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NASHVILLE COMES TO ORANGEVILLE: Performers entertain the audience during the Nashville Takeover in Orangeville, where songwriters from Nashville and Canada had intimate performances at venues throughout the community from July 10 to 12. The three-day event took over the Orangeville Opera House, Orangeville Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, local restaurants and bars. See more photos on Page A7.

Council loan keeps Theatre Orangeville afloat

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The long arm of the coronavirus has reached Theatre Orangeville.

Orangeville's council approved loans totalling \$300,000 for the not-for-profit theatre company. The assistance will be in the form of a \$200,000 cheque to cover some bills, paid back over five years at five per cent interest. Another \$100,000 bridge loan will cover interest on the debt and will be paid over a shorter term.

The money will be taken from the municipal tax stabilization reserve.

Jennifer Stewart, Theatre Orangeville's artistic director, and Laura Austin, chairperson of the company's board of directors, made the pitch for financial assistance when council met on July 13.

Austin said she and Stewart appeared before council during its open meeting to be completely transparent with the community. Auditors warned in November 2025 that the theatre company was headed toward insolvency.

The board has a fiduciary responsibility to safeguard the company and, because of its sound relationship with the town, a meeting with council and staff was held in private.

The theatre company carried about \$200,000 in old debts to vendors that have to be cleared. The group's 2026-27 budget shows the capacity to repay such a loan

with interest over five years through periodic monthly principal and interest payments over the term of the loan.

The theatre company's cash flow projection suggests it will be in a maximum deficit position of about \$100,000 before April 2027.

To resolve this short-term issue, the town could provide a temporary loan of \$100,000 to be repaid in one lump sum with interest in April 2027, after a significant revenue injection in March 2027.

Theatre Orangeville's annual operating budget is in the range of \$1.5 million.

"The theatre does not own assets of any significant value that would allow them to obtain a secured loan from a financial institution," according to a report to council. "Given that the town does not have a formal financial assistance program for cultural institutions, town staff examined their situation and determined that providing unsecured lending with the expectation of pay-back over a reasonable timeframe would be most appropriate."

Theatre Orangeville's financial needs suggest they need some short-term support until subscriptions renew in March 2027, as well as longer-term support to clear some legacy payables that can be funded from future budgeted surpluses, according to the council report.

The performing arts industry is still recov-

ering from the months-long COVID-19 social shutdown aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. More recent economic conditions, such as higher fuel prices, overall inflation, and higher unemployment, have softened public spending on arts and culture.

Theatre Orangeville's board of directors and staff have fundamentally changed their approach to the business side of operations.

"There continues to be risk, but the path outlined by the board is reasonable and well thought out," according to a report to council.

Austin said a review of the theatre's finances made it clear that expenses must be reduced or that the theatre must generate \$200,000 annually for the next five years.

"It was a big ask," she said, and added that a focus on cost-containment was adopted. "We had some tough decisions to make. Layoffs, employees cross-training. All of these things needed to be addressed."

She said wages have been lowered by \$160,000 moving into the next fiscal period, and the operating budget has been restructured. The marketing budget has been whittled down by \$50,000, and at least as much money has been cut from the main stage budget.

Austin said Stewart has been a role model for the theatre company's dedicated staff.

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Orangeville council looks to add names to Alexandra Park cenotaph

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Orangeville will modify its Alexandra Park cenotaph to include the names of soldiers missing from the monument.

Council approved \$35,000 to be paid from its general capital reserve fund for the project, which was added to the 2026-2035 capital program, a 10-year budget planning document. The fund has the money because of savings from past capital projects.

The goal is to have the new keystone in place for Remembrance Day 2026, but that depends on acquiring it in sufficient time to complete the work.

According to a report by David Smith, the town's CAO, and tabled during council's July 13 meeting, a local military historian has been researching military veterans who died for Canada. That research found about 15 names that should be on the cenotaph.

An example would be someone who is recognized at the War Memorial at Orangeville District Secondary School but is not on the cenotaph.

"There are a variety of reasons why these oversights may have occurred and this is not unusual," according to the report.

Additions to cenotaphs are not uncommon for previous service.

This monumental body of research has been vetted by a local historian expert at the Orangeville Public Library. The expert has peer-reviewed the research and concurs with the names being added.

The Royal Canadian Legion and the town's heritage committee have been consulted on the project.

Due to the extended time required to acquire a keystone, some of this work is occurring concurrently.

A variety of options were considered as part of an on-site meeting with memorial and cenotaph experts.

It was suggested that the cenotaph be wrapped and reinstalled with bronze. Another option was to remove and scrape the existing stone before reengraving and reinstalling it.

Staff considered adding the names to the existing names or adding an additional cenotaph structure to bear them.

"It was felt that respecting the history of the cenotaph and keeping the original look was the desired outcome," Smith said in his report.

Not removing the existing keystone to be scraped and reengraved would reduce project cost for storage and eliminate the risk of damage.

And there is not enough existing space to engrave new names respectfully.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

REMEMBERING LOCAL HEROES: Orangeville's cenotaph in Alexandra Park will be updated to include the names of local service members identified through historical research as missing from the monument.

"The proposed approach will see very little disruption to the cenotaph, a few hours, and very little change to the look," he wrote to council. "Staff are also researching the original cenotaph to determine if there is opportunity to reclaim some of what has been lost."

It is believed that a short quote was scraped off at some point in time to accommodate additional names.

"If possible, space will be made available for future sacrifices made by community members," he said.

Police lay multiple stunt driving charges

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have laid several charges related to speeding and stunt driving offences in recent weeks.

A driver from Brampton was charged after being stopped on County Road 109 in Amaranth travelling 132 km/h in an 80 km/h zone on July 1. The driver was charged with stunt driving and speeding 1-49 km/h over the posted limit.

Officers responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 10 in Mono on July 3. A driver from Creemore was located and stopped. He was charged with careless driving and operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

On July 8, a driver from Ajax was stopped on County Road 17 in Melancthon travelling 116 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone. The driver was charged with stunt driving, speeding 1-49 km/h over the posted limit and failing to surrender a motor vehicle permit.

A driver from Mississauga was stopped on 3rd Line in Melancthon also travelling

116 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone, the following day on July 9. The driver was charged with stunt driving, excessive speed in a community safety zone and speeding 1-49 km/h over the posted limit.

Later that day, a driver from North York was stopped on Highway 10 in Melancthon travelling 132 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. The driver was charged with stunt driving, excessive speed, speeding 1-49 km/h over the posted limit and passing when the roadway was not clear.

The vehicles involved in the stunt driving incidents were towed and impounded as required under provincial legislation, said Dufferin OPP.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

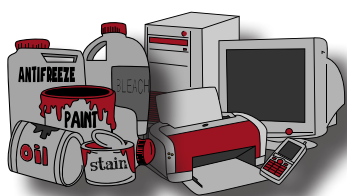
Police are reminding motorists to follow posted speed limits and drive according to road and weather conditions.

Anyone with information about unlawful activity can contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Future events: August 19, September 19, October 31 .

See website for details on hours & locations for each scheduled event.

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Council unanimously approves \$300,000 loan for Theatre Orangeville

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“She has shown what self-sacrifice looks like during an existential crisis,” Austin said. Due to a third fundraiser, production cost concessions, and three federal government employment grants for summer staff, Theatre Orangeville will manage more than \$290,000 in savings over the next year. And \$150,000 has been paid from Theatre Orangeville’s accounts payable.

“Which demonstrates our ability to repay this loan that we’re asking for,” Austin said. “The \$300,000 from the town will give us a step up to pay our debts with community partners and see us through the sustainability plan.”

Theatre Orangeville deserves financial support, say community supporters

Council’s decision to lend the money drew a wave of community support, with local business leaders and longtime theatre supporters weighing in on the broader impact of Theatre Orangeville.

Alison Scheel, the Orangeville Business Improvement Area’s (OBIA) executive director, said Theatre Orangeville is much more than a performing arts organization.

“It is an important economic driver for our downtown,” she said.

The BIA represents more than 300 local businesses, a large swath of the town’s business community. Performances, such as the ones spearheaded by the local theatre at the Town Hall Opera House, draw more than 20,000 people to Orangeville. Those people spend money at local stores and restaurants.

Scheel said that visitor spending infuses as much as \$470,000 to the local economy each year.

Jim Betts is Theatre Orangeville’s found-

ing artistic director who tread the boards with the troupe from 1994 to 1998. He said there was much talk in those early days about community support for the creation of Theatre Orangeville, and the wider financial benefits a theatre company can have on a community.

Those hopes for municipal economic spinoffs have been fulfilled, he said.

“And while those benefits can be mathematically confirmed and measured, what is incalculable is the life-changing effect that the arts can have on the people of that community,” Betts said.

