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HIGH-FLYING ACTION: A rider with the Krusher BMX Stunt Team performs a backflip during a demonstration at the Town of Orangeville's Canada Day celebration at Alder Recreation Centre on July 1. The team performed three 20-minute shows throughout the afternoon, launching from a 16-foot quarter-pipe ramp onto a large inflatable landing bag before meeting with spectators following each performance. See more photos of Orangeville's Canada Day celebration on Page A6.

Headwaters Golf Classic breaks fundraising record

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The 2026 Headwaters Golf Classic raised a record setting \$703,500, as the tournament expanded to two courses and nearly doubled participation this year.

The annual fundraiser, held in support of Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF), sold out with 240 golfers at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley on June 22. The tournament brought together community leaders, donors, sponsors, and volunteers for a day of fundraising and friendly competition.

"Expanding the Headwaters Golf Classic to two courses was an ambitious goal, but one our committee embraced wholeheartedly," said event co-chair Joan Waechter.

"The level of dedication, creativity, and teamwork from this incredible group made what could have been a complex undertaking feel seamless. Seeing our community come together in such a powerful way and achieving this level of impact is something we are all deeply proud of."

The Headwaters Golf Classic remains one of HHCF's key fundraising events. This year's proceeds will support priority needs, including the early stages of the Emergency Department expansion and renovation, a project aimed at improving care for the region's growing population.

The tournament featured on-course activations, food and beverage stations and a range of interactive challenges. The event concluded with a cocktail reception that included a

silent auction, live auction, and Fund-a-Need campaign.

The Fund-a-Need segment was highlighted by three leadership gifts of \$100,000 each, which helped drive the event's overall fundraising total.

Event co-chair Doug Warrington noted his appreciation for the many local businesses that provided funding to ensure its success.

"The success of this year's Golf Classic simply would not have been possible without the incredible support of our sponsors," he said. "Their generosity and commitment allowed us to expand to two courses and elevate every aspect of the day. We are deeply grateful for their partnership, and for the many organizations who continue to invest in the health of our community in such a meaningful way."

The 2026 Headwaters Golf Classic was supported by a range of presenting, event and contest sponsors.

Presenting sponsors were Crewson Insurance & Dufferin Mutual (North Course sponsor) and TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley. Melrose Paving Co. Ltd. sponsored the cocktail reception.

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Birdie sponsors were E. Hofmann Plastics, while Nortex Roofing served as the golfer's gift sponsor. Vehicle sponsors included Jaguar Land Rover Brampton, MacMaster Buick GMC, Orangeville Honda and Royal Chevrolet Cadillac.



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RECORD RESULT: The 2026 Headwaters Golf Classic raised a record \$703,500 for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation during its sold-out tournament at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley on June 22. The proceeds will support priority needs at Headwaters Health Care Centre, including the early stages of the emergency department expansion and renovation.

Flynn Group of Companies sponsored the halfway house, while Toitures Trois Étoiles was the Caesar cart sponsor. Groupe Raymond sponsored the golf balls.

On-course challenge sponsors included Chartwell Retirement Residences, Hockley Valley Brewing Company, Lawrences Lawyers, Pacific Paving Ltd. and SDI Canada. Pacific Paving Ltd. also sponsored breakfast.

Caledon Build sponsored Nick Taylor's 72-foot putt contest.

"The success of the 2026 Headwaters Golf Classic highlights the power of community-driven philanthropy and reinforces the critical role donor support plays in advancing healthcare in our community," said HHCF.

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County of Dufferin paramedics extend contract with local hospital

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

The Dufferin County Paramedic Service added two additional months to its contract with Headwaters Health Care Centre. The land ambulance service delivery contract between the county and the hospital in Orangeville was extended until Aug. 31. Gary Staples, the county's chief paramedic, said a significant review of the existing contract was required. The current contract was

extended by two months to allow for the summer Dog Days to pass and to allow the county to forward the new contract for insurance and legal consultation. "We are just trying to finalize that," Staples said. Councillor Todd Taylor, Orangeville's deputy mayor, asked if the current upper-tier council could have a voice on the matter, given the October municipal elections and new terms in the offing for municipal and county councils. Michelle Dunne, the county's clerk, said

CAO Antonietta Minichillo has the authority to sign cheques. "If we are in lame duck, it's just anything over \$50,000 which this would apply to," Dunne said. A lame duck period in Ontario municipal politics refers to a timespan from the nomination deadline to election day. Legislation prevents a council from taking actions at that time that might have bearing on the new council's role in making decisions. Lame duck also refers to the period between election day

and the new council's term beginning. The percentage of councillors who ink their names to ballots also has a bearing on the lame duck declaration. In a lame duck period, a council is restricted from the appointment or removal of municipal officers, hiring or dismissing employees, disposing of any real or personal property of the municipality with a value greater than \$50,000, and spending or incurring expenses more than \$50,000 that haven't been budgeted that year.

Proposed bylaw changes to allow pollinator gardens amid maintenance concerns

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Certain municipal bylaws should be tweaked to better work for their intended purposes while supporting Orangeville's Pollinator Protection Plan and Bee City commitments. Katherine Rog, the town's senior climate and sustainability specialist, told council on June 22 that the current legislation unintentionally hinders the protection of pollinators. A pollinator garden is a deliberately planted garden or landscaped area with native and non-invasive flowering species, ornamental grasses, shrubs, or other habitat features intended to provide forage, nesting habitat, shelter, or ecological connectivity for bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinating species. The town has identified pollinator protection and biodiversity support as important environmental priorities, but existing maintenance-related bylaws were drafted primarily to address conventional yard and boulevard maintenance, such as long grass, weeds, refuse, safety hazards, and sightline protection. Some provisions may unintentionally re-

strict intentional pollinator-supportive landscaping through vegetation-height controls. Those unintentional restrictions can lead to tension between environmental objectives and bylaw enforcement. Council in July 2025 directed staff to suggest amendments to policies, bylaws, and procedures in accordance with the timelines in the municipal Pollinator Protection Plan. Staff recommended a harmonized amendment to the Property Standards Bylaw, the Clean Yards Bylaw, and the Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw. Staff suggested a coordinated approach across the three bylaws to continue regulating unmanaged vegetation, hazards, refuse, sightline impacts, and pest issues. The amendment should expressly permit pollinator gardens when intentionally planted and maintained, add objective maintenance standards that distinguish compliant pollinator-supportive landscaping from neglect, and incorporate tick-awareness design and maintenance standards, especially at property edges, public interfaces, sidewalks, entrances, play areas, and boulevard conditions.

"The intention of the proposed changes is to introduce more inclusive and enabling language within the town's bylaws so that pollinator-friendly practices are clearly recognized and supported while still maintaining appropriate standards," Rog said. Orangeville resident Rick Hugh-Delaney said he opposes growing things on boulevards. Some of the plantings grow to block sidewalks, and some of the vegetation grows so high that children can't be easily seen approaching the street. "It looks like an unkept yard and that's exactly what it is," he said, and suggested people grow such things on their own property instead of municipal properties. Matthew Smith, another resident, spoke about a Mississauga man and his legal fight to prevent that city from repeatedly mowing his garden. Smith said the man claimed his garden was a naturalized one and that its growth was borne of his freedom of expression. Smith said courts determined that a property owner is permitted to naturalize a garden under freedom of expression protections. "That's just one of the reason why I believe

this should be allowed because there's already precedent that's been set at the higher court level," he said. Mark Middleton lives on Zina Street, where he takes his two children on wagon rides down the sidewalk. As kids would, they're likely to run a hand or arm through the tall pollinator growth as they're pulled in the wagon. "I'm more worried about the tick (bite) potential," he said. Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said he wished the town wouldn't pursue such pollinator land parcels. "To me, it looks unsightly and they're not managed in an efficient way," Taylor said. He said he will vote in favour of the effort, but he hopes the town will be very controlling and set standards. "I'll support it, but reluctantly so," Taylor said. Councillor Tess Prendergast said the benefits of a pollinator garden have to be considered, and they're not limited to aesthetics. "The idea behind it, the impetus is coming from a very wholesome place," she said. "It's not about making Orangeville ugly."

Town of Orangeville's Block Box is back for another season of summer recreation

The Orangeville Recreation Neighbourhood Block Box is back for its fifth season of summer fun. Chalked full of hands-on games and activities, the colourful trailer will make its debut for the 2026 season on Canada Day at the Alder Recreation Centre from 12 to 5 p.m. From there, it will hit the road, travelling to parks across Town all summer, bringing arts and crafts, sports equipment, special events and other fun activities for kids and families to enjoy. "Summer is a time for making memories," said Sharon Doherty-Gaudin, manager, Recreation and Events. "What better, cost-free

way to do that than getting outside, enjoying our local parks and seeing everything the Block Box has to offer?" The summer 2026 park schedule is as follows (schedule subject to change pending conditions and availability):
 • July 1: Visit the Block Box at the Canada Day event at Alder Recreation Centre (12 to 5 p.m.)
 • July 2 to 5: Harvey Curry Park—30 Lawrence Avenue
 • July 7 to 12: Kin Family Park—485 College Avenue
 • July 14 to 19: Rebecca Hills Park—280 Howard Crescent

• July 21 to 26: Parkinson Crescent Park—90 Parkinson Crescent
 • July 28 to August 2: Harvey Curry Park—30 Lawrence Avenue
 • Aug. 4 to 9: Ed Brennan Park—30 Oak Ridge Drive
 • Aug. 11 to 16: Mother Teresa Park—328 Lewis Drive
 • Aug. 18 to 23: Parkinson Crescent Park—90 Parkinson Crescent
 • Aug. 25 to 30: Rebecca Hills Park—280 Howard Crescent
 • Sept. 1 to 4: Harvey Curry Park—30 Lawrence Avenue
 Hours may be different from one week to



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the next and pause between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner, according to the Town of Orangeville. The Block Box page on the town's website will have more details and Orangeville Recreation's social media pages will provide up-

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SUPPORTING HER STUDIES: Victoria Watten (centre), of Orangeville, was selected to be one recipient of the national Tim Hortons Scholarship. She received her scholarship certificate at the Orangeville Mall Tim Hortons location, from owner Krista Goudreau (left), alongside Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post (right).

