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WORM FARM: Wastenot Farms in Mono produces soil additives from organic waste products. The farm uses millions of worms to process the waste and produce a natural soil product. Jocelyn Molyneux, and her team - Alana, Brett, and Cat - use their knowledge of composting to create the final product. Turn to Page 5 to read a full story.

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York St. residents plead with council for heritage designation

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

Orangeville council decided not to pursue heritage status for York Street area properties.

Mayor Lisa Post said council makes its decisions by way of a combination of factors: The expert advice of staff complemented by community participation in the decision-making process.

In a report to council, the town's planning staff recommended that the effort to have York Street area properties designated as a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) be suspended.

Instead, staff urged council to task the Heritage Orangeville committee with the job of reviewing and updating non-designated properties on the Municipal Heritage Register. There are more than 450 non-designated properties currently on the register.

Staff suggested an outside consultant be hired, even though consultants had been hired in the past to look into the same issue.

A number of York Street area residents wrote council in support of the HCD designation.

"I am dumbfounded to see that council will be asked to agree to a motion not to

pursue designating the properties surrounding York Street as a Heritage Conservation District," wrote Linda Patterson.

Jane Lightle wrote: "Even though your Orangeville Historical Charm tourism material continues to promote it, it doesn't seem that saving one of the most significant and beautiful areas of our historical town is much of a priority."

Rebecca Scott wrote: "Our street is a small street with mostly heritage homes on it. It makes sense to have this designation. It also makes sense that Orangeville have a Heritage Conservation District when it advertises Orangeville as having Historic Charm Dynamic Future. We must preserve our historic charm."

Council also received a petition with 26 names of people supporting HCD status for the neighbourhood.

"The community has spoken up loudly and clearly in opposition to what was recommended by our town expert," Post said.

She spoke with Councillor Debbie Sherwood, who is the chairperson of Heritage Orangeville, to determine how to best fulfill the community's wishes according to the recommendations of municipal staff.

"I think that we've reached that," she said. Post gave kudos to York Street residents

who she said have been diligent advocates for the preservation of the neighborhood's heritage.

"As a result of that tireless advocacy, the heritage preservation in that area has continued," the mayor said. "You can see that on that street the residents are concerned with preserving the heritage of their properties."

"They do the work, they maintain their properties, they're all beautiful, they've done a great job and I love walking down that street."

An HCD is an area with a concentration of heritage resources with historical association.

Designating an HCD enables a municipality to manage and guide future change throughout the district in a way that preserves the area's attributes that contribute to its heritage value.

Once an HCD designation is in effect, any alteration or demolition to properties within the district is subject to a permit approval process. The HCD plan is to provide guidance for considering permit approvals for alteration, demolition, and new construction within the district. An HCD also specifies the types of activities that may occur without requiring permit approval.

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REMEMBERING
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Former owner and publisher of the Orangeville Citizen passes away

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A community-focused woman who impacted countless lives in the region recently passed away.

Pamela Anne Claridge, who led a life dedicated to her passion for music and enhancing the community, passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre at the age of 80 on May 9.

She is survived by her four grandchildren, three children and husband Tom Claridge.

As a trained vocalist and soloist, she performed with countless choirs throughout her life and did many solo performances in her early years.

"In the later years, it was more about piano and organ – teaching people piano and accompanying choirs and other singers," said her son Alan Claridge.

"She did a lot of outreach through the church to seniors homes, and that sort of thing. A lot of times it had to do with music, playing songs during services."



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REUNITED AGAIN: Pam Claridge (left) and Tom Claridge (right) celebrate Sheila Duncan's retirement from the Town of Orangeville at The Hatter in July of 2022. Sheila previously worked as an editor at the Orangeville Citizen with Tom and Pam from 1990 to 2003.

Over the years, Pam has played for countless funerals with Dods and McNair. She was an organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Shelburne and later at St. Mark's Church in Orangeville. For over 40 years she organized music programs in senior homes.

Pam was still accompanying devotionals in Montgomery Village Retirement Home up until two weeks before she passed.

"Her passion for music was carried through her work in the community. She was involved with the Rotary [Club of Orangeville Highlands] for a long time. She was just somebody that gave back to the community."

Alan added, "I always appreciated that about her and have tried to do what I could in the community myself because of her."

Pam was involved with a local school breakfast program for a number of years.

"I know that was really important to her," Alan said. "She just couldn't stand the fact that there were kids starting off their day without food."

When it comes to community newspapers in the region, the Claridge name is well-known.

Tom and Pam Claridge founded the Orangeville Citizen and took ownership of the then Shelburne Free Press and Economist in the early 70s. They also owned the Grand Valley Star-Vidette and Caledon Citizen.

After a career as a professional singer in Toronto, Pam turned her focus to the family-owned community newspaper business. But music was never left behind.

"She simultaneously had the title of publisher and was a music teacher that taught both piano and voice," said Tom.

Pam's role at the Orangeville Citizen changed over the years, but she was primarily focused on publishing and the business side of things, while Tom focused on taking photos, editing, and writing. During the early days of the newspaper, she helped put pages together, wrote articles, and provided guidance to reporters.

Alan said as with most entrepreneurial ventures, both Pam and Tom had to wear many hats when getting the paper off the ground.

"They had to be responsible for a lot of things for a lot of years, and I learned everything that I needed to know about how to run a newspaper from mom. Dad was more involved in the writing and editing, and I learned that from him," said Alan, who worked for decades in various roles at the Claridge-owned newspapers.

"While it was maybe not her life's ambition to be a newspaper publisher, I think that it allowed mom to be in the community in a really constructive way, and get things accomplished that she wanted to see accomplished for the town and Dufferin."

Pam's focus in the community was around music, outreach and publishing quality newspapers to keep residents informed.

"Getting what was happening in the community out to the community was important to her because she understood that if people wanted to be active in the community, they had to be informed about it," Alan explained.

Tom's grandfather purchased both the Shelburne Economist and Shelburne Free Press before merging them in 1928, just before the stock market crash in October of 1929 that triggered the Great Depression.

Pam and Tom took ownership of the Shelburne paper at the start of 1972, but with the Orangeville Banner taking up what little advertising there was in the community, he came up with the idea for Orangeville Citizen.

"We determined the only way of saving the Shelburne paper was to compete with the Banner, so I opened the Orangeville Citizen in September '74. We moved from our lovely little home in Etobicoke to Orangeville in February of '75," Tom recalled.

"I never thought 50 years later we would be the only game in town."

Tom met Pam when covering the legislature for the Canadian Press in Victoria, B.C. While living there he came across the Victoria Choral Society.

"I showed up for a practice, and the beautiful young lady who was the soprano soloist, I happened to bump into her," Tom said. "She happened to persuade me to switch churches. I'd been raised in the United Church – she was Anglican.

"We became engaged about a couple of



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HUGE LOSS FOR THE COMMUNITY: Pam Claridge is remembered for her dedication to music, teaching young performers and keeping the community informed. She passed away on May 9 at the age of 80.

months later... and we were married in August '65."

Pam achieved many significant accomplishments throughout her life. She was a founding member and president of the Orangeville Concert Association and a director, as well as chorister, in many productions for the Orangeville Music Theatre.

Pam also chaired the steering committee to establish Theatre Orangeville back in 1994.

She was recognized as Woman of the Year by Family Transition Place in 1995 and installed into the Order of Niagara for her contributions to Shelburne's St. Paul's in 2000.

A funeral service for Pam Claridge will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church (5 First Ave.) on Friday, May 17, at 2 p.m. Visitation begins at 1 p.m.

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Alder pools to officially reopen after being closed for three years

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

After three years and several delays due to unexpected challenges during construction, the Alder Recreation Centre pools are set to open to the public next week.

There's a full slate of free swim programming scheduled at Alder, starting on May 21. The free-swimming programs will run until the end of June.

On May 14, the Town of Orangeville invited residents to register for a mini-series of swimming lessons with free swims and programing starting later this month. Registration can be done online at orangeville.ca/en/recreation/registration.aspx.

"I'm so excited to share the news that the Alder Street Recreation Centre pool is ready to welcome you back," Mayor Lisa Post enthused. "We know it's been a long road to get here, and we've experienced some bumps along the way. We are immensely grateful for the community's patience during our efforts to reopen, and we're so excited to welcome you back."

The four-week spring swimming lesson program is for children at the pre-school level or the first two swimmer levels. Classes will run two evenings a week.

"Community members will have the chance to enjoy these new amenities for free through public swim events sponsored by Access Orangeville and the Age Friendly committees. Follow us on social media or visit our website for date announcements," said the Town of Orangeville in a press release.

With a new, eight-lane stainless steel lap pool, renovated leisure pool, and a new indoor play area with accompanying water features, swimming at Alder Street Recreation Centre will be accessible for all ages. There is also a new outdoor patio that will be available in the warmer months for the community to enjoy.

"Safety of the community and our staff is of the utmost importance to us which is why we have spent the last few weeks training staff on the new pools ensuring everything is ready to welcome residents back," said David Smith, Chief Administrative Officer. "We ask that you please be patient and kind with our staff who are also learning how to operate in a new space."

The free-swimming programs run:

Tuesdays – Starting May 21

- Lane Swim: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Leisure Swim: 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
- Aquafit: 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
- Leisure Swim & Splash Pad: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Lane Swim: 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays – Starting May 22

- Lane Swim: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursdays – Starting May 23

- Lane Swim: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Leisure Swim: 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
- Aquafit: 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
- Leisure Swim & Splash Pad: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Lane Swim: 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Fridays – Starting May 24

- Lane Swim: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Leisure Swim & Splash Pad: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Saturdays – Starting May 25

- Lane swim: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Public Swim sponsored by Access Orangeville: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Lane swim: 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Mondays – Starting May 27

- Lane Swim: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Lane Swim: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Leisure Swim & Splash Pad: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 28, Orangeville Recreation will also be introducing a Sensory Swim in both the lap and leisure pools for those who would benefit from these events. Sensory Swims will be held Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

When joining us for a free swim, please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation for Orangeville Food Bank.

Registrations will be available 75 hours ahead of the event start time. More dates and activities will be added soon. Swim dates and times may be subject to change.

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Tuesday, May 21	5 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Orangeville Police Services Board	1 289-801-5774 ID: 901 631 339#
Monday, June 3	7 p.m.	Council Chambers and Virtual	Council	Youtube @orangevillecouncil
Wednesday, June 5	6 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Committee of Adjustment	1 289-801-5774 ID: 468 044 860#

*Start time of Council and Committee meetings is subject to change
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Here are some of the ways you can conserve water in your daily life:

- Repair leaks and drips on any plumbing as soon as possible.
- Buy water-efficient appliances and fixtures.
- Install ultra-low-flow shower heads, low-flow, dual flush toilets and low-flow faucet aerators.
- Instead of using a hose to clean outdoor surfaces, try dry sweeping.
- Use rain barrels to collect rainwater from the eavestrough downspout. Use the water collected to water your indoor plants, lawn, and garden.