Cathy Reid was the company’s general manager from 1998 to 2006. In that time, she discovered that the theatre business is unique in how it generates profit. She said success is determined in ways that are not always financial.

The dedication and commitment to enriching a community through performing arts exceed any measure in a business model, Reid said.

“Extraordinary times have created immense challenges for theatre companies, and Theatre Orangeville has faced financial setbacks,” she said.

Concern about those challenges was shared by Betts. Many live theatre companies across Canada have been similarly bruised by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“While money may be lost in the short term, the long-term loss to the community as a whole would be far greater should a company as important as Theatre Orangeville not receive the community support it has so profoundly earned over three decades,” Betts said.

Ken Pagel and his wife Martha have been involved with Theatre Orangeville since 1994, when the company started. He said a



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

SUPPORTING LOCAL THEATRE: Orangeville council has approved \$300,000 in loans to Theatre Orangeville to help it address financial challenges and support its long-term sustainability.

notion spoken about in the early days was of a “multiplier effect” on a community through support for its arts.

“Broadway was a bit sleepy and restaurant reservations were hardly needed,” he wrote in a supportive letter to council.

Since the theatre company has grown in popularity, restaurant seats are scarce without a reservation after shows on production nights.

“It’s a tough business and requires constant work by staff and volunteers to sell tickets, attract sponsors and donors, and apply to government agencies at every level to obtain assistance,” Pagel said.

Scheel said Theatre Orangeville’s impact extends far beyond the stage, including benefits to the community through partnerships with groups, youth programming, and an enriched social fabric.

“Downtown Orangeville has become one of Ontario’s most successful small, historic downtowns because of the strength of its partnerships,” she said. “Theatre Orangeville is an essential part of that success.

Scheel added, “A vibrant arts and culture sector is not simply an amenity. It is a key component of community vitality, economic development, tourism attraction, and business success.”

Orangeville Legion Branch 233 to mark Royal Canadian Legion’s 100th anniversary

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Orangeville Legion, Branch 233, will mark a historic milestone on Thursday, July 17, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion while recognizing the community support that has sustained the local branch for nearly nine decades.

The date holds special significance, as July 17 marks the anniversary of the Legion’s official incorporation in 1926. While the Orangeville branch was established in 1935, branch president Chuck Simpson said members plan to recognize the national centennial during an outdoor event in the Legion’s parking lot. It will feature live music, speeches and a BBQ, beginning at 6 p.m.

“We’re going to make an effort before the

entertainment starts and before people come in to enjoy themselves to point out the fact that it’s our 100th anniversary,” said Simpson.

“I personally think we’re here because of our fellow citizens, so we’ve got to thank them for their support over the years.”

The celebration will coincide with a live performance from the band Itchy and Scratchy, who’ve performed at the Orangeville Legion several times in the past.

The live entertainment will be accompanied by a BBQ prepared by Share the Bounty, a local not-for-profit that fights food insecurity across Dufferin County. Proceeds raised from the BBQ will directly support their work in the community.

The event will also have a licensed bar.

The Royal Canadian Legion was officially

incorporated following the amalgamation of numerous veterans’ organizations established after the First World War. Since then, the organization has advocated for veterans and their families while expanding its role as a charitable organization supporting communities across Canada.

Today, the Orangeville branch continues its original mission through veterans’ advocacy, remembrance initiatives, and community events, while also serving as a gathering place for residents.

“We’re part of the community,” Simpson said. “The majority of us are volunteers.”

The public is encouraged to join the July 17 celebration to recognize the Royal Canadian Legion’s 100 years of service and the local volunteers who continue that work.



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LEGION FAVOURITE: The Orangeville Legion hosted Itchy and Scratchy at a parking lot concert on June 19, where Share the Bounty raised roughly \$900.

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Local advocacy group educates community about human trafficking

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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CRY NoT, a grassroots anti-human trafficking committee based in Dufferin County, is working to confront a crime that often remains invisible in small communities.

A local committee of parents, concerned residents and volunteers are taking the initiative to shine a light on human trafficking in Dufferin, a danger they say is all too real. The group offers educational presentations to schools, community groups and charities to teach them what they can do to help.

Member Sheri Moir said that the group, formed in 2020, just before the onset of COVID-19, grew out of a presentation to the Rotary Club of Orangeville by Dufferin Caledon Victim Services on sex trafficking in the region.

“We joined together as a committee because a Rotary Club member was moved by a presentation that was given to our Rotary Club of Orangeville by the Caledon Dufferin Victim Services about human trafficking, in particular sex trafficking, in our area,” she said. “Our vision is just to safeguard and protect our community against the evils of sex trafficking through awareness and education of the public.”

That mission was on display during a recent presentation at the Centre Dufferin New Horizons Club.

Using a standard educational talk they have refined over time, CRY NoT walked attendees through the stages of sex trafficking, from grooming and manipulation to control and exploitation.

The session was designed for people with little or no prior knowledge of the issue, breaking down complex information into clear, understandable segments and offering concrete takeaways.

The presentation drew strong engagement, with questions and discussion continuing afterward, a sign Moir was happy to see as a crucial way of keeping such a heavy topic from being silenced by shock.

“I just loved how we engaged and had a really good Q&A after a presentation,” she said. “Sometimes the audience is very silent because it’s just so much information and they’ve just never heard of it before, and they’re just so shocked by the information. But it was really nice to have that engagement at our presentation last week. It just keeps the conversation going.”

The seniors session is just one example of CRY NoT’s broader outreach. The committee has brought its presentation to town councils across Dufferin County, local service clubs, school parent councils, and other community groups.

Their material has been vetted by the Upper Grand District School Board for use with parent councils, reflecting their focus on equipping adults – parents, grandparents, and caregivers – to speak with youth and recognize red flags.

CRY NoT’s educational efforts are supported by partnerships with organizations such as Caledon Dufferin Victim Services and the OPP’s anti-human trafficking task force, which have provided specialized training and webinars. These resources have been put to good use in reaching youth, who are most affected.

“Dufferin Caledon Victim Services provided us with guidance and information, and the OPP anti-human trafficking task force did a webinar for us... and we were



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNS: Members of CRY NoT hosted a presentation at the Centre Dufferin in New Horizons Club about the reality of human trafficking in Dufferin County. The group spoke directly with seniors about critical warning signs, how to get help, and available resources. The organization routinely visits clubs, schools, and other organizations in the area to share its knowledge and boost awareness and prevention.

able to speak with two officers who were directly involved in it,” Moir said. “Having conversations with the young people in our lives, whether they’re our children or our nieces, or nephews, or friends’ children, is very important. The more they know, the more they can spot the danger before it happens.”

Underlying their work is a central message: human trafficking is not just a big-city issue or solely a matter for police.

It is a community problem that can surface in rural areas and small towns, and an informed public is a critical line of defence in spotting warning signs and supporting those at risk.

Avalon launches Tour Tuesdays to help families explore retirement living options

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

For many families, retirement living is something they consider only after a major life change. Avalon Retirement Lodge in Orangeville is hoping to change that by giving residents and families an opportunity to learn about their options earlier.

The Orangeville retirement residence has introduced Tour Tuesdays, a weekly program that allows visitors to tour the facility, ask questions and learn more about retirement living before they are ready to make a move.

“For many families, retirement living is unfamiliar territory. Often, the only experience they’ve had is with a loved one moving into long-term care later in life, so they naturally assume retirement living is the same thing,”

said Janine Rose, general manager of Avalon Retirement Lodge.

Tour Tuesdays began July 14 and offer walk-in tours at the Orangeville retirement residence every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., along with a virtual open house from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Rose said the initiative was created after hearing from people who were interested in retirement living but were unsure how to begin the process.

“Tour Tuesdays were created to make that process easier. Rather than waiting for a special event or scheduling a formal appointment, individuals and families can simply stop in, explore the community, ask questions, and see firsthand what retirement living has to offer,” Rose said.

Visitors can tour suites and common areas, learn about available services and amenities, and ask questions about daily life at Avalon.

Avalon Retirement Lodge is currently home to 63 residents, Rose said, adding that suite availability changes throughout the year.

She said some of the most common questions from prospective residents and families relate to meals, activities, wellness supports, costs, pets, transportation and whether they will be able to maintain their independence.

“People often ask whether they’re ‘ready’ for retirement living, and our answer is usually another question: What kind of lifestyle are you hoping to enjoy?” Rose said.

Rose said she hopes the program encourages people to begin conversations about

retirement living before they are faced with making a decision during a stressful time.

“Even if someone isn’t ready to move today, learning about their options now can make future decisions much easier,” she said.

She said the goal is for visitors to leave with a better understanding of what retirement living can look like.

“If someone walks away saying, ‘This is completely different than what I expected,’ then we’ve accomplished exactly what we hoped to,” Rose said.

Those interested in attending a Tour Tuesday can visit Avalon Retirement Lodge on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The virtual open house runs from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Visitors can also contact Avalon to arrange a personalized tour.

