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Mono declines deeper review of OAS property tax figures

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Mono Mayor John Creelman hoped to take steps to give residents a look at how much money is not going into municipal coffers because the Orangeville Agricultural Society is exempt from property taxes in the town.

That was despite objections by some councillors.

Councillor Ralph Manktelow said he views the move as exacerbating a strained relationship between Mono council and the agricultural society.

"I think this is antagonistic and non-productive," Coun. Elaine Capes said.

As it turned out during its May 26 meeting, council voted against the idea.

Creelman's move stemmed from a March council meeting when the OAS asked that its annual fall fair at the events centre in Mono be exempted from the town's new noise bylaw.

The new bylaw was adopted in February to replace the former rules that council had said were antiquated and unenforceable. The former legislation had been on the books without update since 2004.

The OAS's position was that the restrictive parameters of the new bylaw may elim-

inate some events that community groups host at the OAS Events Centre. That would mean less money to those groups and a large cut to the facility's annual revenue.

If the events centre can't keep the lights on, then even the groups that put on events that don't generate noise will also be in the hunt for a new venue.

Applicants for a noise exemption are required to pay a \$500 fee, a sum that Jen Arnold, the OAS Events Centre's general manager, said in March is a significant financial challenge. Creelman asked Arnold to provide OAS auditors' reports to prove the fee is indeed a hurdle.

"I can provide that," Arnold said.

"And how soon can we see that?" Creelman said. "Because, ultimately, we'll make a decision based on your viability."

Arnold said she could provide the documents the day following the March meeting. The OAS received its exemption and the application fee was also waived by council.

Fast forward to a subsequent council meeting weeks later and Creelman informed council that the OAS financial documents hadn't been received. So the mayor reached out to the provincial Ministry of Agriculture for access to that information.

That's the provincial body that governs agricultural societies.

Creelman said he received the requested information within 72 hours.

And that led to Creelman's suggestion during the May 26 meeting that the town's treasurer compile figures that would be in the OAS's tax bill if it wasn't exempt from taxation.

"I'm aware that they are tax-exempt, but my motivation is to demonstrate to the ratepayers of Mono what we would be getting by way of taxes if that exemption did not exist," Creelman said.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said he wasn't aware until Creelman obtained the society's financial statements that the OAS pays taxes to Orangeville for property it owns in that town.

Nix said he believes that property to be the curling club. He said he can't understand why a curling arena property in Orangeville generates taxes but no property taxes are paid on an events centre in Mono that draws events throughout the year.

"It doesn't, in my mind, make any sense," Nix said and congratulated Creelman for taking the steps he has.

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County considers policy to allow memorial signs on Dufferin highways

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County needs a formal policy that will allow residents to celebrate loved ones who died in preventable traffic mishaps.

That was the plea Elizabeth Mangos brought to county council when it met on May 28. Her mother was Fay Mangos, and she was run off the road on County Road 109 east of County Road 11 by a young, impaired driver in October 2010.

Fay Mangos was driving to work when she died after a 2010 Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the centre line in Amaranth and struck her car at about 5 a.m. She and her husband ran George's Family Restaurant in Grand Valley.

Elizabeth Mangos asked that the county adopt a formal policy to allow memorial roadside signage to be erected at sites where a person was killed in a preventable traffic collision.

Elizabeth Mangos told council that her mother wasn't just a beloved wife, sister, grandmother, and friend. Her mother was a deeply committed member of the Dufferin County community, she said.

Fay Mangos spent nearly 30 years in the

restaurant business, and her family restaurant was far more than a place to eat.

"It was a place where people found food, advice, encouragement, practical help, and where customers often became part of an extended community around her," Elizabeth Mangos said. "She was known for hard work, generosity, compassion, and her habit of helping people without judgment."

She said her mother supported the local business community, teams in many sports streams, and helped the Grand Valley Fire Department by providing meeting space.

"And responded whenever the community needed help," Elizabeth Mango said of her mother. "When families fell on hard times, meals were provided without charge. During severe winter weather when motorists were stranded after road closures on County Road 109, Fay opened her restaurant to offer shelter and warm meals until travel was safe again."

Elizabeth Mango said a highway memorial sign would recognize a woman whose daily life reflected service, generosity, and commitment to her community and acknowledge the enduring grief caused by her violent death at the hands of an impaired driver.

Such incidents introduce disruption to many lives, she said.

"A sign would not undo that loss, but it would provide dignified public recognition at the place where her life was taken and would stand as a visible reminder of the consequences of impaired driving," she said.

An official county policy would ensure all requests are weighed fairly and consistently.

Memorial signs should apply only to fatalities on Dufferin roads and be requested by an immediate family member or authorized representative.

County staff can review to ensure safe roads. And Elizabeth Mangos suggested a standardized format govern sign design.

Signs will be placed near the site of the highway collision and will be erected for a fixed term. And, of course, approval rests with county staff.

"This request is for a structured policy that balances compassion with safety, consistency, and administrative clarity," she said.

A standard policy would help the upper-tier council respond to future requests on a case-by-case basis.

"My mother Fay lived her life with generosity, strength, humour, and a deep sense

of responsibility to others," she said. "Recognizing her with a memorial sign would honour not only the way she died but, more importantly, the way she lived and the community she helped build."

Councillor Todd Taylor, who is also Orangeville's deputy mayor, said there's a bench that memorializes his late father.

"So I get why you would want to do this," Taylor said. "It strikes a chord with me."

He suggested Mangos' idea for a highway memorial policy may be something county staff could investigate and forward a report to council.

"I love the idea," he said. "At this point I just think it would be wrong to say yes."

Coun. Fred Nix, who is Mono's deputy mayor, said he lives on a county road on which "many people have died."

"Given that's being done on county roads now, I guess my assumption is there would be nothing stopping you from doing it yourself," Nix said.

If the family were to go ahead and erect a memorial sign, Elizabeth Mangos said that weather and high winds could push it into the road and cause a traffic accident.

"I don't think I could live with myself," she said.

Get ready to groove: Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival kicks off this Friday

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The streets of downtown Orangeville will soon come alive with the sounds of blues and jazz as the largest festival in town returns this weekend.

The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival runs from Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7, with over 200 musicians performing across three stages, with seven of them being JUNO winners or nominees.

The festival features a free stage on Broadway and ticketed stages at the Opera House and Alexandra Park. There will be additional performances on the streets and across nine locations made up of local restaurants and event venues.

The festival is expecting approximately 40,000 attendees over the three days it runs.

Here's an overview of what to expect over the weekend in terms of road closures and operations.

Friday – Blues Cruise

- Second Street will close to traffic at 7 a.m. on Friday and will host food and craft vendors throughout the weekend. It will reopen at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

- Broadway from Fourth Street to Wellington Street will close at 10 a.m. on Fri-

day and reopen at 9:30 p.m.

- Broadway from Wellington Street to First Street, as well as Mill Street, will close at 10 a.m. on Friday and remain closed throughout the weekend. They will reopen at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

- Classic cars will begin arriving around 1 p.m.

- Live music on Broadway and Mill Street will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will continue until 11 p.m.

Saturday – Downtown Ramble

- The Orangeville Farmers' Market will be relocated to Broadway between First and Second Streets and will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- BIA businesses and vendors will be set up along Broadway

- The Hometown Market will be located on Mill Street and will operate from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Mill Street businesses also participating.

- Live music on the street and TD Broadway Stage will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Live music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will run from 1:45 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday – Blues & Bikes



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- Motorcycles will begin arriving around 11 a.m. and will depart by 5 p.m.

- Live music on the street and TD Broadway Stage will run from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Live music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will run from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Festival teardown will begin at 5 p.m.

and continue throughout the evening.

- Broadway, Mill Street, and Second Street will reopen at 11 p.m.

All times are approximate and subject to change. For the most up-to-date festival information, please visit: <https://orangevillebluesandjazz.ca/>

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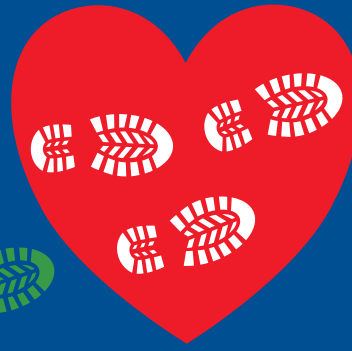
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Shelburne and Orangeville hold first flag-raising ceremonies in Canada, marking June as Brain Injury Awareness Month

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

When the Town of Shelburne hosted a flag-raising for Brain Injury Awareness Month on June 1, it was significant in several ways.

Shelburne was the first municipality in Dufferin County and all of Canada to fly the flag. Orangeville followed on June 2.

Marked each year in June, Brain Injury Awareness Month is meant to raise awareness for those living with or supporting people with brain injuries. The campaign started as grassroots movements hoping to band together and offer mutual support when no systems existed.

This year, however, is special.

Wendy Cook, who oversaw both the Shelburne and Orangeville flag raisings, said that for the first time ever, the Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA), and by extension Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury (HABI) group, is raising its own dedicated flag. The goal is to send a clear message that help is available and offered locally. This flag was officially dedicated to Katie Lang, who has an acquired brain injury, and Cook's son, Keaton Cook, who also had a brain injury and passed away in 2024.

"We want families and caregivers to know, and siblings and community friends to know that there's brain injury support in this community," she said. "June is Brain Injury Awareness Month, so when you see this flag go up, you know that the community flying it

supports you."

Cook also highlighted the significance of a flag-raising for this campaign.

"This is the first time a flag has gone up for Brain Injury Awareness month," she said. "We've come a very long way from our beginnings. When Keaton came home from the hospital years ago, there was nothing, almost no support."

"Then there was one couple who had had a brain injury from a car accident who showed up at my door and said, 'Hey, we're here for you. Is there anything we can provide for you?' Eighteen years later, HABI, the Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury group, came from that knock on the door."

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills said that the town remains committed to supporting residents with brain injuries.

"We're very happy to be out here today to fly this new flag and proclaim June as Brain Injury Awareness Month," he said following the flag raising on June 1.

"June is a busy month of awareness events, so we're happy to kick things off with this one here today, and hopefully help the community become more aware of brain injuries and the impact they can have on folks."

The sentiment was shared in Orangeville, which held its own flag-raising the following day, June 2.

Mayor Lisa Post attended the flag raising and acknowledged the importance of public awareness and mutual support.

"Like how Wendy Cook said in her remarks, it's really important that everybody



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

FIRST IN CANADA: Following the Shelburne flag raising on June 1, the Town of Orangeville hosted its own flag raising event for Brain Injury Awareness Month on June 2. Attended by representative Wendy Cook and presided over by Mayor Lisa Post, the ceremony reaffirmed the town's ongoing commitment to supporting and advocating for locals living with or supporting those with traumatic brain injuries.

in our community knows that there are resources, and this is a great campaign to help raise awareness about the services that we do have here in Dufferin," she said. "We are unique that way, thanks to the advocacy of lots of great people in this community, we

have services and support to offer folks who are struggling."

The flags represent an ongoing campaign that is seeing results. Support groups continue to form, advocacy gets stronger, and stigmas are reduced.

RAM Rodeo brings bull riding, family entertainment to Orangeville this weekend

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Cowboys, cowgirls and bucking bulls will soon ride back into town for the Headwaters stop on the annual RAM Rodeo Tour.

Coming to the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, attendees will see bull riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, rescue racing and pole bending.

The RAM Rodeo Tour is making 15 stops across Ontario, with over \$300,000 in prize money being awarded to successful competitors.

"Above the competition, there's a lot of family entertainment and fun. We have a free kids rodeo two hours before the show for all the kids in the audience. We bring them into the arena to experience what the arena is about," said RAM Rodeo Tour President Ross Millar.

"We also have the award-winning Canadian Cowgirls coming again. Their precision drill team has been all over the world — the Rose Bowl Parade, the Indianapolis 500, the Calgary Stampede."

The performing trick riding group Off Kilter will also return this year.

"But most importantly, the cowboys and cowgirls are there for the competition," Millar said. "It's intense competition."

About 140 competitors will take part, primarily hailing from Eastern Canada and the U.S.

In addition to providing a meaningful opportunity for up-and-coming competitors, RAM Rodeo's stop at the Orangeville Fairgrounds will also fundraise, as it has in previous years.

There will be a 50/50 draw, with funds

raised supporting TUFF Therapeutic Riding in Mono, which provides therapeutic riding lessons to at-risk youth.

For the RAM Rodeo stop on Saturday, the gates to the Orangeville Fairgrounds will open at 11 a.m. and the rodeo gets underway at 2 p.m. On Sunday, the gates open at 10:30 a.m. and the rodeo gets underway at 1 p.m.