Learn more about how to conserve water by visiting orangeville.ca/ConserveWater.



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Alder Street Recreation Centre pools are re-opening

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Make a splash at our free swims, sponsored by Access Orangeville and Age Friendly.
- Make progress with your swimming skills by signing up for our 4-week mini series swimming lessons. Available programs include pre-school and the first two swimmer levels.

Free swim schedule available online at orangeville.ca/WelcomeToAlder

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Orangeville council uses HCIA to determine community grants

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) has had 20 years of bringing people together to shape a thriving community.

That's the group's mission statement, and many charities, organizations, and causes have been served well since HCIA's inception in 2004.

Jennifer Payne, the executive director at HCIA, shined some light on its community grants program during Orangeville council's May 13 meeting.

"The projects that we support serve a long-term vision of community well-being," she said.

The group's primary charitable purpose is to do research, education, engagement, and action on community priorities. That's accomplished through collaboration, connections, and community conversations, she said.

There are many things that go into considering each application.

There are certain areas in which the applicant can influence the overall quality of the application. There are other factors that are considered that are out of the influence of applicants, she said.

"Then we have to layer onto that considerations like the amount of funds available or allotted for the community grants program," Payne said. "The mix of project types.

"While it's not necessarily [that] we're trying to fit a number of key areas, we do like to try to spread the finds around for different purposes and for different sub-populations."

Other budget factors that are weighed include partially funding a project when possible.

The last round of applications to the HCIA yielded high-quality applications for a pool of limited funds. While the volume of applications was of a typical year, the requests were for four times the available funds.

The total available money was \$56,800 in 2024. The total funds requested was \$231,204.

She said the assessment team suggested another workshop to assist prospective applicants with writing for grants.

The timeline for assessments was tight, she said.

"I know that's just a function of where it fell on the schedule," Payne said.

The process will be revisited in 2025, she said.

"It was a learning experience for all of us as well," she said. "I hope that we've done you proud in our project for you."

"I know that was a huge ask to try and give everybody a little something and I think you did it very thoughtfully," Mayor Lisa Post said.

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said he'd like to see council's relationship with HCIA continue regarding evaluating applications and making recommendations for awarding grants.

"I just think the process makes sense with you versus with, I hate the word politician, but with the politicians," Taylor said. "It's much better if it's from a third party."

Payne said both council and HCIA experienced a learning curve.

"I know that the pressure is on many organizations to seek as much money as possible," Councillor Joe Andrews said. "The difficulty we have in today's society is that there's just not as much money as there once was for many of these organizations."

Dufferin Oaks in need of volunteers

Are you interested in getting involved in the community? Dufferin Oaks is currently in need of volunteers to assist in the hair salon on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 pm.

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Wastenot Farms: Using worms to create fertilizer from organic waste

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Many people see food and organic waste as garbage – Jocelyn Molyneux of Wastenot Farms in Mono sees solutions and possibilities.

Wastenot Farms is a vermicomposting biorefinery where worms do the majority of the work by eating organic material and turning it into valuable fertilizer for gardens and plants.

These aren't your typical earthworms. They are Red Wigglers, the best type of worms to use for composting because they will eat and process anything organic.

While Red Wigglers are not a native species in Canada, they are not considered a risk because they do not have any kind of negative environmental impact.

Jocelyn started her career in waste management after achieving a Masters Degree in applied environmental science.

However, she was not impressed by the way the company she was working for was cutting corners to turn a profit.

"That's what I studied in my Masters program – who is willing to put in the extra effort?" Jocelyn explained. "With pretty much everything in environmental studies, it's more effort or more cost because you are taking responsibility. I studied why people sometimes go the extra mile, and why they do not."

Jocelyn began working with worms in a very small way.

"I had some of these Red Wiggler worms in a backyard composter," she explained. "I put some food waste out, and two days later the food waste was gone. I had this 'light bulb' moment where I thought this is so easy, the worms are doing all the work. My next thought was, 'why aren't we doing this on a commercial scale? I knew there was a demand for this service in tenant offices in larger buildings downtown (Toronto)."

She started doing the composting for many of these large buildings.

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Continued from FRONT

York St. residents plead with council for heritage designation

this forward to get additional community consultation, which I think is required before we pursue a motion to unequivocally move forward with the Heritage Conservation District [designation],” Post said.

“I cannot support the part of the staff recommendation that specifically states that an intention to designate the properties surrounding York Street as a Heritage Conservation District not be pursued at this time,” Sherwood said.

She said the committee previously urged

council to move forward with the designation.

“We have to protect our heritage streets such as this one,” Sherwood said. “Our logo states historical charm, and York Street is definitely part of that historical charm.”

Sherwood said there’s no need to hire a consultant to redo a study costing as much as \$100,000. She suggested the town host an open house with the neighbourhood’s residents to discuss the HCD designation and its ramifications.

“When this went on seven or eight years

ago, it was the biggest gong show I’ve ever seen,” Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said. “None of us were on council at the time. It was embarrassing to watch.”

The council of the day handled the issue very poorly, he said. The current council, he said, is already tackling the subject very professionally.

“It’s just important for everybody else to know that we are talking about one street for this heritage area,” Taylor said. “We’re not talking about any other part of town.”

There’s a simple reason to support the HCD designation, he said. And that’s because the majority of the street’s residents want it.

But then there was the amended motion to which Post alluded. She asked that the designation request be received and that an open house meeting with residents take place. She asked that staff hire a heritage planning student to review the municipal non-designated properties and determine which ones should be prioritized for heritage status.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Orangeville council hears proposal for music venue on Town Line

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local musician has an idea of how to bring the sounds of New Orleans every week to Orangeville.

Church Street resident Robert Armstrong plays the banjo. He’s in a band that has played across the country, he said. And he pitched an idea to Orangeville council during its May 13 meeting on how he and other musicians could have a regular gig in Orangeville.

Armstrong wrote to council in May 2023 and asked for exclusive use of the empty building at 49 Town Line and its associated space for parking.

It’s owned by the municipality and is used by the GO bus service. Armstrong proposed that it could be a live music venue for blues, jazz, and country music once a month.

“Probably on the last Saturday of each month,” he said. “Possibly more at a later date.”

He suggested Wednesday night talent

nights and music lessons could also take place there.

“It would also give young people in this area a chance to perform,” Armstrong said.

Regular live music at 49 Town Line would enhance tourism locally, he said.

“With the aging population, the live music we perform is very accepted and we will be giving back greatly to the community,” said Armstrong.

Changes to zoning won’t be required, he said. And even a liquor licence won’t be

needed as the events will be booze-free.

He said he’s still working to get a layout of the building, which is about 22 years old. A floor plan is required to determine the occupancy limits.

“I’m sure this venue will be a success,” he said.

“At this time, Mr. Armstrong, we’re not quite ready to make a decision on that building,” Mayor Lisa Post said, and added that his proposal will be revisited.

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHT: A Celebrity Server Night was held at Boston Pizza in Orangeville on May 6 in support of Autism Speaks Canada (ASC). Children with autism served tables all night long and Boston Pizza donated 10 per cent of all food sales to ASC. Other fundraising activities that night included a balloon pop and raffle.

PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

Orangeville Public Library hosting LGBTQ author

Young Adult (YA) Fiction debut author Matteo L. Cerilli is set to host a special book talk at the Orangeville Public Library in celebration of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.

This special event, hosted in partnership with Dufferin Child and Family Services’ GLOW Youth Group, is geared for YA horror fans and centred on Cerilli’s debut book, ‘Lockjaw’.

A small-town ghost story, Lockjaw is set where monsters living and dead haunt the streets, the homes, and the minds of the inhabitants. The story is described as a ‘gripping paranormal horror novel’ by Publishers Weekly, focusing on queer teens growing up where they are at odds with their community.

Cerilli, who is transmasculine, helped found Students for Queer Liberation (Toronto). He writes widely across genres and age categories. “Lockjaw”, his debut novel, will be released to the public in June. Advance copies will be available for purchase after the presentation.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness about the ongoing discrimination, violence, and marginalization faced by members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

It is recognized annually on May 17. The day holds great importance and aligns with the goals of GLOW, a 2SLGBTQIA+ youth group that works to build self-esteem, a sense of connection to community, and pride about diverse sexual and gender identities.

The Orangeville Public Library is thrilled to host this special event in partnership with GLOW and looks forward to the engaging conversations Cerilli will bring with his book.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. on May 17 at the Mill Street Library.

Registration is required to attend. For more information or to register, visit orangevillelibrary.ca or call the library at 519-941-0610.

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All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed D.C. by-law and background study. The meeting is to be held:

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers at Mono Town Hall
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Join virtually by going to app.gotomeeting.com
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In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is being made available online at the Town’s website www.bit.ly/24dvc on May 16, 2024.

SCAN ME

Copies of the proposed D.C. by-law(s) and the background study are also being made available as of May 16, 2024 from the Town Clerk at ClerksOffice@townofmono.com or in-person at Mono Town Hall.

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk, at the above address **prior to 4 pm on June 17, 2024**. Written submissions will be placed before Council for the meeting.

Town of Orangeville seeks community input on economic development

Now is the time to share your thoughts about economic development in Orangeville.

As part of its ongoing efforts to support our local business community, the Town of Orangeville is creating a new Economic Development and Culture Strategy. Gathering input from residents, businesses, and other local stakeholders is an essential part of the project. Everyone is invited to participate and an online survey will make it easy to share your opinions.

This new community-based strategy will create a clear, actionable, and comprehensive direction for economic development over the next five years. The strategy will help the Town to respond to changing market conditions, address unique local challenges, and identify future opportunities.



At its core, the role of economic development in Orangeville is to enhance the resilience of our businesses by creating a supportive and flexible environment. However, this work often extends to the broader community. Employment opportunities, available amenities and services, transportation and housing options, and even arts and cultural assets are all considered when businesses choose to operate in

Orangeville. For that reason, the Town is encouraging input from a wide and diverse group of stakeholders. Business owners, employees, entrepreneurs, residents, organizations, students, and volunteers are all invited to respond.

"The success of the Economic Development and Culture Strategy relies on feedback from our community," says Councillor Joe Andrews, Chair of the Town's Economic Development and Culture Committee. "Creative ideas are welcome as we build our plan and consider new ways to support Orangeville's businesses."

A survey is now available online at orangeville.ca/EDCstrategy. Each question is open-ended to give participants the opportunity to share any and all ideas. The survey is open until June 16.

Orangeville's work coincides with a similar project being led by Dufferin County to update its own Economic Development Strategy. In both cases, stakeholder engagement is an integral part of the process. Members of Orangeville's business community are invited to contribute to both strategies to ensure the Town's ideas and perspectives are well-represented and understood. Dufferin County is hosting a series of Community Insights Workshops that invite participation from members of specific local industries including Manufacturing, Tourism and Real Estate. More details can be found at joinindufferin.com.