Public notice

Town of Orangeville Official Plan Review

Location of subject lands: The Official Plan review applies to all lands within the limits of the Town of Orangeville.

The Town of Orangeville is updating its Official Plan in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act and will hold a Special Public Meeting of Council to discuss revisions that may be required.

What’s being proposed

An Official Plan is a legal policy document that guides and shapes the future of a community. It directs growth by promoting the efficient use of land and infrastructure, supporting the development of attractive and livable communities with a range of housing options and protecting cultural heritage, natural heritage and agricultural lands. The Official Plan applies to all lands within the Town’s municipal boundary.

The Town of Orangeville is reviewing and updating our Official Plan to align with provincial and Dufferin County planning policies. This review addresses growth targets, intensification requirements and updated natural heritage

mapping, while continuing to implement the Town’s evolving local objectives and community priorities. The updated Official Plan will guide Orangeville’s growth and planning decisions through to the year 2056.

This comprehensive Official Plan review builds on foundational Phase 1 work completed between 2015 and 2021. Since then, additional changes to the provincial planning framework have occurred alongside the recent approval of the County of Dufferin Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (OPA No. 4).

Purpose of the public meeting

This public meeting is the first step in sharing information about the Official Plan review project with council and the public. The Town’s consultant team will present the project and highlight preliminary findings on areas that may require change and outline the project’s community engagement strategy.

A report summarizing the background findings and directions for key updates will be made publicly available after this meeting.

Learn more and share feedback

Public meeting

Date: August 24, 2026

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 87 Broadway

Watch online: orangeville.ca/WatchLive
Meeting agenda to be posted by August 19, 2026.

How to participate

- learn how to speak at a council meeting at orangeville.ca/SpeakUp
- to attend via Zoom visit the meeting agenda at orangeville.ca/Meetings

Submit written comments

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to the contact below. Please address comments to the mayor and members of council and/or relevant staff. All submissions become part of the public record and will be considered as the project moves forward.

Collection of personal information

Personal information, including names, addresses, and comments, is collected by the Town of Orangeville under the authority of the Planning Act, for the purpose of the Official Plan review. Submissions may form part of the public record.

Future notification

If you wish to be notified about the decision of the Orangeville council or receive updates about the Official Plan review, you must make a written request to the contact below.

For more information

For more information on the Official Plan Review, upcoming Public Meetings and online surveys, please visit the project webpage at [Orangeville.ca/OfficialPlan](https://orangeville.ca/OfficialPlan). Questions about the Official Plan review can be sent to Larysa Russell, Senior Planner and Brandon Ward, Manager of Planning at planning@orangeville.ca.





BURN BAN BEGINS: An orange haze hangs over Orangeville as wildfire smoke from northwestern Ontario reduces air quality across Dufferin County. A countywide burn ban took effect July 15 because of dry conditions and the increased risk of fire

Burn ban in effect across Dufferin

Ban began July 15 as fire chiefs urge public to monitor air quality

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

A complete burn ban is now in effect across Dufferin County as dry conditions and wildfire smoke increase fire risks and affect local air quality.

The Dufferin County Fire Chiefs declared the ban effective July 15, prohibiting all open-air burning and fires of any kind until further notice.

Fire officials said the combination of extremely dry conditions and poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke has created a higher risk of fires spreading out of control.

The ban is intended to reduce the risk of wildfires while preventing additional smoke from entering the air.

Residents are reminded to monitor local air quality conditions and limit outdoor activities, especially if they experience health impacts from the smoke.

Anyone with concerns about someone burning in town during the fire ban is asked to contact Orangeville Fire's non-emergency line at 519-842-2841.

Smoke from wildfires in northwestern Ontario has resulted in reduced air quality and visibility across Dufferin County. Exposure to wildfire smoke can affect the heart and lungs and may worsen symptoms for people with existing health conditions.

Residents are encouraged to reduce time spent outdoors, avoid strenuous activities, and consider rescheduling outdoor sports, activities, and events while air quality is poor.

Symptoms from wildfire smoke exposure can include eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches and mild coughing. More serious symptoms, such as wheezing, chest pain or severe coughing, should be treated as a medical

concern.

Those most vulnerable to wildfire smoke include adults 65 and older, pregnant women, infants and young children, people with chronic illnesses, and those who work outdoors.

Residents can help improve indoor air quality by keeping windows and doors closed, using the highest-quality air filter their ventilation system can support, and using a certified portable air cleaner that filters fine particles.

If spending time outdoors is unavoidable, a properly fitted respirator-style mask can help reduce exposure to smoke particles.

Dufferin County is also reminding residents to take precautions as hot weather continues. People are encouraged to drink plenty of water, limit time in the heat and never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.

Residents without air conditioning are encouraged to keep windows, doors and blinds closed during the day to reduce heat exposure. If air quality improves and temperatures drop overnight, opening windows can help cool the home.

Cooling centres are also available at Orangeville recreation centres from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

People are reminded to watch for signs of heat illness, including headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, fainting, rapid breathing or a rapid heartbeat.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 911 if someone experiences confusion, loss of consciousness, seizures, a very high body temperature, or hot, dry skin or excessive sweating.

For more information on air quality and wildfire smoke, visit Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's outdoor air quality resources.

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CANADA DAY JACKPOT: Grand Valley Lion Randy (left) presents Nancy Robinson with her share of the Lions Canada Day 50-50 draw prize, valued at \$1,212.50. Co-winner Elliot Tiede was unavailable for a photo.

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Headwaters British Car Club re-creates old hill climb event from the 50s

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Headwaters British Car Club is steering a cherished local tradition into a new era with its recent hill climb re-enactment, held last week in Mono on the historic course that once drew large crowds in the 1950s and 60s.

President Ed Taccone said that this year’s edition marked the revival of the event after a pandemic-related hiatus, with club members driving a variety of British classics up a twisting rural road in controlled, single-car runs focused on safety and community engagement rather than speed.

“We hadn’t done one since 2019, when COVID hit,” Taccone said. “For a while, nothing was done with it, but when I became president we reinstated it. Despite that, it was very pleasing seeing the people that were waiting for us at the hill climb, the residents. They were watching us from driveways, coming out to see the cars; it was very pleasing.”

In advance of the event, organizers distributed flyers to nearby homes to inform neighbours and invite them to come out, a gesture that helped ensure strong community participation and a positive reception. Many locals had personal or family connections to the original hill climbs from decades past.

The hill climb is one of several signature activities organized by the Headwaters Brit-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTOS

ROLLING BACK TIME: The Headwaters British Car Club, launched in 2008, recently celebrated the classic hill climb race in Dufferin through a safe reenactment. Members followed the original winding road one by one in a tribute to the area’s old British car club from the 1950s. The current club has about 70 members, though they hope to expand and welcome new members in the near future.

ish Car Club, which was founded by local enthusiasts and has grown from an initial handful of members to a well-established organization.

“The Headwaters British Car Club got put together by a couple of gentlemen back

in 2008,” Taccone said. “At the time, it had somewhere around five or six members, and it grew from there.”

The club’s purpose extends beyond simply enjoying classic cars.

It regularly holds organized car runs, so-

cial gatherings, and fundraising events, directing proceeds to local causes such as the food bank, hospitals, youth centres, and the Dufferin Women’s Centre.

Annual traditions now include a St. Patrick’s Day gathering, the All British Classic and Antique Car Show at the fair, and participation in the Canada Day Strawberry Festival car show.

Membership currently stands at about 70, down from a pre-pandemic peak.

“We’re sitting at around 70 members right now,” Taccone said. “Before COVID, we had 100 to 130, but during COVID, we lost some members, and we’ve had quite a few members pass away recently.”

“The good thing is that there’s new people joining up to fill our numbers, so we’re going to grow again,” he added.

New members have recently joined through events, and the club remains close-knit and active, with summer potluck meetings hosted at members’ homes, including an August gathering featuring a figure-eight dirt track for lighthearted driving fun.

A key focus now is recruiting and involving younger members, not only as participants but as organizers of runs and fundraisers.

By combining automotive heritage, charitable giving, and strong community ties, the Headwaters British Car Club is working to ensure its traditions – and its cars – continue to be seen and celebrated on local roads for years to come.



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Nashville Takeover brings three days of music to Orangeville



SONGWRITERS TAKEOVER: Country music fans gathered at venues across Orangeville for the Nashville Takeover from July 10 to 12, where 15 songwriters from Nashville and Canada brought original music, storytelling and live performances to the community. The event gave residents a chance to experience intimate performances close to home.

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Public Consultation Notice

The Credit Valley Source Protection Authority invites public comment on proposed amendments to the Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Plan and Credit Valley Assessment Report, to reflect the addition of a new well to the Town of Orangeville’s drinking water system.