"I think it's a great afternoon for a family. It's great entertainment along with intense competition," said Millar. "Many new Canadians seem to be getting attracted to it because it really embodies the way of the working cowboy and Canadian heritage."

Tickets can be bought in advance online at ticketweb.ca/search?q=Headwaters+RAM+Rodeo for \$30 for an adult, \$15 for youth and free for children five and under. Tickets are \$10 less when purchased online



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Elysian Crossing offers a personal touch to pet cremation services

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local Amaranth couple are on a mission to make end-of-life services for pets local, affordable and empathetic.

Elysian Crossing, a small pet cremation business operating on a rural property in Amaranth, was born from personal loss and a desire to offer grieving pet owners a more compassionate, affordable option close to home.

Kevin and Ruth Solski, who started the business, are lifelong pet owners and have experienced the pain of saying goodbye. Those experiences made them acutely aware of how costly end-of-life services for animals have become, and how overwhelming it can be for families dealing with grief.

"We've been pet owners for such a long time, we've gone through those losses," Solski said. "We saw the need for there to be a more affordable option that has compassion and works with owners."

Solski said that they saw a gap between what corporate providers were offering and what local residents actually needed: a service grounded in dignity, personal care, and affordability.

"We want to be very cognizant, very aware that our clients need to be treated with dignity and compassion, and that their pets, as an extension of that, will be treated with the same compassionate afterlife care," she said.

"We work one on one with all of our clients, we personally handle every pet from the time we pick them up to the time we drop them off. You know exactly who has your pet from when you drop them off to when you pick them up, every step of the way."

Elysian Crossing's operations are entirely based on the owners' 6.5-acre countryside property, which they describe as peaceful and familiar to many in the area.

Setting it up was a multi-year process.

Before they could accept a single client, they had to secure land-use permits from the Township of Amaranth and Dufferin County, followed by provincial environmental approvals.

Local officials were notably supportive. From the initial idea to opening their doors, the process took about three years.

"The township and the county were actually really, really good to work with," Solski said. "They wanted to see small businesses in the area, and they were exceptional in helping us get up and running. The mayor of Amaranth even wrote a letter to Sylvia Jones to try and expedite the process for us on the provincial side."

Elysian Crossing has now been operating for roughly a year. Business has grown slowly and organically, primarily through word of mouth and online reviews.

The Solskis do not have formal partnerships with veterinary clinics, which often have established corporate providers, but they do see some informal referrals and repeat clients who return when another pet passes away.

A key distinction of their service is that they only provide individual cremations. Every family receives their pet's ashes back, typically in a simple tin, with the option to purchase a range of urns through their website.

"Other companies offer communal and joint cremations as well, at a lower price point," Solski said. "We made the decision that we were going to try to offer only individual cremations, but trying to kind of get it down to that price point that you would see for communal cremations."

While many of the standard urns are sourced from outside the region, the couple is actively working to bring more local craftsmanship into their offerings. They offer custom urns from an Owen Sound artisan and memorial jewelry incorporating ashes from a maker in Orangeville.

Elysian Crossing is also exploring partnerships with local artists for pet portraits.

Guided by their faith and a belief in caring for all of creation, the Solskis frame Elysian Crossing as both a business and a calling: a way to walk alongside residents during one of the most difficult moments of pet ownership, and to ensure those animals are treated with dignity from beginning to end.

"We really sincerely do care," Solski said. "We've been there, and nothing eases the pain of the loss of a pet, but if we could make that journey a little bit easier, alleviate some of that strain, that's what we're here for."

For more information, go to <https://elysiancrossing.ca/>.

County celebrates June as Seniors Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario – a time to celebrate the older adults who help shape families, neighbourhoods and communities every day. Dufferin County is proud to wish seniors across its community and those who support them a very happy Seniors Month.

Seniors Month is all about recognizing the contributions of older adults, supporting health and social connection and continuing to build age-friendly communities where everyone can thrive.

In Dufferin, Dufferin County Community Support Services (DCCSS) helps older adults and adults with disabilities remain in the comfort of their own homes and stay connected to their community with practical, compassionate support and programs for community members. DCCSS is funded by Ontario Health and operated by the County.

"If you or someone you love could use a little extra support, Dufferin County Community Support Services is always here to help," says Marissa Marr, supervisor of Dufferin County Community Support Services. "Whether you or someone you know needs a meal, a ride to a medical appointment, a regular check-in, or help accessing the right supports, our programs are designed to make everyday life a little easier and help seniors live safely and independently."

Services available for seniors and people with disabilities in Dufferin include:

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- Friendly visiting
- Home maintenance
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- Home help
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- A bathing program, and;
- An adult day program.

There is also an important role for the wider Dufferin community to play to help support seniors in the community. Community members can volunteer in a variety of positions to help support seniors through programs like friendly visiting, transportation and the adult day program.

Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, build connections and help ensure older adults in Dufferin County feel supported, valued and included. Interested community members can celebrate seniors by exploring volunteer opportunities on the County's website at www.dufferincounty.ca. Applications can be submitted on the County's website, by fax to 519-925-3742, email to dccss@dufferincounty.ca or in person at 167 Centre Street, Entrance "E", Shelburne.

"Seniors Month provides a great reminder that no one must navigate aging alone. Whether you're a senior, caregiver, family member or a friend, now is a good time to learn more about what is available through DCCSS," says Marissa. "A conversation this month could mean the right supports to make a meaningful difference tomorrow and beyond."

Dufferin County Council proudly proclaimed June as Seniors Month in Dufferin County. Dufferin County Council, staff and volunteers celebrate the older adults who enrich the community with their time, knowledge, care and experience. Happy Seniors Month to all seniors across the county—and thank you for all you do.



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SUPPORTING SENIORS: A senior with a walker is assisted by a Dufferin County Community Support Services (DCCSS) driver beside an accessible Dufferin County van during Seniors Month. DCCSS provides transportation to medical appointments for seniors and adults with disabilities across Dufferin County.

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MoD presents awards to photographers in Home and Heritage exhibition

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin has announced the winners of its 2026 Home & Heritage Photography Exhibition, celebrating images that explore the meaning of home, culture, tradition and community through the lens of Canadian photographers.

Presented in the museum's Silo Gallery, the juried exhibition invited photographers to submit work reflecting the theme of "Home & Heritage." Organizers encouraged artists to examine what home means across cultures, including traditions, food, family, community and place. The exhibition features selected photographs and runs through Sept. 26.

This year's Best in Show Award was presented to Carrying the Song by Johnny Gonzalez.

"I feel incredibly honoured to be given this award," Gonzalez said. "I honestly wasn't expecting it. To be chosen from so many, to have my work on display is incredible, let alone to be awarded."

Gonzalez never originally planned to get into photography. In high school, he took a photography class. At first, he wasn't serious about it, but over time he came to enjoy it. Gonzalez now shoots primarily portraits and fine art.

"I took the class thinking it was going to be an easy credit, like how difficult could it be?" he said. "I ended up falling in love with it, and I've been shooting ever since, professionally for five years now."

The Youth Photography Award was presented to Vathmee Walakulu Arachchi. She said the experience has been deeply gratifying as she is new to the photography scene.

"I'm really excited about all of it," she said. "I kind of just came into this not thinking I would even see my photography in the museum, but to get an award was really enlightening and fulfilling because I've only recently started doing photography. It's going to be great motivation to keep going with it."

The Juror's Choice Award went to Sweet Pea by Rene Frost, who said she never expected to win. She credits her kids with getting her interested in photography.

"It all started with my kids really wanting to document special occasions," she said. "I started photography after my third was born, and it just evolved from there."

"And now, this award is just crazy. I didn't expect for the picture to win an award, but I'm happy," Frost added.

Selina Mazzatesta received the Emerging Photographer Award for Emerging Presence.

"It feels just great to get this award," she said. "I worked really hard on this. I brainstormed what I wanted to do for the exhibition, and seeing everything up on the wall was extremely rewarding. It was a great experience for me."

Mazzatesta started photography in Grade 11 as part of a graphic design course, before going to university, where her classes included photography. She credits those experiences with helping her develop a more creative side.

The broader exhibition was designed to showcase diverse perspectives on identity, belonging and heritage while highlighting both local and national stories.

Submitted photographs were required to connect to the Home & Heritage theme and fall within categories such as culture and community, traditions and celebrations, food, people, or images captured in Dufferin County and across Canada.

The photographs were reviewed by a panel of peer assessors, with museum staff serving as administrators.

The Home & Heritage exhibition reflects the Museum of Dufferin's broader mission of preserving and sharing the stories, people and cultures that shape Dufferin County and beyond.

Through exhibitions, educational programming and community partnerships, the museum aims to connect visitors with both local history and contemporary creative expression.

The exhibition opened with an awards presentation on May 30 and remains on display at the museum throughout the summer, offering visitors an opportunity to experience a collection of photographs that examine the many ways Canadians define home and celebrate their heritage.



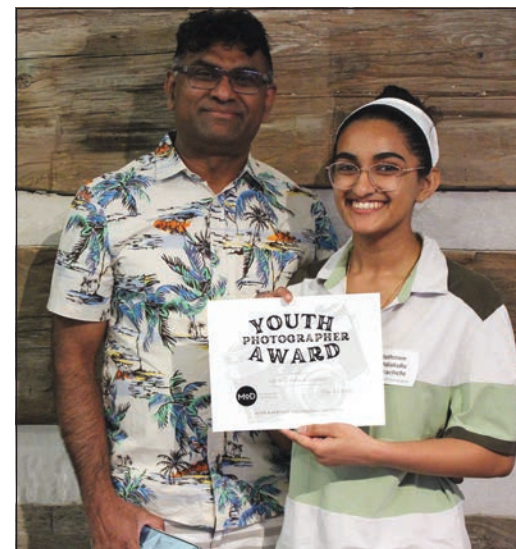
BEST IN SHOW: The Best in Show winner was Johnny Gonzalez and his portrait titled Carrying the Song. While he initially had little interest in photography, Gonzalez grew to love it during a high school photography class, and has continued on professionally since.



SWEET CHOICE: Rene Frost won the Juror's Choice award for her piece, Sweet Pea. Inspired by her children to take up photography to document their lives, Frost has continued to develop her skills beyond family photography.



NEW TALENT: Selina Mazzatesta took home the Emerging Photographer Award. Mazzatesta first explored photography starting in grade 11, and continued to develop her skills, and realizing her passion during her post-secondary studies.



NEW PASSION: The Youth Photography Award went to Vathmee Walakulu Arachchi. A relative newcomer to photography, Arachchi said she has taken strongly to the field, and was deeply inspired to continue developing her skills after receiving her award.

Creative Partners on Stage festival brings laughs and lessons to Theatre Orangeville

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Creative Partners on Stage presented two theatrical productions, putting a spotlight on community members with intellectual disabilities as they took to the stage throughout the final weekend of May.

May marked Community Living Month,

put on by Community Living Ontario, an organization dedicated to supporting, uplifting and advocating for Ontarians living with intellectual disabilities. Here at home, the local branch, Community Living Dufferin (CLD), put on a month's worth of activities to celebrate and raise awareness.

The penultimate event was the Creative Partners on Stage festival, a three-day dou-

ble-header production from May 29 to May 31. This festival is a collaborative effort between Community Living Dufferin and Theatre Orangeville.

The goal – get local residents living with intellectual disabilities on stage, acting in their own productions. Theatre Orangeville helps develop the productions and sets them up, ensuring everything goes smoothly.

The first production of the night was Life Off Mars.

Crashing in a farmer's field, a collection of colourful Martians find themselves stranded on Earth. These Martians come face to face with the locals, humans who have never seen aliens before.

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SPIRITED PERFORMANCE: Life Off Mars, written and directed by Chandra Pepper, and Picture This, co-written and directed by Elizabeth Glenday and Kristen Gamache, were the penultimate finales of Community Living Month. The productions were collaborative efforts between Theatre Orangeville and Community Living Dufferin, showcasing community members living with intellectual disabilities on stage. Both productions focused heavily on themes of belonging, being yourself, and always enjoying life and what it has to offer. Performances took place from May 29 to 31.



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SAM ODROWSKI PHOTOS

RECORD SUPPORT: Participants gather at Island Lake Conservation Area on May 31 for the annual Walk for Alzheimer's fundraiser, which featured live music, warm-up activities and speeches before more than 350 attendees set out on the trails in support of local dementia care. The event raised a record-breaking \$90,000 for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County.

Orangeville Walk for Alzheimer's draws record crowd, fundraising total

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The annual Walk for Alzheimer's fundraiser came to Island Lake Conservation Area on Sunday, May 31, and raised a record-breaking \$90,000, with more than 350 participants attending in support of local dementia care.