For more information about the Town of Orangeville's Economic Development and Culture Strategy and Action Plan, visit orangeville.ca/EDCstrategy.

Pizza Nova to fundraise for Orangeville Food Bank with grand opening

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Those looking to dine in Orangeville now have an additional option when searching for pizza.

Pizza Nova has opened at 40 Broadway and is holding a grand opening celebration on May 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., that will serve as a fundraiser for the Orangeville Food Bank.

For the grand opening ceremony at Pizza Nova there will be an official ribbon-cutting ceremony and special deals such as medium pizzas for \$5.99 (plus tax), with \$1 from every pizza sold during the event going to Orangeville Food Bank.

The Orangeville Food Bank has seen a 41 per cent increase in the number of people accessing it over the last year.

The new Pizza Nova location is owned and operated by seasoned franchisee Steve Wahab.

Wahab has worked with Pizza Nova for nearly two decades. The opening of the Orangeville restaurant marks his second location, with his first located at 10886 Hurontario St., Brampton, Ont.

"I have been part of the Pizza Nova family since 1995, starting as a pizzamaker at Pizza Nova's Bolton location and eventually stepping into the franchisee role in Brampton," said Wahab. "Opening a second location in Orangeville is not just an expansion—it's a homecoming. This new store allows us to serve another community with the same dedication to quality and service that defines Pizza Nova."

President of Pizza Nova, Domenic Primucci, congratulated Wahab on opening the new location.

"With Steve's extensive experience and passion, we are excited to see him bring our brand to the amazing community of Orangeville, offering a taste of Italy to more Ontarians," said Primucci.

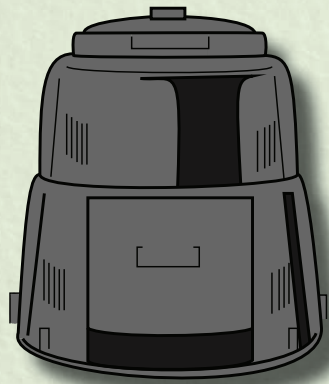


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A SAUCEY START: A member of the Pizza Nova family since 1995 and a franchisee since 2005, Steve Wahab opens his second franchise location, this time in Orangeville on May 6.

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LOCAL Arts & Entertainment

Fibre artists thriving at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Yvonne Iten-Scott and Leslie Knight moved into their studio in the Alton Mill about a year ago. They had met during a Zoom call about the craft of making beautiful things from an assortment of materials and especially, wool.

The Citizen sat down for our own Zoom talk with the ladies about their history and plans. Ms. Iten-Scott was born and lived in Orangeville but now lives in Erin. Caledon is home to Leslie Knight.

After meeting over Zoom, the pair realized they lived 15 minutes apart and they were both taking classes on fibre art. They got together for tea, to talk about their passion for fibre art and, in due course, they began to discuss a plan to open a studio together.

The heritage Alton Mill with its complete focus on the arts, and its several studios where artists can have spaces to work and meet the many visitors to the Mill seemed the logical place for their own plans. At first, they worried they would have to wait for space but the Mill's owners were so intrigued to have fibre artists at the Mill, they were invited to move in.

For Ms. Knight, her interest in rug hooking began when her grandmother taught her and grew from there.

Ms. Iten-Scott realized when she saw a decorative rug or cushion in a shop window that was too much money that she could make it herself.

There were workshops to teach her and she had a natural love for the craft. Shortly thereafter she found herself immersed and enthusiastic.

She became "obsessed with wool in any form, raw, fleece – wool fabrics."

They made the point that in this world of



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FANTASTIC FIBRE: Leslie Knight (left) and Yvonne Iten-Scott pose before their beautiful strands of wool, which is her favourite material for much of the fibre art they produce in their studio upstairs at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

waste, to use repurposed textiles, turning them into practical things like rugs, stools, and cushions makes a lot of sense. They source material through fibre festivals and find lots of wool and yarn, locally sourced. They run their own workshops now at their studio, The Mill Fibre Art, teaching felting, rug hooking and wet felting.

Ms. Knight told us, "It's so satisfying with endless possibilities – your only limit is your imagination. Usually after a wet felting class, people go home with something they made and they're so happy to have learned that. How simple it is. A few pieces of wet felt and you can have a beautiful picture."

The history of their art is thrilling to think about, how old the techniques are with these "old time crafts."

"Felting goes back tens of thousands of years ago," she said. "We really enjoy sharing our love for this craft."

"We want to introduce it to younger generations," Ms. Iten-Scott added.

They went on to talk about the children's book they have put together for which they are already in discussion with a publisher. They have developed an exhibition of hooked rug squares, all with the image of an insect on them, from 45 artists around the world. Using this exhibition for the content of their upcoming book, each page has an illustration of the rug with an insect, a little poem about it and a note of interest. This is fun for the kids, with "Magnificent Bugs in Rugs."

As an example, Ms. Knight informed us, "The

[African] dung beetle uses the Milky Way to navigate and if the sky is overcast it can't find its way."

Fascinating.

The Magnificent Bugs in Rugs is the Featured Exhibition "in Ohio for the largest rug hooking conference in the world," Ms. Iten-Scott let us know. "Proceeds from the books will go back in the illustrations of the rugs."

They are going to the conference in Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio to conduct a three-day retreat, teaching about hooking and using the book as a reference.

Otherwise, as they remarked, they are going to Iceland for the month of November for an immersion retreat there to expand their knowledge.

There's a loom there, a dye kitchen and plenty of Icelandic sheep producing wool.

So exciting is the opportunity to go to Iceland and learn more about what they already love doing.

Said Ms. Iten-Scott, "They take discarded fish skin and make fish leather of it in Iceland. So, I'm really looking forward to working with that."


And they agreed the Northern Lights should be amazing.

Promoting the rug hooking craft, "It's great to teach young people to do it too. It's so simple to learn to put a loop through the hook."


Most people fall in love and [like] to make practical things, like a purse too.

"Leslie even made a lamp of wool – you put a light inside and it glows through the wool – it was beautiful," Yvonne Iten-Scott told us.

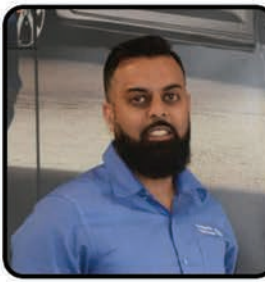
You can visit the two fibre artists at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. Check the ladies out at www.themillfibreart.com



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Dream Car - Nissan GTR
Fav Roadtrip Song - Another one bites the Dust - Queen
First Vehicle - 2004 Nissan Altima
When I'm not at work you can find me - Planning for my Wedding

Dream Car - 1970 Buick Grand National
Fav Roadtrip Song - 5 Days in May - Blue Rodeo
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When I'm not at work you can find me - Riding my Harley

Dream Car - 1996 Acura NSX
Fav Roadtrip Song - Starin' through my Rear View - 2Pac
First Vehicle - 1989 Honda Prelude
When I'm not at work you can find me - DJing wedding events

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Geological time
4. Ooze
9. A set of eight
14. Obstruction
15. Swiss mathematician
16. Philosophy
17. The night before
18. A timid person
20. Unifies
22. Gangs
23. Alternative name
24. Acumen
28. Cathode-ray tube
29. Tantalum
30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
31. Humiliate
33. Earthy pigment
37. Air Force
38. Adult males
39. Stiff untanned leather
41. Before
42. Atomic #18
43. Beer mug
44. Nostrils
46. Type of chef
49. Midway between north and east
50. They ___
51. Splits
55. Walk in a timid manner
58. Preserved animal skin with hair
59. Popular donut shop item
60. You smear it on bagels
64. Don't know when yet
65. Equal to 10 amperes
66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
67. One point south of due east
68. Of mixed ancestry
69. Home of the Pyramids
70. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
2. Untangle
3. One from the U.S.
4. Academic terms
5. San ___ Obispo, in California
6. Not healthy
7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
8. Arugula genus
9. VIII
10. Makes a monarch
11. Tormentor
12. Commercials
13. Sprinkle
19. Make a mistake
21. Freshwater fishes
24. Vermont town
25. Man-made device
26. Entrap
27. Places to store important things
31. Accumulate
32. Greek mythological nymph
34. Gregory ___, American dancer
35. Denotes past
36. Becoming popular again
40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
62. Work unit
63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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



How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Celebrate
SPANISH: Celebrar
ITALIAN: Festeggiare
FRENCH: Célébrer
GERMAN: Feiern


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ACROSS

1. Arts, customs, and behaviors of a social group
4. Person who operates something
5. With others
7. Menu items


DOWN

1. Nation
2. A number; trio
3. Salty or spicy
6. A place one lives




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ANSWER: TAMALES



THE WORD "SOMBRERO" IS DERIVED FROM THE SPANISH WORD "SOBRA," WHICH MEANS "SHADE" OR "SHADOW."



1. Country 2. Three 3. Savory 6. Home Down
Answers: 1. Cultures 4. User 5. Together 7. Dishes



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Credit Valley Conservation vehicle stolen at Island Lake

Officers working out of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a theft of a Credit Valley Conservation vehicle from Island Lake Conservation in Mono.

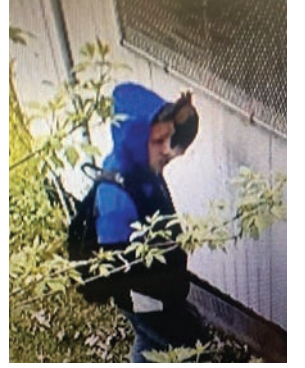
Dufferin OPP received a call for service at Island Lake Conservation for the report of a stolen vehicle on May 10. Officers secured video surveillance where the suspect is observed between 6:40 p.m., and 7:40 p.m., on May 9.

The stolen vehicle is described as a 2012 Dodge Caravan, white in colour, with a Credit Valley Conservation logo on the driver's door.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Dufferin OPP is committed to enforcement initiatives targeting this issue and will continue to educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.



Police lay impaired driving charges

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

Two women and one man were recently charged with impaired driving related offences.

Officers from the Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a vehicle in the ditch in the area of 10th Line and 20 Sideroad in Amaranth on May 3, just before 8 p.m. Officers located the driver and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Theresa ERDENBERGER, a 52-year-old female, from Aurora has been charged with:

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

Dufferin OPP officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of County Rd. 109 in Mono on May 8, just before 3 a.m.

Officers spoke with a driver at the side of the road and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Leah KING, a 52-year-old female, from Grand Valley has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check in the area of Centennial Road in Orangeville on May 8, just after 11:45 p.m. A driver entered the area, and officers were led into an impaired operation investigation.

Bradley BARTLETT, a 35-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Driver fail to surrender licence

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.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Dufferin OPP lay charges through aircraft enforcement

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

A recent motorcycle safety initiative that used the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Aircraft Enforcement Program (AEP) resulted in 26 driving-related charges for local motorists.

Members of both the Dufferin and Caledon OPP Detachments took part in the initiative on May 4.