Local Orangeville student wins Tim Hortons post-secondary scholarship

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

A local Orangeville Tim Hortons employee is getting a boost to their study plans, thanks to the national Tim Hortons Scholarship Program.

Victoria Watten was selected as the second student from Orangeville in recent years to receive the scholarship, a \$1,000 contribution to support her upcoming studies. The Tim Hortons located at the Orangeville Mall on First Street hosted a small reception to present the scholarship to Watten, attended by management and town officials.

"I'm very happy to have won this scholarship," she said. "I was definitely surprised, because it's all across Canada that I'm competing with to get it. But this money will definitely be big for me with school next year."

"I will be attending Western University for Health Sciences, and I'm really excited."

Krista Goudreau, local Tim Hortons franchise owner, said the scholarship is offered to only a couple of hundred applicants each time, making it a special occasion to congratulate one of her staff on the win.

"There are 500 scholarships that are offered in the spring," she said. "Victoria was

one of several people from our stores that applied, so to see that one of them made it, got the scholarship, it's just great to hear."

Goudreau said it's rare to have winners given how many employees Tim Hortons has, but Watten's selection is not the first, and another employee received the scholarship in recent years, making this the second local recipient.

Also on scene to show her support was Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

She said that communities should take every opportunity to support and congratulate local residents on their success.

"Any time that we can take the opportunity to recognize local youth and give them opportunities for post-secondary education, we're winning as a community," she said. "A huge thank you to Tim Hortons for doing this, it's amazing, it's a really great scholarship opportunity."

With support from the Tim Hortons Scholarship Program and encouragement from her workplace and community, Watten is set to begin her studies at Western University this fall, becoming the latest local student to benefit from an initiative that recognizes academic achievement and community involvement.

Dufferin County raises price for garbage bag tags, revenue to reach \$150,000

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

It will cost Dufferin County residents more to put an extra bag of trash at the curb on garbage day, when the refuse is collected from their respective neighbourhoods.

Users of the collection system were permitted one bag of non-recyclable, non-compostable garbage each week. To enable the collection of a second black bag or third, and more, required a purchased tag that would be placed on each extra bag to cover collection costs.

Those \$2 bag tags you'd pick up at a grocery store or another vendor will now cost you \$3.

Councillor Darren White, who is also Melancthon's mayor and a former county warden, said he believes the bag tag rates should remain as they are.

"I don't think it should be increased at the moment for any number of reasons," White said. "One (reason) is the economy."

He said it may be something to consider in the future.

"But right now is not the time to do it," White said.

A total of 52,903 bag tags were sold throughout 2025 by vendors and the county. By increasing the garbage bag tag fee, the number of bag tags sold per year may decrease if residents and program users decide to further sort their garbage and use diversion programs rather than purchase bag tags for additional garbage bags.

As you would in the ever-constant effort to stretch a buck and save money.

The actual bag tag revenue has been around \$100,000 per year, which would increase to about \$150,000 in revenue with an increase to the bag tag fee, according to a staff report to county council for its June 25 meeting.

"Increased garbage bag tag revenues would help offset more costs of the waste services programs," according to the report. "By increasing the price per bag tag, it may also encourage some program users to properly sort their garbage so they don't need an extra bag."

And that would ultimately cut down on the number of extra bags generated. All the non-reusable trash has to go somewhere.

The county's bag tag fee has not been reviewed since it was imposed upon municipalities in 2013.

Coun. Todd Taylor, Orangeville's deputy mayor, said it is time the rates were increased. It's silly, he said, that the county hasn't done anything in that regard since 2013.

"It's absolutely asinine and it's irresponsible," Taylor said of the notion not to increase a tag price.

Coun. Philip Rentsch, Grand Valley's deputy mayor, said inflation affects consumers and service providers.

"You have to take a big jump at some point in time," he said.

Scott Burns, the county's public works director, said the setup is adequately enforced and agreed with Taylor and Rentsch that the fees haven't kept up with the cost of running the system.

"This (tag price increase) is only for additional bags," Burns said.

Coun. Janet Horner, Mulmur's mayor, said the research is clear. More people will advance recycling efforts if garbage disposal costs more.

"The more money it costs you to dispose of your garbage, the more you try to do other things," she said.

"It seems the general consensus around the table is to increase (price)," said Warden Lisa Post, Orangeville's mayor.

Take precautions during hot weather says Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Residents across the region are being reminded to take precautions, as Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued an Orange-level alert indicating a prolonged heat wave that may persist throughout the week.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) issued a statement on Monday, June 29, asking residents to protect themselves from the heat and watch for signs of heat-related illness.

"High summer temperatures can lead to serious health concerns like heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be life-threatening," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDGPH. "It's important to check in regularly with family, friends and neighbours – especially the elderly, those with infants and young children, those with chronic health conditions and those who live alone – to make sure they are staying cool and well-hydrated."

Increased health risks are associated with prolonged heat exposure, especially when overnight temperatures remain high, and people have limited opportunity to cool down.

"Air quality can also increase the risk of extreme heat, as air pollution is often higher on very hot days. Residents should regularly check the Air Quality Health Index and Environment and Climate Change Canada weather alerts to protect themselves and their loved ones," reads WDGPH's statement.

Public health officials are encouraging residents to stay hydrated, seek out air-conditioned spaces, limit strenuous outdoor activity, keep homes as cool as possible and never leave people or pets in parked vehicles. Residents can also use WDGPH's ClimateSafe Map to locate cooling centres, drinking water, public washrooms, pools and splash pads.

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Community celebrates Canada Day at Alder Recreation Centre



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CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS: Residents celebrated Canada Day at Orangeville's Alder Recreation Centre on July 1 with a full afternoon of family-friendly activities, including inflatables, a rock climbing wall, cake, games and the Krusher BMX Stunt Team, whose riders thrilled the crowd with high-flying aerial tricks during three performances. The day also featured free swimming, face painting, soccer activities and other attractions.

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Dufferin Film Festival announces 2026 lineup of Canadian short films

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin Film Festival (DFF) has unveiled its 2026 film lineup, with a three-day program running Aug. 14 to 16 in Orangeville. The lineup features 19 Canadian short films spanning documentary, drama, comedy, horror and animation, and coming-of-age filmmaking, highlighting diverse voices and storytelling approaches. The films delve into themes of identity, friendship, grief, family, belonging, memory, cultural heritage, resilience and personal transformation. The 2026 program spans whimsical animated adventures, powerful documentaries, psychological thrillers and heartfelt dramas, reflecting the depth and diversity of Canadian storytelling. "This year's selections showcase an incredible range of voices, perspectives, and creative approaches. Each film offers audiences a unique window into the stories, experiences, and imaginations that make Canadian cinema so vibrant," said Marcus Feher, jury chair and film programmer. Organizers say the festival remains committed to showcasing exceptional Canadian talent and connecting audiences through meaningful cinematic experiences. "We are thrilled to welcome filmmakers

from across the country, as well as local filmmakers to the selection of films for Dufferin Film Festival 2026," said Kelly McDowell, festival director and founder of DFF. The lineup includes Tinker Teleports, by Rocket Moulinie, in which a young inventor's teleporter sparks a multimedia adventure. Lemming's First Christmas, by Jamesie Fournier, shares Lemming journeys across the Arctic in search of a Christmas tree to help Santa deliver gifts. Other selections include Briana Templeton's Creeping Charlie, about a bed and breakfast stay that takes a dark turn. Amreen Kullar's i see myself in you, follows three young South Asian settlers confronting rising xenophobia in Brampton, Ont. Bronwen Spolsky's Mica follows an imaginative girl who discovers a mythical creature during a strained family getaway, while Euan O'Leary's The Human Under The Bed explores an unexpected bond between a monster and a hidden human. Maude Demers-Rivard's Magie centres on a high school reunion confrontation, while Naomi Katz's The Girl in the Bush by the Woodsman's House follows friends who discover a mysterious girl in need of rescue. Other films include Molly Ruby's The Little

Town That Could, a documentary on Goodwood, Ont., and its connection to Schitt's Creek. Dylan Pun's Shrimp Fried Rice is a mockumentary about a shrimp chef and rival rodent. Andrea Ramolo's Bird Girl follows a young teen navigating grief and belonging after a move. Brielle Robillard's Lighten Up explores memory, obsession and coming of age. Mitchell Greenberg's Conditions of Release follows a construction worker seeking freedom from parole. Enrico Ferri's Gemini, The Apple of My Eye! presents a surreal story of grief and sibling bonds. Kristina Mileska's Blood or Water explores inherited anger and family tension during adolescence, while Frank Tremblay's Serenity follows a funeral home employee supporting a grieving mother. Avery Sandford's Hive Mindset examines fear and fascination through a beekeeper allergic to bees. Karen Ralph's The Entryway centres on a woman alone in a home where something may be wrong, and John Bregar's I'm Not Jacques follows a man consumed by jealousy and revenge.



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LINEUP ANNOUNCED: Festivalgoers will once again gather in Orangeville this summer as the Dufferin Film Festival returns Aug. 14 to 16 with a lineup of 19 Canadian short films. The three-day festival will showcase documentaries, dramas, comedies, horror, animation and coming-of-age films exploring themes such as identity, family, grief, belonging, cultural heritage and resilience. In addition to film screenings, the festival will feature filmmaker Q&As, networking opportunities, workshops and other special events celebrating Canadian cinema.

Details on additional programming, including workshops, networking events, filmmaker Q&As and special events, will be released in the coming weeks.

Six people charged with impaired driving within Dufferin County over 13 days

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged six individuals with impaired driving-related offences from June 10 to June 22. The charges resulted from traffic complaints to police, motor vehicle collisions, and proactive enforcement efforts.

Charges laid for assaulting an officer, impaired driving

Officers were called to a campground on County Road 109 at approximately 11:03 p.m. on June 21 after reports of an intoxicated driver acting erratically within the resort, said the OPP in a recent media release. Police said the individual had left in a vehicle and returned before officers arrived, and that the person became uncooperative and belligerent when officers tried to speak with them.

Jessica Fish, 31, of Cambridge, was charged with operation while impaired (alcohol), failure or refusal to comply with a demand, driving with an open container of liquor, possession of unmarked cigarettes, resisting a peace officer, two counts of as-

sault of a peace officer, and dangerous operation.