The new well is being added to the Orangeville Drinking Water System to meet current demands and support future growth. The proposed amendment includes updated water budget, risk assessment, wellhead protection areas and threat enumeration. The Clean Water Act, 2006, requires consultation with all landowners, municipalities and other implementing agencies that may be impacted by such amendments.

The proposed amendments are available for review at ctcswp.ca. Hardcopy versions are available upon request at Credit Valley Conservation, during regular business hours.

Written comments on the proposed amendments must be received on or before August 31, 2026, and addressed to:

Behnam Doulatyari,
Source Protection Program Manager
Email: ctcswp@cvc.ca
Mail/In-Person: Credit Valley Conservation,
1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga ON, L5N 6R4

For information, visit
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Date: Thursday, August 13

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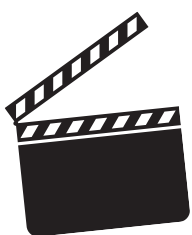


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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Caledon Music Festival to showcase transformative storytelling through music

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Founder of the Caledon Music Festival, Terry Lim said, “Transformation – it’s how music tells stories, how narratives are expressed in music, in all different forms that could mean a lot of different things and transform into these wonderful concerts that we present.”

The Caledon Music Festival 2026 returns from Aug. 1 to 23, bringing talented musicians to Caledon for three weeks of inspiring concerts.

This year’s presentation of three fabulous concerts is, as he said, “an exploration into the depth of storytelling, how music tells stories and can transport audiences to fantastical and otherworldly places.”

The first concert of the festival takes place on Saturday, Aug. 1, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Davis Family Farm. Lim describes it as ‘Opera Fantasy.’

“Audiences will experience a unique ambiance of the sunflower farm, [a] beautiful summer evening and enchanting operatic melodies as they enjoy a selection of beverages,” he said.

Lim added, “Bring your lawn chair and friends to one of the most picturesque outdoor concert venues in Caledon East, overlooking the beautiful Davis Family Farm.”

Many of the stories are based on tales from operas, most famously Puccini’s Turandot, Verdi’s Rigoletto, Saint-Saëns’ Samson et Dalila, Puccini’s La Bohème, and others, Lim promised.

Sunday, Aug. 16 sees the second concert, which is very near to the hearts of the performers, the audiences and Lim himself.

Set at the wonderful Alton Mill Arts Centre, this annual “Side by Side” program is an opportunity for young artists and festival artists to collaborate. Each year, a selected number of top Canadian young artists are paired with the festival artists.

The young artists sit alongside the festival artists during rehearsals and a dedicated concert.

“The highlight of this experience is the

Side-by-Side concert,” Lim explained. “Here the collective effort is showcased, demonstrating how well they can create music as a unified team”

Defining the depth of joy for one and all, he added, “Beyond the technical aspects of playing instruments, the program emphasizes mentorship and a comprehensive learning experience that goes beyond the rehearsals.

“The concert becomes a platform to witness the harmonious blend of musicians, illustrating the power of collaboration and a shared passion for music,” Lim enthused.

On Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m., Westminster United Church in Orangeville will host ‘The Grand Finale.’

“The summer festival comes to a close with a celebratory concert that will send you out into the end of summer on a positive and wonderful note,” Lim said.

He added that they are bringing back “by popular demand” an evening of “musical brilliance” featuring violinist Luri Lee, clarinetist Eric Abramovitz and pianist Joonghun Cho.

“Delve into the depths of chamber music as these remarkable artists unveil the mysteries of their craft with an enchanting concert,” Lim said.

In other years, there have been more than three concerts for this festival, but this year has seen grants to the arts really slashed. There have been donations, and Lim puts that money aside in case grants are tight.

“I am always excited to play,” said Lim, who is himself a flutist. “The audiences are really important. Many of the same people come, and they say that this festival is the



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THREE CONCERTS: The Caledon Music Festival concluded its 2025 season with a grand finale performance at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The festival returns from Aug. 1 to 23, with three concerts featuring acclaimed musicians in a unique setting.

highlight of their season. They know the players are the best of the best [that] are coming.”

As the Alton Mill is such a perfect setting for the concerts and is always included in the programs, co-founder and owner of the Mill, Jeremy Grant, took a pause to talk to the Citizen about the Caledon Music Festival at the Mill.

“It’s a beautiful experience,” he said. “Being able to attend as an audience member to see a combination of things – being outdoors for the fresh air, the heritage ambiance; feeling like you have something fantastic, from the perspective of the chance to be there. It’s a great sense of pride to be a host and to support the arts.”

He reminisced, “It is a beautiful experience: when I was young and travelling in Europe, sometimes, just by chance, I would happen on a concert to hear classical music that was being performed in an ancient ruin or a Roman amphitheatre.

“Similar to here – it sets the right mood to let go and just soak it in.”

So, with Terry Lim and Eric Abramovitz, together, they bring the talented musicians to Caledon to create and stage unique concerts at singular and very special venues.

With over three weeks of performances featuring renowned artists worldwide, there’s something for everyone. Single tickets, family passes and festival passes are sold exclusively at caledonmusicfest.ca



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure measurement
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator
11. Adult male
12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
13. Cloths spread over a coffin
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Earl's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Affected by injury
26. Member of a Semitic people
27. Withdrew from a union
30. Woman's cloak
34. Spanish river

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Marketable
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish hip-hop trio
7. Ageless
8. Course requirements
9. Pokes at
13. TV channel
14. They ___
17. Cooking material
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22. Swiss river
27. Small coin (French)
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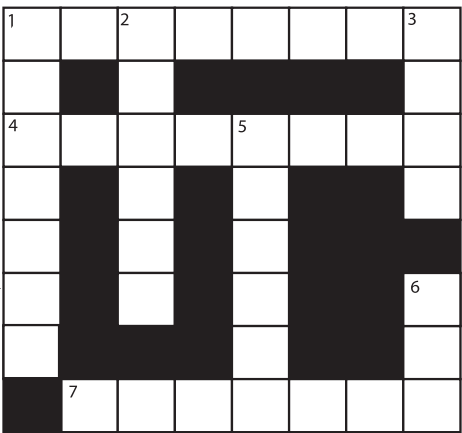
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37. Glowing
38. Item to be addressed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place for ships
44. One who sings holiday songs
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Scottish town
49. The most worthless parts
51. Sticky
52. Put to work
53. Precursor to the EU
58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

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English: Cone
Spanish: Cono
Italian: Cono
French: Cornet
German: Waffel



ACROSS

1. Trip away
4. Vitamin or mineral
7. Ice cream desserts

DOWN

1. Ice cream flavor
2. ___ candy, treat
3. Ice cream topping
5. Surrounded by water
6. Opposite of “no”

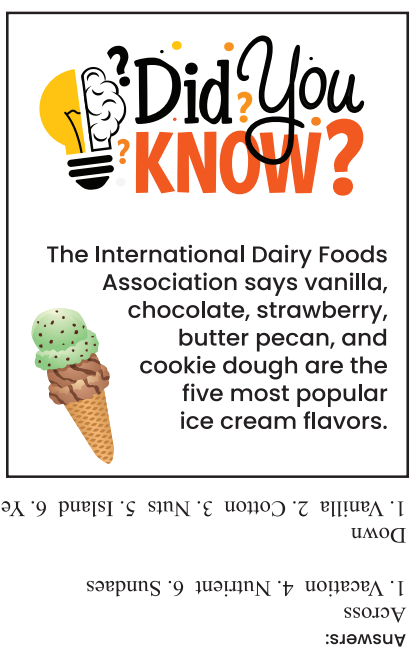


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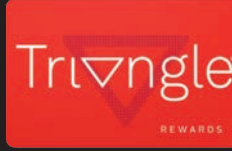
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Opportunity Garden grows skills, confidence and community connections

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

A garden can be more than a place where food grows. For participants of The Opportunity Garden, it has become a place where skills are developed, confidence is built, and community connections are strengthened.

The initiative is a partnership between the Orangeville & District Horticultural Society (ODHS) and Branching Out Support Services (BOSS), providing adults with neurodiversities hands-on experience growing and harvesting fresh pea shoots while contributing to the community.

The idea for The Opportunity Garden was inspired by an In The Hills magazine article about Am Braigh Farm, which teaches newcomers and immigrants how to farm in Canada.

The story sparked a conversation between ODHS and BOSS about creating a similar opportunity locally.

The organizations recognized that adults with neurodiversities can face barriers accessing meaningful skill development, employment experiences and opportunities for community involvement.

The Opportunity Garden was created to help address that gap.

The project's name also pays tribute to Orangeville's history, honouring Joanne Malouk and the Opportunity School, the first school in Orangeville dedicated to serving people with disabilities.

The school was founded on the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to learn, contribute and thrive — a philosophy that continues through the garden today.

The initiative also reflects ODHS's motto: "Gardens Are for Sharing."