Jenna Hunter, community outreach coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, said the event was an incredible success, nearly doubling the previous fundraising record of roughly \$40,000.

"Everyone in Dufferin just came together to really support this walk and to support our clients," Hunter said. "This money directly helps support those individuals living with dementia and their caregivers in Dufferin County."

The funds support recreational programming, caregiver respite services and education initiatives delivered by the Alzheimer Society, which are increasingly in demand as dementia diagnoses rise alongside awareness and an aging population.

Walkers gathered beneath sunny skies at Island Lake Conservation Area before setting out along the trail system Sunday morning.

Reflecting on the walk itself, Hunter said, "It was a beautiful, emotional, powerful day."

"It made everyone remember their loved ones who may have left us, or those who are still fighting this disease," she added.

Among those sharing personal experiences during the event was Orangeville councillor and walk ambassador Joe Andrews.

He said his role in this year's event is deeply personal, shaped by his family's experience with dementia.

"I was honoured to be asked to be the Walk Ambassador this year," he said. "Many of us have family members who have been affected by some form of dementia or Alzheimer's."

During a speech prior to the walk, Andrews shared his late mother's 14-year experience with vascular dementia as the reason he became involved.

"She was someone who, near the end of her life did not speak, but she did speak with her eyes, and she spoke with her smile," Andrews said. "I think we all have those different stories that we can share."

He added that the walk is an important outlet for raising awareness of the work the

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin does to support local residents affected by dementia.

"This organization... has the expertise, they have the know-how, they have the staff that can help support those not only that are affected but also... the family members," he said, referring to caregivers as part of what he called a "collage of care."

"Hopefully, through my role... I can help make a difference. Maybe getting involved in this has helped other people who may not necessarily know about the organization."

Reflecting on the record fundraising total and turnout, Andrews said, "It is just phenomenal to see our community come together for such an important organization."

For Orangeville resident Jim Garrow, Sunday's Walk for Alzheimer's was driven by personal connections to friends affected by dementia.

Garrow said he was motivated to take part after seeing the impact of the disease on people close to him, including local friends and a longtime acquaintance living in assisted care in Mexico.

He said he has observed gradual changes in people he knows as dementia progresses, noting shifts in memory and communica-

tion. "You can see a change in your conversation with them," Garrow said.

He also pointed to his awareness of the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County as part of what brought him out to the event.

"It's a great organization, particularly for the size of the community," he said.

Garrow added that he was also pleased with the turnout and organization of the event at Island Lake Conservation Area. He noted that the setting also helped showcase the park's trails to residents who may not be familiar with them.

Creative Partners on Stage presents two productions

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Trying to fit in and to show their gratitude, the martians try job after job and chore after chore, but nothing quite sticks.

Their activities attract some unwanted attention as well. The Men in Beige, shadowy characters with advanced equipment, arrive, intent on finding them.

This starting production was visually stunning. Each Martian was uniquely coloured and highly expressive, making it very easy to follow along despite a large cast. The costumes were simple yet very effective in identifying who was who.

The story was funny and heartfelt. The Martians, obviously, were completely unfamiliar with life on rural Earth. Watching the actors have fun on stage as the aliens learned more about Earth was a joy to watch and created humorous moments. The comedy was well placed and came in at the right times, keeping the production moving and the tone light.

The story's tone is well executed throughout. Life Off Mars explores themes of self-acceptance, confidence, and resisting pressure to change, delivering them in a way that is both entertaining and thoughtful.

Picture This was the next production following a break between the shows.

This play took on a much different tone than the first. While preparing to celebrate their grandpa's 70th birthday, the family breaks out their old photo album and takes a trip through memory lane.

Going back to the moment of his daughter's birth, grandpa reminisces about his life, and each turn of the page takes the family back through the years, from birthdays and holidays to more.

This production had a beautifully simple premise, but it strikes a very deep chord. The cast was clearly having the time of their lives on stage, from musical numbers, a dance or two, and plenty of random scenes that represent different eras in the family's life.

This is a production that makes you feel happy, it makes you laugh, and the cast did a great job executing it. The theme is equally endearing. Life has plenty of moments worth remembering, and even now, they're still happening.

With the two productions put together, the 2026 Creative Partners on Stage Festival was a resounding success and a strong way to finish off Community Living Month.

Community members living with intellectual disabilities were given a fun, inclusive way to showcase their skills and remind audiences that they are not defined by their disability.

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Arts & Entertainment

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Erin artist finds inspiration in farm life, miniature donkeys and barn quilts

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

"I was born and raised in Mississauga," said artist Deborah McLachlan in an interview with the Citizen. "But I always wanted to live on a farm. So, my husband bought me a farm near Erin."

A happy story that brought her to a place where her passion for painting landscapes has a scene that is appealing. She reckons there are levels of art that lead to fine art, which she defines as "creativity from the heart. It comes from within and that is a gift."

She added, with the pleasure her farm residence provides, that "the landscape looking out your window might make you want to replicate it."

With any work of art, she maintains, the attraction to create is simply, "you know when you know" that you have to create that picture. It speaks to you. Something in the landscape draws you in.

Her preferred method of painting is dry-brush watercolour. This is a technique that blends watercolour in a brush that has been squeezed, carefully wiped on tissue or in other ways, it has its water reduced, but not all at once. The painting takes on a layered effect with multiple degrees of how dry the brush is.

Done well, the dry brush can draw delicate lines like a pen or pencil, but with its own particular touch.

"With very little water on the brush and more pigment, I can make very fine strokes," McLachlan explained her love of the meth-

od, preferring the dry brush technique for its concentrated detailing – a blade of grass at a time, as it were.

It often adds an atmosphere to the painting, almost a dream element, with the very broad range of textures that can be created.

McLachlan likes to do a lot of equine art. She loves horses for their great spirit, gracefulness and for how they inspire her. Her own horse, Sam, now somewhat elderly by equine standards, is still valued company.

She also breeds miniature donkeys, meaning 35 inches to their withers is the standard that defines miniature.

In addition to the joy of raising the little donkeys, they are bred to sell, and they do very well. Apparently, people like them so much because "they are really, really cute." Totally different from a horse, of course, so different are they that McLachlan noted people often compare them to dogs in their personalities and affectionate demeanour.

Within her own family are her husband, Mike and their two adult children, both of whom are successful in their own lives. Mike sells electrical equipment to construction companies. Their son is in the automotive industry, and their daughter works in interior design, and she is also a photographer.

McLachlan herself took early retirement as a teacher and went on to work with students in a co-op.

She said, "I found co-op very rewarding. To see students excel at the work place. In the end they could go on to the phase of their lives in industry."



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LANDSCAPES: Erin based artist Deborah McLachlan poses by her painting "Water." Her best work, she calls it.

Going back to her life in art, McLachlan mentioned that she paints barn quilts, too and talked about her making barn quilts.

Tied to the realm of folk art, barn quilts are cousins to the traditional quilt, which is warm on a bed, decorative on a couch, or elsewhere in the home. That quilt is made from cloth, but a barn quilt is made from wood. The decorative traditions are maintained, but how the wooden quilts are placed is outside on barn walls, on all sorts of walls. They make a statement of loyalty to the many classical motifs and the creativ-

ity of the artist to follow and even take personal spins on historically loved patterns.

Actually, there are Barn Quilt Trails all around Ontario, the largest of which is in Prince Edward County, where 100 barn quilts tempt a traveller to follow them.

Closer to home are the Barn Quilt Trails of Horseshoe Valley, or in Simcoe County.

"As a child, I was always drawing," McLachlan said. "And I did some courses at Sheridan College."

Her irresistible impulse to create really flourished once she was home on her farm.

Headwaters Arts Tapestry of Art and Music event returns for fourth year

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

This Sunday, June 7, marks the fourth-annual Tapestry of Art and Music event, hosted by Headwaters Arts. This yearly art show and sale/fundraising event brings together artists from across Ontario, in both music and art, to

support Headwaters Arts.

Hosted in the outdoor Annex space under the tented roof at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, no matter the weather, it is sure to be an afternoon enjoyed by all.

At the event, attendees can take in the large mosaic wall, composed of over 90 6" X 6" canvas masterpieces created and donated by lo-

cal Ontario artists.

These artists take full liberty with the canvas, bringing to life whatever type of work they desire.

Nancy Kluger, Chair of the Headwaters Arts Events Committee, says that as the canvases have begun rolling in, she's noticed all the different types of media used.

The canvases range from photography to mixed media, with each artist preparing something different in their own style.

Part of this year's mosaic will be ten canvases done by students at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

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1. Bridge building degree
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4. Turkish leader title
5. Nag
6. Blank
7. Closely woven cotton fabric
8. A nice shot in golf
9. Away from wind
10. Evergreen shrub genus
12. Large African antelope
14. Something you receive
19. Satisfy
23. Wet dirt
24. No longer here
25. Writing utensil
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Consume food
28. Licensed for Wall Street
29. Alternative forms of a gene
34. Buddy
35. We all do it
36. Chicken
37. No seats available
39. Yearned to possess
40. Ineffectual
41. Explosive
42. Turkish title
44. Worn near the foot
45. Impatient
46. Set an example for others
47. Actor Pitt
48. Instrument of torture
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. A way to print
54. Storied college hoops program
58. Midway between south and southeast

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

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Math Blocks

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

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English: Fur
Spanish: Pelo
Italian: Pelliccia
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German: Fell

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Family Harmonica Workshop to feature Mark 'Bird' Stafford

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Mark "Bird" Stafford can still remember handing over \$5 for his first harmonica as a child in the 1960s. Decades later, the veteran blues performer and educator is sharing that passion with others through a free drop-in workshop designed for everyone from complete beginners to seasoned players.

The Orangeville Public Library's Mill Street Branch will host Stafford at noon on Saturday, June 6, where he will teach techniques, provide demonstrations, and take questions from the audience.

He said the session is open to just about anything related to the instrument.

"It's going to be everything harmonica," he said.

From performing blues across Ontario and the East Coast to repairing instruments out of his home studio, very few people in the province know the harmonica as intimately as Stafford. He was drawn to it from a young age.

"I remember sitting in the back of my parents' car listening to AM radio, and the music bug hit me really early," Stafford said.

"I remember my father turning around and looking at me in the back seat, saying, 'Wow, you can actually sing.'"

Stafford's journey with the harmonica began after he spent \$5 on a Marine Band harmonica, which now costs around \$75.

"There's a big learning curve with harmonica, to learn how to bend notes. I started listening to a lot of blues and hearing harmonica sounds that I couldn't reproduce. I kept trying to figure out why my harmonica didn't sound the same as the harmonicas I was hearing on records," he said.

"All these things are what somebody in the audience of my workshop could bring to the table and say, 'What's this about playing a C harp in the key of G? What's that all about?'"

Participants may get a chance to see one of the more unusual instruments in Stafford's arsenal — a bass harmonica recently gifted to him by a 95-year-old veteran player from Toronto.

"He wanted this harmonica to go to somebody that was still playing, and that's me," he explained.

Weighing several pounds and carried in a briefcase, the instrument is a far cry from the pocket-sized harmonicas many people are familiar with.

"Harmonicas have been around for hundreds of years, and some of them are super unique — that's something I've always been

interested in, and I've restored some older harmonicas," Stafford noted. For the workshop, he encourages attendees to bring harmonicas, even if they don't work as well as they used to.

"Maybe there's an old harmonica in the drawer that grandpa used to own. Maybe somebody would like me to look at it and just sort of assess what might need to be done — there are people that can fix some harmonicas, and I'm one of them."

The workshop is for everyone, with Stafford encouraging the younger generation to stop by.

"Bring the family. I'm very much an advocate of getting music into kids' ears these days," Stafford said.

"If the kids drop by, they can get a feel for what the harmonica is all about. They'll remember it. I'm pretty sure they'll remember me, and they'll remember the harmonica."

But beyond the techniques and the history, Stafford said the real point of Saturday is simpler than all of it.

"There's a certain kind of blood rush that you get from playing a song on the harmonica," he said.

He's been feeling it since he was a kid, and during the workshop on Saturday, he's hoping to pass it on.



Fore DCAFS 2026 Golf Classic to be held at Shelburne Golf and Country Club

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

When a grandmother raising three autistic grandchildren needs a break, or when parents of a child with exceptional needs haven't slept in days, the Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is there to help. And that is barely the beginning of what DCAFS does for those in need of help with their children, who need careful, focused guidance, in this community.

