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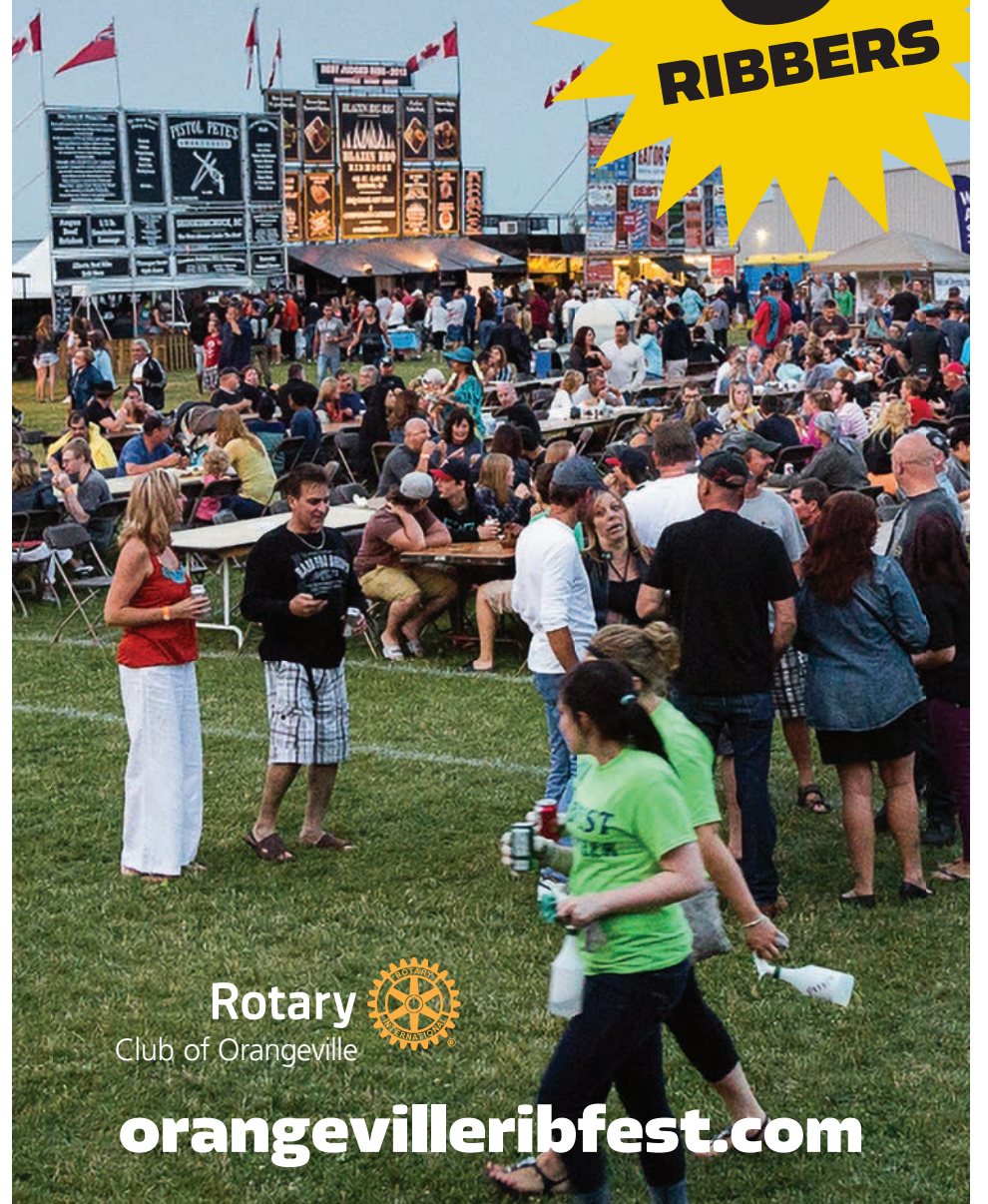
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Orangeville Rotary Ribfest closing in on \$1 million raised for community projects since inception

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Entering its 17th year of serving up barbecue and community spirit, Orangeville Rotary Ribfest is nearing a major milestone: \$1 million raised for local projects.

The ribfest has grown considerably since its debut in 2010, expanding from about 9,600 attendees and \$10,000 raised to one of Orangeville's largest annual gatherings, attracting more than 20,000 visitors each year.

"Since 2010 we have raised just over \$950,000," said Ingrid Sproxton, a Rotary Club member and Orangeville Ribfest co-organizer. "We're hoping to break \$1 million this year."

The annual fundraiser returns to the Alder Street Recreation Centre from July 17 to 19, with organizers hoping to surpass last year's attendance of just under 25,000 visitors.

This year's proceeds will support the redevelopment of Rotary Park, where the Rotary Club has committed \$250,000 toward rebuilding the playground as part of the park's broader revitalization. Sproxton said the club has already raised \$116,000 toward that commitment and hopes this year's Ribfest will help move the fundraising effort beyond the half-way mark.

The Orangeville Rotary Club has a long-



FILE PHOTO

GRILLING AND GLAZING: A vendor tends to a rack of ribs and chicken on the grill during a previous Orangeville Rotary Ribfest. The annual fundraiser returns to the Alder Street Recreation Centre from July 17 to 19, with organizers hoping to push total funds raised past \$1 million.

standing connection to Rotary Park on 2nd Avenue, building it decades ago. The redevelopment project is a large undertaking with a new playground, revitalized tennis courts, improved sports fields, an artificial skating loop, and other improvements aimed at creating an updated community space for future generations.

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Mono man questions arsenic problem in municipal water supply

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Mono's arsenic level in drinking water has been fairly stable over the years.

The municipality is considering means to address arsenic, but at least one resident questions the need to spend money on the issue.

Airport Road resident Ed Krakar is an environmental engineer who specializes in water and wastewater system design. He was part of a team that successfully designed an arsenic removal system. And he's had an interest in the situation regarding arsenic in water from some of Mono's municipal wells.

"I think we need to really look seriously (into) whether we really do have an arsenic problem," he said. "There is no long-term evidence that we have high arsenic concentrations in the ground water."

He said there have been "grab samples" over the years that have shown levels close to the drinking water limit. But the acceptable levels are not set according to health concerns. Rather, the level is set by what current technology can handle, he said.

"We get far more arsenic from our food than we do from our water," Krakar said.

He said he doesn't believe Mono has a serious arsenic problem in its water.

"I question whether we need to do anything at all," he said.

Councillor Melinda Davie said one of the available options is indeed for the town to do nothing. But there's a broader issue that's created by Mono's anticipated population growth.

"We need to be prepared for it," she said. "And so the actual water capacity is an issue."

Removing arsenic will increase water capacity to meet anticipated demand.

Davie agreed with Krakar's point that the provincial government has a practice of changing the limit of a maximum acceptable concentration of arsenic in potable water.