"OPP officers and pilots prioritized road safety for all motorists through aircraft surveillance along Highway 10 in Caledon and Dufferin," explained the OPP in a press release. "The initiative aimed to proactively prepare for the upcoming increase in motorcycles due to improving

weather conditions, as well as target aggressive driving, speeding, passing on the shoulder, and failing to stop."

The 26 charges included three for stunt driving, four for improperly displayed plates, and numerous for speeding.

Out of all the charges, a little less than half were for motorcycles. The OPP laid 11 in total.

"The OPP is committed to reducing and preventing injuries on roads, highways, waterways, and trails, while enhancing safety for motorists and all other road users through public education and enforcement," said the OPP in a press release.

Dufferin OPP launches Canada road safety week

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will again participate in this year's Canada Road Safety Campaign.

Canada Road Safety Week, running from May 14 to 20, aims to increase compliance with safe driving measures in order to save lives.

"Its focus is on behaviours that put drivers, passengers, pedestrians and other vulnerable road users at risk, including the "big four" contributing factors for injury and death on our roads: impaired driving, distracted driving, speed or aggressive

driving and lack of seatbelt use," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

Sadly, 2023 was a historically tragic year on OPP-patrolled roads, with 411 people killed in collisions. The year marked the first time the number of fatalities exceeded 400 since 2007. What has not changed are the behaviours and actions linked to these deaths.

"You can expect that Dufferin OPP Officers will be highly visible during this campaign to ensure your safety."

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Dufferin Child & Family Services receives accreditation for four more years

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin Child & Family Services (DCAFS) has been awarded with a recognition of their advocacy for children and families.

DCAFS announced in a press release on May 9 that they had received accreditation from the Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA) for another four years.

"The accreditation process is challenging, and we could not have done it without the support of our dedicated staff, service recipients, community partners, and Board of Directors," said DCAFS in the press release. "The accreditation process requires a whole agency approach, and we are committed to ongoing quality improvement. We believe that having an external review helps us to learn and grow, and we are pledged to ensure that our service methodology is current and effective."

The Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA) offers a four-year accreditation program, which is designed to enhance an organization's quality management.

In order to obtain accreditation, DCAFS underwent an assessment review conducted by CCA-trained teams. The review process included the submission of organizational information, surveys of community partners, staff, governing body members, and other stakeholders as well as interviews, observa-

tions and process reviews as part of a site visit.

"Our team effort in achieving accreditation involved the entire organization, including service delivery, universal policies, governance, human resources, finance, and IT," said DCAFS.

"CCA commends the organization's commitment to quality and continuous improvement," said Canadian Centre for Accreditation in the accreditation review.

CCA identified specific highlights from the accreditation review process which included:

- The quality of DCAFS' 2022-2025 Strategic Plan
- DCAFS enables service, governance and work environments that value diversity, in particular, the longevity of the GLOW 2SLGBTQ+ program and investments in diversity, equity and inclusion
- Advocacy for children and families by working with partners to deliver quality support
- Programming dedicated to caregivers and how to build families

"We are thrilled to have achieved this milestone, and it is a symbol of our commitment to providing the best possible services in our community. We thank everyone involved in this process and look forward to continuing to improve and grow as a multiservice agency," concluded DCAFS.



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ENHANCING QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Dufferin Child & Family Services (DCAFS) announced on May 9 that they had received accreditation from the Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA) in recognition of their advocacy for children and families.

Credit Valley Conservation celebrates 70-years of conservation in the region

May 13 marked Credit Valley Conservation's 70th anniversary of conserving the Credit River Watershed.

CVC Chair Micheal Palleschi, CVC Chief Administrative Officer Quentin Hanchard and CVC's Board of Directors and staff kicked-off CVC's 70th anniversary year-long celebrations with a flag raising ceremony at the organization's Administrative Office on Friday, May 10.

"For the past 70 years, Credit Valley Conservation has been serving watershed municipalities and communities and I am proud to be part of this important milestone," said Micheal Palleschi, CVC Chair and Regional Councillor for Wards 2 and 6 in the City of Brampton. "CVC continues to bring forward solutions rooted in science to protect and restore the Credit River Watershed and is helping to prepare our communities for a changing climate and increased pressures to natural systems."



An Order of Council from the Province officially established the Credit Valley Conservation Authority on May 13, 1954. It was created in response to a request by the communities within the Credit River Watershed, for the creation of an authority to assist in dealing with issues related to flooding, pollution and resource management.

"The role of CVC is enduring in our local communities," said Quentin

Hanchard, Chief Administrative Officer at Credit Valley Conservation. "While the environmental challenges in the Credit River Watershed have evolved during the past 70-years, our critical role to protect and restore the Credit River Watershed remains. We are inspired by our 70-year legacy as we continue to serve our local communities and municipal partners to create a watershed where a diversity of all life thrives."



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MARKING A MILESTONE: Credit Valley Conservation's Board of Directors and CAO celebrate CVC's milestone 70th anniversary with a flag raising ceremony. From left to right: Quentin Hanchard, CVC CAO, Tom Adams, Regional Councillor Ward 6, Town of Oakville, Micheal Palleschi, CVC Chair and Regional Councillor for Wards 2 and 6 in the City of Brampton, Fred Nix, Deputy Mayor, Town of Mono, Michael Dehn, Mayor, Town of Erin, Matt Mahoney, Regional Councillor Ward 8, City of Mississauga.

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Ride Don't Hide: Cycling event to raise money and awareness about mental health coming to Caledon East Park on June 23

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are invited to pedal for a good cause this June.

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin is now gearing up for its annual Ride Don't Hide cycling event which takes place this June.

Ride Don't Hide started in 2010 thanks to the efforts of Vancouver-based teacher Michael Schratte. After experiencing stigma while living with bipolar disorder, he began a 40,000-kilometre ride around the world for mental health.

"It occurred to me that, if approximately twenty percent — or one in five — Canadians experienced a mental health issue in a given year, then where are those seven million Canadians?" said Schratte. "Stigma stops when we, the twenty percent, reveal ourselves. Mental illness is so common and so varied, it is nothing but an integral part of what it is to be human."

This year, there will be an in-person ride on June 23 that starts at Caledon East Park. There will be five routes to choose from and after the ride there will be food and entertainment.

Residents are also invited to participate in an athletic event of their choosing, on their own time, between June 1 and 22 if they are unable to make it to the in-person event.

Through the ride, the CMHA Peel Dufferin is encouraging participants to fundraise and help it reach its \$100,000 goal to support its programs like Outreach,

HomeWorks, Recovery College, Client Wellness, and the Sweedian Robinson Scholarship.

In addition to fundraising, CMHA Peel Dufferin encourages participants to use Ride Don't Hide as a way to have conversations about mental health with others and share their journeys.

Shawna Bailey is CMHA Peel Dufferin's fundraising and events officer. She said the non-profit wanted to make the event in-person and virtual this year so everyone has a chance to participate.

"I know that as a mom, I'm always looking for fun ways to get my kids moving and outdoors," said Bailey. "Having the ride over the entire month of June is such a great opportunity to lace up our shoes as a family, take the dogs out for a walk, and continue the conversation with my son and daughter about mental health and what it means to them."

Shahrukh Shah has been participating in Ride Don't Hide for years and is a team captain.

"I believe that the Ride provides a great opportunity for the community to come together," said Shah. "It allows us to break down the stigma surrounding mental health while riding for those not able to ride on their own. Together, we make a difference."

Facility Plus is the lead sponsor of Ride Don't Hide in Peel Dufferin, and Facility Plus manager of transformation and corporate strategy Alicia Levy said mental health affects everyone in some capacity.

"We ride to support our friends, family members, colleagues, and community



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CYCLING FOR A CAUSE: There will be an in-person Ride Don't Hide event on June 23 at Caledon East Park.

members who are struggling with mental health," said Levy. "Our team of 'Facility Plus Roadsters' are proud to ride to spread awareness around mental health and garner support for such an important cause. No one should struggle with their mental health alone, and we hope that by participating in the ride that we are lending one more helping hand and one more voice to bring mental health into the open."

Facility Plus president David Levy said his team is honoured to be a part of Ride Don't Hide.

"At events like Ride Don't Hide, you truly see first-hand how a community comes together to support and form a movement towards bringing awareness to mental health," he said.

To learn more about the ride, register for it, or donate, those interested can visit www.ridedonthide.com/peeldufferin.

MoD to mark Museum Month and International Museum Day with celebration

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Take a trip back in time and learn how Dufferin County's local museum is preserving history for the community.

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is inviting the community to join them in celebrating Museum Month and International Museum Day (May 18).

Started in 1977, International Museum Day is an annual event organized by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). Museum Month, which coincides with International Museum Month, is a program of the Ontario Museum Association that is celebrated by more than 700 provincial museums, galleries and heritage sites.

The aim of International Museum Day and Museum Month is to give local museums the opportunity to engage with the public and highlight the important role the institutions serve the community.

This year the theme for Museum Month is 'Museums for Education and Research.'

"Museums play an integral role in learning and innovation as well as knowledge keeping and sharing," said Jasmine Proteau, Museum Services Manager for the MoD. "We welcome Dufferin County residents and visitors to explore the MoD this May — discover our galleries, take part in our programs and events, and immerse yourself in the stories of Dufferin's history and culture."

The Museum of Dufferin will be opening its doors to visitors for free on May 18 in

celebration of International Museum Day. Visitors will be able to take part in a scavenger hunt and other activities throughout the galleries.

The local museum will also be giving visitors a behind-the-scenes tour of its storage rooms with staff, which are typically not accessible to the public. Through this tour, visitors will learn how the museum keeps artifacts and archival documents safe, how they chose which items go on display, and some of the specific items the museum has in its archives.

The Museum of Dufferin, which is located at 936029 Airport Road in Mulmur, collects and preserves the stories of the people, places and culture of Dufferin County — both past and present.

The museum features three galleries with permanent and rotating exhibitions and art shows as well as four historic buildings. The MoD is home to the largest public collection of W. J. Hughes Corn Flower Glass in the world with over 2,200 pieces.

The MoD is also home to the Dufferin County Archives, where residents are able to research facts about the people, places and culture related to Dufferin County including the Local War Veteran Database with information on 6,236 local veterans.

Visitors can keep up to date on upcoming events and activities at the Museum of Dufferin by visiting their website, at www.dufferinmuseum.com or following their social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

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Achill Choral Society prepares for upcoming performance at the Alton Mill

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Achill Choral Society (ACS) has been invited for the second year to be the musical entertainment at the Tapestry of Art show coming up at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, put on by Headwaters Arts. The weekend of May 25 is set for this tremendous celebration of the arts.

What thrills Cathy Whitcombe, President of ACS, is the inclusion of music in a predominantly visual arts centre.

She told the Citizen in an interview this week, "Headwaters Arts is not just visual arts.. The premise was how artists are inspired by music; the call was to paint something expressed in music."