Dufferin OPP respond to Grand Valley hit-and-run

Officers responded to a fail-to-remain collision near Scott Street in Grand Valley at approximately 6:50 p.m. on June 10. Officers located a damaged vehicle matching the collision description and, after speaking with the driver, launched an impaired driving investigation.

Kevin Vandeerde, 24, of Grand Valley, was charged with operation while impaired (alcohol), operation while impaired with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 80-plus, failure to stop after an accident, dangerous operation, taking a motor vehicle without consent, and a novice driver BAC violation.

Amaranth collision results in impaired driving charges

Officers responded to a single-vehicle collision at Amaranth-East Luther Townline and 20th Sideroad at approximately 11:36 p.m. on June 22, OPP said. Police said signs of impairment led to an investigation.

Maggie Franz, 23, of Caledon, was charged with operation while impaired (alcohol and 80-plus BAC) and driving with an open container of liquor.

Mono/Orangeville collision yields impaired driving charge

Officers followed up on a collision on Marshall Crescent in Orangeville at approximately 4:25 p.m. on June 21. The drivers had reportedly exchanged information at the scene before police were contacted. Police said officers later located one of the drivers at a residence on Highway 9 in Mono and observed signs of impairment.

Piotr Feret, 43, of Pelham, was charged with operation while impaired (80-plus BAC).

Dispute results in impaired driving charges for Shelburne man

Officers were dispatched to a residence on the evening of June 17 in response to a dispute that had occurred earlier that day. After speaking with the complainant, officers learned that the vehicle involved in the dispute was currently at a licensed dining establishment in the area of Colonel

Phillips Drive in Shelburne.

Officers subsequently attended the area and, just before 8 p.m., located a vehicle of interest and conducted a traffic stop, which led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Rick Pereira, 52, of Shelburne, was charged with operation while impaired (80-plus BAC), driving with an invalid permit, and obstructing a licence plate.

Milton man charged with impaired operation in Amaranth

Officers stopped a speeding vehicle on County Road 11 in Amaranth Township at approximately 7:30 p.m. on June 17, OPP said. Michael Shu, 36, of Milton, was charged with operation while impaired (80-plus BAC and alcohol).

All six people who were charged are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date. Their driver's licences were suspended, and their vehicles impounded, police said.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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Arts & Entertainment

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wonder in the Woods exhibit: A family collaboration at Headwaters Arts

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Marnie Cooke, local painter and dancer, is part of the upcoming Wonder in the Woods exhibit at the Alton Mill's Headwaters Arts Gallery, opening July 5.

Cooke is joining Lawrence Kristan and his daughter, Lucy Kristan, both woodworkers who will feature a wide range of beautiful, unique furniture and household items, along with charming wooden bowls, hummingbird houses, and a variety of ornaments.

A couple of years ago, Lucy started making a range of adorable bird figures, which have become a crowd favourite, and she is bringing them along as well to delight everyone.

Based in Orangeville and Caledon East, they have invited a guest artist, wildlife photographer William Mitchell, coming from St. Catharines, is also part of the family.

Taking time away from his preparations for the show, Mitchell gave an interview to the Citizen this week about his recent surprise success and his approach to his budding career.

"It began with a built-up frustration when we were driving on the way to Mono with my family and I saw a snowy owl perched on a road sign but there wasn't time to catch that vision in a photo," he said. "Even if we had stopped, the owl wouldn't have stayed there."



As the years went by, especially during COVID-19, Mitchell took his bike out to explore the wider area near his home, seeking out moments with such wildlife he could capture on camera.

"I saw things I had never seen before, even in the city of St. Catharines where I live," he reported.

Mitchell bought his first camera and started visiting the local parks, doing a lot of research on the animals he was seeing, on their behaviour and their habitats. He wanted to understand their lives, to search for knowledge about them. To honour the wildlife in his photographs, Mitchell has made a habit of keeping the locations where he finds them secret. The conservationist in him fears that too many people visiting the places he has found will not be good for the animals.

He noted that during his forays to Algonquin Park, he has seen people trying to feed wild animals, and he has warned them not to do so.

"If people feed the animals, they become

less reliant on themselves and too friendly with humans, which can be dangerous," he explained, adding with pain in his voice, "Sometimes the rangers have to actually put an animal down, where it has become too dependent on people, and they can begin to intrude on camps."

Some people understand and thank him for the warning, but others maintain they can do as they want.

"I don't like to be specific about the locations to keep the animals safe," he commented.

Mitchell's introduction to the Alton Mill Arts Centre began, as he put it, when he was a kid, coming there with his grandfather, Lawrence Kristan, who was exhibiting his wooden pieces at the Headwaters Arts Gallery.

Recently graduated from Niagara College, where he completed the photography program, he mentioned that it was mainly about studio work, portraits, and product promotion. However, it was a moment he is unlikely to forget, his first launch into the world as a wildlife photographer: his shot of a silver fox, somehow close up, almost intimate, against a darkened background without details, no trees nor grass, just the fabulous face, the eye – the strength.

It was published in Canadian Geographic without his knowing that his photo had been chosen from thousands of others. Someone told him while he was sitting in class, and the reality hit him when he dashed out to buy a magazine and saw it for himself.

"My heartbeat did go up," he admitted.

The family's connection to the Alton Mill spans three generations. Mitchell sees his photography as his career, with a clear understanding of the hill he has to climb and confidence in his passion to make the effort. He is learning all the way and is still in contact with his professors, who are helping him.

Withal, his ambition is to run workshops to help other photographers, particularly on YouTube; to enter his work in more shows; and to do workshops in Africa.

Money has its role – for equipment, time and transportation. Currently, he works in retail and guides walking tours around Niagara Falls.

Of the exhibition at Headwaters, Mitchell said, "I want people to feel as though they are there, to see each one as realistic as possible."



SARA JONES PHOTO

NATURE IN FOCUS: William Mitchell is a wildlife photographer who recently graduated from Niagara College and is looking forward to protecting the animals he photographs. Pictured here recently in the creek stream around Hamilton.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. __ chat

5. Statue near the Pyramids

11. A process to change the look

14. Herb

15. Think about excessively

18. Bass vocal part

19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO

21. A major division of geological time

23. New Zealand parrot

24. Cognitive contents

28. Lump of yarn

29. Atomic #109

30. Let go of

32. Indian title of respect

33. Whereabouts unknown

35. Electronic data

processing

36. Drivers' licenses count

39. Snake-like fishes

41. They precede C

42. Popular personal computers

44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession

46. Wings

47. Indicates position or soft

49. Pleasantly smooth

52. Jeweled headdress

56. In slow tempo

58. __ Falls

60. Reassertions

62. Eras

63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Corporate executive

2. A plant used for

3. Opinion or belief

4. Sheep in their second year

5. Intensities of sound

6. Indicates support for

7. Expression of laughter

8. OJ trial judge

9. Pointed ends of pens

10. True bugs genus

12. Lawyers argue theirs

13. Body parts

16. Closes tightly

17. World Heritage site in Nigeria

20. Islamic calendar month

22. Commercial

25. "Westworld" actor Harris

26. They __

27. Religious guilds

29. Woman (French)

31. Parts per billion (abbr.)

34. Brew

36. Spiritual leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Older citizen

43. Scad fish genus

45. Morning

48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)

50. Double S-shaped curve

51. Small, thin person

53. Older

54. Mars crater

55. Humanities

57. Word element meaning ear

58. To the __ degree

59. Residue

61. It cools your home

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

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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14	29	24	

English: Hot
Spanish: Caliente
Italian: Caldo
French: Chaud
German: Heiß

Animal FACT

These animals perspire (give out sweat) through their paws to cool down when it is hot.

Answer: Dogs

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Grand Valley honours Sandra Crane as 2026 Senior of the Year

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Grand Valley has named Sandra Crane its 2026 Senior of the Year, recognizing nearly four decades of service to the community and her lasting impact on generations of local families.

Crane was honoured by Grand Valley council for her remarkable 37 years as a school crossing guard, a role that has made her a familiar and reassuring presence for students, parents and motorists alike. Throughout her years of service, she has helped thousands of children safely cross the street while becoming a well-known and trusted figure in the community.

In a statement, the Town of Grand Valley said Crane's commitment has extended far beyond ensuring children get to and from school safely.

"Grand Valley Council was proud to recognize Sandra Crane for her remarkable 37 years of dedicated service as a school crossing guard in our community," the statement said. "For generations of students and families, Sandra has been a familiar and welcoming presence at the crosswalk, greeting children with a smile, ensuring their safety, and providing peace of mind to parents every school day."

The Ontario Senior of the Year Award is present-

ed annually by municipalities across the province to recognize residents aged 65 and older who have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of their community through volunteerism and service.

Each municipality selects one recipient to honour outstanding local contributions.

The town said Crane's kindness, reliability and genuine care have touched the lives of countless residents over the years, making her a deserving recipient of this year's honour.

Officials added that Crane's dedication reflects the spirit of volunteerism and community service that the Senior of the Year award is intended to celebrate.

Beyond her daily duties as a crossing guard, the town said Crane has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to Grand Valley through her community spirit and years of public service, leaving a lasting legacy and serving as an inspiring example of the difference one dedicated resident can make.

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COMMUNITY CHAMPION: After decades of community work around Grand Valley, Sandra Crane (right) was selected as Senior of the Year by the Town of Grand Valley, and received her award from Mayor Steve Solomon (left). Crane is well known in the community as a long-time school crossing guard.



Grand Valley Lions Club host annual Memorial Butterfly Release for hospice care

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Over the weekend on June 27, the Grand Valley Lions Club hosted a memorial butterfly release, offering local residents a symbolic way to remember loved ones while supporting a local infrastructure project.

Held at the Grand Valley Lions Club, the event saw 50 painted lady (Vanessa cardui) butterflies sold to participants, who then took them to meaningful locations for a personal release. Each of the 50 butterflies sold during the fundraiser cost \$25.

Lions Club President Randy McClelland said that the funds raised through the program will be spent on a new healthcare facility near Fergus, serving the Grand Valley community.

"We're supporting a new project that we're taking on with a number of other Lions Clubs, most of them are in Wellington County," he said. "We're raising funds for a new hospice, and it is going to be located up near the new hospital in Fergus."