During the growing season, BOSS participants meet weekly to plant, water, maintain,

harvest and package pea shoots.

Through the process, participants gain experience with food production while developing teamwork, responsibility, routine, confidence and independence. Community engagement and giving back through volunteerism are other core parts of the project.

"Every stage of the process is participant-driven and hands-on," said BOSS in its announcement of the garden. "From planting seeds to preparing the final harvest, participants are actively engaged and take pride in seeing the results of their work."

The garden's impact extends beyond those who grow the produce.

Each Wednesday, BOSS participants volunteer at the Orangeville Food Bank, where the harvested pea shoots are distributed to local residents accessing emergency food support.

Organizers say the program provides a full-circle experience, allowing participants to learn new skills while directly contributing to their community's well-being.

Over an average growing season, The Opportunity Garden produces about 100 pounds of fresh pea shoots, all of which are donated to the Orangeville Food Bank.

From April to June 2026, participants bagged 239 bags of pea shoots and harvested 59.54 pounds of produce. Weekly volunteer activities at the food bank also continued throughout the season.

The growing season will resume in September and run through November.

The project is supported by several community partners, including the Orangeville & District Horticultural Society, Branching Out Support Services, Am Braigh Farm, Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance, the Orangeville Food Bank and the Dufferin County Community Foundation Grant Program.

In 2025, The Opportunity Garden received



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SEEDS OF OPPORTUNITY: The Opportunity Garden provides adults with neurodiversities hands-on experience growing and harvesting pea shoots, while helping build confidence, independence and connections within the community. The produce grown through the program is donated to the Orangeville Food Bank.

\$1,000 through the Dufferin County Community Foundation Grant Program to help continue its work.

For organizers, the initiative represents more than growing food. The Opportunity

Garden provides adults with neurodiversities opportunities to learn, contribute and connect with their community.

"When communities plant seeds of opportunity, everyone grows," said BOSS.

County of Dufferin issues safety advice to avoid heat-related illness as temperatures remain elevated

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin County is reminding residents to take precautions during a heat warning, particularly those at greater risk of heat-related illness.

Health risks from extreme heat can be higher for young children, pregnant women, older adults, people with chronic illnesses, and those who work or exercise outdoors.

Residents are advised to speak with a health-care provider or pharmacist if they are unsure whether their medications could increase their risk of heat-related illness during hot weather. They should not stop or change any medications without professional guidance.

Certain medications may affect how the body responds to heat, such as its ability to

cool down, maintain fluid balance, or recognize thirst. These medications can include diuretics, certain blood pressure medicines, antidepressants, antipsychotics, anticholinergics, stimulants, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, opioids, and sedatives. It is important to ask your healthcare provider whether your medication may increase your risk of heat-related complications.

Residents should continue taking medications as prescribed and speak with their health-care provider before making any changes.

To reduce the risk of heat-related illness, residents are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day, even when they do not feel thirsty, limit time spent in direct heat and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day. Residents are reminded

never to leave children or pets unattended in vehicles and are encouraged to visit public cooling locations, such as splash pads, pools or recreation centres.

The Town of Orangeville's recreation centres are open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as cooling centres during heat warnings. Water refill stations are available for people and pets, and water bowls are available outside for dogs.

Residents without air conditioning can keep windows, doors and blinds closed during the day, open them when temperatures drop at night, use fans to circulate air, and take cool showers or apply cool cloths to the forehead, the back of the neck, and the wrists to help lower body temperature.

Keeping pets indoors when possible, limiting outdoor walks during extreme heat

and avoiding hot pavement, which can burn animals' paws, are other ways to reduce the temperature's impact.

Symptoms of heat illness can include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, fainting, rapid breathing or a rapid heartbeat. Residents are encouraged to check on neighbours, friends and family members who may be more vulnerable to heat.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 if someone has a high body temperature and is confused, experiencing dizziness or fainting, has lost consciousness, is having seizures, or has hot, dry skin or heavy sweating.

Residents can find publicly accessible cooling locations and services through Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's Cooling, Warming and Clean Air Spaces Map.

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Nomination period closes next month for municipal candidates

The deadline for individuals looking to run for the position of councillor, deputy mayor or mayor in their municipality is approaching.

Interested candidates are encouraged to file their nomination before the deadline of Friday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

Municipal clerks then have until 4 p.m. to certify or reject nominations. Clerks must verify that nominees are eligible to run in order to certify them.

Anyone who is not certified by a clerk will not see their name on the ballot.

The nomination period opened on May 1, and several incumbents throughout Dufferin County have declared their intention to seek re-election in the Oct. 26 municipal election.



Dufferin County is comprised of eight municipalities: Orangeville, Shelburne, Mono, Grand Valley, Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Mulmur.

The mayor and deputy mayor of each municipality serves on Dufferin County council, except for East Garafraxa, which does not elect a deputy mayor to the county level.

A county warden is chosen from county council members to serve a two-year term.



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PIRATES TAKE THE FIELD: Orangeville & Headwaters Minor Baseball Association hosted its Annual Mid Summer Classic throughout various ballparks in town over the July 10-12 weekend. The Gold Pirates, finalists in the 11U Division, lost an action-packed championship game against the 11U Kelly Green Squad 24-23. The 13U Division Champs were the CAA Bengals and the 9U Division was won by the Sky Blue Bengals.



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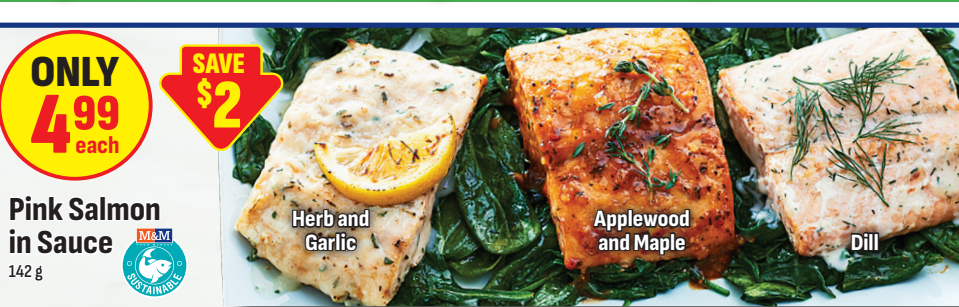
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Orangeville Otters celebrate young swimmers at Mock Meet

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Orangeville Otters’ youngest swimmers got their first taste of competition during the club’s semi-annual Mock Meet held at the Alder Recreation Centre pool on Thursday, June 25.

Fifty Otters swimmers took part in the meet.

The fun, low-pressure event brought swimmers together from the Beginner Skills, Advanced Skills, and Novice groups. This allowed them to experience a real swim meet and put their newly developed skills into action, and celebrate their progress alongside teammates and families.

The event was made even more special with the support of volunteer swimmers from the club’s senior groups who stepped up to cheer, mentor, and encourage the next generation of Otters.

The Beginner Skills and Advanced Skills programs focus on building confidence, developing strong foundational swimming skills, and introducing young athletes to the basics of racing. Swimmers in the Novice group continue that progression by developing their technique, endurance, and competitive racing experience.

“Events like our Mock Meet are an important part of a swimmer’s development,” said Otters Head Coach Sam Kuntz. “They give our youngest athletes a chance to experience racing in a fun, supportive environment while showcasing everything they’ve been working on in practice. It’s exciting to watch their confidence grow and see them take the next step in their swimming journey.”

The Mock Meet also capped off the club’s first season of its new Learn to Swim program for children ages three to eight. The program paired young swimmers with Otters



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FIRST SPLASH AT COMPETITION: The Orangeville Otters Swim Club held its semi-annual Mock Meet at the Alder Recreation Centre pool in Orangeville on Thursday, June 25. Young swimmers from three different groups got their first taste of competition at the meet.

senior athletes for one-on-one instruction. This helps children build water confidence while giving older swimmers valuable leadership experience.

Following a successful inaugural season, the program will return this fall. The Orangeville Otters thank all Skills, Novice, and senior swimmers, families, coaches and volunteers for another memorable season. Registration for hall fall programs opens in mid-August.

Orangeville hosts provincial ‘A’ championship lacrosse qualifiers

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was a huge lacrosse weekend in Orangeville when some of the best lacrosse teams in the province arrived in town for three days to compete in the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Ontario ‘A’ Provincial Championship qualifiers.

The Orangeville games took place on Friday, July 10, Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12.

The qualifiers featured teams from the U13, U15, and U17 divisions. The Orangeville tournament was the first of the qualifier events, with another planned later in July.

The Final Six Provincial Championships will be held in August. The top 13 teams in the U13 and U15 divisions and the top 10 teams in the U17 divisions will advance to the ‘A’ qualifiers.

The competition in Orangeville was held at Tony Rose Arena and the Alder Street Arena. For those unable to attend games, they were broadcast live on the Ontario Lacrosse website.