The trips to special camps for special needs kids, providing a specific infant formula not available at food banks for a tiny baby, and providing crucial child support via an allotted \$1,500 are all part of DCAFS's mission and purpose. All of it costs more than those parents can afford, and the path to funding the services DCAFS delivers is through raising funds in various ways, including, at this time of year, golf tournaments.

On June 11, Dufferin Child and Family Foundation (DCAFF) is hosting a tournament at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club. People are signing up, and there are still spaces for more golfers to register. Registration on the day of the event opens at 8 a.m., and it starts at 9 a.m.

In an interview with DCAFS CEO Jennifer Moore, she explained that DCAFF provides grants to people receiving services through DCAFS under three main priority areas: Youth Futures, Health & Wellness, and Social Growth & Development.

Perhaps, with so many services, it would be difficult to include all their details in this feature. Better to let the focus be on the success of this tournament, which is to raise funds for Respite. That means time away for children for a given day to learn and develop social skills under the watchful attention and guidance of qualified staff.

This also allows parents and caregivers time to do whatever they need or wish, while knowing their children are safe.

The upcoming fundraiser is a Best Ball tournament with a shotgun start, welcoming players of all levels. Even so, Moore was happy to tempt golfers to come for a chance to win prizes from the "two hole-in-one sponsors."

"One is \$50,000 towards a brand-new vehicle through the Brackett Auto Group. The other is a \$10,000 shopping spree at Shelburne Home Hardware," said Moore.

"Crewson Insurance is our eagle sponsor."

For other examples of how funding is used and why it is important for the funding to be available, Moore offered two more stories.

With a fundraising investment of \$2,340, the benefits of the Early Learners Group (ELG) have proven to be a remarkable stepping stone for a young child with exceptional needs. The child made big strides in their ability to engage with peers and participate in group activities. The child is now adept at following simple instructions and actively engaged during various classroom activities, which are significant achievements.

The family saw real improvements in the child's ability to express their needs. More than simply therapy, ELG is a nurturing environment where such skills are developed, allowing the child a path to greater independence in school and within the community.

Moore summed it up, saying, "This journey of growth is exciting, and with continued practice — and the support of our generous donors — the sky's the limit for this young learner."

Beginning with, "We're incredibly proud to share..." this final story tells of \$2,000 in donations used to purchase essential work-

shop tools for a dedicated youth who has been able to participate in an Auto Mechanic Apprenticeship. This crucial support directly equips them for success in their demanding program.

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The June 11 Golf tournament at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club has all the treats and joys such an event and its participants deserve. Golf carts are included with the registration for two golfers per cart.

A pre-ordered box lunch will be delivered by Moore herself on the course, and there are plenty of prizes in addition to the top prize for a hole-in-one, all presented at the 19th hole, with a delightful charcuterie board to enhance the day's end.

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Helm Marketing Group donates \$1,000 to Headwaters Health Care Centre

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Members of the Helm Marketing Group presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation on May 20. The money was raised through the group's practice of collecting small donations at its regular meetings.

"When we hit a thousand dollars, we donate it to a worthy cause and this time it went to the hospital," said Ross Hutchings, the Helm founder, in a recent interview with the Citizen.

It was 15 years ago that Hutchings became so frustrated with the cost of advertising for his Orangeville retail store that he decided to find a better way, and while he was about it, to share the ideas with fellow retailers.

Starting small, the Orangeville resident, Hutchings, began by talking to other retailers and businesses with similar problems: not knowing how to spread the word about their shops and products, but held back by the cost of traditional advertising.

He proposed printing small flyers that could be posted in places like gas station stores with good foot traffic for a small fee, right at the start.

The connections grew through social media and in person with monthly gatherings in local restaurants. There, they were welcomed with discounts on certain menu items and enough space in the restaurants for people to network. This provided opportunities for people who are always looking for ways to help and connect with each other.

"We send out flyers for free as far north as [highways] 89, 24 and 109," Hutchings said. "As well as Airport Road and across Caledon."

Hutchings recognized that bringing people together has strong potential to create and support businesses. He saw that word of mouth in all its possibilities is an easy yet powerful tool for the success of any business.

Soon enough, it was time to open an office and engage a couple of staff to really push the marketing ideas that were gaining momentum every day. For some time, the office was on Robb Blvd, a casual, almost drop-in arrangement, which did not altogether reflect the seriousness the growing Helm required.

The move to a real office in the Mono Mall at 633419 Hwy 10, Suite 89, changed the approach to clients and gave the Helm a new look for how it handles its information sessions, individual appointments or meetings, among other things.

From the need to name ideas, giving them coherence and intent, they came up with Power of the Crowd, illustrated by how one small light bulb becomes large when shared with the energy of many.

Over time, as they grew and planned, they defined and named their Boots on the Ground program, which succinctly outlines the steps the Helm takes to promote its member businesses.

Ten points are listed in the Boots on the Ground program, covering a mix of services and networking events. The networking component takes place in a relaxed restaurant



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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER: Supporting a \$1,000 donation to Headwaters Health Care Centre on May 20, from left, were Barb of The Bird Store, JP of JP's Custom Leather & Laser Engraving, Jeffrey of The Helm Marketing Group, Robert Lyon of One Percent Realty, Scott of S.E.A.L. The Deal Buy & Sell, Nick Garisto Hair Stylist, Michael Goodfellow, K.C. Carruthers from Headwaters Health Care Foundation, Alex of Manax Plumbing, Paul of Korstens Jewelry, Ross of the Helm Marketing Group, Nick of Tri-County Pools, Ken of Tanarus Computer Solutions, and Dave and his crew from Tri-County Pools.

setting, giving attendees a couple of hours to enjoy a meal while meeting new contacts or continuing ongoing business conversations.

There are also frequent monthly lunch meetings, often spurred by a conversation that Hutchings sees as worthy of early discussion.

All in all, they are very satisfying and frequently very useful occasions.

The Boots on the Ground list likewise includes the benefits of flyer and business card distribution on a monthly basis to an extensive mailing list and at the office. Repetitive

posting of advertising information keeps the business in people's minds and at the top of their choices as to where to shop.

Naturally, a strong presence on social media is part of the package, including monitoring interaction activity where it is pertinent.

Hutchings answered the question of how the decision to donate \$1,000 was made.

"One of our members – his wife got cancer and she was so impressed with the hospital that we donated the thousand dollars to them," he said.

To learn more, visit: thehelmgroupp.ca.

Headwaters Arts Tapestry of Art and Music event returns to Alton Mill Arts Centre

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These students will then be up for the "High School Artist Award," which will be announced at the event, and the recipient will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Maggolly Art Supplies in Orangeville to continue supporting their artistic journey.

Kluger adds they have a wide range of artists from across Ontario, including brand-new artists.

The canvases are available for sale, and visitors are encouraged to browse, enjoy re-

freshments, and take in the live concert.

This year, Sonus Voices, a low-voice ensemble based in Hamilton, will bring a live musical performance to the event.

Kluger says she always tries to bring something new to the musical aspect of the event, in past years featuring Oakville Choir for Children and Youth and Achill Choral Society.

"The core of the project is 100 mini canvases curated in a tapestry format, with music in the background, and how music inspires artists and how art inspires vocal singers," says Kluger.

Admission is free, but Headwaters Arts will accept donations to support its year-round programming and events.

Not only that, but purchases from the art go back into the Headwaters Arts Scholarship Fund, which was established to support young artists pursuing post-secondary education.

Each donation will also include an entry ticket for their print raffle, this year featuring art from internationally renowned artist and filmmaker, and local beloved artist, the late Cory Trépanier.

The event, Kluger says, is well worth it.

"This year it's 20 vocalists and 100 artists, 120 artists in one room who have all contributed something, not just who have shown up for the event, but they've all contributed something and I think that says a lot about the enthusiasm in Ontario," says Kluger. "The residents of this area should be really proud of what these artists produce and I'd like to support them as much as possible."

The event will run from 2 to 5 p.m. on June 7, and more information can be found at www.headwatersarts.org.

Mono council votes against motion to delve deeper into OAS property tax figures

Continued from FRONT

Les Halucha, the town's treasurer, said staff will draw up a tax bill for information purposes. But he reminded council that the OAS is registered on the tax roll as being exempt.

"And we only bill properties that are not exempt on the tax roll," Halucha said, and suggested Creelman amend his motion to allow a tax bill be drawn up for council's information but not to be mailed to the OAS.

"They really have to legal requirement to pay it," Halucha said.

"I think you're probably correct in that," Creelman said.

The mayor said a point needs to be made. That point is to demonstrate how much the OAS hasn't been required to pay in taxes.

"The tax exemption is premised on them meeting the traditional objectives of an agricultural society," Creelman said. "And those have changed over the years."

Coun. Melinda Davie said the OAS's mandate is to hold the annual fall fair. And they have for a lot of years.

"It's not as big and successful and there's a lot of discussion about how can we make it better and bigger and different," Davie said. "Maybe we're coming at a crossroads in the world where it's just not possible to make it bigger. But I don't know that they don't really fulfill what they're supposed to be doing."

Davie basically asked what was the point in going through the exercise of Creelman's motion.

"Because we're not going to get the taxes... are we just adding fuel to the fire of people being unhappy with the (OAS)?" Davie said.

"My point is that the provincial legislation is sloppy," Creelman said. "It doesn't hold the (agricultural) societies' feet to the fire to the

extent of an expectation that they will live up to their objectives. If the fall fair is their sole objective, then I would suggest that they are missing an opportunity to do a whole bunch of activities in the course of the year."

Creelman said the OAS was in "arrears" as far as the requirement to "file documentation" with the province until very recently.

"They committed to providing that information to us as a council," Creelman said in reference to the March discussion with OAS representatives.

"They then walked that back and I had to ask the ministry to give us the information, which they did within 72 hours," Creelman said, and pointed out that response was without the prodding of an access to information request.

"That didn't quite clarify," Davie said. "So you're unhappy with the provincial (government)?"

"I am unhappy on many levels," Creelman said. "The provincial legislation as written. The interpretation by the province that they (OAS) can be in good standing even when they don't file the materials that are required to be filed on an annual basis. The fact that their (OAS) tax exemption doesn't get put into jeopardy because they (OAS) do not fulfil the terms of the legislation."

Creelman said he could take a pick as to which reason "is more vexatious."

Coun. Elaine Capes suggested the OAS should model its fall fair more closely akin to the Royal Winter Fair and steer away from monster truck events. Her reference was to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

"Well, maybe this will act as a wakeup call for them (OAS)," Creelman said.

Davie said she feels as if she's being "a school Marm."

"There's no consequences to the fact a bill

has been created," Creelman said. "The bill is not going to be sent. It's going to be presented to council. The public will get to see how much money would otherwise be contributed to the town budget but it is not currently being contributed to the town budget."

Creelman said that represents a "significant amount."

"There is a certain amount of demonstrative intent here, but I want this to be a wakeup call, frankly, to the OAS," the mayor said.

Nix wondered how the society can be exempt from property taxes but receive a bill and pay taxes on property in nearby Orangeville.

"There's something that doesn't add up there," Nix said.

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A senior's summer guide to moving with ease

(NC) Longer days and warmer weather are an open invitation to get outside.

But if you're living with arthritis, staying active can take a little extra planning.

With the right approach, summer movement can feel easier, more comfortable and even energizing.

Here are Arthritis Society Canada's top tips to help you stay active, mobile and cool all season long.

1. PREPARE FOR MOVEMENT

Before starting any new exercise program, check with your doctor to make sure it's right for you. When you're ready, begin with a warm-up to loosen stiff muscles and joints. Go at your own pace and take breaks when needed to minimize stiffness the next day.

2. MAKE WALKING YOUR DAILY HABIT

Simple, effective and free, walking is one of the best ways to stay active outdoors. If you've been sitting still these past months, start with short distances

and gradually increase your time each week to build strength and stamina.

3. SUPPORT YOUR STEPS

Choose shoes with good cushioning to reduce strain on your feet, knees and hips. If you're concerned about balance, consider a cane or rollator. Walking poles can also help with stability and reduce joint load while engaging muscles in the arms and legs to provide a greater workout.

4. TRY LOW-IMPACT CYCLING

Cycling is a joint-friendly way to stay active because your weight is supported, taking some of the load off your low-

er body. Whether outdoors or on a stationary bike, it's a great way to build endurance with less discomfort.

5. COOL OFF WITH WATER ACTIVITIES

Swimming, water aerobics or gentle pool exercises are all ideal for easing joint strain. The buoyancy of water supports your body, making movement easier while still helping you build strength and improve heart health. Plus, it's a refreshing way to beat the heat.

6. IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY WITH GENTLE MOVEMENT

Practices like yoga and Tai Chi can improve balance, flexibility and overall strength. Tai Chi uses slow, con-

trolled movements that are easy on the joints and calming for the mind, while beginner yoga classes can be adapted to your comfort level.