What pleases Ms. Whitcombe particularly about the invitation is the response by the

organizers to the way the choir performed and entertained audiences last year.

"They fund us to come," she said. "Our professional director and accompanist come with us and Headwaters Arts is supporting them too."

"It is very nice for [artistic director and conductor] Shawn Grenke and [collaborative accompanist] Nancy Dettbarn to experience our community too."

While not a concert as such, the choir will be performing at this event with an hour of singing a variety of music. Tapestry of Art gives them a chance to sing to people who don't know of them yet, which is appreciated.

Ms. Whitcombe spoke about the choir, saying, "We're a pretty strong democracy, with 68 members. We have just written our

articles to maintain our not-for-profit status. We have had to teach ourselves to set our set of bylaws. We're very lucky that we are a self-directed organization."

Their spring concert on April 28 was fantastic, Ms. Whitcombe assured us. In recent years, with the chill of Covid still in the air, it used to be they could not get people to come. This time it was a full house.

Quite recently, they were singing in Toronto, doing amazing music in Eglington at St. George Church and the United Church of St. George for a combined choir of 100 voices.

How essential music is to everything brought her comment about its almost miraculous benefit for seniors with such programs as Music for Memories. This involves bringing music that a senior person loves for them to listen and the experience is amazing.

Back to Tapestry of Art, Ms. Whitcombe had high praise for the tent-covered annex at the Alton Mill.

She told us that the annex has the best acoustics, and the roof "does wonderful

things for sound."

After their appearance at Headwaters Arts, the choir is off for the summer and will meet back on Sept. 11 for the first rehearsal, which is always on Wednesday nights at the Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

New people are welcome to have a go and "if they like us," go through a "vocal location." to potentially become members. What follows is preparation for a winter program for the end of November. In order to rehearse at home in between Wednesdays, they put practice pages and YouTube recordings of the choir, as sing-along practice and to learn the music.

Amid his busy life, Shawn Grenke is working on his doctoral program in conducting through the University of Alberta.

"Shawn is a stickler for taking notes," Ms. Whitcombe warned us. "You have to listen to the director. Since he has been working on his doctorate, we've seen a real depth to his conducting."

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Victoria Day takes place on Monday, May 20 this year. Here is what you need to know about Dufferin County services that day.

Dufferin County's administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 20. They will reopen on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 am.

Explore Dufferin Guide

Looking to make some fun long weekend plans in the county? Check out the Explore Dufferin Guide! Now available online, the Guide highlights family-friendly activities, agritourism, nature and the outdoors, small-town charm, arts and culture and more.

Waste Services

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Residents are reminded that Dufferin County's residential recycling program is now managed by Circular Materials, a not-for-profit producer responsibility organization committed to building efficient and effective recycling systems in Ontario and

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Housing Services

Clients of Dufferin County Housing Services can contact 519.941.8221 for after-hours emergency maintenance issues.

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Ontario Works

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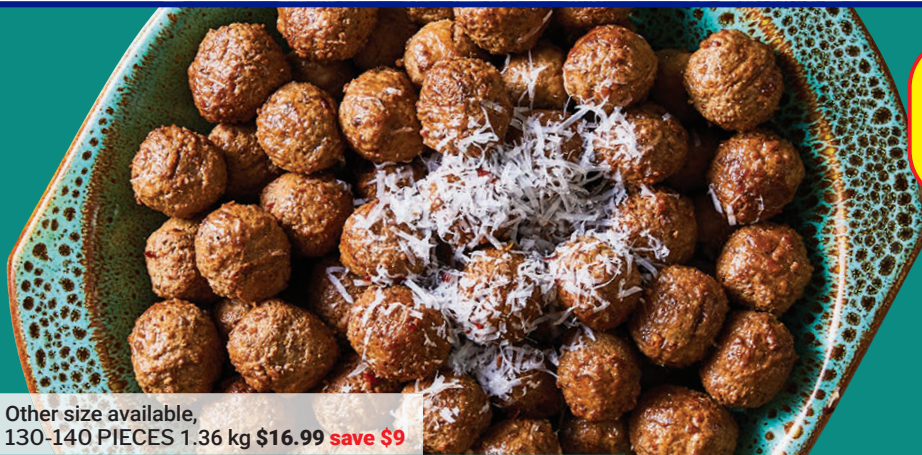
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A pawfect day for a race at Monora Park

Muddy Paw Canicross Race offers competition for dogs and their owners

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There were a lot of dogs running through the trails at Monora Park during the Muddy Paw Canicross Race on Saturday, May 11.

The event is one of three that are held every year in the local area.

Canicross has dogs and their owners running through a 5-kilometre or 10-kilometre race with the dogs leading the way.

A special harness is placed on the dog and is attached to the owner's waist. The dog then 'pulls' the owner through the course.

Most pet owners do some training with their dogs before the event to get the canine used to wearing the harness. It doesn't take most dogs long to figure out what is going on, and when the harness is placed on them, they get the idea and are ready to run.

The race is open to any dog breed or size.

"Today is our second annual Muddy Paw Canicross Race where competitors are coming from all over the province and some from the United States as well," explained Race Director, Shawn Sobon.

"They're coming to run hands-free with their dogs in a competitive 5k and 10k race. We have three separate events. We have a spring event, which is this one, a winter event which is at Island Lake, and we have a fall event up in Mansfield at the outdoor



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PAWFECT PACE: Canicross competitor Sara Marotto and her dog Liz cross the finish line after completing a 5-kilometre course through Monora Park on Saturday, May 11. The Canicross Muddy Paw Race gave dog owners the chance to run with their pets wearing special pulling harnesses. Both owners and dogs get a good workout and some fun in the fresh air.

centre in October. We have around 60 dogs here today," Sobon added during the Muddy Paw Canicross Race on May 11.

Competitors must determine by their own physical condition and the condition of their dog, whether they run the short or longer course.

"It's a timed race," Shawn explained. "The

top three finishers in every category get on the podium and get a trophy. We have four separate categories – we have a single dog 5k, a single dog 10k, and we have two-dog categories."

Competitor, Sara Marotto, brought her dog Liz to the race.

"We ran the 5k," Sara said. "It was good, but a little hilly. The dog wears a special pulling harness and you have the waist belt attached to your hips. It's a belt specifically for canicross because it pulls in such a way that it's not supposed to hurt your back. The dog pulls out in front of you and you have a bungee leash. For some dogs it comes naturally to them, they have the tendency to want to pull. Others, you have to teach them a little more. Running with other dogs can help encourage them because they see the other dogs running. You get them to associate the harness with pulling."

Everyone, both dogs and owners, got a good workout on the trails during the race.

One competitor pointed out that prior to the race, the dogs were all very excited and animated. After running the 5k or 10k course, the dogs were all sitting quietly on the grass taking a good rest.

The Canicross event is becoming more popular as a growing number of dog owners learn about it and want to participate.

Junior C Northmen split the weekend with a win and a loss

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Northmen started the weekend off strong, delivering a 16-7 win over Six Nations, but came up short when they were up against Fergus the following night.

It was a strong start for the Northmen in Friday's game when the Six Nations Stealth came to Tony Rose Arena on Friday, May 10.

The Orangeville squad scored six first-period goals versus two from Six Nations, which pretty much determined the rest of the game.

Orangeville's Holton Marshall started off the scoring early in the first period. Marshall got a hat trick in the first after scoring two more before the buzzer sounded to end the period.

Other first-period Orangeville goals came from Kevin Henhawk, Josh Presley, and

Daniel Dorval.

In the second period, the Northmen outscored Six Nations 8-4 for a 14-7 lead with one period remaining.

The Northmen managed to shut down the Six Nations attack in the final period while scoring two more for the night for a 16-7 win.

The Northmen were on the road for the second game of the weekend when they were up against the Fergus Thistles on Saturday, May 11.

Orangeville moved into a 3-2 lead in the first period on goals from Jack Fitzpatrick, Logan Marshall, and Holton Marshall.

The second period turned into a disaster for the Northmen when Fergus scored 11 unanswered goals for a 13-3 lead with one period left to play.

The Northmen managed to get their act together in the third period but it was too

late. Orangeville outscored Fergus 4-1 in the final frame but had no realistic chance of getting back into the game.

The final was 14-7 for the Thistles.

After the weekend, the Junior C Northmen are in second place in the Western

Conference with a 4-2-1 record and nine points.

The Northmen will return to Tony Rose Arena on Friday, May 17, when they will host the Wilmot Wild.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.



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STRONG SHOWING: The Orangeville Junior C Northmen take on the Six Nations Stealth at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville on Friday, May 10. The Northmen delivered a strong first period and won the game 16-7.

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Your permanent record

There are few things that are dreaded more when you're in elementary school, than when a teacher glares at you and says, "That is going to go on your permanent record!"

Oh no! Not your permanent record! You'll be carrying the mark of Cain like a neon sign bolted to your forehead, or maybe you'll have to wear a scarlet letter on all your clothes so everyone knows you have a blotch on your permanent record.

My Grade 7 homeroom teacher – a lovely woman, who would have fit in nicely as a guard in a Second World War internment camp – told us a blotch on our permanent record meant we would never get into university, or get a decent job, and we would be life-long losers. Yes, she really said that.

The blotch on your record meant you were doomed for eternity.

She would threaten you with adding something to your record every chance she got.

I'm pretty sure my permanent record is collecting dust somewhere in a school archives, or more likely was shredded and put in the trash years ago.

Despite the threats, I realized that no

school, employer, or police agency, has ever requested a copy of my permanent record. In fact, no one has ever even requested an actual diploma to prove that I even graduated high school.

I would like to think, that girl who sat next to me in Grade 5, and eventually went on to become a teacher herself, realized what a nasty thing it is to threaten a kid with writing something bad about them on their permanent record - and that girl who is now a teacher, has decided not to be that kind of teacher.

But I'm sure it still happens.

There is an online forum that I am active on, and it occasionally has posts about school nightmares.

One parent told her story. Her young daughter had been having a difficult time in school for several years. She complained the teachers picked on her and always gave her a hard time.

The kid started a new year, and was suddenly enjoying school, getting good marks, and was a lot happier.

The parent was determined to find out why things had changed.

During a parent/teacher conference, the parent asked a lot of questions. The teacher finally admitted he did not read

reports on kids coming into his class.

He reasoned that the reports were only someone else's opinion, and he did not want to judge one of his new students by what another teacher said about them.

They pulled the kid's record. Sure enough, the original teacher labelled the daughter as trouble. The next year, the new teacher saw this report and treated the daughter as if she were going to be trouble. The trend continued for several years all because one teacher didn't like the student.

The current teacher, the one who did not pre-judge his student by reading the opinion of others, said he found the daughter to be pleasant and polite in the classroom, and a good student.

There seems to be very little forgiveness when it comes to writing down some people's wrongdoings.

When it comes to criminal or anti-social behaviour, you have to keep a record. A guy who has a long rap sheet and continues to be a menace to society needs to be kept on a short leash.