The butterfly release has been organized on and off for about six years, emerging

around the time of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

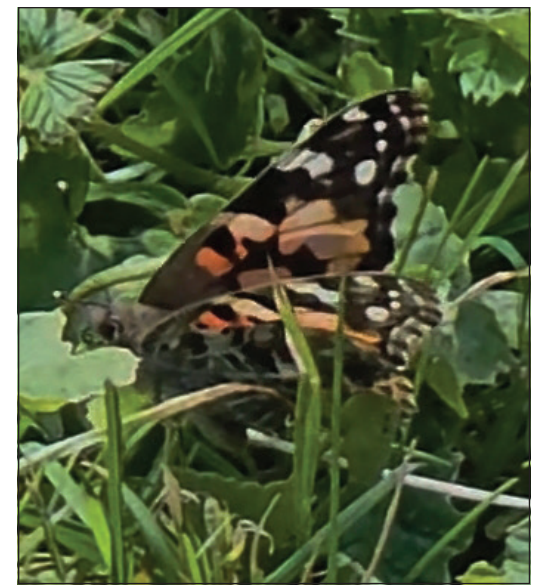
Inspired by similar memorial initiatives seen elsewhere, the project was adopted in Grand Valley as a gentle and visually striking way for people to honour family members and friends who have died.

Attendance has remained steady, with about 50 butterflies sold each year the event has run.

This year's release continued that tradition, giving participants a quiet, reflective experience as they marked personal losses in their own spaces. Organizers note that the event serves both as a memorial and a fundraiser, with the flexibility to support different causes over time. The hospice will be just one initiative the butterflies will help support.

Those who purchased the butterflies didn't have to release them immediately, and could choose to take them to a special spot, or back home.

"Once you pick them up, you can do whatever you want with them," McClelland said. "I took them home, I had three of them, I lost three loved ones this year, and we sat in our backyard and released



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them."

Within the Lions Club, the project is led as a club-wide effort, with particular coordination by Lions members Lori Benham-Culp and Kathy Nussey, who have been identified by McClelland as key organizers behind the memorial butterfly initiative.

The club hopes to build on this year's participation and see even more community involvement in future releases.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE: To help support a new hospice near Fergus, the Grand Valley Lions Club hosted their annual Memorial Butterfly event, offering participants the chance to purchase butterflies to release as memorials for loved ones who have passed. During the fundraiser, 50 Butterflies were sold for \$25 each, generating \$1,250 in revenue.

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'It Has to Come From Your Heart': Judy Bennett named 2026 Senior

Written By RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you've ever attended a Toonie Sale, an eco station at Caledon Day, or even just walking around Town, you may spot the very familiar face of local resident and volunteer Judy Bennett.

A volunteer at numerous organizations in Caledon, Bennett is Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year.

After first moving to Bolton in 1972, it wasn't until 2003 that Bennett came back and began establishing her well-known giving spirit around Town.

"I knew a lot of people from way back when, when I first moved to Bolton, so I was no stranger to it," says Bennett on her return.

On the search for a new job, all of Bennett's children and grandchildren were residing in or around Bolton, making it the perfect place to call home yet again.

"I managed cosmetics at Walmart, where better to meet old friends at Walmart? That's when I first joined the Kin Club," says Bennett.

One of Bennett's friends at the time encouraged her to join the Kin Club in 2015, and after volunteering for about a year, she decided to join.

"After that, I just kept meeting people," she says.

Thus began Bennett's decade-plus of helping out the Caledon community, not just through her various organizations, but also with people throughout the community.

"There were a lot of people in the building," says Bennett, looking around at her residential complex, "whose families lived a distance away and couldn't always be here. They would ask me to look in on their person, and I did, and they [became] friends as well."

From there, Bennett joined the Bolton Community Crew, then motionball Caledon, and later her other endeavours, such as Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Seniors Centre, and ecoCaledon.

But you'll often spot her helping out at events she's not even a volunteer at, as she says, friends know they can always come to her for help.

"I feel volunteering keeps both my mind and my body alert. If I sat in my apartment all day, I know that eventually it starts to break



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JUDY'S JOURNEY OF GIVING: Judy Bennett is all smiles after being named Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year. Bennett, who volunteers with the Kin Club of Bolton, Caledon Meals on Wheels, ecoCaledon and several other local organizations, was honoured with a special reception at Caledon Town Hall on June 23.

down," says Bennett. "I feel that volunteering has helped me as much as I've helped other people."

Her multiple avenues and organizations are fun for her, she says, as they also introduce her to a wide range of people.

She notes she loves her time spent at the Caledon Seniors Centre desk, because "who's more fun than people?"

Bennett also runs Bingo at the Vera M. Davis Community Care Centre, and jokes she'll spot the winners the same week spending their money at the Toonie Sale, where she volunteers just a few short days later.

"Old people are fun. We really are," says Bennett. "We're all different, but I really get a lot of enjoyment out of my neighbours."

"No matter where you go, people need help."

Bennett says she's always happy to help out anyone in need.

"I don't do it to be recognized. I do it because it's good for me. It's good for them. Everybody wins," she says. "And I have a lot of support from my friends as well."

Bennett says she knows many of the organizations in Town can't do their work without volunteers.

"I just feel like it's part of my life. It's what I want to do, and it makes me happy. And if I can make other people happy, we're all good."

When she received the letter that she was Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year, she thought, "Really?"

Bennett was recognized with a special reception at Caledon Town Hall on June 23.

"It was lovely, and I was so happy," she says.

When it comes to volunteering, she says it's not only fulfilling but also fun.

She encourages everyone to try it, at least once.

"Because once you give it a try, you enjoy it," says Bennett.

Looking around her apartment at her awards and numerous bouquets of flowers from friends and family, she says, "I want to keep doing what I'm doing for as long as I can."

"Just because I got an award doesn't mean I'm going to slow down."

"I give back as much as I give, and I just think that it has to come from your heart," she continues. "You have to enjoy it. You have to take the good with the bad. Sometimes everything isn't perfect when you volunteer. You have to know your limit, and I'm almost 78, and I just want to keep doing what I'm doing for as long as I can do it."

Bennett credits meeting many of her friends during her time working at Walmart, and it's clear that the impact was felt the same way around.

"I can remember seeing Judy every time I went to Walmart pharmacy as I had to walk past the cosmetic section where she worked to get to the pharmacy. She always had a smile on her face, but I never really got to meet her personally," says Joe Luschnik, President of the Kin Club of Bolton.

Luschnik says that when Bennett attended her first Kin Club meeting, he was impressed by her "smile and eagerness" to help with their projects, especially their Toonie Sales.

"After a few meetings, I began asking myself how can a person like Judy always be so bubbly and always wanting to help in any way she can?" says Luschnik.

"It didn't take me long to realize that being nice had to be in her DNA and that she truly was a warm and caring person," adds Luschnik. "It also didn't take long for the rest of the Kin members to realize what wonderful person she was, and that was confirmed when she was presented with an award naming her Kin of the Year."

Luschnik says Bennett has been an essential part of their club executive for the past number of years, and she is also one of the first to volunteer for all club projects.

"One of her favourite projects is our Toonie Sale where she oversees all of the jewellery sales," says Luschnik. "At those sales, she often brings cookies, cakes or snacks for the volunteers that she baked the night before."

"Being recognized as the 2026 Senior of the Year recognizes that she is one who truly cares for, and does everything she can to make our community and its citizens a better place," he says.

"Thank you, Judy for being who and what you are, a wonderful human being."

DCAFS to host virtual workshop for autistic children to prepare for summer camp

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is helping autistic children get ready for a successful summer camp experience through a free virtual workshop designed to build confidence and reduce anxiety before camp begins.

The online session, titled "Ready, Set, Go To Camp!" will take place on Tuesday, July 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop is intended for families of autistic children and will provide practical strategies to help participants pre-

pare for the transition into summer camp.

For many children, attending camp is an exciting opportunity to make new friends, develop independence and participate in activities they may not experience during the school year. However, for autistic children, the unfamiliar routines, new environments and social situations that come with camp can also present unique challenges.

The workshop aims to help ease those concerns by giving children and their caregivers tools to prepare ahead of time. Participants will learn practical skills for navigating daily camp routines, meeting new people, commu-

nicating with staff and peers, and participating in group activities. By introducing these concepts before camp begins, DCAFS hopes to reduce anxiety while increasing confidence and readiness for the experience.


The program is offered through DCAFS's Behaviour Solutions program and is available free of charge to eligible families. Parents and caregivers interested in participating are required to complete an online registration form that includes information about their child and autism diagnosis.

According to DCAFS, preparing children in advance can help create a smoother transition

into camp, allowing them to focus on enjoying the experience rather than facing uncertainty. The organization also hopes the session will provide parents and caregivers with practical strategies they can use to support their children before and throughout the summer camp season.

Registration for the July 8 workshop is now open through the Dufferin Child and Family Services website. Families are encouraged to register in advance to secure a spot in the free virtual session.

For more information, go to <https://dcafs.on.ca/event/ready-set-go-to-camp-6/>.



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The Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa

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Zulfqar Bhatti, Deputy Treasurer, Supervisor of Financial Services, The Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa, 065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa ON L9W 7J8, Telephone: 226-259-9400 Ex 207, Email: zbhatti@eastgarafraxa.ca



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RILEY MURPHY PHOTOS

TRUCK PULL TRADITION: Hundreds of spectators filled the stands at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds on Friday for the 48th Annual Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull, which featured truck and tractor pulling, live entertainment, family activities, food vendors and community fundraising.

Trucks, Tractors, and Tradition: The 48th Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull

Written By RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The 48th Annual Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull brought 16 different classes of trucks and tractors pulling, live music, fun activities for the family, food and beverages, and packed the stands of the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds on Friday night.

The annual tradition brought out community members, families, local businesses and organizations, and even those from outside of Caledon to enjoy the night of fun.

This year's event not only featured a night of truck and tractor pulling, but also a live band featuring Hillbilly Martini and Kidsland, complete with free face painting, balloon animals, Grain Farmers of Ontario discovery zone and an inflatable castle.

Visitors of all kinds could be seen enjoying the shows from the Bavarian gardens, featuring local vendors such as Caledon Hills Brewing, or from the various food trucks parked onsite.

Dozens more could be seen approaching

from the street as the engines revved, calling the community to come enjoy the event.

The annual event is run by the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society, and 1st Vice President Heather French said seeing everyone in attendance that evening was "amazing."