7. STAY SMART IN THE HEAT

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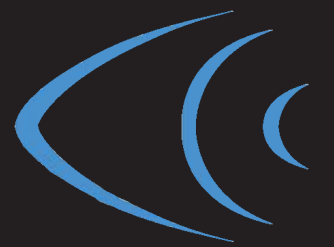


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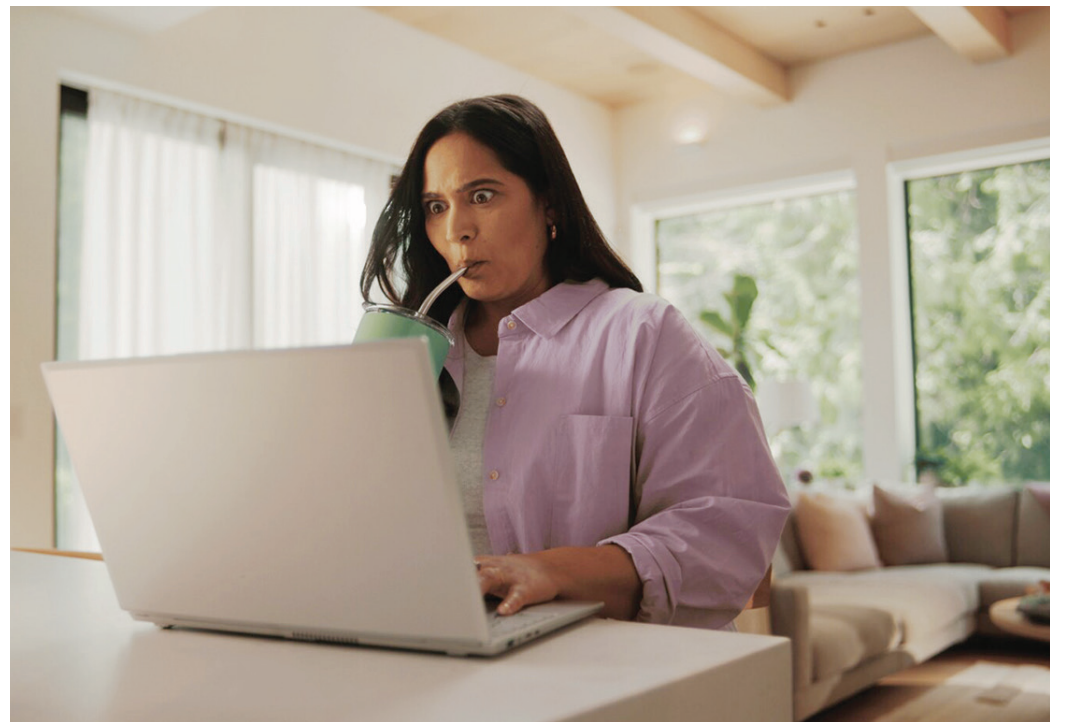
(NC) Artificial intelligence (AI) is often talked about in terms of how it's revolutionized different industries—that's certainly true for fraud.

Cybercriminals have enthusiastically adopted AI tools to enhance their attacks. Here are just some of the scams that the technology is empowering:

1. THE GRANDPARENT SCAM: Now, with the help of AI tools, a fraudster with access to enough footage of someone via their social media can convincingly impersonate their voice on a call or even in video chat. A fraudster calls their target, often a senior, posing as one of their grandchildren who's in trouble. They need money now and it needs to be kept secret.

2. IDENTITY THEFT: With AI to do the heavy lifting for them, fraudsters can much more efficiently look through bulk data for enough information to select a target. One of their favourite tactics is claiming that there's an issue with the person's tax return—if they can get access to their tax forms, that gives them all the information they need to completely compromise that person's identity.

3. PHISHING: This tactic has come a long way from emails from overseas princes filled with spelling mistakes. AI tools are making targeted attacks called "spear



phishing" much easier. Fraudsters can include many more personal details to make their fake communications more convincing. For instance, they could even emulate the writing style of someone the target knows.

Keeping your identity safe in a world of AI-powered fraud takes staying a step ahead of the scammers. One way to do this is by using digital tools, like Telus Online Security, which protects your identity and can also help you recover it if it's stolen. It includes an identity

vault that automatically scans and moves sensitive IDs and documents like tax forms into an encrypted space.

AI may be making fraud harder to spot, but by staying aware of its capabilities, keeping vigilant and staying protected, you can better avoid falling prey. Learn how you can better protect your identity and finances during tax season and beyond at [telus.com/onlinesecurity](https://www.telus.com/onlinesecurity).

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DUFFERIN COUNTY IS CELEBRATING SENIORS MONTH

JUNE IS SENIORS MONTH IN ONTARIO—a time to celebrate the older adults who help shape our families, neighbourhoods and communities every day. Dufferin County is proud to wish seniors across our community and those who support them a very happy Seniors Month. This month is all about recognizing the contributions of older adults, supporting health and social connection and continuing to build age-friendly communities where everyone can thrive.

If you or someone you love could use a little extra support, Dufferin County Community Support Services (DCCSS) is always here to help. Funded by Ontario Health and operated by Dufferin County, DCCSS helps older adults and adults with disabilities remain in the comfort of their own homes and stay connected to their community with practical, compassionate support and programs for community members.

Available services include Meals on Wheels, transportation to and from medical appointments, friendly visiting, home maintenance, home respite, home help, congregate dining,

a bathing program, and an adult day program. Whether you or someone you know needs a meal, a ride to a medical appointment, a regular check-in, or help accessing the right supports, these programs are designed to make everyday life a little easier and help seniors



live safely and independently.

Seniors Month provides a great reminder that no one must navigate aging alone. Whether you're a senior, caregiver, family member or a friend, now is a good time to learn more about what is available through DCCSS. A

conversation this month could mean the right supports to make a meaningful difference tomorrow and beyond.

There is also an important role for our wider Dufferin community to play. Community members can volunteer in a variety of positions to help support seniors through programs like friendly visiting, transportation and the adult day program. Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, build connections and help ensure older adults in Dufferin County feel supported, valued and included. We encourage Dufferin residents to join us in celebrating seniors by exploring volunteer opportunities on our website at www.dufferincounty.ca. You can apply on our website, by fax to 519-925-3742, email to dccss@dufferincounty.ca or in person at 167 Centre Street, Entrance "E", Shelburne.

This June, Dufferin County Council, staff and volunteers celebrate the older adults who enrich our communities with their time, knowledge, care and experience. Happy Seniors Month to all seniors across the county—and thank you for all you do.

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FEELING DISCONNECTED? Tips for staying in touch

(NC) Having a strong support system and engaging in social activities is key to our physical and mental well-being. Social connections are especially important as we get older, as they can help lower blood pressure, reduce stress and boost longevity. If you're a senior looking for more ways to connect with others, check out these tips:

JOIN AN EXERCISE GROUP.

Double down on the health benefits of spending time with people by doing it while moving your body. No matter what level of physical activity you're comfortable with, chances are there's a class or club near you that's a great fit. Try a gentle yoga lesson at your community centre or join a pickleball league. Bringing a friend along can help maximize the benefit.

VOLUNTEER YOUR EXPERTISE.

Many older adults get a real sense of satisfaction and fulfillment in retirement by volunteering in a role or at an organization they've always been drawn to. Your local zoo or art museum could be looking for a volunteer tour guide or greeter, or an animal shelter may need someone to help care for resident cats and dogs.

LOOK INTO YOUR LIBRARY'S RESOURCES.

These days, libraries have a ton of options to help you try new things, meet other people and explore your neighbourhood. Look for a book club or author talk in a subject that interests you. See what free classes the library has, such as learning a new language or creative writing. Ask if they have free passes to check out cultural attractions in your municipality.

SET UP VIRTUAL HANGOUTS.

Do you have friends or family living elsewhere? Keep in touch with them with virtual coffee dates. You can even plan to play a game together online or cook the same meal in your own kitchen and eat together.

If cost is a barrier to staying in touch with loved ones online, programs like Telus Mobility for Good can help. It offers free devices and low-cost rate plans to low-income seniors, helping them stay connected to family and friends, social supports and other resources. social supports and other resources.

Learn more at telus.com/mobilityforgoodseniors.

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WHAT IF RETIREMENT LIVING ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK?

Many of us carry assumptions about retirement living.

Maybe we picture a place that people move to only when they need significant support. Maybe we assume it means giving up independence, favourite routines, or the lifestyle we've spent years building. But what if retirement living isn't what you think? More importantly, what if seeing it for yourself changed everything?

At Avalon Retirement Lodge, one of the most common things we hear from visitors is, "This isn't what I expected." And that's exactly why more older adults and their families are choosing to explore retirement living before they think they need it.

The truth is that today's retirement communities are less about stepping away from life and more about creating space to enjoy it.

Imagine waking up without a list of household chores or concerns waiting for you but rather activities to enjoy or someone to chat with over coffee. No worrying about home maintenance or unexpected repairs. Even smaller daily household tasks like what to make for dinner and grocery shopping are no longer a concern.

And, instead of eating alone, you have company and conversation at mealtimes. Family can now visit YOU without a to-do list and simply enjoy family time together or join in on the various outings, or the social events the lodge has to offer, all designed with you in mind.

For many residents, that freedom is one of the biggest surprises. Retirement living is often viewed through the lens of what people might be giving up, when in reality many discover they are gaining far more than they expected.

Summer is often the perfect season to start exploring those possibilities.

The longer days and warmer weather naturally encourage us to get out, try new things, and think about what we want the next chapter of life to look like. It's also an ideal time to visit retirement communities, meet residents, experience the atmosphere firsthand, and ask questions without pressure or obligation. After all, no brochure, website, or advertisement can fully capture what it feels like to walk through the doors and experience a community for yourself.

You might discover vibrant social spaces filled with conversation and laughter, meaningful friendships

that have formed between residents, and neighbours who are every bit as active, independent, and engaged as you are.

You may even begin to realize that retirement living isn't about slowing down. It's about removing barriers that prevent you from fully enjoying life and creating more opportunities to spend your days exactly as you choose.

At Avalon Retirement Lodge, we believe the best way to understand our brand of retirement living is to experience it firsthand. See the community, meet the people, ask the questions, and explore the possibilities. After all, many of life's most rewarding opportunities begin with a simple decision to take a closer look.

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Wouldn't you like to see it for yourself?

The arrival of a new season has a way of opening the door to fresh possibilities. For some, it starts with realizing that retirement living isn't what they thought or that it's even an option. This is your invitation to take a closer look at Avalon Retirement Lodge... **You never know, it could change everything!**



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DIFFERENT WAYS SENIORS CAN GET *moving*

People of all ages are encouraged to be physically active, and that includes seniors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say seniors ages 65 and older should aim for at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity and at least two days a week of muscle-strengthening exercises. Although some people may be drawn to the gym, others with no such preference may need to identify other ways to incorporate more physical activity into their lives. Seniors can stay active in various ways by enjoying activities that get them up and moving. The following are five ideas to get started.

PLAY A SPORT

Pickleball and padel are the fastest-growing recreational sports among seniors. Pickleball blends tennis and badminton while padel blends tennis and squash. These activities combine challenging cardio workouts with a social component.

GO DANCING

A recent meta-analysis found that group dancing enhances social interaction while providing moderate aerobic exercise. Dancing is fun and can get anyone to break a sweat, and it doesn't feel like exercise.

JOIN OR START A WALKING CLUB.

Seniors can engage with other like-minded individuals by turning their daily walks into something that offers companionship and exercise. An app like Charity Miles offers an additional layer of purpose to the activity, as it turns walks into fundraising opportunities.



TAKE UP GARDENING

Gardening can be a thorough workout. The Royal Horticultural Society says gardening provides moderate-intensity, full-body exercise that burns approximately 165 to 300 calories every 30 to 60 minutes.

CONSIDER AQUATIC ENDEAVOR

High-intensity interval training (HIIT) in the water is a new exercise trend that allows people to elevate their heart rates without placing any extra strain on the

joints. Water activities in general tend to be easy on the body but provide immense benefits for flexibility and gentle resistance. Everyday Health says HIIT in a pool can improve fitness capacity roughly as much as HIIT done on land.

Seniors have various options to stay active and keep moving. Many such activities are entertaining and social in nature, which can help seniors maintain a commitment to being physically active.

Discover Abbeyfield Caledon: A welcoming community for seniors

NESTLED IN THE HEART OF CALEDON, the non-profit Abbeyfield Caledon residence offers a unique and supportive living experience for seniors who value independence, community, and comfort.