All three Orangeville Northmen teams that entered the competition did well.

U13 Northmen

The U13 Northmen team won their tournament, finishing first with a 5-1 record.

Starting off with a good pace, the U13 Northmen won their opening game 9-4 over the St. Catharines Athletics on Friday. Northmen Nixon Alphonso got a hat-trick for the game, scoring in all three periods.

The second game of the day resulted in a 10-2 Orangeville win over the Napean Knights. Hudson Varga got the hat-trick in that game, scoring in the second and third periods.

The U13 Northmen took their only loss of the weekend on Saturday when they gave up a 6-4 game to the Whitby Warriors.

They recouped in their fourth game with a 9-0 shutout over the Toronto Beaches.

Orangeville U13 had two games on Sunday.

They won their first game 7-2 over Six Nations.

In Game 5, they trailed 2-0 at the end of the first period, then mounted a huge comeback in the second period, scoring three unanswered goals.

They won the game 5-3.

U15 Northmen

The U15 Northmen had a successful weekend, finishing in second place in the standings with a 5-1 record.

The Burlington Blaze won the division, going undefeated for the weekend.

The Northmen started the weekend with

a 7-4 win over the Centre Wellington Riverhawks.

In their second game of the day, they delivered a 6-3 win over the Oakville Hawks.

In Saturday action, the Northmen shut out the Halton Hills Bulldogs 9-0. Luke Lorenz scored five for the game, hitting the back of the Halton net in all three periods.

They followed up with a 7-4 win over the Northumberland Nemesis. Connor Dixon scored a hat-trick in the second period.

Sunday action saw the Northmen win 6-3 over the St. Catharines Athletics. Connor Dixon scored in all three periods for the hat-trick.

In their final game, the U15 Northmen tied the Peterborough Lakers 2-2.

U17 Northmen

The Orangeville U17 squad finished in third place in their division with a 4-2 record.

Burlington Blaze finished in first place with a 4-1-1 record, followed by the St.

Catharines Athletics recording a 4-2 weekend.

The Northmen started the weekend with a 10-2 win over the Halton Hills Bulldogs on Friday.

Their second game of the day resulted in a 7-4 win over the Whitby Warriors.

Returning on Saturday, Game 3 resulted in a 7-5 win over the Akwesasne Storm.

Their second game of the day resulted in a 6-4 loss to the Guelph Regals.

On Sunday, the Northmen opened with a tight 4-3 win over the Nepean Knights in a game that was tied 3-3 heading into the third period.

Tanner Hart got the game-winning goal in the third period.

In their final game, the Northmen lost 7-4 to the Burlington Blaze.

It was a successful weekend tournament in Orangeville, featuring many thrilling games for fans who packed the stands at both arenas.

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PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS: It was a big lacrosse weekend in Orangeville as the town hosted the Ontario ‘A’ Provincial qualifiers over three days of competition. Three divisions, U13, U15, and U17, took part in tournament play. The Orangeville Northmen U15 team take on the Oakville Hawks at Tony Rose Arena on Friday, July 10. The Northmen came out on top in this game with a 6-3 win.

OPINION

Home is where you make it

My ideal day is around 78°F, no humidity at all, sunny, with the odd puffy cloud passing across the sun just to change it up a bit.

On a day like that, you can enjoy just about any outdoor activity in comfort, without getting a bad sunburn, worrying about rain, or feeling unpleasant because the humid air has you sweating like a backyard sprinkler.

Days like that don't happen all that often.

Of course, the opposite is when you are knee-deep in snow and shovelling the driveway only to see the plow coming and you know that in another minute, the end of your driveway, where you just spent an hour with your shovel, will be filled in again – back to the drawing board.

After this past year's winter, which seemed like it was never going to end, I started wondering what it would be like to just move to a sunny climate for the winter months. A lot of people do it.

The older I get, the less I appreciate winter.

The place where you choose to live is largely determined by where you were born. I know a lot of people who still live in their hometown.

Some people just feel comfortable with the place they grew up, while others just want to

stay close to family.

Home is where you make it.

I recently watched a YouTube video about a small town, more like a hamlet, named Darwin that is located in the appropriately named Death Valley in California.

One resident said that during July and August, "it actually is hotter than hell."

During the summer months, the temperature routinely rises to 110°F and hotter. This is one place you really could cook your eggs by placing them on a rock.

You could almost feel the heat just by watching the video, and everything, and I mean everything, looks like it had been baked in an oven.

Nothing grows there. There are no plants, no trees, and no flowers. There are just rocks and dirt.

It is a major challenge to get to the next town just to get groceries.

There are no real stores, sports or recreation facilities, or restaurants.

The documentary asked several residents why they chose to live in such a godforsaken place.

One man said it was peaceful.

A young woman with a child pointed out

the housing opportunities. She paid less than \$20,000 for her house. It looked like a house where \$20,000 would be a big overpayment.

But people live there.

I saw another documentary on a family that lives off-grid in Alaska.

They have a log cabin with no running water. They have no neighbours.

I don't know why you would want to raise children in a place where they couldn't join a minor baseball league team, be part of a Girl Scout troop, or even meet other children for friendship.

I'll bet when those kids are old enough and learn of the outside world, the backwoods cabin will become a distant memory.

It is the type of place where having your truck break down in the dead of winter could mean a death sentence for the occupants.

But people live there.

I've seen photos of picturesque Italian villages perched precariously on cliffs overlooking the Med-iterranean. From the air, the villages have a unique, if somewhat crowded, look.

I've heard people express a desire to live there, based on the photos.

It might be good for some people.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I always point out that you would have to sell your Mustang convertible because those houses don't have a garage.

They don't even have a driveway. They don't have a yard, so forget the back-yard barbecue or that in-ground pool you have always wanted.

The houses are several hundred years old. They are uncomfortable and lack modern amenities.

Good fences don't make good neighbours in these villages because no one has a fence. Your neighbour's house is attached to yours, either on the side, or possibly on top or below.

When I mention these living conditions, quite often people realize it isn't a place for them.

Living in a quaint village would get old really quickly.

But people live there.

Home is where you make it.

I have no real plans to move to a tropical climate, but spending a few weeks each year under a palm tree does sound nice.

Home is where you make it, so I guess I'll buy a snowblower and get used to it.

A lesson in learning

Truthfully, I've forgotten most of what I was taught in Teacher's College. I have managed to hold onto a few interesting practices and ideas. The idea of the open classroom, scaffolding, and transgressive ideas around de-schooling have always stuck with me.

My favourite is the concept of 'the hidden curriculum': the unwritten, unofficial lessons beyond the curriculum. Lessons like: how teachers interact with students, school rules, classroom routines, peer relationships, and institutional culture.

Here's a recent example:

It was the last day of exams. I had just finished marking the multiple-choice component of my Grade 12 exams. We had just wrapped up, and students were in the halls clearing out their lockers. I was headed to the staffroom, mulling over my year-end to-do list, when a colleague entered the intersection of the hallway.

She was walking beside a student, guiding him by his arm. As they turned to walk in the direction I was headed, the boy looked back in my direction. He looked so calm, serene. At the same time, he turned his face away from me, the teacher whipped her head around and yelled: "Sir, I need your help, right now!"

Now, this being high school in 2026, I was used to fights, accidents, fire alarms, hold-and-secures, and lockdowns. I wasn't sure what she was asking of me, so I picked up the pace and followed her. It wasn't until I almost slipped that I realized that something serious had happened.

Drops of blood covered the entire width of the hallway. Just then, a student ran past me and up to the teacher and student/victim and pleaded: "It wasn't a knife. I swear, I don't have a knife." He looked back at me before running out of the building.

Friends of the student/victim (a few were

students of mine) were frantic. They were screaming. Yelling. I could see it in their eyes — somebody was going to pay. I put my hand on one kid's shoulder; he was stiff as a board, tense. I told him to be smart, to please not do anything stupid.

We got the student/victim into the office. Administrators cleared the room, drew the curtains, and sat the boy down. I stood outside the office to make sure no one entered. I remember taking a peek through the office window and seeing a pool of blood around a pair of Nike shoes.

I mean, what does a teacher do after an incident like this?

Well, one suggestion might be to turn it into a teachable moment.

I could use it to teach the meaning of 'irony'. After all, our school motto is: 'Justice, Love and Peace'. Maybe I could design a lesson around the role that guilt plays in the Catholic community. Like the guilt I felt, and still feel, at not having been able to do more to help. The guilt hit hard. For me. My colleague. The custodian.

Me (to my colleague): I'm sorry I didn't do more to help. How was I supposed to know?

Colleague (to me): I'm sorry I didn't better inform you. How was I supposed to know?

Custodian (to police): Yes. Officer. I mopped up all the blood before you got here. How was I supposed to know?

And then I got to thinking: what if some of the students/witnesses were inspired by the incident/crime?