"Our whole family, and the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society, love putting this event on," said French. "We could not do this without our sponsors as well, they're the backbone."

French said they had pullers that evening who told her they love the event, and come back every year, some of whom have been doing so for more than 44 years now.

"That just warms your heart as a volunteer, what we're doing; it really has an impact," said French.

Approaching their 50th year, she said it's been incredible to see the growth.

"Tom's mom and dad started this. They came to the fair board, and they had an idea," said French. "They said, 'would you be able to run a pull in Bolton?'"

"And here we are, 48 years later, going strong."

For French, she said it's the importance of the tradition within the community.

"The Tractor Pull and the Fair, this is where Summer starts," said French.

With school ending for many that day, students could be seen attending with both their families and friends.

"They're all here, running around, having a great time, we get to see all our neighbours," said French. "This is where tradition starts and this is what we do as an Ag society, we promote agriculture in the community, and [create] family traditions."

The Truck and Tractor Pull has become a family tradition for many, including Erin Sinclair.

The Palgrave resident has attended every year of the Truck and Tractor Pull, and now takes her own daughter, continuing the tradition.

For some, this past Friday marked the start of a brand-new tradition.

Truck lover Daniel Di Iulio attended the

Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull for the first time that evening, with friends and family in tow.

As a truck lover for many years, he said he had always wanted to attend a truck and tractor pull, and when he began researching, the Bolton event popped up, and he decided it was "finally time."

Living in Nobleton, friends and family came down to take it in together.

"I said, 'we're doing this'," laughs Di Iulio.

The family themselves were currently taking in Kidsland, with free face painting and giveaways galore.

That's not where the giving ended for the night, as the event will donate a portion of the fundraising proceeds to Caledon Community Services – s well as sponsor giveaways, crowd tosses, kids' prizes, and surprise swag all night long.

With the truck-and-tractor pull continuing into the night, drawing hundreds in attendance, and live music set to take the stage, it's clear this tradition will be sticking around for many years to come.

Ontario SPCA urges pet owners to take precautions during heat warnings

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

With a heat warning issued for parts of the province, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society recently issued a statement reminding pet parents to take precautions to help keep their animals safe.

Extreme heat can pose serious health risks, including heat exhaustion and heatstroke, and animals rely on us to help protect them from dangerous temperatures.

"One of the most dangerous places for an animal during hot weather is inside a parked vehicle," reads the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's statement.

"Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly climb, putting animals at risk of heatstroke within minutes. Even on mild days, in the shade, or with the windows down, a parked vehicle can quickly become deadly for an animal. The safest option is to leave pets at home where they can stay cool and comfortable."

As part of its No Hot Pets campaign, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is asking parents of pets and animal enthusiasts to take its "No Hot Pets" pledge. The pledge promises to never to leave an animal unattended in a parked vehicle.

"Hot weather can also be hazardous for animals outdoors. Make sure pets have access to fresh water, shade and a cool place to rest. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest parts of the day and be mindful that pavement and sand can become hot enough

to burn paws. Consider walking dogs early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Animals left outdoors without access to shade and fresh water are also at risk during periods of extreme heat," reads the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's statement.

Dr. Joey Tang, medical director of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, said pet owners should take simple steps to protect animals during extreme heat.

"Hot weather can become dangerous for animals very quickly. By taking a few simple precautions, pet parents can help keep their animals safe, comfortable and cool during periods of extreme heat," he noted.

Watch pets closely for signs of heat-related illness, including excessive panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting and difficulty breathing.

Puppies, senior animals, brachycephalic breeds and those with underlying health conditions are especially vulnerable to extreme heat.

If heatstroke is suspected, move the animal to a cool area and seek immediate veterinary care.

If you're worried about the safety of an animal, call the Government of Ontario's Provincial Animal Welfare Services team at 1-833-9ANIMAL (1-833-926-4625) or contact your local police. In an emergency, call 911.

For more information about keeping animals safe during hot weather, or to take the No Hot Pets pledge, visit nohotpets.ca



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BEAT BACK BLISTERING HEAT: The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is reminding pet parents to take precautions during extreme heat, including never leaving animals unattended in parked vehicles, providing access to shade and fresh water, and avoiding walks during the hottest parts of the day.

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Pickleball courts under construction at Amaranth office

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Amaranth Township has announced that its new pickleball court project is underway.

With the growing popularity of the sport, the idea of pickleball courts in Amaranth originated through the work of the 2023 IMP committee.

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Played with a perforated plastic ball and paddles on a court with a net, the game can be played indoors and outdoors and is suitable for players of all ages and skill levels.

Once the idea of establishing pickleball courts in town was conceived, a site survey was conducted to determine the feasibility and a suitable location for a four-court setup on the Amaranth Township office property.

It was determined that the area south of the existing pavilion would be a suitable location that would cause minimal disruption to current grading and drainage. At the same time, other site elements could remain intact.

Site amenities at this location include the covered pavilion, outdoor washrooms, parking, and nearby power for lighting.

The property's rural setting would mitigate any potential noise complaints.

IPM Legacy Fund donated money for a double court.

The cost for a quad-court (four courts on site) would be \$257,000.

It has been noted that pickleball courts in other municipalities are very busy, and maintenance costs are minimal.

This project will create a vibrant space where residents and visitors of all ages can stay active, connect with friends, and enjoy one of Canada's fastest-growing sports.

The Town is inviting local businesses, organizations, and community members to help bring the project to life through sponsorships and donations.

Sponsorship opportunities include court naming rights, corporate and community recognition signage, and customized sponsorship opportunities.

Once complete, the courts will promote healthy and active lifestyles and create a welcoming gathering place for all ages.

It will enhance recreation opportunities in the community and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.



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SLIDING TO SAFETY: Men's Competitive Slo-pitch is well underway on the diamonds at Rotary Park in Orangeville with weekly games. The Brew Jays take on the Grim Reapers during a game on Thursday, June 25. A Grim Reaper slides safely into third base late in the game.

Junior B Northmen enter second round of playoffs, lose Game 1

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior B Northmen are now in the second round of the Ontario Junior B Lacrosse League (OJBLL) playoffs and are up against the Guelph Regals in this series.

The Northmen are fresh off a series win over the Hamilton Bengals in the first round of competition.

Orangeville won that best-of-five series in four games.

Game 1 of the Orangeville/Guelph series got underway at Tony Rose Arena on Tuesday, June 30.

They had to play their home game at Tony Rose rather than their usual venue, the Alder Street Arena, because the Town of Orangeville was preparing the site for Canada Day.

Ty Thompson started for the Northmen in the goal.

Holton Marshall got the opening goal of the game for the Northmen at 6:13 into the first period.

At the end of the first period, the game was tied 3-3.

The Northmen's goals came from Tyler Gronroos and Tyler Tipping.

The Regals scored two early goals to take a lead.

The Northmen responded with two goals to again tie the game.

Levi Spindler and Kieran Witte got the goals for the Orangeville squad.

The Rebels scored a late goal to again



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

NARROW LOSS: The Orangeville Junior B Northmen take on the Guelph Regals in Game 1 of their best-of-five Ontario Junior B Lacrosse League (OJBLL) playoff series at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville on Tuesday, June 30. The Northmen gave up an 8-6 loss in this game.

move into the lead and make it a 6-5 game with one period remaining.

It was a real battle in the final period, with both teams putting in a huge effort to take the lead and control the game.

Guelph scored midway in the period.

Orangeville's Kieran Witte got his second of the night to make it a 7-6 game with 5:14 remaining on the clock in the third period.

The Northmen couldn't score to tie it up.

Guelph got the final goal of the night with 51 seconds on the clock to win the game 8-6.

The series will resume with game two in Guelph on Friday, July 3, at the Victoria Road Recreation Centre.

Game 3 of the series is scheduled for Sunday, July 5, in Orangeville.

The home series games will move back to the Alder Street Arena.

Game time is 7 p.m.

Soccer heroes emerge as Team Canada advances to the next round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Written By CHRIS BROOM

Canadian soccer fans in Orangeville will remember where they were on Sunday afternoon for a very long time. Whether they attended a watch party in Brampton or elsewhere in Ontario, sat on a patio at a local pub or nervously huddled in front of their television in the backyard with family and friends, it was a seminal moment for the sport of soccer in this country.

The latest boost to our collective morale came as Stephen Eustaquio scored late into stoppage time to push Canada to a slim 1-0 victory over the Republic of South Africa and into the round of 16, new territory for Canadians on the men's side of the sport.

Eustaquio started his soccer journey as millions of Canadians do, playing for his local minor soccer club in Leamington, Ont., a town with a population comparable to Orangeville.

His family moved to Portugal when he turned 7 years old, so his story doesn't necessarily mirror a typical pathway in the game for young Canadians. However, the

men's national team have six players on the current roster who hail from just down the highway, having grown up playing in the City of Brampton. Many of their tales of development began with them playing in grassroots soccer environments similar to those offered in Orangeville today.

Soccer programs run by clubs like Storm FC rely heavily on parent volunteers and former alumni players who return to the area, looking to give back to the sport by coaching.

Every year, over 1,000 young players sign up to play soccer in Orangeville, making it the area's largest participation sport. Players such as Cyle Larin, Tajon Buchanan, Ashley Lawrence and Kadeisha Buchanan would never have made it out of Brampton and onto the national programs of Canada Soccer if it weren't for the countless volunteer coaches who supported them and inspired a love of the sport.

Canada's men's national coach Jesse Marsch called the players a group of 'Canadian heroes' after the historic win on Sunday.

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OPINION

Customer service

If you have ever received bad customer service in a store, business, or any organization, you will probably remember it.

Customer service has a huge impact on everyone and affects a person's decision to return to a place of business, find somewhere else to shop, or even how they treat employees when they return to a service-type establishment.

A few years ago, I was at an event in a rural area of Dufferin County.

At the end of the event, as everyone was returning to their cars, one woman was walking around and greeting people. I had no idea who she was.

She came up to me with a big smile on her face and introduced herself as the NDP candidate in the upcoming federal election for that riding.

I was pleasant, said it was nice to meet her, shook her hand, then explained that I actually lived in another riding.

Her smile disappeared, she gave me a look of disgust, dismissed me with a wave of her hand, and said, "Then go vote there," before turning her back on me and walking away.