With a commitment to providing quality accommodation, Abbeyfield Caledon is more than just a place to live- it's a place to thrive. Residents experience community-oriented living, enjoying private rooms while sharing common spaces, fostering friendships and a sense of belonging.

The communal environment encourages social interaction through shared meals and activities, helping everyone feel at home.

Abbeyfield Caledon balances service with independence. Its non-profit model ensures affordability and transparency.

Abbeyfield Caledon welcomes seniors from all backgrounds, creating a diverse and vibrant community.

Delicious meals are prepared daily, with special attention to dietary needs and preferences.

Located in scenic Caledon East, Abbeyfield House offers easy access to local amenities, parks, and walking trails, allowing residents to appreciate the natural beauty and tranquility of the area.

It also provides the perfect location to be able to serve residents from surrounding communities.

The staff and volunteers are dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming environment where every resident is respected and valued.

Whether you're seeking peace and quiet or vibrant social engagement, Abbeyfield Caledon adapts to individual preferences and needs.

"I loved it right from the very beginning, and I haven't changed. I love the fact that I can go to my suite and be by myself, and the food is great," says resident of six years Kay Burtney. Karen Hopper, resident of one year, says her daughter-in-law found Abbeyfield and immediately told her she would love it, and she does.

"Other retirement homes, most of them rely on catered in, brought in food, here they shop locally and prepare fresh food. It's from scratch, and that's the big difference," says Richard Paterak, a resident of two years.

Marianne Herbert has been at Abbeyfield for two years and says they have so much independence, but always come back as Abbeyfield is their home.

"It's like my big house," says resident Desirée, who has been at Abbeyfield for two years.

"It's just a wonderful feeling. I feel very welcomed here, and Lisa and Connie, they cook with love. They're always watching out for us. I feel very protected and safe here."

Lisa Chevalier, Manager, and Connie Irwin, House Supervisor, prepare fresh food every day, as well as perform numerous tasks all over the house.

But they say it's not work at all.

"It's like home for all of us. I feel like we're one big family," says Chevalier.

To join the family, Abbeyfield Caledon Board of Directors is currently seeking a Volunteer Treasurer and a Director of Development with property development experience.

If you think you're the perfect fit, reach out to Abbeyfield at 905-860-0181.

To continue meeting the ever-growing needs of the community, and based on the initial success of Abbeyfield 1.0, the Abbeyfield Board of Directors has launched a new project - Abbeyfield 2.0. With support from Mayor Groves and Members of Council, the Abbeyfield Caledon Board of Directors is exploring the potential to develop a second Abbeyfield within Caledon.

There is a growing need for more affordable housing in the community, and the Abbey-

field model will serve seniors well into the future.

In addition, The Board has developed some enhancements to Abbeyfield 1.0. The first is a live after-hours answering service that connects residents to family members or staff in the event of an overnight issue or emergency.

The second is a pilot project testing a new, state-of-the-art Fall Detection System called Pontosense.

This technology can detect a fall in a resident's suite and, within 90 seconds, send a notification to volunteers, staff, and family members on the contact list.

No wearables - wrist or necklace are required for the system to operate. The Board of Directors will continue to look for innovative ways to increase the safety and security of all residents.

Serving the Region of Peel and Dufferin County, Abbeyfield Caledon encourages residents to sign up for its waitlist or book a tour! Please reach out to Lisa Chevalier at lisa@abbeyfieldcaledon.org for further details.



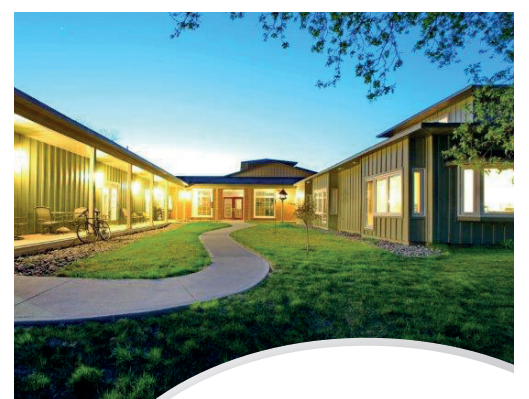
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PLANNING TODAY for the Impact You'll Leave Tomorrow



Planning for the future is one of the greatest gifts we can give to the people we love, and to the community we care about. For many, that planning includes preparing a Will that ensures family members are supported and that personal wishes are honoured. Increasingly, it also includes the meaningful act of leaving a charitable gift to a cause close to the heart.

What many people don't realize is that thoughtful estate planning allows you to do both: provide for loved ones and make a lasting contribution to the organizations that matter to you. A gift in your Will can be structured in a way that aligns with your values, fits your financial situation, and still protects everything you intend for your family.

A charitable gift in a Will does not require enormous wealth. In fact, most come from ordinary people, like you and me, who want to make a meaningful difference. Even a small percentage of an estate can have a remarkable impact. For organizations like Headwaters Health Care Foundation, these gifts help ensure exceptional health care close to home for generations to come.

Including a gift in your Will can also bring financial advantages, such as reducing the taxes owed by your estate. For many, this means the ability to leave a larger gift to both family and charity than might have been possible during their lifetime. It's a powerful way to ensure your values continue to support the community long after you're gone.

If you're considering a gift in your Will, there are important reasons to let us know:

Knowing your intentions allows us to thank

you properly during your lifetime. It also gives us the opportunity to understand how you wish your gift to be used, and to ensure those wishes can be fulfilled exactly as you envision.

Also, awareness of future gifts strengthens long-term planning for the Foundation. When we understand the generosity that is coming, we can plan strategically to meet the future needs of the hospital, invest in vital equipment, and ensure patients and families continue to receive the outstanding quality of care we want for them.

Finally, we may be able to recommend ideas to discuss with your lawyer or financial planner to help minimize your estate taxes and maximize what you leave for loved ones and your preferred charitable organizations.

As you review your estate plans or consider updating your Will, I encourage you to think about the causes that have shaped your life and supported your community. A gift in your Will to Headwaters Health Care Foundation ensures that exceptional, compassionate care remains available close to home for your family, your neighbours, and future generations.

It can begin today with a simple conversation.

You can reach us by emailing foundation@headwatershealth.ca or calling 519.941.2702 ext. 2303.



Did you know that local women built Orangeville's first hospital?

Before Orangeville had a proper hospital, it had a group of women who decided to build one.

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Today, it's home to Lord Dufferin Retirement Community, a residence that has quietly carried the site's original mission forward. For the seniors who call Lord Dufferin home, the history beneath their feet only strengthens their connection to the greater community.

Recently, Lord Dufferin joined Spring Living Retirement Communities, which has 29 locations across Ontario that take a distinctly local approach to retirement living. The philosophy is simple: find communities with strong roots and help them grow deeper. At Lord Dufferin, that's meant thoughtful upgrades, stronger programming, and a staff culture that reflects the same neighbourly instinct the original women brought to this corner of Orangeville over a century ago.

For many residents, Lord Dufferin means never really having to leave the town they love. They're still downtown and part of the community they've helped build.

"Living here has given me a new sense of independence and peace of mind. I know my needs are being looked after, but I still feel like myself and can enjoy my own routine and interests," said Joey, a resident at Lord Dufferin. "The staff are kind, friendly, and caring. There are always people around to talk to, and with so many residents and staff, you naturally find people you enjoy spending time with."

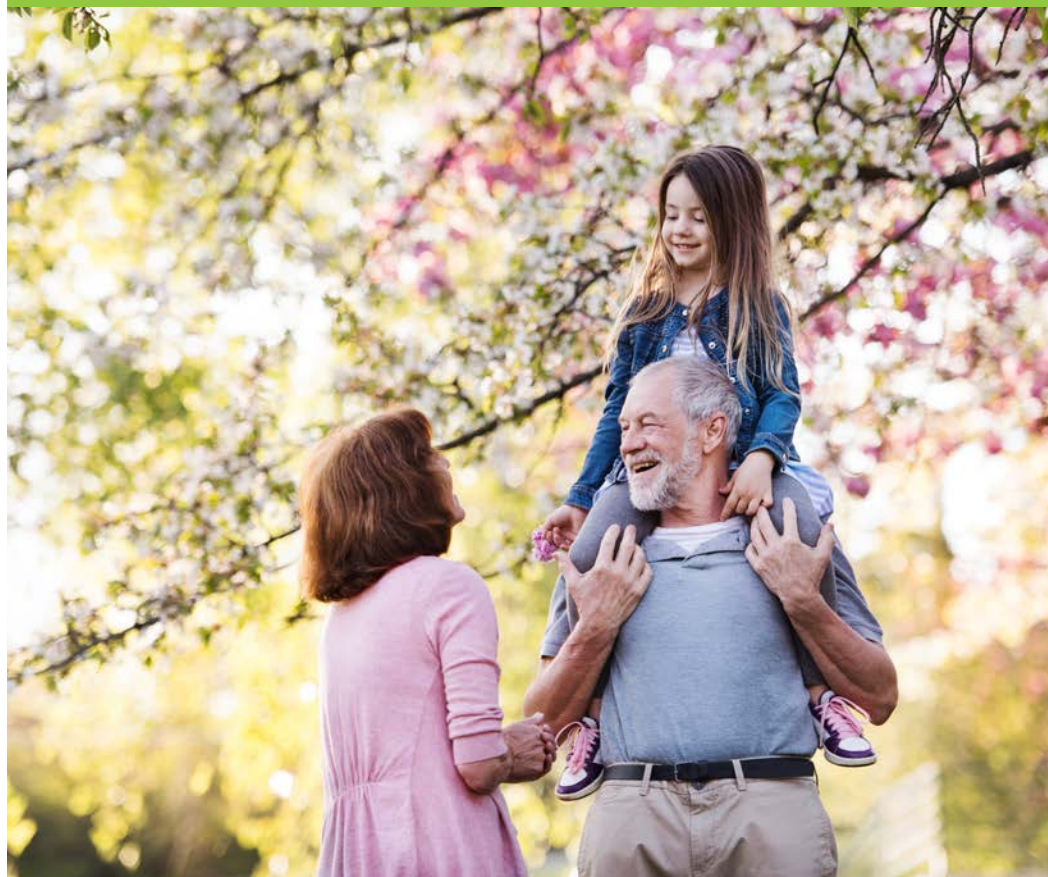
If you're curious about what retirement living looks like when it's rooted in a century of genuine community care, Taylor Sweet and the team at Lord Dufferin would love to show you around.

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Junior B Northmen move to third place after pair of weekend wins

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a busy and successful weekend for the Orangeville Junior B Northmen after they won two games in as many days, both at home and on the road.

The Northmen hosted the Hamilton Bengals on their home floor at the Alder Street arena on Saturday, May 30, in a tight game that saw Hamilton make a huge third-period comeback before the Northmen closed the game with a final goal with 1:20 left on the clock.

The Northmen had a strong opening, scoring three early goals in the first period.

Northmen goals came from Tyler Gronroos, Holton Marshall, and Kieran Witte.

Marshall got his second of the game late in the period to give the Northmen a 4-3 lead heading into the second period.

Connor Leskey scored at 20 seconds into the second period.

Witte got his second of the night early in the frame.

Marshall picked up a hat-trick with his third goal of the night with 10:44 on the clock.

The Bengals had two second-period goals. Wes Mills scored with 2:40 left in the second period to give the Northmen an 8-5 lead with one period remaining.

Orangeville's Levi Spindler hit the back of the Bengals net to start the third period scoring.

The Hamilton team came on strong in a bid to get back in the game.

The Bengals scored four goals to tie the game with just 1:50 on the clock.

Gronroos got the tie-breaker with 1:20 left on the clock to give the Northmen a 10-9 win.

The following day, Sunday, May 31, the Northmen travelled to Welland to take on the Raiders.

This game wasn't much of a contest. The Raiders are winless this year after 16 games and are at the bottom of the standings.

It was an overwhelming win for the Northmen after opening with seven goals in the first period.

After scoring ten goals in the second pe-



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

BUZZER BEATER: The Orangeville Junior B Northmen take on the Hamilton Bengals at the Alder Street arena on Saturday, May 30. The Northmen won the game 10-9 after breaking the tie with 1:20 left on the clock.

riod, the teams returned for the final period with the Northmen leading 17-2.

The Orangeville team scored four more in the third period for a 21-2 win.

Eleven Northmen players scored during the game. The scoring was led by Gronroos, who got six goals for the night.

The Raiders took 14 penalty minutes during the game, while the Northmen were assessed only one two-minute minor over the three periods.

After the weekend, the Northmen are in third place in the West Division of the OJBLL

with a 10-4 record and 20 points.