However, some people make mistakes and never make another one.

The TV show Border Patrol, documents border crossings and focuses in on peo-

ple who did ridiculous things, like bringing in a dozen chickens in a suitcase, but declaring they are not carrying any kind of meat. Those circumstances never end well.

There was one fellow trying to enter the U.S. to attend a sporting event. He was denied entry, because they discovered he had an assault charge – 40 years earlier – as the result of a street fight.

The customs people determined he was a threat, because of that incident, which he said he could barely remember.

Think back to a time you have done something, probably in your youth, that now, you are not proud of.

Would you be happy if someone brought it up at a social event in front of other people decades later?

"Hey Bob, remember that time you got drunk, and drove your car over the neighbour's dog, and we buried it in the back forty, and the neighbour asked you the next day if you had seen his beloved pet?"

Think back – for many people, that's not all that far-fetched, is it?

Sometimes letting bygones be bygones is the best course of action.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Buying the Palestinians out?

Last week a despairing reader asked me if the solution to the 'Middle East Problem' might be to throw money at it: just buy the Palestinians out. Offer every Palestinian in the Israeli-occupied territories enough money to settle somewhere else, and the endless wars might finally end.

I dismissed the notion out of hand, asking "Where's the money coming from?", but I owe that reader an apology. He was 'despairing' because he couldn't think of any other way that the conflict could plausibly end except in an ultimate holocaust, nuclear or otherwise.

He had wound up with this outlandish notion of buying the Palestinians out for want of any more plausible outcome, and I had dodged his real question. So here's my real answer, for what it's worth.

First things first. Could money alone ever bring peace to the region?

It would have to be a very large amount of money, because the Palestinian population of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is around five million people. Direct costs of relocation would be at least \$100,000 per person, given that the cost of housing would soar in other parts of the Arab world if five million people with cash entered the market at the same time.

Add another \$100,000 a head for living expenses, because a lot of these Palestinians would take a long time to find jobs in their new homes, or never find them. And many of them would own property that they must be compensated for when they leave, so tack on an average of \$50,000 a person for that. That's a cool quarter-million a head.

But you're not finished yet. That covers the cost of relocations and compensation for physical assets, but why would Palestinians want to leave in the first place? Bombs and tanks are excluded from this transaction, so your only way of persuading the Palestinians to leave their homeland would be more money. A lot more.

How about another quarter-million dollars per capita, for a total of half a million each? If the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip accepted such an offer, then the grand total cost would be just \$2.5 trillion, the equivalent of three years' worth of current US defence expenditure.

Of course, there would be some additional costs. The two million Palestinians who are actually Israeli citizens would have to be made the same offer, and some smaller but still quite significant compen-

sation would need to be paid to the six million Palestinian Arabs living in the surrounding countries, mainly Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt. Say \$4 trillion total.

From the financial point of view, it's not completely unthinkable. Legally, it could be seen as a more generous version of what happens when the government makes a 'compulsory purchase order', taking over somebody's property to put a road through but offering full compensation.

Except, of course, that in this case what would be required is the voluntary consent of all the Palestinians, or at least the vast majority of them. Half a buy-out is no buy-out at all, and while some people would take the offer, a great many would refuse no matter how generous it was.

If you doubt that, just try the boot on the other foot for a moment. What would happen if the Arab world tried to solve the problem by buying out the Jewish Israelis? Half a million dollars a head, so a couple of million for the average family and double that for the ultra-orthodox because they have much bigger families.

The Arab world could come up with enough money for that (or rather the rich Gulf states could), just as Israel's Western friends could find the money to pay for the

reverse solution. It still wouldn't work.

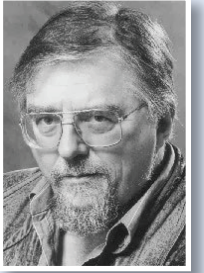
It's never just about the money. It's about tradition and neighbourhood and a sense of place. For many in this part of the world, it's also about deep religious hatreds and big historical grievances. You can't just buy your way out of all that.

So what are we left with? The very same thing that Binyamin Netanyahu and the various leaders of Hamas have spent the past thirty years trying to kill: the 'two-state solution'. Nobody ever thought it was a great solution, but the wiser people on both sides understood that it was the least bad solution. In fact, the only viable solution.

The past seven months, horrible as they have been, have vividly demonstrated the truth of that proposition. Despite the vast gulf between the high-tech Israeli forces and Hamas's 28 (now severely depleted) underground battalions, neither side can inflict a decisive defeat on the other, so they might as well stop.

Be patient. The two-state solution may be back on the table sooner than you think.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



On being a mother

Sitting in a rocking chair, nursing my baby, and singing Gypsy Rover to her, was a marvel for me. During my pregnancy, the idea of growing a person inside me was incredible and a note to self to think about what being her mother would mean to my child as she grew into her teens and adulthood. I had already given these matters a lot of thought for a number of years before taking action to become pregnant.

Assuming optimistically that love would be the centre of her life, what would be the pillars to offer her as guides? Reading in a writer's life, I regarded as natural as breathing. The moral standards we mostly embrace of sticking to the law ("If you don't break the law, you can't get caught," my father used to say), basic good manners as one understands them within the culture in which one finds oneself; the knowledge that it is more or less a moral duty to help where we can, leaving room for a philosophical approach to life.

Hmmm - stepping to one side, I decided that music, horses and travel (hence, an acquaintance or better with languages in addition to English) would endow my child with knowledge, compassion, curiosity and, to a reasonable extent, an understanding of her wider world. A lust to learn, both empirically and formally.

Let me say that my decision to have a child did not include marriage plans. The

independence as a single mother of sufficient means to raise the child, living in the UK, suited my appreciation of having been on my own for a number of years. There was some debate between myself and my friend, John Higgs, on the rights of a child to know their father in the face of a floating look at artificial insemination – in short – landed him the job.

As it were. We were friends; we were lovers and it was easy enough to agree not to live together. When he asked me what the child should call him, I suggested, "Daddy."

By and large, they were happy times. Pregnancy was a terrific adventure and she and I did her delivery really well.

Miss Witt came into our home as my daughter Patricia's nanny for 18 months or so. She had never been anything else and had raised and nurtured a family of children for their busy parents until they had outgrown her and the family let her go. She taught me, an only child with no family babies for practice, a great deal. About food, about playing, about babies crying and how best to feed them early on.

My horse, Patrick (after whom many people at the barn where he was boarded speculated I had named my daughter) was a fact of my life some years before Patricia's birth. I waited a whole two weeks before I took her to the stables to meet

him. Patrick loved babies and he nestled his face into her blanket, checked her out and fell in love. Once she was more or less old enough, I brought her up onto his saddle with me and he was careful and very caring how we proceeded to the ice cream bar around the corner in the park where we rode. There she hung out with her dad while Patrick and I went for an hour's tour.

Of course, she was an inspiration and together with colleagues in our publishing business, I imagined and we created Kids' Own World, a monthly digest for youngsters from about six on up. There are still plenty around. Let me know if you want any....

My mother's brother, Uncle Dennis and Aunt Ursel lived in Germany; dear Italian friends lived in Rome, and we travelled to see them and they to us, in our little house in the centre of Chelsea, in London. We flew to Canada once a year to visit family and friends until it happened that I decided to return to Canada.

We brought Patrick and our dog, Zen, with us. John's home was in London. There are trips back and forth and all those handy telephone conveniences for keeping in touch all the time.

In time, we bought Patricia a lovely Welsh/Arab pony she called Windsor. Such a smart, compassionate beauty that pony was. We rode to picnics with others

or through the conservation areas here in Hockley Valley and we thanked our lucky stars for those times, those perfect rides, on board the best of equine pals.

Being Patricia's mother has been wonderful. Don't be silly, of course, there were hard times but she co-composed the music for Robert F. Hall's rock music production of Macbeth, which they took to the Winter Garden Theatre in Toronto and to a Thespian Festival in Nebraska, where they won medals and commendations.

Shallow and Superficial is the name Patricia gave to the high school's newspaper she produced, in which she invited her fellow students to write, to speak their minds frankly.

She was a teenager and there were tears over boys but no drugs and such drinking as there was stayed home.

All these years later, we find ourselves once again bunked in together with ambitions and travel plans. She has ideas about making a difference where it matters.

It was Mother's Day last Sunday. Patricia had planned champagne and strawberries dipped in chocolate.

Later in the day, I assure you – that's exactly what we shared.

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About a month from now, hundreds of thousands of students in cap and gown will attend graduation ceremonies on university campuses across Canada.

The students will graduate with a lot of knowledge regarding topics such as philosophy, sociology and political science.

The one topic they won't have explored, however, might be the most important one of all – and that's the question of what constitutes an ideal society.

The Greek philosopher Plato founded the Academy around 2,400 years ago, regarded by many as the first university in the West. At the top of the curriculum at Plato's Academy was the subject of what constitutes an ideal society.

Plato's ideal state included features such as justice, harmony and the greater good of society.

But what about our society? What do we believe are the essential building blocks for creating a more civilized society, one that brings the greatest amount of freedom, peace and prosperity to its citizens?

Universities are the ideal place to explore these sorts of issues. After all, advancing knowledge and exploring new ideas are a fundamental part of a university's DNA.

Over the years, I've had dealings with many universities around the world. I've funded research centres related to entrepreneurship and technological innovation and given guest lectures on campuses in Canada, the US and Europe.

But until recently, it never occurred to me to consider what was the overriding purpose of a university. In conceiving and drafting the framework of an ideal society, universities should look at all aspects – everything from the arts and sports to business and medicine. They should also consider the ideal structure of government – one that ensures individual liberty and places certain checks on the power of elected officials.

One of the ways we currently do that is through our charter of democratic rights and freedoms. But what about other

rights, including, most importantly, economic rights? Why has no society ever enshrined an economic charter of rights, and what should those rights be?

My belief is that economic charters of rights will help create economic democracies, and economic democracies – where the greatest number of people enjoy the greatest amount of wealth – are the foundation for democracy itself. I also believe that an economic charter of rights would be one of the cornerstones of any ideal society.

The composition of an ideal society isn't just something for ancient philosophers to ponder. It's a noble quest that we should likewise pursue – and our universities should be leading the way.

Universities can get the ball rolling by inviting some of the world's best minds and accomplished people to talk about the framework necessary for building an ideal society. They should convene symposia and open forums and begin mapping out a blueprint for what that society

would look like and what we need to construct it. And they should create new faculties solely dedicated to this topic.

That doesn't mean throwing out many of the features that have made our society a magnet for people from around the world. Instead, it's a chance to make our society greater yet – to add new elements that would enrich the lives of its citizens while shoring up many of the shortcomings that are currently holding us back.

The ancient Greeks thought the creation of an ideal society was a noble pursuit and ended up building one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever seen.