"Let's settle on a number," she said.

Coun. Ralph Manktelow asked Krakar to elaborate on his idea.

Krakar said there is iron in the groundwater. With the oxidation of iron, arsenic readily precipitates out with the iron.

"It'll collect in the well screens or it'll collect in the piping," he said. "Then when somebody cracks a valve to collect a sample, you'll get some particles breaking loose from the walls of the pipe."

That's why that sample will indicate a high arsenic level, he said.

"But there hasn't been a program of continuous sampling from those wells that has demonstrated we have an arsenic problem in the well, in the groundwater itself, in the aquifer," he said.

One option to establish a baseline is continuous sampling over a period of time.

Manktelow said arsenic levels have been increasing over the years, likely because of arsenic dissolving from rocks in the aquifer. And that's a concern.

"I haven't seen that data," Krakar said. "You may be right."

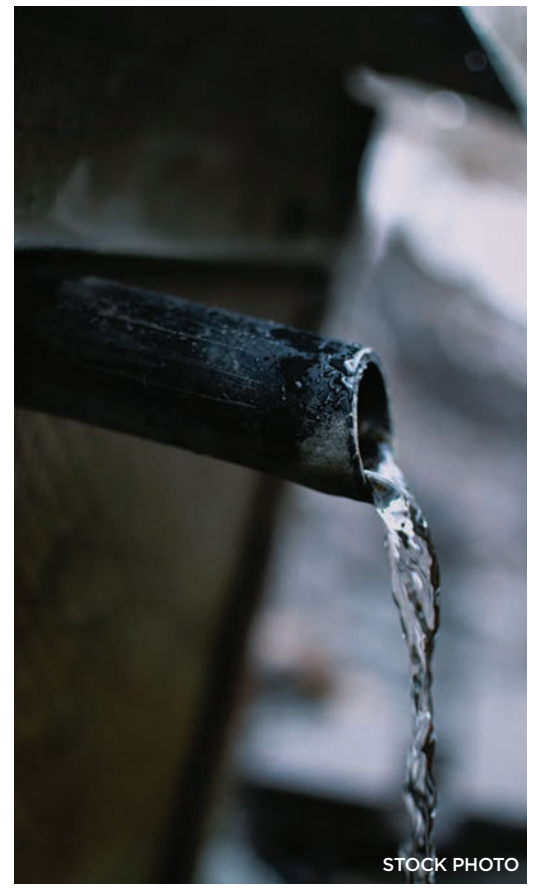
Matt Doner, the town's public works director, said the town samples its water quarterly as required.

"It's been consistent," he said. "We've had spikes. We do flush and sample regularly."

But Doner said he doesn't think the arsenic level has necessarily increased over the last 10 or 20 years.

"Arsenic is hard to predict because it's naturally occurring in the rock," he said. "It's hard to predict and this is the reason why. It could higher. It could go lower."

Over time, the level has been fairly stable at six to eight micrograms per litre.



STOCK PHOTO

Nashville Takeover brings three-day songwriter experience to Orangeville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Nashville Takeover is coming to Orangeville this weekend, providing a three-day town-wide music experience bringing original songwriting, storytelling and intimate performances.

Presented by Backyard Music Co. in partnership with Josie's Taphouse Craft Beer & Kitchen and Barley Vine Rail Co., the event will transform venues throughout town into intimate stages featuring 15 songwriters from Nashville and Canada from July 10-12.

Unlike a traditional music festival with one main stage, The Nashville Takeover is designed as a town-wide cultural experience, with performances taking place across multiple venues and spaces.

While there has been a shakeup in participating venues in the weeks leading up to the event, with several withdrawing, six are confirmed: Opera House, Orangeville Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, Kelsey's Patio, Deja Vu Diner, Barley Vine Rail Co., and Josie's Taphouse.

The event will feature songwriter rounds, one-off performances, and late-night experiences where audiences can hear the stories behind the songs, while connecting directly with the artists.

"We're excited to bring the Nashville Takeover to town and partner with an incredible group of local venues to create a one-of-a-kind weekend built around a curated songwriter experience," said Scotty Grieve, Nashville Takeover founder and organizer.

"Our goal is to help guests discover new favourite venues, support local businesses, and create meaningful connections through great songs and great company."

He added, "We can't wait to welcome everyone for an unforgettable weekend."

Following successful takeovers in Port Stanley and Collingwood, the Nashville Takeover is now happening in 13 towns. Orangeville was selected from hundreds of communities across Canada based on its cultural identity, downtown core and community spirit.

Organizers say the event is focused on intimacy and discovery, giving attendees the chance to experience performances just feet away from the artists while hearing the inspiration and stories behind the music.

The lineup of performing artists is intentionally unreleased until closer to the event, with organizers emphasizing that the weekend is about discovering emerging talent rather than following a traditional festival lineup.

Performers from Nashville and Canada are expected to bring a mix of country, Americana, pop and folk music, with a focus on original songwriting and storytelling.

Organizers say the weekend will also feature after parties, bar hops and exclusive experiences designed to connect performers, attendees and local businesses.

The full schedule and venue details are released to ticket holders ahead of the event.

44-year-old Essa man dies following single-vehicle collision on Broadway in Orangeville

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with local EMS and fire services, responded to a serious single motor vehicle collision in Orangeville, involving an Essa man.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the area of Broadway between Diane Drive and Blind Line for a single motor vehicle

collision involving a passenger vehicle, on the afternoon of June 30.

The driver, an adult male, was transported to a local hospital and subsequently airlifted to a Newmarket-area trauma centre due to the severity of his injuries.

As a result of the collision, on July 1, 2026, the driver, a 44-year-old male from

Essa, was pronounced deceased.

Members of the OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) unit attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage related to the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-

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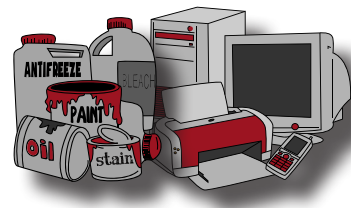
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Mono considers options to improve drinking water system, reduce arsenic

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Mono has identified a need to re-evaluate its water supply in relation to changes in provincial standards for arsenic concentrations in potable water.

In light of planned and approved growth, the municipality will consider reducing arsenic concentrations that exceed the maximum allowable concentration limits.

When the town's wells were commissioned, the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) for arsenic, as stipulated in the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS), was 0.025 mg/L, and all the wells were comfortably within this limit.

Accordingly, the Island Lake Drinking Water System (DWS) does not have treatment in place for arsenic.

Four of the five wells in the Island Lake DWS are in compliance, but all five wells have raw water concentrations of arsenic that are reported to be above half of the MAC, which is now five micrograms per litre or 0.005 mg/L.

Additional care and monitoring are required when arsenic levels exceed the half MAC.

According to a presentation from R.J. Burnside and Associates, arsenic levels tend to fluctuate and may increase over time, posing a threat to the town's Island Lake DWS and a major concern for the municipality.

