam was right there, the old cat wanted what she wanted, and that was all there was to it. She wanted her place in the sun that day, so to speak, and so she took it.

In a way, we kind of hated to do that to our cat. She was a very good cat, loving and beloved, and in her sunset years when this happened. Old pets and old people have so few pleasures left to them in their waning years that you really hate to deny them anything if you could help it.

She was a very clean cat all her life, but even at her advanced age we still felt we had to hold the line on this one for obvious health and sanitary reasons.

And after that day, our cat never hopped back up on the kitchen table to bask in the sun again.

At least, not while anybody else was in the house!



**KEITH SCHELL**  
REMEMBERING WHEN

# Traumatic stress injury and concurrent program

If someone asked "How was your day?" and you answered honestly, what would you say? Would you talk about the traffic jam on your way to work? Forgetting your lunch at home? The long lineup at the drive-thru? The internet outage that occurred just as you were getting ready to stream your favourite show?

The day before my wedding, I was riding the bus past the venue on my way home and there was a large outdoor sign that read "Congratulations", with my name and my husband-to-be's name on it. It was extremely heartwarming, and I felt myself smiling from ear to ear. Moments later, I was walking home from the bus stop and I felt something hit the back of my head. I turned around and there was a half-eaten Timbit on the ground, which I presume had been thrown from a car window. At the rehearsal dinner later that night, a friend commented that I was quieter than usual. My response: "Someone threw a Timbit at me."

As humans, our minds tend to remember negative events more often than positive

ones. This makes sense from an evolutionary perspective. Consider a day in which you received a compliment from a friend, and accidentally burned your hand on the stove while preparing dinner. While hearing others say nice things about us feels good, it doesn't directly promote our survival. However, it is important for us to remember that hot things can hurt us.

For anyone who has experienced trauma or significant stressors, it can also act as a protective mechanism. They may believe that recognizing and even anticipating these sorts of negative events will protect them from being blindsided and experiencing the same pain that they experienced in the past.

So is it really a problem to focus on negative events? In short, the answer is yes. By drawing your attention to the inconveniences and frustrations in your day, you are minimizing the good, maybe even wonderful things that happened. This can have a profound negative impact on your mood and overall well-being.

By choosing to focus on the "Timbit incident" on the day before my wedding, I diminished all of the wonderful things that happened: the generous wedding present from my co-workers; the personalized outdoor sign; my self-care time, a nap and a manicure; and the time I spent with my family and friends at the rehearsal dinner. One of the both remarkable and sad things about life is that you can't redo it. I'll never live out "the day before my wedding" again. So by focusing on the one negative event that day, I took away something from myself that I can't get back.

If this resonates with you, you may be asking yourself "How can I start to shift my focus to the positive experiences?" My favourite technique is gratitude journaling. Any format can be used, but I chose GLAD. Every evening before I go to bed, I write down at least one item for each of the following categories: Grateful for; Learned; Accomplished, and Delighted in.

I also incorporate gratitude practice into a group that I facilitate in my workplace. Over

the past year, I've noted a few interesting things about this activity. The first is that, with practice, people can often identify what they are grateful for more quickly on a "bad" day. This can be very helpful to reframe difficult times. The second is that people often become so accustomed to looking for small gratitudes and accomplishments that they don't acknowledge the larger ones. For example, a client may mention that they finished their creative arts project instead of mentioning that they graduated from the program. I consider small celebrations to be a good thing because it's not every day that we win a gold medal or climb a mountain. The third observation is that it can be helpful to practice gratitude in pairs or groups. It's often easier to start by acknowledging the positive about someone else, especially for people who struggle with self-esteem and self-compassion.

Give gratitude a try. See what it will do for you.



**CAITLIN LUUVANHIEM**  
OPEN MIND

## Our Readers Write

### Many thanks

Many thanks to Charles Hooker, Graham Burke, Frank Stronach and of course the CITIZEN STAFF for the April 11th copy.

Others need to be commended as well but I will for now at least leave that to others.

I am wondering though if it is necessary for a person retired to formulate positive

procedures for the future and must it seemingly be a male requirement? (OK, I remember some ladies good comments as well).

Bernie Lynch,  
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# National Volunteer Week recognizes selfless contributions to the community

Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters! #NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

By Brian Lockhart

National Volunteer Week is being recognized around the world, and in Canada, this week is a time to celebrate and thank the country's 24 million volunteers.