It doesn't take a political assistant or advisor to know the proper thing to say, which would have been something like "Well, I hope you consider voting NDP where you live."

Instead, this nasty woman just left a bad

impression of both herself and her political party.

No, she didn't win the election.

When I was first looking for a house to buy where I now live, I saw a 'for sale' sign in front of a property that looked pretty nice. I wrote down the name of the real estate company and the name of the realtor on the sign.

The next day, I called him to inquire about the home.

When I mentioned the property address, the realtor said, in a mocking tone, "Are you kidding? I sold that place the day after it went on the market."

He then went on to imply that, apparently, I wasn't too knowledgeable about the local market, again in a mocking tone.

When I hung up the phone, the only thing I thought was, "This guy must be the stupidest real estate guy in the world."

It was obvious I was looking for property.

If he had any brains at all, he should have explained that this property was sold; however, he had other listings he could show me and should have asked what I was looking for.

Instead, he lost a potential customer, a potential sale, and the chance that I would refer him to anyone else I knew who was looking to buy a home.

There used to be a small, old-school

gas station where I live that was run-down. It went through several owners over the years.

It was the type of station where they pumped the gas for you.

It was bought by a new guy with a surly attitude. I don't understand why such an angry, rude guy would place himself in a customer service environment.

Once, when buying gas, I told him what I wanted, and he tried reaching through the car window to snatch the bills out of my hand while I was still taking them from my wallet, before he even pumped the gas.

I instinctively pulled back, reacting with a degree of alarm.

His response was a surly, "Next time you come here, you pay before you get the gas."

I believe my response was an expletive directed right at him, and me telling him there won't be a next time because the ESSO down the street provided better service.

Sure enough, within a couple of months, he was out of business, and the gas station was sold, again.

So many people had a bad experience just buying gas there; no one in town would patronize that station.

On the flip side, there is a local furniture and appliance store in town that also has

another store selling mattresses.

I needed a new mattress and went in to speak to the salesperson. She was friendly, knowledgeable, and did not try to put any pressure on me to buy a more expensive mattress.

When they delivered my new mattress, a woman with a clipboard was riding along with the delivery crew. I guess she was just monitoring deliveries.

As I was speaking to her in the driveway, the delivery team removed the old mattress and had the new one in place in only a few minutes. It was fast, friendly, and very convenient.

I was also in the market for new appliances, so I decided to try their appliance store.

I spoke to the salesperson. He asked me what exactly I was looking for.

He showed me a few models in the price range and size I needed. Again, no pressure, no double talk, just an honest approach to selling me what I needed.

Guess where I am buying several thousand dollars' worth of new appliances?

Customers are what keep a business running.

It only makes sense to treat your customers with dignity and honesty and provide a pleasant experience.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Venezuela: Things could change

Bad things happen, and some of them are nobody's fault. Big earthquakes in Venezuela are about a century apart (1812, 1902, 2026), so you can't blame the planners and the politicians for not being well prepared for this one. How high a priority should they have given to an event that will kill a few thousand people once a century in a country of 28 million people?

Besides, the only thing you can do to 'prepare' for earthquakes is to reinforce your buildings and infrastructure, and Venezuela couldn't afford to do that. Half the population lives below the poverty level. True, they are poor mainly because the regime is corrupt and incompetent, but even a better regime would spend its money on anti-poverty measures, not earthquakes.

So no shame there – but there's plenty of blame to share for the regime's failure to respond quickly and effectively to the aftermath of the twin earthquakes only one minute apart. The chief threat in earthquakes is always collapsing buildings, and anybody who is still trapped under the wreckage after three days is almost certainly dead.

In Venezuela, that is probably several thousand people by now, and their

bereaved relatives and friends will be keenly aware that in many devastated areas the state emergency services were conspicuously absent. Ambulances usually showed up, but there were no army teams with heavy machinery to dig out the trapped survivors. The regime has shown it is useless.

The country's new US masters have not covered themselves with glory either. "It'll be big, it'll be fast, and it'll be effective," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said of the forthcoming American aid, and Washington committed \$150 million to the task of recovery and rebuilding, but most of the foreign crews arriving in Caracas were not American.

The US Agency for International Development (USAID), once the largest funding agency for humanitarian and development assistance worldwide, would have had its staff in Venezuela within hours of the earthquakes, assessing needs and setting the wheels in motion. But Trump dismantled USAID a year ago, and nothing has taken its place.

If Venezuela is now really a US protectorate, as President Donald Trump claims, then he is doing a very poor job of protecting it. The US government may have offered \$150 million in aid for Ven-

ezuela in this emergency, but it has also sold at least \$8 billion of Venezuelan oil since it took control of the country's oil industry.

The only official statement about where that money ends up is Trump's claim that it will be "used to benefit the people of Venezuela and the United States" – but not necessarily in that order. It is certainly all passing through American hands – first to a bank in Qatar, then to who knows where? – and it would be surprising if a lot of it did not stick to those hands.

Venezuelans have grown cynical about their own sub-Marxist 'Chavista' regime over the years, and they have always been skeptical about the intentions of the United States, but so far they have tacitly accepted the weird collaboration between Trump and Acting President Delcy Rodríguez. After all, it could be worse.

For the nationalists, at least there are no American troops on the ground. For the quarter of the population who still support the regime, whether for ideological or selfish reasons, it is still in charge, even if obliged to respect Trump's wishes and whims. And for everybody else, there is peace and the distant hope of a return

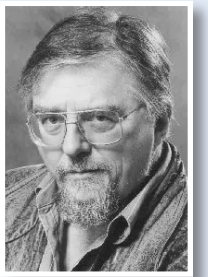
to the country's former democracy and prosperity.

But not under the current management. This is a forced and unhappy alliance between two hostile organizations, neither of which cares about the welfare of ordinary Venezuelans, and each has shown that it cannot be trusted to act in their interests.

It is six months since the 'abduction' of President Nicolas Maduro by American troops (polite journalists do not use the word 'kidnapping'), and the deal between Trump and Rodríguez has faced very little challenge from the population. Perhaps they still thought Trump might be a liberator. Perhaps they still feared the regime too much. But this disaster may change all that.

A popular movement against the regime that has so badly failed to cope with the aftermath of the earthquakes is a real possibility now, although by no means guaranteed. If that happens, the regime will have no option but to respond with force – and it is very hard to see Trump sending in US troops to save the Chavistas. There could yet be a free Venezuela.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The blue ribbon mutt

A little while ago, I was channel surfing and happened upon the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the quintessential yearly competition for purebred dogs in North America.

I don't follow the Westminster show religiously every year, but being a dog lover, if I happen to come across it while channel hopping, I usually stop and watch for a while. I find the various breeds interesting, especially the ones I've never seen or heard of before.

But all that night, while I was watching the Westminster Dog Show, I was quietly comparing all those dogs on TV to our own family dog, who has been gone now for many years.

And in my heart of hearts, our dog won out every time.

As the show continued, every time a new breed of contestant appeared on television, I couldn't help thinking: "Hmph! Our dog was way better than that!"

Of course, I might have been a little biased in my opinion.

All the dogs that compete at Westmin-

ster are American Kennel Club show champions of record from around the continent and must meet strict requirements just to qualify. The canine contestants allowed to compete at Westminster are the "best of the best," so to speak.

Using a standardized American Kennel Club points system, it takes a total of fifteen points—including individual show wins of three, four, or five points each—to qualify for the Westminster Dog Show. Those regional wins must be awarded by at least three different judges at a minimum of two major competitions for a dog to become an American Kennel Club champion. The requirements to qualify for Westminster are very strict.

So, in the interest of fair play, I decided to mentally compare our dog to the American Kennel Club's point requirements for qualifying for the Westminster Dog Show.

One of the criteria judges use is balance, proper weight, and size. Hmm. Our dog was very well fed and, over time, got a little bit pudgy. So, we wouldn't get any points there. (But we sure gained a lot of

points from our dog every time we snuck her a treat!)

Proper breeding is critical. Was our dog a purebred? No. She was a Lab-Shepherd cross, with maybe a little bit of beagle mixed in if you looked closely at the head. But she was certainly a purebred, lovable mutt! So regrettably, no points there at all.

Grooming is important. Was our dog impeccably groomed? No, not always—especially after she was splashing around in the mud. But we always towelled her down afterward and kept her brushed and clean. Point wise, this would probably be a wash as well.

Intelligence is important. Was our dog the smartest? We sure thought so. She was pretty bright! Major points for that.

A good temperament is important. Was our dog the happiest? Absolutely! She loved being around her people and always had a happy little doggie smile on her face. So major points for that.

I watched the judge on TV put his hand on a dog's snout to check its teeth. Hmm.

If a stranger did that to our dog, they'd probably get their hand bitten off. So, after the judge got his hand back, we'd probably lose major points for that.

But with little kids and loved ones, our dog was playful, loving, and gentle as a lamb. So major points for that!

You know what? To heck with the Westminster Dog Show.

One time on an episode of The Waltons, Grandpa Walton, ably played by actor Will Geer, said, "The best dogs are often mixed breeds." And he was absolutely right. A mixed breed dog often inherits the best qualities of both of its parents.

And as far as we were concerned, we had the best dog in the whole wide world! In our heart of hearts, our sweet, happy, lovable mixed breed mutt was the greatest blue ribbon winner of all time.

And I'll bet all you other dog owners out there have the best dog in the whole wide world as well!

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Help fill the summer gap by supporting our community's kids

And just like that, summer is upon us. It is a glorious season filled with light, warm breezes and seasonal foods that bring delight – fresh strawberries, crisp peas.

At least that should be the experience of summer. If you pop into the food bank, one of the first things you'll see is a wall covered with handprints. Each one of them represents a kiddo in our community. Last month, they made up 34 per cent of the people we supported, 5 per cent higher than the provincial average.

We all understand the importance of nutritious food. Most parents have sat through a presentation on Canada's Food Guide at some point in their academic career. Eat more fruits and vegetables, eat whole grains and limit red meat. The challenge is that many are struggling to afford groceries, let alone what would fall into the healthy category.

Hunger hurts people and families, and nowhere is that more evident than with kids. School nutrition programs are closed until September, meaning the additional supports the kids had throughout the school year aren't available. We know that nutritious food provides the essential building blocks that kids need for physical

growth, sustained energy levels and emotional regulation.