"There is a slight trend upward is what we've been seeing over the years," said Matt Paznar of R.J. Burnside. "There isn't anything too major. But they do seem to be averaging slightly higher over time."

Sometimes one of the wells (Coles Well Production Well 1) has had arsenic concentrations exceeding the 10 micrograms per litre MAC. As such, Coles Well PW1 was taken offline in late 2017, causing a loss of raw water supply to the system and thereby reducing the firm capacity of the Island Lake DWS.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) requested that the town implement measures to restore the potable water supply that comply with the ODWQS, including reducing arsenic concentrations.

Paznar said there are three broad categories of technical solutions to the arsenic problem. Remove arsenic from the raw water using a water treatment plant. Seek hydrogeological solutions, such as drawing water from aquifers with lower arsenic levels, or

address the potential for fluctuations and/or increases in arsenic concentration in existing wells. And obtain water from the supply of a different municipality.

"The preferred alternative may include a combination of solutions, implemented in a staged approach if required," he said.

The preferred alternative is to drill new wells and connect Island Lake and Cardinal Woods drinking water systems together, to be implemented in the following stages:

Stage 1: Drill two new wells at the Klondyke Gravel Pit site (Klondyke Test Well site), complete with a building that provides the required disinfection, and connect to the Cardinal Woods DWS (immediate);

Stage 2: Connect the Island Lake and Cardinal Woods systems together by a transmission main to form one drinking water system (short-term);

Stage 3: Decommission Coles PW1 (the well is currently above the arsenic limits and has been out of service since 2017) (short-term); and

Stage 4: Reduce reliance on remaining Island Lake DWS wells by decommissioning all but the largest capacity wells when there is an adequate supply of non-arsenic water and/or arsenic limits are further reduced in the future (long-term).

"So not everything will happen right away," Paznar said. "It will be done likely over a seven to 10 year range depending on the growth that the town sees."

The preferred alternative is the only one that can supply enough raw water to meet the existing demands; accommodates all anticipated growth within the town in proximity to both existing systems; does not require reliance on the Island Lake DWS wells that have naturally occurring concentration of arsenic; meets the current provincial drinking water standards for the concentration of arsenic in the drinking water as well as treatment (i.e., disinfection only); has the lowest capital, operation and maintenance (O&M), and 20-year net present value (NPV) estimated costs and is easy to implement and operate; and meets the problem/opportunity statement.

He said Mono will need more water storage when the population increases by 1,300 people. That may require a new water tower at the Klondyke test well site.

"That would be the long-term plan for the drinking water systems for the Town of Mono at this time," Paznar said.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

FUNDING BOOST: The Grand Valley Library recently secured \$20,000 in funding from the Government of Ontario, which will be used to further expand and develop the Library of Things program, offering sports equipment and games to loan with a library card. Grand Valley Mayor Steve Solomon (right) and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones (left) attended the celebration and ribbon cutting to show their support.

Grand Valley Public Library receives \$20,000 for Library of Things program

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Grand Valley Public Library will expand its newly launched Library of Things initiative after receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Sarah McTaggart, program and outreach manager for the Grand Valley Public Library, said the funding will allow the library to add more resources for residents of all ages.

"The library is over the moon excited to be able to provide this to the community," she said. "This is a great way in which we can provide affordable, equitable resources to the community of all ages. We have a few items in our Library of Things already, but this has just expanded it, and we definitely have heard from community members that they would really like to see more accessible items for them."

During the grant reception ceremony on July 2, public officials attended, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Grand Valley Mayor Steve Solomon.

Mayor Solomon recognized the tremendous accomplishment of securing this grant and thanked the Ontario Government for its continued support.

"The Ontario Government, they have been very good to this town," he said. "This was a one-in-a-million opportunity. It's good that we have a good rep over at Queen's Park; she seems to think we're in need of some things and gets them delivered. So, thank you."

The Library of Things is a relatively new initiative that allows libraries to provide free

access to sports equipment and large-scale games that library patrons can take out with their library card.

The library already has several options available, such as oversized Connect Four, Tetris, and Jenga, along with several sports options, such as the popular Pickleball and Spikeball. With the new funding, even more activities are expected to be added in the near future.

McTaggart said that the Library of Things specifically offers kids and their families the chance to have fun without the need for technology.

"The nice piece about it is that it gives families and kids something to do that's completely different from a normal routine," she said. "Sometimes parents will find themselves thinking, we don't want them on a screen, so Tetris, instead of being on a screen, for example, is right here in physical form."

McTaggart said the expansion reflects the changing role of libraries in communities.

"We have known for several years that libraries are definitely becoming so much more than just places for books," she said. "We are working each and every day to become more inclusive, welcoming, and allowing people so much more access to other things than just books, from technology, entertainment and more."

With this extra funding secured, the library will continue to focus on what it does best: providing a welcome, well-stocked community space that lets local residents access cutting-edge technology, education programs, entertainment options, and, of course,

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Camp Molly inspires future firefighters through hands-on experiences

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

Camp Molly finished up in Orangeville with strong participation, high engagement and a growing number of young people now considering careers in the fire service.

From July 2 to 5, dozens of female and non-binary youth campers came to the Orangeville Fire Hall to participate in Camp Molly, a firefighter camp meant to introduce them to the basics of the trade.

According to Orangeville Fire Chief John Snider, the camp exceeded expectations despite challenging weather, with 35 female and non-binary campers participating alongside approximately 25 to 30 volunteers and instructors.

"I'd say it was a great success," he said. "Everything went incredibly well. The campers were phenomenal. We worked our way through the heat and the challenging weather, but I think that helped bring all the girls and the campers together."

Camper Meredith Beattie said the experience was positive, filled with learning and support.

"Camp Molly provided such an empowering and rewarding experience," she said. "Learning from so many strong women who shared their knowledge was inspiring. Every day was filled with hands-on training, and I

enjoyed hearing about the related professions of the fire service. The staff and volunteers were super welcoming and supportive and they pushed me to challenge myself in all evolutions."

While extreme heat forced organizers to adapt by adding cooling stations, fans and extra hydration breaks, Snider said safety remained the top priority, and campers handled themselves well.

Throughout the camp, participants rotated through a wide variety of practical and educational stations designed to showcase the many roles within emergency services.

Activities included operating fire hoses and hydrants, ladder work, auto extrication, donning firefighting gear and self-contained breathing apparatus, forcible entry exercises, fire investigation, emergency medical response with Dufferin County Paramedic Service, public education and emergency communications.

The goal, Snider said, was to expose campers to far more than the traditional image of firefighters, highlighting the many career opportunities in prevention, inspections, dispatch, and other support roles.

"That's what the whole camp was about, is opening eyes to things that aren't maybe the Hollywood version of firefighters," he said. "That concerns the inspections and prevention and the dispatch and more. There's a lot of different opportunities that aren't on a fire truck in the fire service."

Representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Transportation also participated, providing campers with additional insight into careers in public safety.

Snider said one of the most rewarding aspects of the camp was watching participants grow in confidence throughout the program.

"It's heartwarming to see the change over time," he said. "We first started off



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTOS

EXPLORING FIRE CAREERS: For four days, young girls and non-binary youth from across Dufferin County participated in Camp Molly with the Orangeville Fire Department. Some participants came from the northern parts of Dufferin, including Shelburne, to take part in the firefighting and first-responder camp from July 2 to 5. Participants learned a variety of skills, such as first aid, vehicle rescue, breaching and ladder training. The camp is meant to give participants a chance to build their confidence, develop teamwork and learn if this career path is something they are interested in pursuing.

with their fitting for bunker gear on Tuesday night, and there were a lot of quiet, intimidated and nervous campers, but they just continued to grow. From being afraid to talk to working great in a group, working with the instructors and their teammates, and all that stuff, it was just really great to see."

The experience appears to have had a lasting impact, with several campers already planning to pursue careers in firefighting and some enrolling in fire pre-service college programs this fall.

The camp was also offered free of charge thanks to extensive community support.

Snider credited the Ontario Fire Academy's \$10,000 donation, along with contributions from Firehouse Subs, Dufferin Emergency Management, local grocery stores, Starbucks, Tim Hortons and many other businesses that donated meals, supplies and refreshments throughout the event.

Although Camp Molly is expected to rotate to another community before eventually returning to Orangeville, Snider said the local fire service remains committed to supporting the program in the future.

To learn more about Camp Molly, go to: campmolly.ca



Correction

The Citizen would like to correct information included in a story that ran on page A3 of the July 2 edition. The story, with the headline "County increases price for garbage bag tags, revenue to reach \$150,000," incorrectly stated that garbage

bags placed at the curb could be black bags. Dufferin County's clear garbage bag program, implemented in 2013, requires all garbage to be placed in clear garbage bags. Black garbage bags are not permitted.



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We are already excited for the 2027 Headwaters Golf Classic! Stay tuned for further details about next year's event.



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BRINGING FLAVOURS HOME: Lisa and Kevin John (Centre), owners of Lisa's West Indian Grocery, celebrate the store's grand opening on June 27 at 15 Brenda Blvd., Unit 103, Orangeville, alongside Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post (left), Coun. Joe Andrews (right) and their two children. The new locally owned grocery store brings West Indian products and specialty foods to the community, with the owners thanking town officials, family, friends and customers for their support in marking the milestone.



BROWSING THE SHELVES: Customers browse the shelves at Lisa's West Indian Grocery during the store's grand opening on June 27 at 15 Brenda Blvd., Unit 103, Orangeville. Owners Lisa and Kevin John welcomed members of the community, including Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Coun. Joe Andrews, who attended the opening celebration to mark the arrival of the new West Indian grocery store.

Advocates seek support for new fairgrounds' community centre

Written By MUHAMMAD HAMZA

Caledon advocates are encouraging residents to support the construction of a new community centre in their community.

Once constructed, the building will be located at Caledon Fairgrounds.

Mustafa Ali, Treasurer of the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), explained the significance of building a new community centre for residents.

"For a long period of time, this area of Caledon has [needed] a community centre or maybe a fitness centre," he said.

As the Fairgrounds have long been in use for celebration events like the Canada Day festival, Caledon Fair, and other social community events, Ali said that CAS has decided to expand the use of these parcels of land to build a community centre on one portion, and the other will be used as a high-level fitness centre.

"We are partnering with the organization called C3, which trains Olympic-level athletes, so they will have the fitness facility available within the same building," he said.

C3 (Canadian Cross Training Club) is a non-profit organization that helps people of all ages to adopt a healthy multi-sport lifestyle and achieve athletic fitness goals.

With a headquarters in Bolton, the club offers a range of programs for people of all ages, like swimming, running, cycling, and more.

Ali added the CAS also has an "ambitious plan" to eventually build an Olympic-class training pool if funding and community support can be secured, with assistance from C3. "This is just a beginning," he said.

Ali said that the proposal will be submitted to the Town of Caledon "very soon" to seek approval.

"We have already done the plan layout, land studies, and things like that," he said.

While speaking about the timeline of the project, Ali said that, once the proposal receives approval from the Town of Caledon, he is hopeful that "the ground-breaking will either be the end of this year or early next year".

Although events like the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival, and the Caledon Fair have been ongoing for years, he added they generate little surplus revenue for the CAS to run its programs.

"We barely even break even with the funds," Ali said. "Otherwise, it is usually through the funding we receive from different people, the Town, the Regional government, and the Province."

For a community centre project, he said the society has started several funding initiatives, including a Kubota raffle, as well as "generous support" from former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson and his wife, Anne Thompson, who are helping through their foundation and Legacy Golf Classic at Osprey Valley.

Giving a message to the community, Ali called on residents to come out and support the society in this important project.

"We are doing this for you. We need your financial support and volunteer support as well," he said.

"This is a need we have found in the community, and everyone I have spoken to appreciates us taking that initiative, but we can't do it alone."

Dufferin Child and Family Services urgently seeking local foster families

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is encouraging more local residents to consider becoming foster families, as the organization continues to seek safe, stable, and supportive homes for children and youth in need throughout the region.

In a statement published in its latest community newsletter, DCAFS said there is an urgent need for foster families from across Dufferin County and emphasized that people from all walks of life can make a meaningful difference.

"At DCAFS, we are urgently seeking families from the Dufferin region who are willing to open their hearts and homes to these vulnerable children," the statement read. "Regardless of your background, there is a place for you in our mission to provide the love, care, and support these children and youth deserve."

The organization noted that while becoming a foster parent involves a thorough screening and training process, prospective families are supported at every step.

"Becoming a foster family involves vari-

ous essential steps such as criminal record checks, home visits, training, and more, all of which are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children," the statement continued. "But we are here to help and provide all needed support in every step of this rewarding journey."

According to DCAFS, foster families play a critical role in helping children through difficult periods in their lives by providing stability, encouragement, and a caring home environment.

The organization stressed that every child has different experiences, strengths, interests, and needs, meaning there is no single type of family that is the right fit for every child.

Whether providing short-term care, emergency placement, or longer-term support, foster families can have a lasting impact on a child's future.

DCAFS encourages anyone interested in learning more about fostering to reach out to the organization to discuss the application process and determine whether becoming a foster family is the right fit.

To learn more, go to dcafs.on.ca/services/child-welfare/foster-care-adoption

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Theatre Orangeville's Young Company set to premiere 'Into the Woods'

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville's Young Company is heading *Into the Woods* this summer, bringing fairy tales and their consequences to life on the stage as they explore classic tales through song.