National Volunteer Week takes place from April 14 - 20.

This year's theme is "Every Moment Matters." It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when people need more support than ever before.

The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the strength and well-being of communities.

Volunteering is often seen as a selfless act - a person gives their time, skills,

experience, and passion to help others without expecting anything in return.

While volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will tell you that "you get more than you give," when you donate your time for a good cause.

From opportunities to develop new skills to finding a deep and meaningful connection, the worth of volunteering is that it creates social and economic value for all.

From helping to build a home, cleaning up a park, or coaching a sports team, to cooking for an ill friend, checking in on a neighbour, or helping a stranger cross the street, each action impacts a community's overall wellness.

In Canada, events are organized by

Volunteer Canada - the national voice and leadership body for volunteerism in the country with over 1,100 organizational members.

National Volunteer Week was conceived in 1943 as a way to celebrate the

contribution made by women on the home front to the war effort.

Volunteering provides an opportunity to help another individual, group, or organization for the betterment of the community as a whole.



**Thank you to all our amazing volunteers in Orangeville, Caledon and beyond!**

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# Volunteer Week recognizes contributions of Dufferin's volunteers

By Paula Brown

Volunteers are often considered the backbone of a community, and this week organizations across Dufferin County are recognizing the contributions of their volunteers.

National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 14 to April 20, is a celebration of the work of volunteers and highlights their importance in the community.

"A typical volunteer doesn't ask for accolades or anything in return, this is a modest bunch and they don't ask for recognition. It's very important to take a moment to recognize that contribution," said Jennifer Payne, executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action. "Volunteers are the heart and soul of a community and it needs to be recognized as a valuable and vital sector of our community."

Volunteer Dufferin, a project of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA), is an online portal that helps match available volunteers with organizations that are in need of volunteers.

The system works by having individuals register a profile on the Volunteer Dufferin website and indicating their interests, skills, availability, and types of volunteer opportunities they're looking for. Volunteers are then able to browse a list of available positions in the community.

Organizations are also able to register on Volunteer Dufferin to post volunteer positions and connect with the best candidates.

While the number of opportunities on the portal fluctuates, Volunteer Dufferin currently has around 65 postings that require volunteers. These include registered non-profits and charities as well as community groups, event organizers, and other types of clubs and groups.

A specific area Payne noted as one in need of volunteers is local boards and committees.

"A lot of organizations are really in need of board members; they're looking to diversify the voices on their boards," said Payne. "We'd love to encourage people who are interested in giving back in a different way to look at board work and bringing their unique skills and voice to represent the community in organizations that align with their values and passions."

For those apprehensive about venturing into volunteering or may feel they have nothing to offer, Volunteer Dufferin uses the three W's system - wisdom, wealth and work.

When approaching volunteerism, a resident can think about the wisdom they can bring to the role such as a skill or lived experience; they can think about the wealth they can bring, including financial and in-kind donations; and finally, the work, which is the time and hands of labour.

"There are so many organizations, clubs and groups doing great work in our community and they all need our



your core values, and you're more likely to have fun doing that work," said Payne. "You can also meet other people who are of a similar mind and share the values and passions that you do. I think that's a great way to make social connections."

This year, the theme for National Volunteer Week is 'Every Moment Matters'. The theme looks to highlight the importance of each volunteering act or each contribution - big or small.

help. There are so many opportunities for volunteering or giving in the way that you can and the way that you want to," said Payne

A key factor in finding a volunteer position that will be successful is one that speaks to the volunteers' interests.

"It really makes a difference when you find an organization or a type of volunteer opportunity that really speaks to

"I know it's really hard on people who are accustomed to volunteering a lot because they feel like their either letting someone down or they're never giving enough, and I think what's important is for us to underscore that every moment matters; it's all valuable."