Overall, they are in fifth place in the 24-team league.

The Six Nations Rebels are leading the West Division and the league with a 15-0 record. They are followed by the St. Catharines Athletics with a 12-3 record.

In fourth place, the Guelph Regals have 20 points and a 10-4 record.

The Point Edward Pacers are in fifth place with an 8-6 record and 16 points.

In the East Division of the OJBLL, the Akwesasne Thunder are leading with a 14-0 re-

cord and 28 points.

They are followed by the Halton Hills Bulldogs with an 11-3 record, and the Kahnawake Hunters, who have an 8-5 record.

The Orillia Kings are in fourth place with an 8-7 record, and the Mimico Mountaineers are in the number six spot with an 8-6 record.

The Northmen will be back at their home venue, the Alder Street Arena in Orangeville, on Saturday, June 6, when they will host the Six Nations Rebels.

Game time is 7 p.m.

Orangeville Blitz announces it is joining the Greater Metro Junior Hockey League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Blitz Hockey Club has announced it will be joining the Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League for the 2026/27 season.

"This next chapter is more than hockey," Blitz management said in a press release. "It is about creating opportunities for young athletes to develop the right way, both on and off the ice. Alongside former professionals and mentors who have lived the journey themselves, this is not just about building a hockey team; this is about building a destination for development and a focus on a program with structure, accountability, and advancement. The GMHL provides an incredible opportunity in today's changing hockey landscape."

The GMHL, like other independent junior

leagues, offers talented 16-year-old players the flexibility to develop at their own pace and allows 20-21-year-olds to prepare for future opportunities in NCAA and professional hockey, as well as for long-term success.

The Blitz said they believe this league creates a path that gives players the time to mature physically, mentally, and emotionally without rushing their development.

Blitz management said the program will be operated with a 'pro-style' structure featuring multiple practices and weekly video sessions, development-focused training, mentorship from former NHL and professional players, and meal plans and player support.

The players will also have high-end hockey resources and equipment and experience a culture designed to prepare players

for the next level of the sport.

"One of the greatest strengths of this program will be the people around it," Blitz management said. "Our staff will include former NHL and professional players who know exactly what it takes to reach the

next level. They will play a leading role in mentoring and developing our athletes every single day."

The Blitz will provide more details on their staff and development team in the coming weeks.

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OPINION

The results are in!

I'm thinking of doing a poll on the current political situation and related topics, and see what people generally think of how things are being handled in the country.

Of course, I'm going to use a scientific method before presenting my findings as accurate and fair.

First, I'm going to come up with a series of questions to ask people. I think five questions should do it, maybe three.

That's enough to gauge the current opinion of the average person on the street. Although I might just narrow that down to two, maybe one, to ensure brevity and consistency.

Then I'll head out onto the street with a pen and a clipboard. Remember to always carry a clipboard when doing this kind of important and scientific work.

No matter what is going on, if people see you carrying a clipboard, they will assume you are doing valuable work.

Secondly, I'll wear some kind of lanyard around my neck with an official-looking badge.

The badge must be laminated – that makes it official. If it's not laminated, people will question your legitimacy.

Also, it's nice to have your photo on the badge. Although you could also have a

photo of Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, or Queen Elizabeth, because no one ever checks your photo to see if it is you.

I've seen seminars at some kind of science fair or technology industry meeting where every single person in the audience had a laminated badge hanging around their neck.

That badge ensures no interlopers can sneak in and hear the lecture. It's very official.

I will start my poll by visiting my neighbour Floyd at his barbershop. After an initial friendly greeting, I'll ask Floyd some important, detailed questions.

If Floyd's answer agrees with my own opinion, I'll write in the right-side column of my answer sheet.

If Floyd's answer does not agree with my own opinion, I'll use a pencil to write it in the left side column.

Next, I'll visit Emmett at his 'fix-it' shop. The same rule applies. If he gives the right answer, it goes into the right-hand column. If it's the wrong answer, it goes on the left.

Then it's off to the local schoolhouse to visit Miss Crump, the school teacher, who is on her break because the kids are all out in the schoolyard for recess.

This time, Ms. Crump provides me with the correct answer, and it goes into the right-side column.

There's my friend Thelma-Lou doing her daily shopping on Main Street, as she doesn't appear to actually have any kind of employment. I'll approach her and ask her the same question, or questions and get her response.

I'll do the rounds and visit Andy and Barney at the courthouse, speak to Otis the town drunk, take a ride out to the Darlings' farm, and drop by to see Goober and Gomer at the filling station on my way back.

At the end of my scientific poll, I'll report the results from those who agree with my opinion as the majority, and include those who don't agree, as the minority opinion across the country.

Does that sound like a fair opinion poll? Probably not.

But that certainly seems how they do opinion polls these days.

The more polls are released before and between elections, the more I question the results.

A recent 'poll' came out saying Donald Trump's approval rating is the 'lowest in history.'

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Really? Because there are millions and millions of people who love and support Donald Trump.

It doesn't matter whether you like Trump, dislike Trump, or are indifferent; you have to admit he has a lot of fervent supporters. According to this poll, a full 30 per cent of people who supported Trump during his SECOND run for president have now changed their minds.

Maybe the pollsters did all their question asking in Oregon, because they certainly didn't pose those questions in Wyoming.

I follow the polls and the trends they try to manufacture, and it seems the poll results, at the very least, have been skewed, and at the worst, are manipulated and derived.

Prior to the 2024 US presidential election, the polls showed Trump and his opponent, Kamala Harris, in a dead heat. Yet Trump won the election with 312 electoral votes compared to Harris' 226.

It seems the polls have become nothing more than tools used to try to influence public opinion, rather than to report it.

My next stop will be to visit Aunt Bea and get her take on the situation.

The threat of global war

A consensus has emerged, at least in Western media, that we are on the brink of a real war with the gloves off, maybe even a 'world war'.

The Russian dictator Vladimir Putin will overrun the rest of Europe as soon as he is finished with Ukraine. Donald Trump will invade Cuba even before he has finished with Iran. Israel will annex southern Lebanon, having driven out its population. China will invade Taiwan. Then someone will go nuclear, and we are off to the (final) races. Or so they say.

The first question to ask is why would they? There's no major economic or strategic advantage to be gained by conquering Ukraine: Russia is an oil state and it certainly doesn't need more land. Putin's real motive in trying to conquer Ukraine is clearly to seal his status (in his own head, at least) as Russia's greatest ever patriot. It is his legacy project.

In the unlikely case that Russia does conquer Ukraine – four years and no success so far – Putin would face a terrified and rapidly rearming European Union that has three times Russia's population and ten times its wealth, even while half his army would still be committed to holding down a popular resistance movement in

occupied Ukraine.

And yet he's going to conquer all of Europe?

Nonsense. Russian generals let Putin have his war in 2022 because they were afraid of him, and because he promised that it would be over in less than a week with no serious response from the West. They're still afraid of him, but they wouldn't let him take them down that road again – and even if they did, Russia can't conquer all of Central and Western Europe.

Even Napoleon or Hitler at their height couldn't do that, and those were times when the offensive was in the ascendant. Now it's defence that dominates, and even Finland could probably hold the Russians off for half a year.

The other country that is already starting wars, the United States, is run by a man who attacks countries almost on a whim, but he crumbles at the sign of serious resistance (TACO). We're currently watching the psychodrama as he struggles to deny defeat in the Persian Gulf.

Some countries in Latin America, some in the Middle East, and Canada and Greenland may be in danger of a US take-over, but it wouldn't be a world war if Trump attacked another one of them, just

a local tragedy.

Much the same can be about Israel, apart from fact that it is much more serious and systematic about ruthlessly eliminating all its enemies (and to hell with the bystanders.) Israel also has hundreds of nuclear weapons, but it wouldn't use them unless Israel were facing defeat in a war that threatens its existence – which seems highly unlikely at the moment.

As for China's frequently expressed will to 'reunify' Taiwan to the mainland by force if necessary, there is no deadline. The island has only been governed by Beijing for four of the past 150 years, and it is a very hard place to invade.

President Trump is currently ratting on America's long-standing implied promise to defend Taiwan from attack by China, but it was never a solid commitment. If the Taiwanese are willing to pay for serious defences they can probably deter Beijing from invading by themselves for a long time; if not, they will eventually be blockaded and absorbed.

Quite a menu of risks, but in fact it is no longer than the list of threats the world faced in 1962 or 1987 or 2008 or indeed any other year of the past eighty. As former US president Calvin Coolidge observed a

hundred years ago: "If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you."

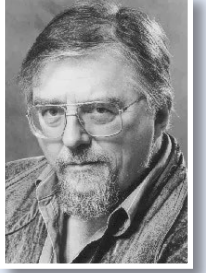
Once in a while, of course, the tenth will get through, and it might even kill you. There is no permanent safety. Why not?

Our ancestors for 300,000 years were all hunter-gatherers who lived in small groups (rarely more than a hundred people) and were frequently at war with the other hunter-gatherer groups around them. Constant warfare shaped their ideas and their behaviour, and it still has a profound influence although we now live in societies millions strong.

Human beings had to change many of their behaviours as they built their new 'civilisations', but they didn't change their attitudes about war because it was still profitable for those societies that were good at it. That ceased to be true around the time of the First World War, and ever since we have been collectively striving to dismantle the old beliefs and structures.

It has only been one century, so I'd say that we're making fairly good progress.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The coolest car in the world

One early summer evening when I was very young, I accompanied my father on a trip to a local marina to drop off his chainsaw for repair. As Dad discussed the repairs with the mechanic, I wandered around the marina, looking at the boats being removed from storage and prepared for launch.

As I explored, something unusual caught my eye—a cream-colored car parked near the boat prep area, unlike anything I had ever seen. It was a funny-looking convertible with a slightly pointed nose, rounded edges, and a fully sealed bottom. What made it even stranger were two outward-facing propellers protruding from the underside, nestled in between the rear fenders. I had never seen a weirder-looking car in my entire young life.

As we walked back to the truck to go home, we passed the weird car again, and I asked my dad what kind of car it was. He smiled and replied, "That's an amphibious car."

Amphibious? What's that? What did that mean? Still smiling, he explained that it was a special kind of car — one that could drive on land like a regular automom-

bile and cruise on the water like a boat. NO WAY! I was flabbergasted! That car can really do that? Yes. Honest and for true? Yes. Once I realized Dad wasn't pulling my leg, that funny-looking car that could go from land to water and back to land again immediately became, to my young mind, the coolest car in the world! I desperately wanted to come back to the marina when they launched it to go for a ride, or at the very least, watch it go down the marina ramp and into the lake! Could we at least go over and check it out now, seeing we were here? With an understanding smile, Dad quietly said, "No, we have to get home," and I never saw that car again. To this day, I've never forgotten that evening—it was the only time I've ever seen an amphibious car in real life.

Known by its brand name, Amphicar, it was the only amphibious passenger car ever mass-produced. Built in West Germany from 1961 to 1968, its total production ranged between 3,700 and 4,000 vehicles, depending on the source. Of these, 3,046 cars were imported into North America, with 90% of them destined for the U.S. market. Amphicars

came in only four colors: White (Ivory/Cream), Red, Lagoon Blue, and Fjord Green, a type of aqua green. Depending on the model year, an Amphicar sold for \$2,800-\$3,050 USD—at a time when a brand-new Corvette cost around \$3,400 USD—making it an expensive purchase in relation to the wages of the era.

With a top speed of 7 knots on water and 70 mph on land, all Amphicars were rear-engine convertibles equipped with a standard 4-cylinder, 1147cc Triumph Herald 1200 motor producing 43 HP. They featured a custom 4-speed reversible manual transmission built by Hermes, the same company that made Porsche transmissions. Propelled in the water by twin screws in the rear, the Hermes transmission allowed the driving wheels and propellers to operate separately or together, enabling the Amphicar to drive itself back onto land after a day on the water. The front tires served as the rudder, turning the car in the water just as they did on the road.

When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission and Department of Transportation (DOT) safety regu-

lations in the US changed in 1968, it spelled disaster for the Amphicar. Unable to meet the new standards, and with 90% of its production intended for the USA, the Amphicar factory was forced to close its doors.

Today, the Amphicar is a prized vehicle among serious car collectors, with restored models commanding high prices at classic car auctions. They always draw large crowds when owners offer fundraising charity rides in them at antique boat shows.

Beating out the Adam West Batmobile by the narrowest of margins, the Amphicar always got my vote as the coolest car in the world back in the day. Of course, sleeker, faster, and far more sophisticated cars exist today, but I've always dreamed of driving an Amphicar down a marina ramp or into the shallows at a beach—and watching heads turn as I seamlessly transition from land to lake and head out on the water for a nice leisurely cruise.