Running July 24 to 27 at Theatre Orangeville, *Into the Woods* reimagines some of literature's most recognizable fairy tale characters, weaving them into a single narrative. While audiences may be familiar with the characters, the production takes a different approach than the traditional fairy tale formula, exploring what happens after wishes come true and examining the consequences that follow.

Rather than ending with a conventional happily-ever-after, *Into the Woods* challenges audiences to consider the complexity of its characters and the choices they make. Throughout the production, seemingly simple stories become interconnected as characters pursue their dreams, confront unexpected outcomes and learn that every action has lasting consequences.

For the cast, that complexity is part of what made the production so appealing.

"*Into the Woods* is not like any other show," a Young Company member said. "Most of the time, musicals will have this big happy ending, and you can normally predict, alright, beginning they have an issue, they solve it, happy ever after. But with *Into the Woods*, it is very bittersweet. It's again actions and consequences... it's unlike any other show, and I think it's very special, and it should be shown as often as it can."

Performers described the musical as one that offers something different from a typical family show, with layered storytelling that allows audiences to interpret its themes in different ways depending on their own experiences. Familiar fairy tales provide an accessible starting point, but the production delves deeper into questions about responsibility, morality and the realities that follow achieving one's goals.

The music itself presents another chal-

lenge. Sondheim's intricate score is known for its rapid-fire lyrics, demanding harmonies and carefully crafted musical motifs, requiring performers to master technically difficult material while conveying the emotional depth behind every scene.

The show's structure also gives nearly every performer a chance to shine. Instead of revolving around a single protagonist, *Into the Woods* follows multiple storylines simultaneously, allowing each character to play a meaningful role in moving the story forward.

"Every single character in this show is important in some way, shape, or form," a Young Company member said. "Whether it be following them in a lot of the scenes, or they are the one person that you might think is not really super important, but then they do something that changed the entire course of the story... I feel like *Into the Woods* is a really good show for having everyone in the cast feel like they're doing something really important, they're contributing to the show, and they are making the show better."

The approach is reflected in the casting, with several performers taking on multiple roles throughout the production. Switching between vastly different personalities - from fairy tale heroes to villains and comic characters - has challenged the young actors to develop distinct performances while helping create the production's expansive world.

The production also emphasizes ensemble work. Although individual characters each have defining moments, cast members say the musical relies on everyone working together to tell the story, making collaboration as important as any single performance.

Bringing a production of this scale to life is no small undertaking.

Preparation for the show began months before rehearsals officially started. Theatre Orangeville's production team began planning late last year, securing performance rights, assembling the creative team and developing the production schedule before moving into set, costume and design work. Once rehearsals began, the cast worked through an intensive four-week process to transform the musical from auditions into a fully staged



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

TELLING OF TALES: The cast behind *Into the Woods*, the newest production by Theatre Orangeville's Young Company, takes a break from rehearsals. Featuring a medley of fairy tales, the production takes each tale, systematically breaks them down, and analyzes the values within through song, offering unique perspectives to both those familiar with the tales and those coming in blind.

production.

The production is the culmination of Theatre Orangeville's annual Young Company program, which brings together performers from students entering Grade 7 through graduating high school students.

Unlike some theatre camps, Young Company is designed to replicate the experience of mounting a professional production. Participants audition for roles, work alongside industry professionals and rehearse under the same expectations found in professional theatre, all while developing their acting, singing and stagecraft.

This year's production was also shaped by the participants themselves. Organizers invited the young performers to pitch shows they were interested in tackling before ultimately selecting *Into the Woods*, recognizing both the enthusiasm for the musical and the opportunity it offered to showcase the cast's abilities.

For many participants, Young Company has become more than a place to perform. Returning cast members describe it as a wel-

coming environment where friendships are formed across age groups and where experienced performers support newcomers.

"That belonging is the biggest reason why I love Young Company so much," one Young Company member said. "I keep coming back every year, because on the very first day I spent with Young Company three years ago, I remember being so scared that I was going to be on the outskirts and I wasn't going to enjoy myself, and as soon as I walked in, there was a big circle of people, and someone came and invited me, we sat and we talked in a big circle."

"From that day, this became my second home. It's so inclusive and welcoming for anybody, no matter where you're from, how old you are. Without this company, I never would have met some of my closest friends."

As opening night approaches, audiences can expect a production that combines familiar fairy tales with thought-provoking storytelling, challenging music and the collaborative energy of a cast working together to bring *Into the Woods* to life.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mended

7. Hymns

13. Commercial transport of goods

14. Poked holes in the ground

16. They precede C

17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth

19. Larry and Curly's pal

20. Injured

22. Popular type of dance

23. Moon crater

25. American state

26. Places to lock valuables

28. Stalk that supports the capsule

29. Keyboard key

30. "... death do us part

31. A type of cage

33. A place to sleep

34. Annual music awards show

36. Made over

38. Hard, stony substance

40. Incantations

41. Long-legged, wading bird

43. Breathe noisily

44. Congressman

45. Rip off

47. Golf score

48. Popular pickup truck

51. Where infants sleep

53. Music term

55. Small opening in a surface

56. Musical term meaning "very"

58. Soviet Socialist Republic

59. Treats with powder

60. Email subject line feature

61. A British lawyer

64. Expression of laughter

65. Farmer's calendar

67. Seeds used as food

69. Eurasian shrubs

70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

1. Hard things to kick

2. Collective of countries

3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet

4. One-time Alabama running back

5. Eddie

5. One's sense of self-esteem

6. Of the teeth

7. Treat with care

8. Type of whale

9. Curved structure

10. Emits coherent radiation

11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)

12. Smallest interval in western music

13. Netherlands seat of government

15. Gives to charitably

18. Lout

21. Pastas

24. Release from restrictions

26. Female sibling

27. Title of respect

30. Silver coins

32. Region in India

35. Partner to cheese

37. Dark or dusky

38. Pacific Northwest tree

39. Exaggerate

42. Toddler

43. Touch lightly

46. Fundamentals

47. Jeopardies

49. Curved structures

50. Isolated, flat-topped hills

52. Forming the bottom layer

54. Reciprocal of sine

55. Genus of Old World birds

57. New York college

59. Cloak

62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)

63. Vietnamese offensive

66. "The Great Lakes State"

68. "... myself and I"

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Orangeville Rotary Ribfest nears \$1 million raised since 2010

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This year's festival will feature one new ribber, Big Texas BBQ, along with new musical acts The Nobs, Kvetch and Mossy Frog. Returning favourites include The Campfire Poets and Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers, while KidsFest will introduce free family photos for the first time.

Visitors can also enjoy the Classic Car Show, a variety of food vendors and a returning shoe drive for Soles4Souls in partnership with BioPed Orangeville. Last year, the initiative collected about 150 pairs of shoes — enough to fill a half-ton truck — and organizers hope to surpass that total this year.

Sproxtton said the event's success has always been rooted in community support.