Bridging the gap with Kidzone and After the Bell programs

Because kids thrive when they have full tummies, we provide the Kidzone program. Each kiddo has access to two oranges, two apples, two yogurts, two cheese strings, two milks, and either a bag of mini carrots or a cucumber per family. These Kidzone bags help provide fresh, nutritious foods to supplement lunches and snacks. During the summer, we increase Kidzone to two bags a month.

In collaboration with Food Banks Canada, we can offer additional support with the After the Bell program. This program

provides a pre-packed bag with high-protein snacks, shelf-stable milk, and funds to add fresh items. After the Bell bags are distributed with Kidzone throughout July and August to ensure kids have the fuel to thrive.

The reality of food insecurity within our community is that each month, new faces, more working families and seniors are needing food support. With an alarming 100 per cent increase in new clients over this time last year, we see the impact that food prices and the affordability crisis are

having on our community. Financial donations are critical to purchasing fresh, nutritious food and bridging the gap for children in the community during the summer months.

Your financial donation makes the vital difference

Financial donations give us the ultimate agility to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy in bulk quantities, stretching every single dollar you give.

- Donate \$20: Sponsors one full month of expanded summer Kidzone fresh food bags for a local child.

- Donate \$40: Feeds two children for the month, ensuring they have fresh produce and dairy.

Please consider supporting us to bridge the summer hunger gap because together we can help children thrive and work towards a well-nourished community.

This week's Community Voice submission was written by Heather Hayes, executive director of the Orangeville Food Bank.



Registration opens for TD Summer Reading Club

The Orangeville Public Library invites families to set sail for a summer of reading, fun and prizes with the TD Summer Reading Club.

Children up to age 12 and their families are encouraged to register for the free club, meet the library's summer students and enjoy a season full of stories and adventure as they explore all the fun activities available at the library this summer. Once registered, participants can pick up a reading notebook to collect stickers, track their reading, and receive a code for the TD Summer Reading Club website.

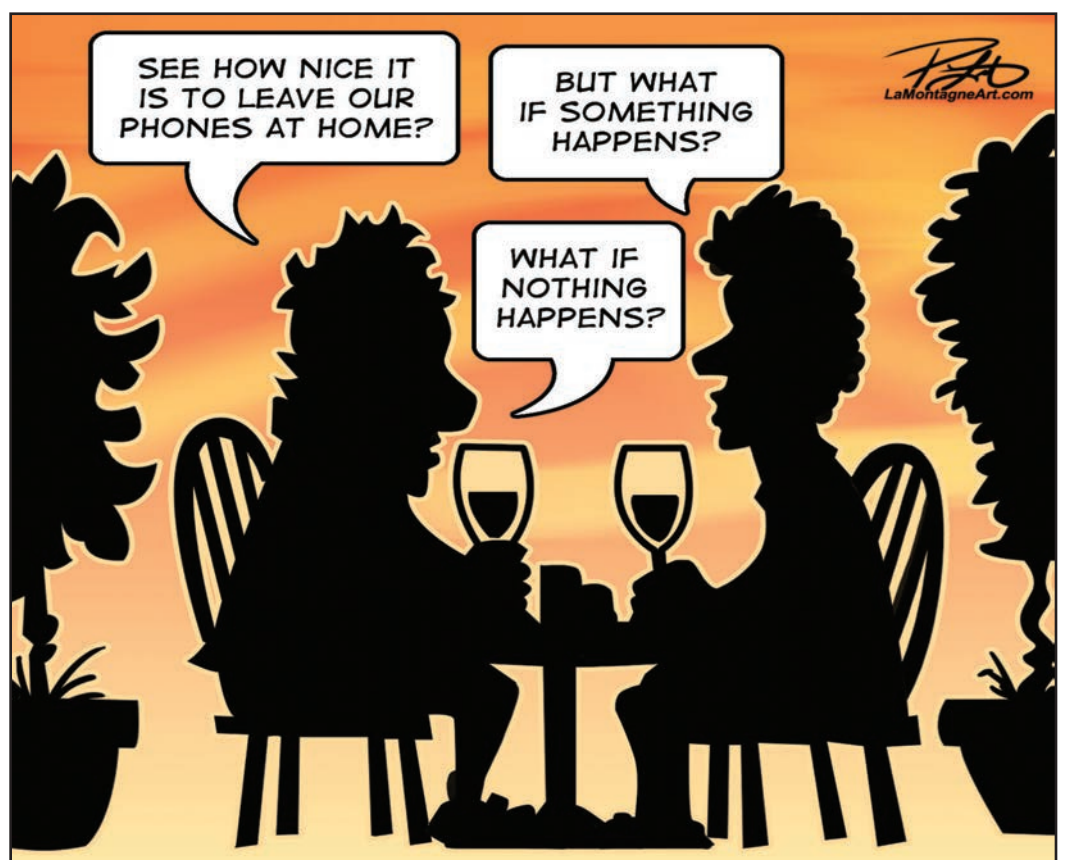
The TD Summer Reading Club is a national program that celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators and stories while encouraging children to make reading part of their weekly summer routine. Kids can

explore books, graphic novels, audiobooks and magazines as part of the program.

Throughout the summer, Orangeville Public Library will offer weekly programs and activities for a variety of ages. Children can show their reading logs to earn ballots for weekly prizes while discovering new books and taking on fun reading challenges.

Families can also explore the TD Summer Reading Club website at tdsummerreadingclub.ca, where kids can design an avatar, track their reading, collect badges, read web comics and enjoy jokes and trivia.

Registration is available at both Orangeville Public Library locations throughout the summer.



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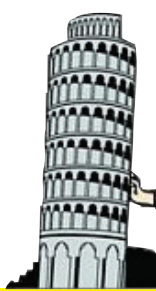
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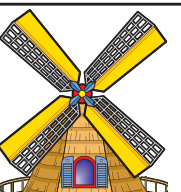
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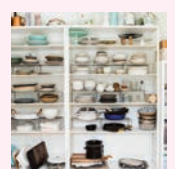
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Well, our growth as a soccer nation owes a debt of gratitude to all the unsung heroes from Leamington, Brampton, Orangeville and all the other small and large communities across Canada that showed up every weeknight and weekend over the past decades to take to the field and nurture the

love of the sport with our youth. As Canada hosts the men's version of the FIFA World Cup for the first time, Storm FC is taking the opportunity to ramp up soccer development in the area. The club is bringing in coaches from abroad, aligning with Challenger Sports for two weeks of soccer camp in July and August, and offering group development

nights during the week in addition to the usual house league game nights. Parents looking to elevate their children's soccer experience can find out more at stormfc.ca. Jump on board as Canada keeps the ride going with their next World Cup match scheduled for Saturday, July 4, at 1 p.m. EST in Houston, Texas.



Junior C Northmen eliminated from season after qualifier loss at Tony Rose

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior C Northmen are done for the season after losing their pre-playoffs qualifier series to the West Grey Rampage.

Orangeville had a tough season, finishing in fifth place in the Western division with a 5-11 record and ten points.

Six Nations Stealth won the division this year with a 14-2 record.

It was a rebuilding year for the North, and players were shuffled around Orangeville's three Junior teams to fill in for the season.

That meant the Junior C squad had to fill its roster with many players experiencing their first season in junior-level lacrosse.

The first game of the Orangeville/West Grey best-of-three series got underway at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville on Wednesday, June 24.

That game ended with West Grey winning 13-4.

The pressure was on the Northmen to dig deep and earn a win in the second game to keep the series alive.

Game two was played on West Grey's home floor in Durham on Friday, June 26.

The Northmen were in big trouble at the end of the first period when they were out-

scored 7-1 to start the game. The only Northmen goal came from Ryder Nelson with 2:11 remaining on the clock.

Orangeville rallied last in the second period with three goals in the last seven minutes, but that still had them trailing 11-5 with one period remaining.

Second-period Northmen goals came from Keaton Walsh, Wes Cunningham, Ty Mulder, and Danny Dorval.

The Northmen's season ended with a low-scoring third period.

Logan Marshall got the final Northmen goal of the 2026 season at 2:13 into the third period.

The Rampage scored with 5:07 left on the clock for the 12-6 win and the right to advance to the playoffs.

Overall, Six Nations Stealth won the league this year with 28 points.

Three teams tied for second place in the league. The Peterborough Lakers, Napean Knights, and Cornwall Celtics all finished the regular season with 24 points.

The Junior C Northmen didn't achieve the success they hoped for this season, but they played a solid season and provided fans with plenty of entertaining games and good lacrosse action.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

EARLY END TO SEASON: The Orangeville Junior C Northmen take on the West Grey Rampage at Tony Rose arena on Wednesday, June 24, during Game 1 of their best-of-three playoff qualifier. The Northmen had to settle for a 13-4 loss in this game. They lost Game 2 of the series on Friday, June 26, to end their season.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HIGH-FLYING PLAY: Mansfield Cubs shortstop Ben Nicholson makes a flying tag after catching a wild throw during the third inning of the Cubs' game against the Caledon Cardinals on Wednesday, June 24, on the diamond in Mansfield. The Cubs gave up a 19-7 loss in this game.



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INCHES FROM HOME: There is plenty of action on local baseball diamonds as the schedules head into the summer. The Shelburne Baseball League had games at all the diamonds at Hyland Park on Tuesday, June 23. A player is out at home by just a second during a Senior Mix game between Team C and Team A.