And let's see the Batmobile top that!

KEITH SCHELL
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Monthly Message: Orangeville Food Bank announces Can-Do Challenge

June is here at the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley, which means something new and exciting this year... and we are so extremely excited about it.

Welcome to our first-ever Can-Do Challenge.

Picture this: schools, workplaces, sports teams, and other organizations all coming together to collect canned goods before the leaner months of summer arrive. It's community-based, a little competitive, fun, and focused on one particularly important goal: making sure local families have access to food when they need it most.

And this year, we are inviting you to jump in with both feet!

Summer can be a difficult time for many families. While school is out and routines shift, many children lose daily access to the food security supports in their schools, like breakfast programs, snack bins, and school lunches. And we know that kids and their families miss out on food.

That is why the Can-Do challenge is so important... We want to head into our leanest months of the year with our shelves full.

Canned Goods are important because they are shelf-stable, easy to prepare (sometimes no prep is needed), and versatile for families. Things like canned pasta with meat, canned meat and fish, canned vegetables, and canned tomatoes help create quick, accessible meal options for busy households.

Here is something you may have never thought about...Did you know that we love pop-top cans?

Why? Because we keep emergency food kits for unhoused friends in the community, and many of them just don't have access to a can opener... have you ever tried to open a can without one? And when someone is already navigating a crisis, something as simple as accessing food shouldn't become



another barrier.

Pop-top cans allow people to safely and immediately access food wherever they are. This is dignified access to food.

Schools are a huge part of this challenge, and some will use this opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year. But this challenge is not just for the kids.

We are officially asking all local businesses, service clubs, gyms, workplaces, churches, and teams to join us.

Have a friendly competition with another business? Impressive! Build a tower of cans in your condo lobby? Brilliant! Want to teach your kids about giving back to the community? Yes please!

If your organization, school, or workplace would like to participate, I would love to connect with you. We can help provide ideas, posters, banana boxes, social media graphics and more to help set you up for success.

You can reach me, Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, Donor Engagement and Outreach Manager, by email at carrie-anne.decaprio@orangevillefoodbank.org or by phone or text at 226-558-2109.

Now here's one really important thing that you should know. We could use plain, old-fashioned money the most.

I know dropping off a mountain of canned food feels so wonderful, and we are super grateful for those, but financial donations allow us to stretch your gift even further.

Because we partner directly with wholesalers, we are often able to buy food at reduced costs. Recently, we received an offer to purchase bagged pasta for 67 cents each. At most grocery stores, this same bag of pasta costs \$2.

That means we can purchase three bags for the price of one!

Financial donations allow us to buy exactly what we need, fill critical shortages quickly, and make every dollar work as hard as possible for our community.

That said, if donating food is your preferred way to support, I've recently updated our most-needed canned goods list on our Amazon Wish List. You can shop from home, and the items are delivered directly to our doors.

You can shop the Amazon list here: <https://a.co/03MOql06>

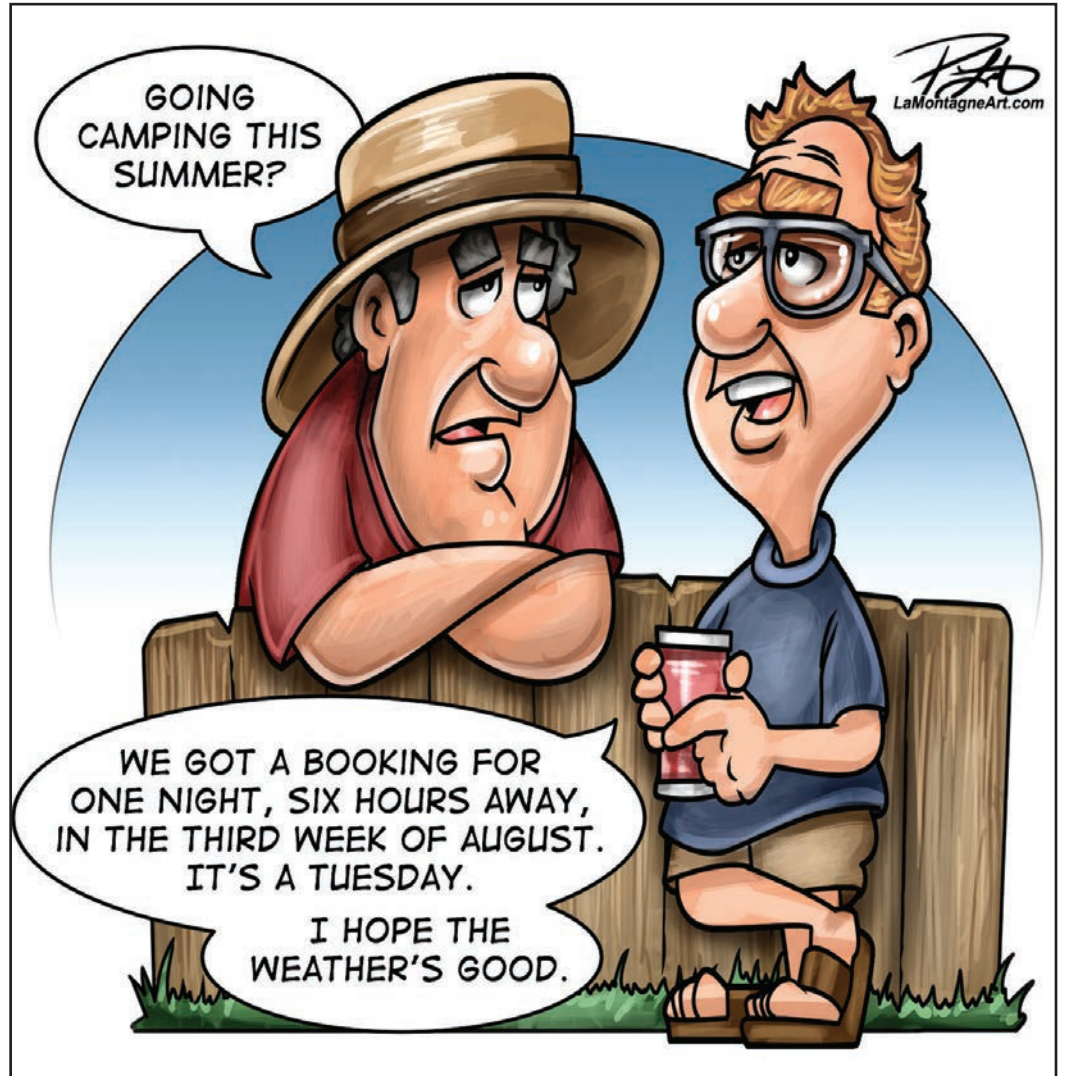
If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, there are several easy ways to help.

Donations can be made online through the Orangeville Food Bank website, in person at the Orangeville or Grand Valley food bank locations, or by e-transfer to administration@orangevillefoodbank.org using the password "foodbank" (all lowercase, all one word).

If you would like a tax receipt for your e-transfer donation, I highly recommend including your mailing address in the notes section.

At the end of the day, the Can-Do Challenge is about more than food.

When people come together, amazing things happen, and I can't wait to see what this incredible community can do for our first year with the Can-Do Challenge.



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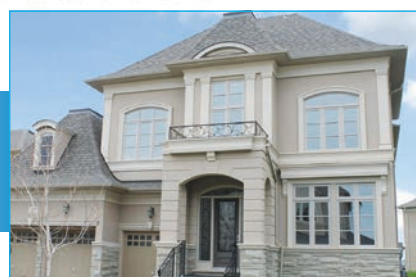
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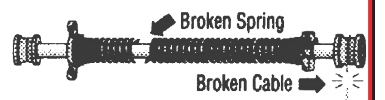
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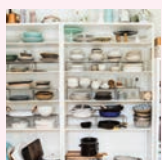
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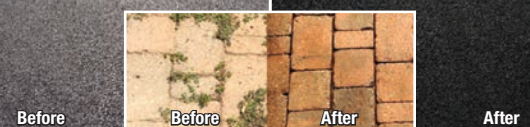
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OPP urges drivers and passengers to buckle up when behind the wheel

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Central Region Headquarters of the Ontario Provincial Police is reminding motorists that wearing a seatbelt remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to stay safe on the road.

OPP officers continue to see preventable loss of life in local collisions due to people not wearing a seatbelt.

Nearly one-in-four fatal collisions investigated by the OPP involve someone who was not wearing a seatbelt.

Each year, officers across the Central Region respond to tragic incidents where lives are lost due to failure to buckle up.

For families left behind, these losses are especially difficult, knowing their loved one may have survived had they been properly restrained.

So far in 2026, Centre Region OPP has seen a 19 per cent increase compared to this time last year, in fatal collisions involving individuals who were not wearing a seatbelt. This includes incidents where children were not properly secured.

Drivers are reminded to ensure all occupants are properly restrained before every trip.

This includes securing children in the appropriate care seat, booster seat, or seatbelt based on their age, height, and weight.

Under Ontario law, drivers are responsible for ensuring that passengers under 16 years of age are properly restrained and that children under 8 are secured in the correct child car seat or booster seat.

Drivers who are not wearing their seatbelts or have unsecured children in their car can be fined for a violation.



Grand Valley and Shelburne residents charged with impaired driving in north Dufferin

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged residents of Grand Valley and Shelburne with impaired driving-related offences following two separate calls for service.

On May 19, at approximately 7:20 p.m.,

officers were dispatched to a restaurant on Main Street in Shelburne for a report of a fight in progress. During the altercation, one of the involved individuals left the area in a vehicle. Moments later, as officers arrived on scene, the suspect had returned

to the restaurant. While speaking with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Dylan Pardy, 23, from Grand Valley, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
- Possess unmarked cigarettes
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

On May 20, at approximately 2:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to a motel on Highway 89 in Mulmur for a report of a possible impaired driver. Moments later, officers arrived on scene and spoke with the male driver. As a result of the interaction, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Har-taj Singh, 45, from Shelburne, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Being intoxicated in public place

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

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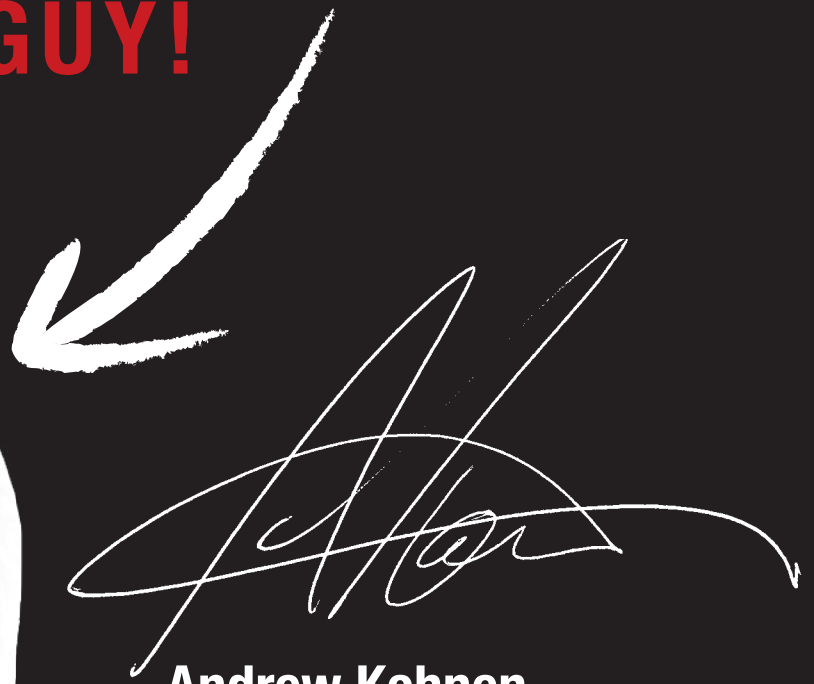
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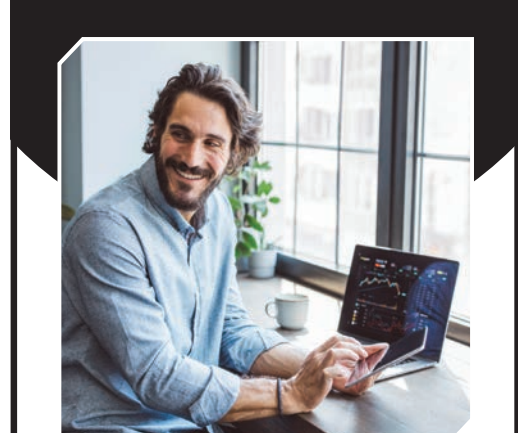
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