"What has contributed to the success of Ribfest is 100 per cent the great support from the community, including sponsors, vendors, volunteers, patrons, the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville," she said. "Orangeville is a very supportive community for Rotary, and I think that's what's made it the successful event that it is."

More than 200 volunteers help make the festival possible each year, alongside community partners such as the Orangeville Headwaters Minor Baseball Association, the Orangeville Northmen, the Orangeville Flyers, IODE Dufferin, and the Four Scouts of Orangeville.

"We just couldn't do it without that kind of volunteer support," said Sproxtton.

Over the years, Ribfest proceeds have funded projects including the Fendley Park Splash Pad, the natural playground at Island Lake Conservation Area in partnership with the Orangeville Lions, the Rotary gazebo along the Island Lake trail and the gazebo at the emergency entrance of Headwaters Health Care Centre.

"We've used that \$950,000 towards many projects ... the money goes right back into the community," Sproxtton said.

"We hope everyone will leave Ribfest with a full stomach, a big smile and great memories," she said.



FILE PHOTO

Mono man lobbies against heavy truck traffic in residential neighbourhood

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

At least one Mono resident wants council to put the brakes on heavy vehicles using his road as a shortcut.

French Drive resident Stephen Russell told council during a June meeting that the amount of commercial traffic on his street is "unbelievable." He'd often heard about it, but he would typically leave for work at 5:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

"Now that I'm retired, it I unbelievable during the day the amount of commercial vehicles up and down that road," he said. "It's epidemic."

French Drive runs parallel to Highway 9. Transport trucks and tow trucks, of course. But he said there is no exaggeration when he says there are about 40 empty school buses that traverse the road.

"They sound like transport trucks," Russell

said. "They have the same engines, the same tires. So it's an annoyance and they don't abide by the speed limit. Not even close."

French Drive has become a feeder road for an industrial complex, he said.

And he wanted to know what Mono is doing to enforce the municipal bylaws in that area.

Mayor John Creelman said he'd met with Russell and his wife and saw first-hand what the traffic there was like during his weekend visit. He said he asked Michael Dunmore, the town's CAO, to reach out to the school bus company.

"You're bearing the brunt of the fact that they (bus drivers) do not want to go out to the Second Line to get onto Highway 9," Creelman said. "The road is essentially, in my view, an arterial road in disguise in a residential neighbourhood."

Dunmore said he had spoken with bus company representatives about having the

bus fleet, with the exception of the few that fetches French Drive students, to begin using Second Line.

Otherwise, speed enforcement falls under the Highway Traffic Act, he said.

"But we have in the past circulated a letter to the businesses," Dunmore said. "I think it might have helped for a little while. But I wouldn't hesitate to revisit that letter to the businesses as well."

Matt Doner, the town's public works director and roads superintendent, said speed humps have been installed on French Drive and he's hopeful those measures will help.

"It has helped," Russell said. "But they're going to come down in probably September or October and it's going to be right back to what it always is."

And that means heavy vehicle traffic driving at 60 km/h or 70 km/h on a 40 km/h thoroughfare.

"It's bad," he said. "It really is."

Russell likened it to a roller coaster, with heavy vehicles accelerating without slowing. He has lived there for more than 30 years and the problem has gotten worse in that time.

Councillor Melinda Davie suggested that the trucks and buses may be using French Drive to avoid the recent construction on Highway 9.

Russell said the recent roadwork was farther west on the highway.

He said Mono doesn't have the proper road signage regarding vehicle weight limits to facilitate enforcement.

Creelman said the enforcement issue will be pursued with Doner and the Dufferin OPP detachment.

"We have a difficulty having a bylaw officer enforce a situation where there's a moving vehicle," the mayor said. "It really has to be the police."

"There is no enforcement," Russell said.

Upper Grand District School Board approves nearly \$530 million 2026-27 budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) has approved a \$529-million budget for the 2026-27 school year.

The budget reflects priorities outlined in the UGDSB's Vision 2026+ multi-year plan. These include student achievement, lifelong learning, health and well-being, equity and access, foundational education, and sustainability, said the board in a June 30 press release.

"Since launching our Multi-Year Plan in 2022, we have worked to build a strong foundation for student success," said UGDSB CEO Peter Sovran. "This budget reflects that journey. With every decision, we remained focused on protecting the programs, supports and learning opportunities that have the greatest impact on

students. It demonstrates our commitment to delivering on our vision while planning responsibly for the future."

The board said the approved budget reflects the financial realities school boards are facing throughout Ontario. These challenges include declining enrolment, rising operational costs, inflationary pressures, and increasing demand for specialized student supports.

"Developing a balanced budget in today's environment requires disciplined planning and a clear understanding of priorities," said Scott Keys, UGDSB's Chief Financial Officer.

"By using zero-based budgeting and grounding our decisions in the board's strategic priorities, we have developed financial estimates that are aligned, balanced, and compliant while ensuring resources are directed where they

can have the greatest impact for students."

Both zero-based budgeting and the UGDSB's Let's GO! Methodology was used to create the board's 2026-27 spending plan.

The methodology is a planning framework that guides budgeting, operations and student achievement. It breaks down the board's strategic priorities into measurable outcomes and uses data to monitor progress.

"As trustees, we have a responsibility to ensure every dollar entrusted to us is invested thoughtfully and responsibly," said Ralf Mesenbrink, UGDSB chair. "This budget reflects careful stewardship of public funds while remaining firmly focused on student learning and well-being. We are confident this budget positions the UGDSB to continue delivering high-quality education and meaningful oppor-

tunities for every learner."

The board said the 2026-2027 budget invests in evidence-informed literacy and mathematics interventions, strengthened human rights and equity initiatives, proactive mental health supports, and innovative sustainability projects. These projects are aimed at improving operational efficiency while reducing environmental impacts.

Approximately 97 per cent of the UGDSB's operating budget supports students, with funding allocated to areas including teaching and learning, school operations, transportation and student services.

The UGDSB's 2026-27 financial estimates include funding for teaching and learning, student services, school operations and transportation, according to the board.

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Kilts, cabers and Highland pride return for Fergus Scottish Festival

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games are set for their usual timing; the second weekend of August, this year Aug. 7-9. The festival is celebrating 81 years of honouring Scottish heritage in this wider region and beyond, as people come from far and wide to be part of it.

A festival such as this brings the true sense of Scotland, “without the airfare,” says the motto of the show.

For a newcomer, the startling fanfare of the bagpipes, how they almost screech to remind us that they were the first wave of fear the ancient Scottish troops delivered on their enemies.

Yet, within the other hours of the festival, their rendition of Amazing Grace will shake the ground under your feet while thrilling your heart with the power of their music. Music mixes with tradition for the three days of the festival, with the tattoo ceremony on Friday evening, the concert Saturday night and the dancing music that lifts the feet of the Scottish dance competitions all weekend.