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FOR SUPPORTING A LOCAL BUSINESS

# New family business Dotcom Metals aims to be go-to metal supplier

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has a new metal supplier. On January 1, James March and sons Justin and Jonathan officially opened their new business, Dotcom Metals, in Bolton. March explained the business is a micro-distributor of metal that stocks a wide variety of metals in a wide variety of shapes — and they can all be cut to size based on the customer's needs. March said business has been going well so far, and, as word has spread that Dotcom Metals' services are available in Caledon, more and more people are reaching out. Dotcom Metals recently joined the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and March said it has been a great way to network and get the word out about the business. "Helping small businesses get their name out there is awesome," said March. "We're also now sponsors for the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull... hopefully we will continue to grow our community involvement." March has been working in the manufacturing industry for nearly 25 years and has

a close friend who was in the metal supply business who helped him and his sons get started. "I knew metal is an opportunity... we saw there was a need in Bolton, an area that's growing," said March. March said the core differentiator for Dotcom Metals is they will cut your metals to size and there's no minimum order size. "Whether you need six inches, six feet or 20 feet, we'll get it to you," said March. "We're trying to be the stock of metal for the local area to consume... we'd love to build partnerships with other businesses and the do-it-yourselfers at home." March said by partnering with other local businesses, Dotcom Metals can tailor its stock to their specific needs. "Those partnerships are important," said March. March said anyone curious about the business is always welcome to come by, meet him and his sons, and see what Dotcom Metals is all about. Dotcom Metals is located at 8841 George Bolton Parkway, and is in Unit 2 in Building C. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.



ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

NEW BUSINESS: James March and his sons Justin and Jonathan are the owners of new metal supply business Dotcom Metals.

# Cassie's Place to host second annual charity golf tournament this summer

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With some golf courses open and others opening soon, local charities are starting to look ahead to their annual golf tournaments, which are often major fundraisers.

Cassie's Place will be hosting a charity golf tournament for the second time this summer after experiencing great success with their first one last summer.

Cassie's Place is a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities. It offers a wide variety of programs for its participants such as summer programs, day camps and a bowling league.

Cassie's Place's second annual golf tournament will be held on August 6 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton (15731 Regional Road 50).

The event begins at 11 a.m. when registration opens and at 12 noon there will be a barbeque lunch. The golfing begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and after 18 holes of golf, attendees will get a three-course dinner at 6 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony.

Over the course of the day, there will be contests, raffles, prizes, and a silent auction. Contests include closest to the pin, longest

drive, and best and worst scoring team. Tickets for the tournament are \$225 per person or \$800 for a foursome. Early bird pricing is in effect until April 15, so until that date, singles are \$200 and foursomes are \$750. Cassie's Place is looking for sponsors to the tournament, and there's opportunities

from Hole Sponsor all the way up to Presenting Sponsor.

Joe Sassine, a volunteer with Cassie's Place, said he's excited to build a bigger and stronger tournament this year after last year's event sold out.

"We're looking to raise some extra funds for lots of extra things to do with the kids,"

said Sassine. "With the funds we made last year, we were able to not charge our participants for swimming, yoga, dance and music lessons."

Sassine said he's so passionate about fundraising because he and his fellow volunteers want to maximize benefits for those they serve at Cassie's Place.

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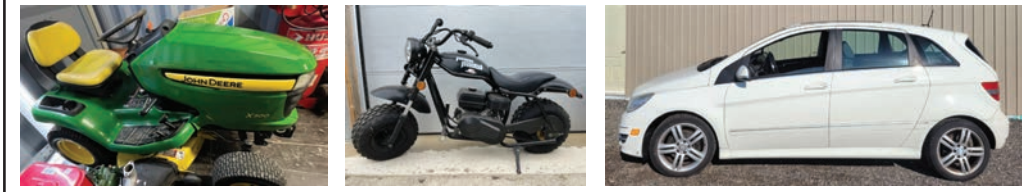
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Memorial service will be held at **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre** 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to CAMH would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of David 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](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

**GLENYS ELAINE MCCUAIG**  
**MARCH 2, 1941- APRIL 15, 2024**

Passed away peacefully on Monday, April 15, 2024 at Dufferin Oaks Long

Term Care Home where she had lived for almost five years. Predeceased by her parents John Ross McCuaig (1964) and Dorothy Ellen McCuaig (Reynolds) (1998) and Glenys' older brother John William Leonard McCuaig (2016) and his wife Lotte McCuaig (Bachhoffer) (1996).

Glenys is survived by a niece Chantal Evans and her son Ethan, two nephews Robert Erik McCuaig and Richard Bachhoffer. Glenys will also be greatly missed by other relatives and friends.

Glenys was a unique personality who knew what she wanted and let you know that. She worked for a number of years at York University, loved her gardens, her dogs and especially her cats when she lived in Mono Mills before moving to The Breumont in Orangeville.