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Oil prices stagnate as tensions ease

Oil market prices have remained tightly confined within a specific range and have struggled to break out. Last Friday marked the largest weekly drop since February. Benchmark U.S. crude oil for June delivery decreased by 84 cents, falling to US\$78.11 per barrel. Meanwhile, Brent crude for July delivery dropped 71 cents to US\$82.96 per barrel.

Easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and the growing possibility of a truce between Israel and Hamas are having an impact on oil markets. As diplomatic efforts to renew discussions between Hamas and Israel intensify and hopes for a ceasefire in Gaza grow, oil markets took a hit. The reduction in geopolitical risk has led to a decline in the war premium on oil prices.

"Futures have been on the defensive on calming Geopolitical issues ... traders are realizing no real barrels are being pulled off the global stage (other than [from] Ukraine attacks on Russia) which so far have been temporary disruptions," Dennis Kissler, senior vice president at BOK Financial, said last Wednesday in a note to clients.

Other factors are also coming into play. Bearish sentiment is building in oil markets after the latest U.S. economic data sparked concerns over future oil demand. Traders continue to weigh the possibility

of interest-rate cuts and eagerly await the Federal Reserve's policy decision.

However, the possibility of any immediate cut in U.S. interest rates is not strong. Some Federal Reserve officials are now signalling that interest rates may remain high for "some time." In the meantime, the U.S. economic data released last Tuesday also reinforced bets that Fed officials will keep rates steady at a two-decade high. Markets got the message, underlining that this could drag down oil demand, adding further pressure to crude oil prices.

Oil prices also fell after it was reported that U.S. crude inventories surged to their highest levels since June. According to an Energy Information Administration (EIA) report, U.S. crude stockpiles rose by 7.27 million barrels last week, marking the largest increase since early February. This rise exceeded the 4.91 million-barrel gain predicted by an industry group last Tuesday.

"The surprise build from the EIA caught most traders off guard," Kissler of BOK Financial Securities emphasized. When combined with elevated interest rates and the accelerated liquidation after crude broke through moving averages, "the long side of crude is losing its lustre."

In another sign of bearishness, contracts are trading below their 50-day moving averages. A sustained break below those

levels could spur further selling.

Other signs of softening pervaded the oil market this week, beyond the 6.8 percent drop in headline prices, Bloomberg underlined in a report. Gauges of the futures curve have weakened, indicating that supply constraints are easing. Furthermore, options markets appear to have erased the war's risk premium.

The downward movement of oil markets is fueling speculation that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies in the OPEC+ will prolong output cuts, with 87 percent of traders and analysts surveyed by Bloomberg predicting that it will extend the curbs, potentially until the end of the year. "OPEC+ will want to see evidence of sustained tightness in oil markets before starting to add supply, so there's a good chance they will decide to extend," said Richard Bronze, an analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd. "The discussions will not begin in earnest until closer to the meeting date."

To be fair, OPEC+ still faces significant challenges. It has yet to meet its output reduction targets. While OPEC's crude production remained stable last month, the actual cutbacks fell short of the targets set.

A Bloomberg survey reported that OPEC+ produced 26.81 million barrels a day in April, roughly 50,000 barrels a day

less than the previous month but still above its target. Iraq and the United Arab Emirates continued to exceed their agreed limits by several hundred thousand barrels a day. Additionally, minor production increases were also reported in Libya and Iraq.

With market prices remaining below the target price anticipated by major oil-producing countries, an uncertain demand trajectory, and troubling financial data emerging from major economies, OPEC+ cannot afford to increase its output. Given these circumstances, it is reasonable to align with the expectations of most traders that at its June 1 meeting, OPEC+ will extend its current output restraint policy at least until at least the end of the year.

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Homes Away from Home

Taking a leaf out of some of our historic documents in the past, I'm writing this in two parts.

It rarely fails to bring a smile to my face when I come across an old postcard or letter where the writer has settled down to jot down their thoughts to the intended recipient, only to a break for one reason or another, and, noting with a simple "later," picks up where they left off after a day or two before hitting the post office.

Sometimes they are simple postcards back home to check in, catch relatives up on what they have been up to; other times, they can be a bit more exciting, like a misadventure from a more exotic part of the world or from a swanky ocean liner or train like the Orient Express.

What comes after the "later" often picks up directly where the writer left off, but other times the break in writing sessions can serve as evidence of "sober second thought," perhaps showing some additional perspective on the events in question, written a bit removed from the heat of the moment.

I'm starting this week's column about 10 days prior to when it's due to arrive at your door – setting fingers to keyboard just a few days before heading to the airport to spend some time on the west coast with friends.

It hasn't been all that long since I last saw them. I was in Los Angeles last November to celebrate the milestone of a dear, long-time friend. At that time, however, said milestone was the predominant focus of the trip, including extensive preparation for the big event. As valued as the reunion was

– the first one we've had since the start of the global pandemic – it was nothing short of a whirlwind and, before too long, we all agreed that we deserved a bit more of a leisurely time to catch up, particularly after 27 years of friendship.

The concept of "home" means different things to different people. It always has, but perhaps these concepts have either been augmented, enhanced, or redefined in the midst of a housing crisis.

Given my own experiences with housing transition over the past few months, I've come to see that as much as dwellings can be defined by their four-plus walls, for some "home" can mean the people you're with.

That's very much how I feel about the people I'm due to visit. They, and their environments, are homes away from home – despite the geographic and political border that separates us.

I feel the same way about a city in upstate New York that has been the destination of our annual family vacation for almost a quarter-of-a-century now. Although I don't have permanent roots there, the experiences we've had and the friendships made along the way, feel like the next best thing.

And yet, as excited as I am about this trip, and all the opportunities it will afford to renew connections, I have to admit there is a degree of trepidation.

Given how divided and heated the political climate is for our neighbours to the south at the moment ahead of what promises to be a federal election unlike anything we've seen before on either side of our parallels, there is a sense of urgency amid this

trepidation.

Will this be a grand finale of sorts?

Will there be more opportunities to get back to a place that will bear a resemblance to what's known and loved as it is?

If there are, will it be under the same circumstances or in an environment radically different from the one we know now?

Will future visits still have the sense of being a homecoming, or will the tables turn, making the GTA a new home-away-from-home destination for them, pending the fickle finger of fate that is the American electorate?

Only time will tell.

Later...

Back on home turf after 10 days south of the border, I'm not sure if I came back any further enlightened on what the future might hold.

Interacting with friends in various parts of California, ride share drivers, and other

assorted strangers, there seems to be a sense of trepidation over what's ahead. While I had a marvellous time catching up with well-loved friends and the unifying drive of renewing bonds that had slightly atrophied during, and were tested by the global pandemic, there was the sense of entering a tinderbox with a book of unit matches just on the horizon with plenty of striking surfaces strewn on the road between said horizon and the here and now.

Indeed, and perhaps jokingly, were conversations of how to come north if things turn, well, south – questions of just how many people we might be able to accommodate if needed.

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Our Readers Write

Highway 413

Recently, Premier Ford and Transportation Minister Singh Sarkaria announced that construction on Highway 413 will start next year. This is not reality. The highway hasn't been designed, the land hasn't been acquired and although Premier Ford can change the laws in Ontario to expedite construction, he can't change federal laws including the Species At Risk and Fisheries Act. The 413 is at least a decade away from seeing a car.

Trucks represent 30% of the traffic on the 401. They could be diverted to the 407 by next month if the budget for the 413 was used to subsidize truck tolls. No environmental disasters, significantly reduced traf-

fic on the 401, farms would be preserved and 407 Inc. is interested because it's revenue for them. This is good public policy and everyone wins right now.

Why isn't this obvious, easy and immediate solution to improve transportation around the GTA being considered by the Ford government? The answer is obvious as well, it doesn't make money for Ford's friends. We need to remember who Ford is working for when we vote in June of 2026.

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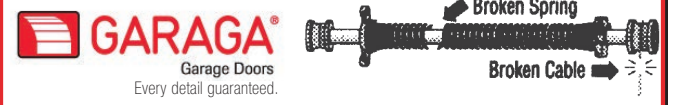
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Over 450 people attend annual Hike for Bethell Hospice

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents weren't daunted by a little rain and came out in droves for the annual Hike for Bethell Hospice last weekend.

On May 5, the annual hike was held in Inglewood, starting around 9 a.m. at the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena. Registration and opening ceremonies were held inside due to the weather, and the arena was buzzing with



excitement as hikers got ready for their adventure and enjoyed coffee, fruit, and Timbits for breakfast.

This year's hike had a fundraising goal of \$245,000, and as of May 6 over \$222,000 had been raised by residents and businesses. The total is expected to rise as donations are accepted until the end of May.

The Hike for Bethell Hospice continues to grow each year and this year's hike featured over 450 participants.

Bethell Hospice Foundation board co-chairs Adrian Horwood and Bonnie Klaassen said it was thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers that the hike was able to be a success. They also thanked the many sponsors of the event as they gave welcome remarks on the day of the hike.

Local schools have been getting involved in the Hike for Bethell Hospice, and this year they raised \$20,000.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended the hike. She said as health minister, she believes hospice care is an important part of Ontario's health system.

"When I see the engagement we have in this community for hospice... thank you for being huge supporters," said Jones.

At the hike, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan delivered a proclamation from the Town of Caledon marking the week of May 5 to 11 as Hospice Palliative Care Week in Caledon.

Margaret Paan is the executive director of



ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

HIKING FOR HOSPICE: Above: Adrian Horwood, Bethell Hospice Foundation board co-chair; Margaret Paan, Bethell Hospice Executive Director; Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP; Lynn Kiernan, Ward 1 Councillor; Christina Early, Regional Councillor; and Bonnie Klaassen, Bethell Hospice Foundation board co-chair mark the start of Hospice Palliative Care Week. Left: Hikers leave the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena to begin this year's Hike for Bethell Hospice.

Bethell Hospice and was grateful for all who attended the hike.

"Whether you're a first-time hiker or returning team, you all have made a difference by being here today," said Paan.

Marion Lawrence is an Orangeville resident

who came out to the hike to support the work being done at Bethell Hospice and remember someone who made a difference in her life.

"I'm remembering my Tai Chi instructor from Orangeville... you can't forget people who did so much good to you personally," she said.

Local resident helps connect seniors with needed services

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

An Orangeville resident is helping local seniors and caregivers connect with and

understand services for older adults in Dufferin County.

Joanne Jordan, a Registered Social Worker, has created One Small Cog Sen-

iors Services – a counselling and advocacy service.

One Small Cog Senior Services aims to play a vital role within the larger network

of care partners, functioning to help improve the quality of life for older adults by teaming up with and bolstering the key people who care for them.

"I have been providing social work support for over 20 years, having worked in both some of the oldest and most prestigious (seniors homes), as well as opening the newest seniors homes in the GTA, before returning to work locally," Ms. Jordan explained. "I worked in retirement living, then doing Intensive Case Management for seniors through the Dufferin branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, and now consulting in long-term care."