There are feats tested at the heavy events when men of endurance and strength lift and toss huge poles, called cabers; they spin and toss discs and a variety of heavy things, including 65-pound stones.

The ladies have long since taken up these challenges as well, spinning and tossing, braving the lift and throwing the logs, but in a stated direction and landing according to specific placing established centuries ago.

Up and down the laneways of the festival's layout are many tents and shelters inviting visitors to step in, and these are the weekend homes for the Clans, the historians, the family researchers who may trace your family name back a long way.



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PIPES IN PERFECT HARMONY: The “mass bands” bring together all of the pipe and drum bands attending the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Gathered on the Main Field, the combined bands mark the end of the day with performances of traditional pieces, including “Amazing Grace,” before marching off the field. This photo shows the 12 bands that took part in the 2025 festival.

There are vendors galore, selling a wide variety of food, as well as jewellery, clothing, ornaments, souvenirs – you name it.

The food is all types of meals that might come from a Scottish kitchen and fish ‘n’ chips, haggis, fruit dipped in chocolate – it is a festival, after all.

Fergus Scottish Festival Executive Director Elizabeth Bendertold the Citizen they are thrilled with ticket sales so far and with their special guest from Scotland, John Bell.

Better known as Ian Frazer Murray to millions of viewers of the Outlander series across the globe. In his role, Bell took the character Ian to grow to manhood over the 10-year run of the fabulous and very

famous Outlander. The wind-down to the end was a hugely emotional time for Bell, along with the other actors, like parting with family.

Based on the historical fantasy books by Diana Gabaldon, which have sold 50 million copies worldwide, the series came to its 10-year finale this year.

Diana Gabaldon is currently writing a new book to add to the line of books, and who knows what the future of Outlander might be.

Elisabeth Bender commented on how well the previous visits of other Outlander stars have been. They have travelled to Fergus from Scotland for many years and have always delighted the fans coming to

the Fergus Highland Games. With the series finale, the administration of the Fergus festival is still keen to bring the actors to Fergus.

“We have had tremendous success with their visits,” she said. “For years, our patrons are telling us they are loving meeting the artists. We set up a number of occasions over the weekend for chances to talk to them. This year some of those with John Bell are sold already out.”

The conversation turned to the final touches of the preparation for this 81st Highland Games, noting that already there are tentative plans being made for next year.

This year, there are spectacular events taking place. Bender praised the Heavy Events and the Highland Dancers competitions that will be a part of Sunday's programs.

Also: Ally the Piper, an internet sensation, will be on deck for “all three days, including Sunday.” Bender said. “She's so popular – she has become such a hit.”

For Bender, she admits that she has “fallen in love with the festival. I love to hear the cheers for the Heavy Events, the feeling that people are having a good time; some come for the music and others the atmosphere.”

Mostly, it is the passion of the people running every aspect of the festival that earns Bender's deep respect and affection. Like so many other shows, this is run almost exclusively by volunteers, who themselves have such a passion for the festival that they come back year after year to help run it.

She said, “I am in awe they are so passionate about the Scottish culture”.

For 81 years now, the pipes and drums have filled our minds and ears with their traditional, very specific music, telling us about the gripping history they represent.

Dufferin Arts Council awards \$3,000 scholarships to three graduating students

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Dufferin Arts Council has awarded its annual Anne Laurier Scholarships to three local students pursuing post-secondary studies in the arts.

This year's recipients — Audrey Hawkins, Kaitlyn Paula and Savannah Bourne — were selected from a group of talented applicants who submitted portfolios showcasing their artistic abilities.

The \$3,000 scholarships are awarded annually to local students continuing their

education in the arts. Each applicant was required to complete an application and submit a portfolio of their work, which was reviewed by arts professionals from a variety of disciplines.

“The selection process was very challenging this year,” the application reviewers said. “It was an honour and a delight to participate in reviewing all the submissions. These three students will be a tremendous asset to the arts community.”

Hawkins is a graduate of Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne and will

attend the University of Toronto. Her portfolio highlighted her passion for acting, with experience in several local productions. She is also a musician who plays multiple instruments and has participated in a variety of musical projects.

Paula is a graduate of Mayfield Secondary School and will continue her studies at the School of Dance at Point Park University in Pennsylvania. Her application featured videos showcasing her dance abilities and passion for storytelling through performance.

Bourne is a graduate of Orangeville Dis-

trict Secondary School and will study animation at Humber Polytechnic. The selection committee was impressed by her essay highlighting the importance of human connection amid advances in artificial intelligence. She has also received numerous art awards and expressed a desire to share her skills by teaching younger children.

The Dufferin Arts Council is a registered charity that supports the local arts community. Since 1996, the organization has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships through the Anne Laurier Scholarship Fund.

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Headwaters Health Care Foundation names new chair, vice-chair

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) has appointed Sandra Hartman as board chair and Jeet Dhillon as vice-chair.

The leadership changes come as the foundation begins planning for future initiatives, including early work toward a fundraising campaign to support the redevelopment of the Emergency Department at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

Hartman has been a longtime supporter of the hospital and said her connection to Headwaters is personal, as she received care there during a traffic moment in her life.

"I am honoured to serve as board chair of the foundation," Hartman said. "Headwaters holds a very special place in my heart. I know firsthand the critical role our hospital plays in this community, and I am committed to working alongside our dedicated team and supporters to ensure we continue to raise the funds needed to provide exceptional care, close to home, for every patient who walks through our doors."

As chair, Hartman will help lead the foundation's board as it works on future fundraising priorities.

Dhillon joins Hartman as vice-chair after making an impact on the foundation's board within a short period. She has supported fundraising efforts and community events during her time with the organization.

"I am excited to take on the role of vice-chair and continue supporting the important work of the Foundation," Dhillon said.

"Whether it's connecting with donors,



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LEADERSHIP CHANGE: Sandra Hartman (left) and Jeet Dhillon (right) have been appointed board chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

supporting campaigns, or volunteering at events, I am proud to contribute in any way I can to help strengthen health care for our community."

Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO K.C. Carruthers said the new leadership team will help guide the organization as it

continues its fundraising efforts.

"Sandra brings not only strong leadership but also a profound sense of purpose to this role," Carruthers said. "Her personal connection to Headwaters drives her passion for philanthropy, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her guiding the Foundation as

we look ahead to our next chapter."

Carruthers added that Dhillon's involvement with the foundation has included supporting fundraising initiatives and events.

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation raises funds to support patient care and services at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Four days of Pickin' in the Park coming to Shelburne Fairgrounds later this month

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Country music fans from across Ontario and beyond will once again make their way to the Shelburne Fairgrounds later this month as Pickin' in the Park returns for another four-day celebration of live music, community and fundraising.

Running from July 23 to 26, the annual event has become a summer tradition over the past 13 years, drawing hundreds of musicians, campers and spectators for a relaxed weekend centred around old-time and classic country music.