A service of remembrance will be held at St John's Anglican Church - East Orangeville 3907 Hwy 9, Caledon Ontario on April 26th, 2024 at 11:00 am, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Interment to follow reception at St. John's Cemetery 7th Line Mono.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John's Anglican Church

Special thanks to the loving care Glenys received from her PSWs when she was still in her apartment and the staff at Dufferin Oaks LTC for the last five years.

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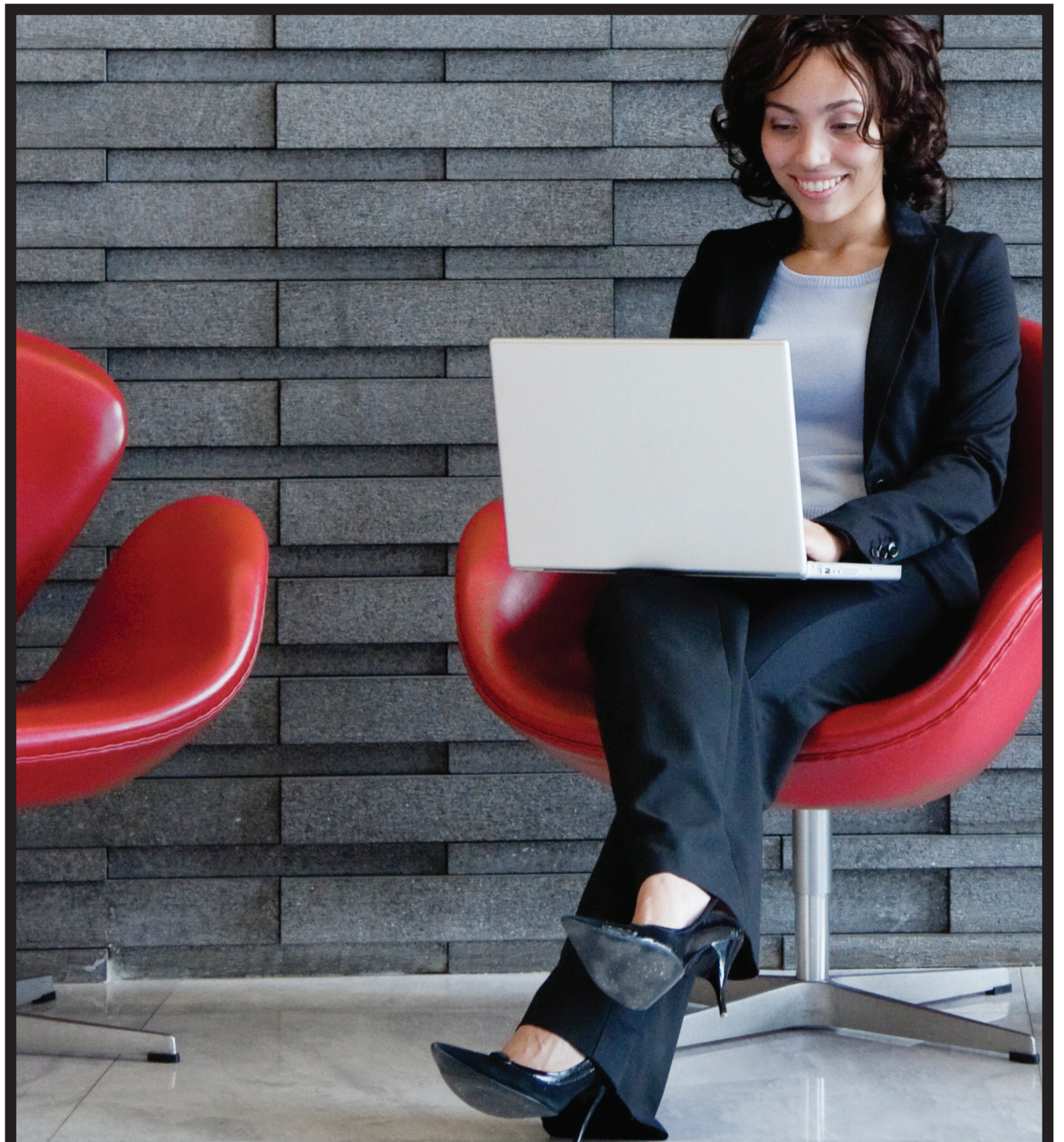
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