So, I did a little research. Did you know that there are programs at the post-secondary level that study this sort of thing?

Bloodstain pattern analysis is the investigation of the size, shape, location, and distribution of bloodstains. Did you know that a blood

stain could be passive? I learned that passive blood stains are the result of gravity — they form circles wherever they fall.

The higher the fall, the larger the drop (like the large drops I walked through). And that these types of drops will form a pool beneath a motionless victim (see Nike shoes). I'm going to forward this information to our guidance counsellors.

Maybe they'll consider a career in medicine. What about forensics, emergency services? What about art? After seeing all that blood splatter on the hallway floor, maybe they'll come to appreciate abstract art, try to emulate the drip paintings of Pollock, or smear paintings of Richter or De Kooning. Art is so not dead!

A civics class would be the perfect place to examine the role of politicians in this province. They could examine the Ontario government's new ad campaign promoting their plan to make Ontario safer by building more jails, reducing auto theft, and restoring safety to parks and neighbourhoods. In media class, they can talk about the role of media in politics, and maybe ask the question: why no mention of safety in our schools?

Or maybe they'll see my colleague as a hero, someone who intervened in a violent altercation to help a student/victim. Maybe, they'll consider a career in education. (I highly doubt it. Teachers are never thought of as heroes. Not like our police officers or military personnel).

If anything, maybe we — teachers and students — can see it as another lesson in resiliency. With all the money that's been cut from the education system, we can all learn to do a little more with so much less. I think my colleague using a piece of tissue paper to stop the blood gushing from the boy's wound is a perfect example of this. Don't you?

ANTHONY CARNOVALE
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A teacher once told me that it's important to meet students where they're at when dealing with individual students.

At my school, that means in the port-a-potty, out in the field, where students are smoking dope. In the bus shelter, across the street from the school, where students are smoking dope. In the school washrooms where students are vaping, fighting and, you guessed it, smoking dope.

Three years ago, a student of mine was out pulling robberies before coming to class to work on his personal narrative assignment (which would explain his 23 absences and 38 lateness).

And yet, I show up every day, not because I have to, but because I want to. I'm where I need to be. I'm where I'm needed. If you knew what these kids had to live with, what their lives look like, inside and outside of the classroom, maybe you'd be compelled to show up too. Maybe you'd see that they're unhealthy, in need of our help, our love, our compassion.

Did I ever tell you about the mother in prison for selling guns? Or the grandmother who beat her granddaughter with a coat hanger?

When I got home that day, I did something I've never had to do in my career before: I checked the bottom of my shoes — I didn't want to bring any blood into my home.

After taking them off, I set down my bags and made myself an espresso. I emailed my colleague to check in on how she was doing (and to apologize for not doing more).

After pressing send, I settled onto the couch, closed my eyes, and waited for my children to come through the door, eager to hear about everything they had learned at school that day.

Of sarracenia purpurea and getting by

The pitcher plant's beauty belies its nature. But that beauty and its nature speak to something about all of us who try.

A pitcher plant's purple-red blossom rises on a long stem to Heaven but bows toward the ground. The bulb smells floral, a little fruity, and attracts insects. Then its petals are shaped into pitchers that trap many of those insects. Spiders, bugs, and flying insects like hornets are slowly digested in the soup of rainwater, dew, digestive enzymes, and bacteria that fill them.

The pitcher plant is a predator. But it's also more than how it appears. Indigenous people have long known about its medicinal properties. The liquid that it uses to consume prey has antiviral properties.

Imagine that.

It's a flower full of contradiction. Fitting, then, that it's the official provincial plant of Newfoundland and Labrador.

An aside: Before that, the Newfoundland

pitcher plant was the Rock's national symbol when it was a self-governing dominion, its own country until 1949.

Sarracenia purpurea, its Latin monicker, looks pretty scribbled on a page. Even sounds exotic off the tongue. Not a bad way to describe a carnivorous plant, I suppose.

Like the plant, the island's beauty in landscape and seascape draws people who will soon be face-and-eyes into the economic hardship that eventually comes with living there. Many will leave. And many of those who left will return over and over again.

I took a drive earlier this month through parts of Gros Morne National Park. One of my daughters wanted to introduce her Yukon-born fiancé to the island. Show him the sights. Expose him to the weather (if you don't like it, wait five minutes) and let him taste some of the briny breaths at the coast. So a crowd of us went to the island's west coast, where she grew up (the island's west is the best, in my

estimation).

There's a piece of Gros Morne called the Tablelands. It's a stretch of mountain that looks as if it had been razed flat at the top. It's one of the few places in the world where you can see the Earth's mantle, that layer that's supposed to be hundreds of kilometres below all we care about and all we dread in our daily lives.

It's a place that looks suited well enough to be a setting in a Tolkien story. People have compared the orange-red rocks and dirt to what's in photos of Mars. It's half a billion years old or something. Those rusty-looking rocks are called peridotite. I must have taken that jaunt hundreds of times, but this last trip through was the first I heard that word, too. That kind of soil lacks nutrients to coax most plants to bust through the soil surface.

But the Newfoundland pitcher plant is one of the hardest plants. It flourishes in bogs amongst the patches of bakeapples and the cold muck that sucks boots from feet. If it

could, it would strut with confidence down the road. It's assertive. It's undaunted. It grows on the Tablelands' slope.

This last trip home, I was close enough to smell for the first time a Newfoundland pitcher plant. To look inside its leafy pitchers. There was a piece of ground where I saw a tiny one growing from the tight space between those orange-red rocks around it, and in dirt that shouldn't be called soil. But it eked through.

That speaks of character. People are like that, too. Many people are like that, a little bit of a plant shoving itself between rocks, weathering stones, coming up through tough circumstances.

Like that plant I saw growing through hardship, people get through interpersonal differences, financial droughts and economic realities, additions and doubts, and emotional crises.

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Headwaters Rising: Listening to what rises to the surface and answering the call

Measuring the well-being of a community is much like measuring the depth of a river with a stick – you can get an idea of a particular spot at a particular moment, but it does not capture the complexity of the river as a whole. The river will change over time and through space. Before we step in, it is important to check the depth, temperature, and current of the river, to check upstream sources and downstream hazards, and to best prepare for what we might encounter.

What it means to be well in our community is a rich and complex picture that cannot be captured in a few data points. Before we jump into complex community issues, or guide a growing community into a thriving future, it is important to check the temperature, test the currents and deeply listen to what is rising to the surface for residents.

At Headwaters Communities In Action (HCIA), we believe that the best way to understand and ensure the safety and well-being of our community is to keep listening and foster action on what we hear. As part of the work we do with dozens of community partners, we hold up a mirror to Dufferin County by inviting residents to share their honest experiences, perceptions and opinions through the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) survey.

More than data collection, it is an invitation for our community to look at itself, map our shared strengths and reveal the areas where



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our collective current poses risks to those who struggle to keep their heads above water.

The responses we receive paint a complex and personal picture of life in our region. While many residents deeply value our stunning natural environment and the neighbourliness of the rural-urban lifestyle, others shared stories of profound isolation. We heard from an older lesbian who expressed feeling completely invisible, and a single mother who felt looked down upon in a neighbourhood dominated by older, married couples.

Our neighbours shared experiences of severe social anxiety and PTSD, revealing that a simple trip to the grocery store can feel insurmountable, and the subtle, heavy weight of feeling out of place due to shifting demographics, visible disabilities, or economic hardship.

The survey reveals a community that is

aware of its challenges and where priority action should be taken. Despite a misperception about crime trends, residents were generally well attuned to pressing needs.

Out of 607 respondents, an overwhelming 71.1 per cent stated they do not believe everyone in Dufferin County has housing appropriate to their needs. Strikingly, 26.3 per cent of respondents noted they only “sometimes” had enough healthy, safe, and culturally relevant food, pointing to a known and worsening issue of food insecurity across the region.

Community safety, housing, mental health, family support and food insecurity emerged as top priorities for the 2025-2028 CSWB Plan.

Recognizing the challenges our communities face, and having some power to act on them, partners at the Dufferin County CSWB Integration Table, co-chaired by HCIA, have been helping realize a vision of community care that centres the community voice, embodies true service integration and focuses on upstream prevention. Significant progress was made last year in key areas:

- **Housing and Mental Health:** The Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub began offering integrated supports for individuals facing housing and substance use challenges. 27 new permanent supportive housing units opened on First Street in Orangeville.

- **Family Support:** The Youth Wellness Hub will be using community spaces to reduce travel and stigma barriers for people aged 12 to 25.

- **Food Insecurity:** New local public health research is identifying priority actions. Initiatives like the Giving Spoon and Food for You are providing ready-to-eat meals and combating social isolation. Infrastructure projects like the Commissary Kitchen in Shelburne will expand the capacity of local food entrepreneurs.