An active participant in the community, Ms. Jordan has been a member of the Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee, the Town of Orangeville's Accessibility Committee, and Aging Well in Caledon and Dufferin's group of resources and services. More recently she worked with two of the Ontario Health Team Hills of Headwaters Collaboratives' working groups focusing on palliative care and bereavement.

"Another new collaborative initiative I'm happy to be a part of is highlighting the value of integrated care – which is what One Small Cog is all about," Ms. Jordan explained. "With my extensive background and network, I have the understanding and experience to walk with caregivers of older adults as they navigate the network of supports. I can help you connect to services, proved a better understanding of the system, and offer hands-on assistance and supportive counselling as needed."

The services help seniors who want to age safely at home.

You can learn more by visiting the Facebook page for One Small Cog Seniors' Services.

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Homes Away from Home

During previous trips, there were few topics off-limits and there felt to be both a reluctance to talk about politics this time around, coupled with the sense that there was so much to be said if only someone asked.

One ride share driver, for instance, was a very pleasant middle-aged woman who self-deprecatingly described herself as an "old bat" when she was anything but. Settling in to her back seat, it took only a few minutes for her to segue from her monologue on Barbra Streisand's 48-hour-long audio book to another audio book by US politician Liz Cheney and all thing related to the events of January 6, 2021.

Passionate about singer and Senator alike, the daughter of the former US Vice President had the edge, leading to a further monologue on the Biden administration, the Trump trials, and the upcoming election. There was a sense that she was blessedly relieved to get a lot off her chest in what she presumably felt was a safe environment.

I felt this same relief as well. Not knowing just what kind of environment we would be walking into, I was heartened that the pressures from all directions had not diminished the generally warm and welcoming environment I've always experienced in California. With all they've had to endure over the last few years, no matter what "side" you're on, one might expect their collective light to have dimmed just a little bit.

Not so. There was a sense of perseverance all around, the determination to do what they can to foster the future they want, and be a either a part of change or preservation.

But, in the good sense of pragmatism, they're still open to having a Plan B in their back pockets.

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OBITUARIES

PAMELA ANNE CLARIDGE, O.N. (NEE PAVER)

JANUARY 1, 1944 – MAY 9, 2024

Surrounded by love, Pamela passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Born on New Year's Day 1944 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and raised in Victoria, British Columbia, Pam was the elder daughter of Edward Alan and Iris Elizabeth Paver. A beautifully talented singer, she met her future husband while performing and started on her six decade journey with Thomas Macdonald Claridge. Married August 28, 1965, the newspaper business called the couple back to Ontario, originally settling in Toronto, and ultimately moving to Dufferin County in 1975.



Pam and Tom have three children: Alan (Vanessa), Nancy, and Christopher (Liisa), and four grandchildren: Jacob, Ella, Owen and Maija. She will be greatly missed by the extended family: Phil (Val), John (Cheryl), Fred (Unni), Mary (Peter), Heather (Rob), Julie (Lance), Julie (Aanson), Jenn (Paul), Heather (Derek), and the great-nieces and great-nephews. Pam was predeceased by her younger sister, Jill McVie.

It is impossible to list all of the activities Pam was involved in through her life. She was a professional singer in Toronto before turning her focus for many decades to the family newspapers, publishing the Orangeville Citizen, Shelburne Free Press and Economist, Grand Valley Star-Vidette and the Caledon Citizen. It was a running joke how she managed to outlast her male counterparts at the competition. But music was never left behind, with Pam teaching voice and piano, as well as being the organist and choir master at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Shelburne, and later St. Mark's Anglican Church, Orangeville, as well as organizing music programs in seniors homes for over 40 years. Pam was a licensed lay reader for the Diocese of Niagara, a lay chaplain in local seniors homes, as well as helping with a breakfast program in a local elementary school. Pam was a founding member and president of the Orangeville Concert Association, a director and chorister in many productions for the Orangeville Music Theatre and she chaired the steering committee to establish Theatre Orangeville, amongst many other community activities.

Friends and guests will always remember walking into the house on Golden Road and being greeted by music. Pam playing her grand piano and either singing by herself, teaching students to sing, or more often being joined by multiple friends making beautiful harmonies. Up until two weeks before her passing, Pam was still accompanying devotionals at Montgomery Village Retirement Home.

In 1995, Pam was recognized as Woman of the Year by Family Transition Place, and in 2000, Pam was installed into the Order of Niagara for her contributions to St. Paul's, Shelburne.

A dedicated mother and grandmother, Pam gave unconditional love and support to her family. Special moments will be missed by all of us. Pam will be eternally missed by her co-pilot in love, family, business and life's adventures, Tom.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church 5 First Ave. Orangeville, Ontario on Friday, May 17th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations to St. Mark's Anglican Church or the Orangeville Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Pamela 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

OBITUARIES

AMANDA LOUISE TAYLOR

JULY 12, 1983 – APRIL 29, 2024

On April 29th, 2024, Amanda left this world following a short illness, surrounded by family, in her 41st year.



Amanda leaves behind the love of her life, Chris Wyman, and her beautiful children Jakob and Anika. She is survived by her parents Douglas & Anna Taylor. She was a treasured sister of Krista Taylor (John Rempel), Sharon (Sean) Peatson, Adam Taylor, Diana (Scott) Morrison and fun-loving aunt to Sheldon, Shayn, Shamus, Shaedyn, Cadence, Jesse, Lily, Carter and Hannah.

Amanda was predeceased by her Grandparents Grant & Mildred Taylor, and her Opa & Oma, Sid & Louise Vanderwerf.

Lovingly remembered by Chris' mother Elizabeth Wyman, sister Joyce Wyman (Alex Solimeno), and nieces Maya and Sophie. Amanda will be missed by Chris's father Greg and stepmother Irene Wyman.

A celebration of Amanda's life has already taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Meningitis Foundation Canada in Amanda's memory would be appreciated by the family.



BILL MCDOWELL

Passed on April 14th at the age of 93.



Will be very missed by his wife Joyce, children Brenda (Paul), Cheryl (Daryl) and Dwain (Joanne), his 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Bill was a long time resident of Bolton. He was very active in his community coaching both baseball and hockey. He will be remembered by many. At his request there was no service. Notes of condolence may be mailed to c/o 19 Marni lane Phepston On L0L 2K0

PETER "JIM" JAMES CAMPBELL

MARCH 11, 1940 - MAY 1, 2024

Jim will be sadly missed by his wife Dawn of close to 65 years, daughters Sherry (Craig) and Tracey (Darrell), his granddaughters Allison (Zac) and Madison, his great grandsons Max and Ari and sister Jane along with nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family wants to thank the staff at the Shelburne Residence Apartments and the doctors and nurses at Headwaters Hospital.

A private family service will be held. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date



DONNA LOUISE RINTOUL

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at the age of 78. Beloved wife of Roy Rintoul. Dear mother of Chris Rintoul. Cherished sister of Linda Whitaker, Bob Grant (Roz) and Jim Grant (Janice). Donna will also be greatly missed by other relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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



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OBITUARIES

GLENN HOWARD AWREY

Passed away May 11, 2024 at Bethell Hospice at the age of 59.

Son of Howard and Doreen Awrey; Dear brother of Hope and Paul (Jackie). Cherished uncle of Candace and Nigel Awrey. Glenn will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Glenn was quite efficient in Computer Science during his lifetime. He faced death 3 times; first while playing in the water at Wasaga Beach with his sister and brother, at the age of 3 in a pontoon rubber boat, an off shore wind blew Glenn and the boat out into the Bay, by the time a rescue boat reached him he was 1 mile off shore; second while sleigh riding late winter one day, Glenn aged 3-4 rode down a hill and was heading for the open water of the Credit River, we yelled 'roll off' and he did 5 feet from the waters edge; and third facing a serious illness at age 59, Glenn fought hard but Cancer won.

Private family burial - Huxley Cemetery on Thursday, May 16th, 2024. Memorial donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Glenn 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



GEORGE LEACH



Born in a field with the gate open in Cobden, Ontario, George Leach passed suddenly on May 9, 2024, at the age of 87. As a young man, George moved to Manotick, where he met his beloved wife Gail on a blind date. They found success in love and life, moving their family of 4 children, Julie (Paul), Holly (Peter), Merydie (Joe), and Rob (Anna-Marie), to Brampton, then Edmonton, before finally settling in Caledon, Ontario, as a proud employee of the Ford Motor Company. Predeceased by siblings Graham, Annie, and William, and his wife Gail. Following Gail's death, George was lucky to find love a second time with Sheila Shields. George is remembered by his grandchildren, Sally, Lucas, Erica, Maddie, AJ, Samantha, Allison, and William, and his four great-grandchildren. George leaves us with a lasting memory of a true gentleman; a charming and honourable man who made lifelong friends wherever he went.

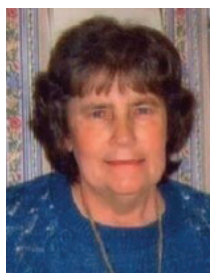


Memorial service was held at Mayfield United Church, Caledon on Thursday, May 16th, 2024.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Mayfield United Church, or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

LINDA MARJORIE MOOTE

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville on December 28th 2023 at the age of 75. Loving Aunt of Angie Evans and her partner Chris Jacobson. Predeceased by her parents Marj and Dave Moote and her sister Karen Evans. Linda will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



A public interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Orangeville on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. with a light reception to follow at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel and Reception Centre. Memorial donations to the Canadian Lung Association would be appreciated by the family.



ELSIE ISABELLE SHINNIMAN(NEE TRIBBLE)

Elsie Isabelle (Tribble) passed away peacefully on Monday, May 13, 2024 at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus, ON, in her 82nd year. Daughter of the late Charles (1978) & Leta (Graham) (1983), born September 7, 1942, in Orangeville, ON. Beloved wife of Stanley Roy Shinniman (1995). Loving mother of Robert Shinniman (Jennifer Betz), Nancy (Michael) McLeod, step-children, Carol (Robert) Way, Patricia (Jim) Hearder, Steven Shinniman and Peggy McCullough; grandmother of 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 5 great great-grand children. Dear sister of Betty (Smith) Clark, Agnes Buelow and Graham (Merle) Tribble.



Predeceased by brothers-in law, William Smith, Douglas Clark, Wesley Buelow, Douglas Shinniman, Murray Shinniman; sister-in-law, Isabelle (Ken) Postles; and step-son, Frank Shinniman.

Elsie grew up on a farm in Caledon, later moving to Orangeville where she made many friends over the years with her calm, peaceful demeanor. She worked at and was well known at places such as The Coffee Corner, Dairy Queen BBQ, Clover Farm, Bun Basket Bakery, KMART and the ODSS cafe. Life gave her many hurdles, but she faced them with strength, perseverance and grace. She had a great sense of humour. She will forever be known for her love of licorice, the Woman's Network Hallmark Movies and gossip. She had many facial expressions, loved to joke with others and her wise cracks...said it all.

Funeral Service will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Kidney Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

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



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