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Trailer & 5th wheel Camper: 8ft x 18ft trailer, beaver tail & ramps, steel deck, tandem; 2010 Regal River 29s, 5th wheel camper trailer, 8ftx32ft, 2 slides, awning, stored inside. **Mach/Equip (A)Antique:** (2)Killbros 350 gravity wagons, hydr fert auger, tarp; Sunflower 9412, no-till drill, 15ft, 24 run, straight grain, light kit; Geo Smythe 32ft land roller; Wilrich 2800 20ft cultivator, tandem on frame, single on wing, finger harrows; Geo White 300 gal sprayer, 32ft boom; 8ft 2- auger snowblower, hydr chute; Howse 6ft rotary mower; DMI 11 shank chisel plow; John Deere 230 disc, 20ft, tandem on base, singles on wings; homemade dump trailer 7ft x 11ft, pto drive; (2) 3 furrow drag plows (1 on rubber, 1 on steel) (A); MH 7F1 binder(A); Lobsinger Bros threshing machine 5016, 24 cyl, 36 body, on rubber, model Lion, 1950 (A); 8ft pull type cultivator (A). **Shop/Farm Rel:** Torches; tool boxes; floor jack; lg Anvil; 13" floor drill press; hand tools, chop saw, air comp, battery charger; Powermig Astro power 110 mig welder; Poulan Pro chainsaw; Husqvarna 257 chainsaw; Stihl FS91R trimmer; multiple tractor weights - suitcase & wheel; log splitter; Snap-On 20.8x38 duals; Champion 9000 generator, 7200W; & lots more here. **HH:** Dining room suite (table & 6 chairs, buffet, hutch); couch; kitchen table & chairs; TV & stand; writing desk; toy tractors; bedroom suite; (2) hope chests; ping pong table; Jett Power Flo air hockey table; wicker set (chair, love seat, coffee table); Robert Bateman print & additional household items.

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Saturday July 4th, 10:00 a.m.

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Tractors/Combine: JD 5203 tractor, 2WD, canopy, 1 remote, 240hrs; JD 2130 tractor, W521 JD loader(new), cab, 1 remote, 6ft material bucket (new); Cub Cadet LTX-1142SE hydrostatic lawn mower, 42in cut; JD 3300 combine - not running. **Truck:** 2014 Chevy Silverado, 2WD, box liner, cloth interior, 4.3L V6, red, certified, 9200km. **Mach/Equip:** JD 450 seed drill, 17 run, fert, grass seed, grain, double disc, light kit, very good; Rock-O-Matic 546 stone picker; Smyth 12ft rock rake; Allied 6in x 34ft auger on transport, PTO drive; Ford 11.5ft tandem disc; Ford 14ft cultivator; 10ft packer & transport; 18ft pony harrows; Walco Whistler 5.5ft rotary mower; Agro Trend AT05DT dump trailer, 1 axle, grain door, 6ftx10ft, very good; Overum 3 furrow plow; Westfield 4in x 11ft auger, new motor; homemade 6ftx13ft trailer for equip moving; Martin undercarriage; JD manure spreader-for parts. **Haying Equip:** 9ft JD 1219 haybine, rubber rollers; JD 327 square baler with thrower; NH 258, rolabar hay rake with dolly wheel; 7ft Enorossi BFS 210H sickle mower - very good; 20ft steel thrower wagon, needs floor; 30ft bale elevator; lots to see. **Shop/Farm Rel:** Wallenstein BX60 3pth PTO woodchipper; yard trailer; lawn sweeper; floor model drill press; 8in bench grinder; table saw; Delta band saw; jointer; belt sander; pressure washer; (3)bags insulation: aluminum ext ladder; (2)aluminum step ladders; jet pump & tank; Stihl FS 250 grass trimmer; Ariens 11528 LE, 28in walk behind snowblower; (2)push mowers; milk house heater; work clothes; & more. **Household Items** (almost all new or like new).

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OBITUARIES

HAYES, DEANNA (NÉE TESARSKI)

DECEMBER 12, 1938 – JUNE 19, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Deanna Hayes (née Tesarski), in her 88th year. Deanna passed peacefully after a brief hospitalization, on the eve of what would have been her 67th wedding anniversary with her beloved Frank, who left us in 2023.

Born in Winnipeg to Felix and Sofia Tesarski, Deanna was raised in a family shaped by faith, hard work, tradition, and a proud Ukrainian heritage. Those roots remained with her throughout her life and were reflected in the way she cared for her own family.

Deanna was predeceased by her husband, Frank, with whom she shared 64 years of marriage, and by her precious son, Bradley, in 1997. She will be deeply missed by her children, Holly Graham (Paul) and Heather Hayes (Mike Shaw), her brother Daniel, her sisters Sonia and Patricia, and her sister-in-law Sandra Hayes. She was a loving grandmother to Melissa, Amanda, Rebecca, Alexandra, Christina, Joey, Leah, Allie, and Jenn, and a great-grandmother to six great-grandchildren. Deanna and Frank built a full life together, first in Manitoba and then in Ontario, where they moved with their young family in 1968. They made their long-time home in Bolton, where they raised their family and created decades of memories. Later in life, they settled in Fergus, where Deanna remained close to family and continued to be a steady, calming presence to those around her.

Deanna will be remembered for her patience and her thoughtful way of listening. She was deeply observant, never needing to be the loudest person in the room, but often noticing more than anyone realized. When she spoke, it was with care – and sometimes, with a perfectly timed, dry sense of humour that those close to her will always remember. She faced many difficult chapters without making herself the centre, meeting sorrow and hardship with grace, resilience, and faith.

Creativity was woven throughout Deanna's life. She found joy in sewing, cooking, painting, and other artistic pursuits, pouring care and intention into all that she created. Her family will especially remember the countless pairs of pajamas she sewed, the costumes she made, and the beautiful handmade clothing that reflected both her creativity and her remarkable sense of style. In her later years, she filled canvases with landscapes, flowers, and portraits of family. In every stitch and brushstroke, Deanna left something of herself behind.

Her legacy is found in the family she nurtured, the faith she carried, and the many beautiful things she made with her own hands. Her memory will remain a blessing and a comfort to all who knew and loved her – and with every hopeful Blue Jays season to come, we will smile knowing she would be cheering them on.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family burial will be held in the fall at Boston Mills Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

Goulter, Kevin Leslie



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kevin (Grover) Leslie Goulter, who passed away at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on June 26, 2026, at the age of 61.

Beloved partner of Christine Piercey. Loving father of Jamie-Lynn (Jaret) and stepfather of Madeline. Cherished son of Jim Goulter and the late Dot Goulter. Dear brother of Sandra (Glenn) Goulter. Kevin is now reunited with his beloved son, Dodge, and his late wife, Alicia.

Kevin will be remembered for his kind heart, friendly nature, and the many friendships he made throughout his life. He had a lifelong passion for all things motorsports, especially anything with a big Hemi. Kevin's daring driving style made him quite the focal point at any car meet or track. He enjoyed meeting friends for coffee at Tim Hortons, at car shows, or just on the front porch, where he was always happy to share a conversation and a laugh.

Kevin will be sadly missed by his family, many friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Celebration of Kevin's Life will be held on Friday, July 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Tottenham Legion, 25 Richmond St. E., Tottenham.

For those who wish, donations in Kevin's memory to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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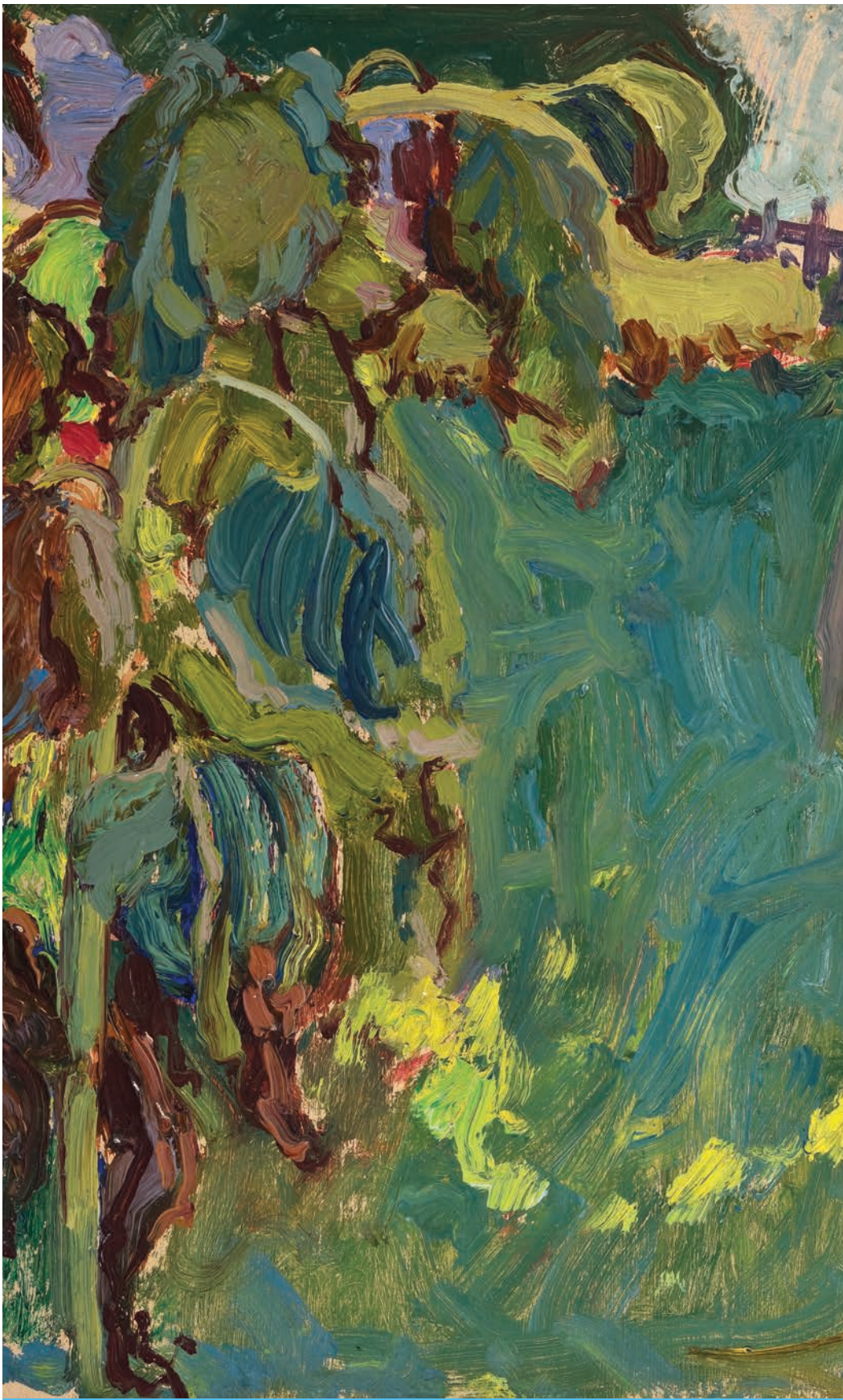
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