- **Community Care:** In 2025, 15 Care Days held across Dufferin and Caledon served 241 individuals, providing immediate, low-barrier access to health, nutrition, and housing supports in safe environments.

CSWB priorities are strongly tied to local municipal responsibilities.

For instance, addressing road safety, crime and intimate partner violence connects to the municipal OPP Detachment Boards, which help govern local policing priorities.

Housing affordability and supply are driven by municipal zoning bylaws and county-level housing and land use plans.

Food insecurity and family supports are directly impacted by local economic development efforts and the ease of accessing appropriate services.

The CSWB process provides important insights to help us identify and navigate the rapids of change, together. Our local democratic systems hold many tools to support upstream solutions, clear obstacles, and put wind in the sails of progress. Who we elect to wield those tools matters.

On Oct. 26, residents will head to the polls for the municipal election. If we want to elect decision-makers who reflect the urgency and direction demanded by our community, we need many responsible, informed and community-minded residents to run for office.

The last several election cycles saw a concerning number of acclaimed council seats, particularly in smaller towns and townships, simply because no one else put their name on the ballot. When seats are acclaimed, voters don't have a choice in who represents them.

Nomination Day is Aug. 21, 2026.

If you look at the mirror our community held up, do you see yourself in its priorities? If you feel a pull to put your oar in the water, or take the helm of local government, consider running for council. If not you, encourage someone who you think would be great. Your neighbours deserve choice.

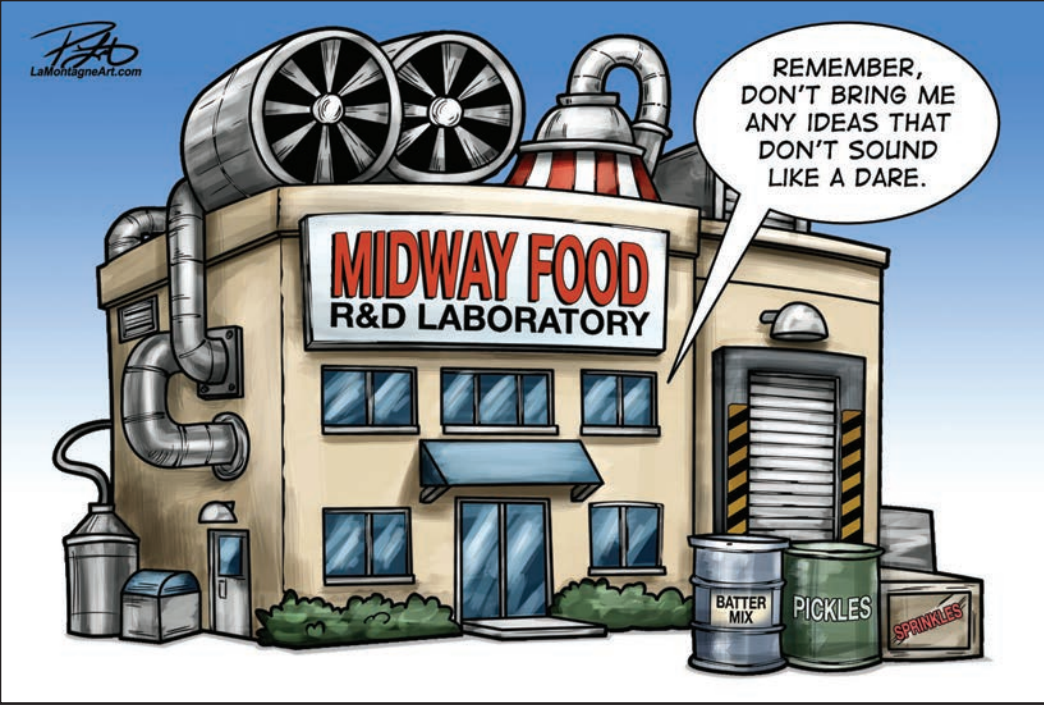
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Come talk to people who've been through it at two Counsel on Council Mixer events being hosted on July 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mono Centre Brewing Co. in Mono and July 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Grand River Chop House in Grand Valley.

We have traced the stream of information to reach the source of what matters to our community. Now it's your turn: enlist candidates who will help create the community you and your neighbours want, candidates who will listen and go with the flow of what our community has told us.

Sit with this question this month: “What would you do about these priorities if you were on council?”

Headwaters Rising is a monthly column from Headwaters Communities In Action. This month's column was contributed (with help) by Jennifer Payne, executive director of HCIA. Learn more about our organization at hcia.ca. To read the Dufferin County Community Safety & Well-Being Plan and annual updates, visit dufferincounty.ca/plans-policies/community-safety-well-being-plan



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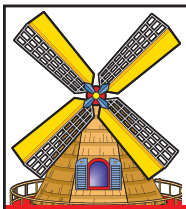
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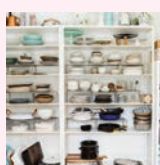
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It is with great sadness that the family of Edward Hugh Kelly announces his peaceful passing at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at the age of 69. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Eddie was the beloved son of Sinclair Kelly and Mary Kelly (née O'Neil). At the age of eight, he immigrated to Canada with his family, where he built a life rooted in friendship, community, and service.

Eddie was the father of Sarah Kelly and Shannon Temple. He was the grandfather of Kelsey, Kaitlynn, Rachel, and Adam. He was the beloved brother of Sinclair Kelly Jr. and was predeceased by his sister, Maureen Kelly. Eddie was also the uncle to Amber Kelly, Sean Kelly, and great-uncle to Calvin, Mariah, and Ayla.

Eddie was known for his outgoing personality, quick wit, and ability to make friends wherever he went. He genuinely enjoyed being around people and had a gift for making others laugh. Whether sharing stories, lending a helping hand, or simply enjoying good company, Eddie had a way of making everyone feel welcome.

A proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Eddie dedicated more than 20 years of service to the organization. He was honoured to serve as Past President of Branch 233 in Orangeville, where he worked tirelessly to support veterans, fellow members, and his community. His commitment, leadership, and generous spirit earned him the respect and admiration of everyone who had the pleasure of serving alongside him.

Music was one of Eddie's greatest joys. He was an enthusiastic karaoke performer, and anyone who attended a karaoke night with him knew that "Big Bad John" was his signature song. He loved entertaining others and never missed an opportunity to step up to the microphone, creating memories that family and friends will cherish for years to come.

Eddie also had a deep passion for community involvement. As President of the Residents' Association at his apartment building in Mississauga, he took great pride in organizing social gatherings, celebrations, and events that brought neighbours together. He believed in creating a sense of belonging and friendship wherever he lived.

Having spent many happy years in Orangeville before relocating to Mississauga, Eddie left a lasting impression in both communities. One of his greatest pleasures was playing Santa Claus during the Christmas season, delighting children and adults alike at both his apartment building and the Royal Canadian Legion. His warm smile, generous heart, and festive spirit made the holidays brighter for so many.

Those who knew Eddie loved him for his kindness, generosity, sense of humour, and unwavering willingness to help others. His life was defined by service, friendship, and the connections he made throughout the years. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, neighbours, Legion family, and all whose lives he touched.

In keeping with Eddie's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 233, Orangeville, in recognition of Eddie's many years of dedicated service and commitment to the Legion community.



DENREYER, MAARTJE (MAY)



May died peacefully on July 9th in her 103rd year surrounded by her family. She immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in 1948 with her loving husband Jack (predeceased). One of May's greatest passions was founding the Inn in Cataract as well as cooking for her friends and family. May was also an avid reader and possessed a deep admiration of classical music. Her quick wit, humour and her love of cruising around in her Jeep will be forever remembered by everyone who knew her.

May is survived by her beloved children Willy (Warren predeceased) Wilkins, Frank (Catherine) Denreyer, Sam Denreyer (Lise Dumas), Michael (Monica) Denreyer and Mary-Ann Denreyer; and her nine grandchildren Krista, Donald, Jenny, Kari, Danielle, Ryan, Samantha, Mackenzie, and Tyson.

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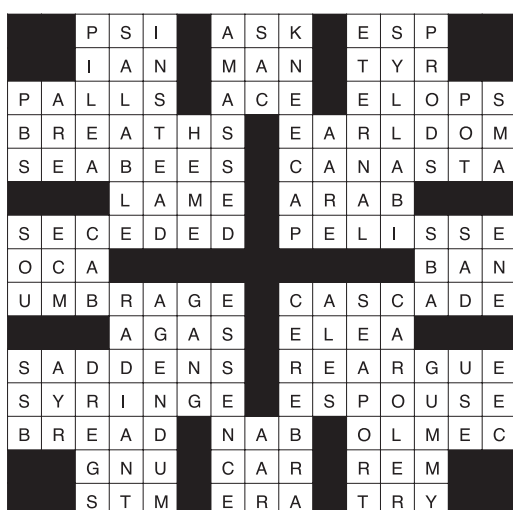
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