Organizer Greg Holmes said that the team behind Pickin' in the Park were inspired by other nearby festivals.

"We went to a lot of festivals, and a bunch of us, all played music, and we kind of said, 'Well, why can't we do this in Shelburne,'" he said. "We had a good CAO in Shelburne at that time, and the mayor was great, and with that support, we decided to have a festival in

Fiddle Park. We had the town approval, and they helped us get things rolling, and it's really history from there."

The festival features continuous entertainment, including open mic performances, local bands, circle jams, seminars, and a Sunday morning gospel program.

Unlike many music festivals, Pickin' in the Park encourages audience participation. Musicians are invited to bring their own instruments, creating a welcoming atmosphere for performers of all skill levels.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music over the weekend.

The festival has a surprising reach, bringing in visitors from across the country and even from the United States.

"Probably 95 per cent of our people don't come from Shelburne; they come from all over the place," Holmes said. "We got people coming from all over Ontario to it, and this year specifically, I have about 10 people coming from the states, maybe about five couples

coming up from Tennessee, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan."

Although the event originally took place at Fiddle Park, organizers have found a permanent home at the Shelburne Fairground after relocating in recent years.

During its time at Fiddle Park, proceeds from the festival helped fund improvements to the site, including the construction and completion of the large pavilion and concrete floor. More recently, proceeds have been directed toward improvements at the fairgrounds through the Shelburne Agricultural Society.

The weekend also includes several community events, including a Saturday morning breakfast hosted by the fair board, a smoked pork chop dinner organized with support from the Rotary Club, and complimentary ice cream socials on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Sunday's gospel hour will include a collection for the Shelburne Food Bank.

The festival remains alcohol-free and family-friendly, with organizers aiming to provide



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FINGER PICKIN' FUN: Originally held at Fiddle Park, Pickin' in the Park now calls the Shelburne Fairgrounds home, attracting hundreds of visitors every year in a weekend of classic country music and jam sessions.

a welcoming atmosphere focused on music, fellowship and giving back to the community.

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Local athlete prepares for collegiate rugby at Michigan's Aquinas College

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Orangeville athlete Lilian Beattie is preparing for the next chapter in her athletic career after earning the opportunity to attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

While at school, she will be studying kinesiology and competing with the college rugby team.

A graduate of Orangeville District Secondary School, Lilian has established herself as one of the community's outstanding athletes.

Throughout high school, she earned recognition for her leadership, commitment and versatility, serving as captain of the varsity rugby team and senior volleyball teams. Her teams won District 10 and CWOSSA for basketball and volleyball.

In the fall, Lilian will join the Aquinas rugby program with a long-term goal of continuing her development and one day earning the opportunity to represent Canada on the international stage.

Lilian's journey has been shaped by many outstanding coaches, teammates, and mentors along the way. She credits her success not only to countless hours of training but to the people who believed in her throughout her development.

"I've been incredibly fortunate to have so many people invest their time and energy into helping me become the player and person I am today," Lilian said. "I'm especially grateful to my coaches and teammates at Orangeville District Secondary School who challenged me every day and made representing our school something I'll always be proud of."

Lilian also expressed her appreciation to



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RUGBY DREAM REALIZED: Local athlete Lilian Beattie is preparing for the next chapter of her athletic career and will attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. While studying kinesiology, she will be competing with the college rugby team. A graduate of Orangeville District Secondary School, Lilian is seen with her sister Claire at the annual Ross 7's tournament in Oct. 2025, wearing 'Big Blue,' the belt given to the MVP of each game.

everyone involved with the North Halton and Fergus rugby club programs.

"My coaches and teammates with North Halton and Fergus have each played an important role in my development. Every training session, every match and every friendship helped prepare me for this opportunity. I'll always be grateful for everything they have done for me."

As she prepares to begin collegiate rugby in Michigan, Lilian hopes to continue growing both as an athlete and as a student while proudly representing her hometown of Orangeville.

"This opportunity wouldn't have been possible without the support of my family, coaches, teammates, teachers and everyone who has encouraged me along the way," Lil-

ian said. "I'm excited for what's ahead, but I'll always be proud to say my journey started in Orangeville."

Lilian plans to return home during school breaks and summer, where she hopes to continue giving back to the local rugby community by supporting youth athletes and sharing the experiences she gains while competing at the collegiate level.

Overtime loss against Guelph Regals ends the season for Junior B Orangeville Northmen

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Orangeville Junior B Northmen are done for the season after taking an overtime loss in Game 3 of their best-of-five series against the Guelph Regals at the Alder Street arena on Sunday, July 5.

It was a good season for the Northmen, who finished in second place in the West Division of the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League with a 15-5 record, including one overtime loss.

The Northmen won their first round series of the playoffs over the Hamilton Bengals in a contest that ended with a 13-5 Northmen win on June 25.

Second round competition got underway when the Northmen met the Regals on the floor at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville for Game 1 of the series on June 30.

After playing to a 3-3 tie in the first period, the Regals had the edge in the second and third periods to take an 8-6 win.

Game 2 of the series took place in Guelph on July 3. Guelph had a one-goal lead heading into the third period, then shut out the Northmen in the final frame for a 9-4 win.

The series returned to the Alder Street arena on July 5, with all the pressure on the Northmen to win and keep the series alive.

The Northmen had a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals from Owen Critchley and two from Nolan Sanderson.

The Regals responded with two early goals in the second period, just four seconds apart, to make it a 3-2 game.

Sanderson got his third and fourth goals of the night in the second period.

Guelph scored with 4:28 remaining in the pe-

riod to make it a 5-3 Northmen game with one period remaining.

Sanderson capped off his season with his fifth goal of the night and the final Northmen goal of the year at 3:27 into the third period.

It was looking like a Northmen win, but the Regals scored three times in the last six minutes of the period to tie the game at six and

force an overtime period to decide the winner.

It was all over when the Regals scored at 34 seconds into the overtime period for a 7-6 win and the right to advance to the next round of playoffs.

The Northmen provided plenty of entertainment for their fans this season, with exciting games and a lot of lacrosse skill on the floor.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TIGHT GAME: The Orangeville Junior B Northmen take on the Guelph Regals in Game 3 of their best-of-five playoff series at the Alder Street Arena in Orangeville on Sunday, July 5. The Northmen gave up a 7-6 loss to end their season.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

JUST IN TIME: A Mansfield Cub player makes it back to first base as an errant Orangeville Bengals throw goes wild during a U14 Rep game at Princess of Wales Park in Orangeville on Friday, July 3. The Bengals had to settle for a loss.

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OPINION

Holding hands in public

There were many Canada Day parties held across the nation on July 1 to celebrate this country of ours.

While everyone was waving the red and white and wearing their Canada Day shirts and hats, I hope most of you took a few moments to reflect on the values that built this country.

One of the primary values is freedom. That is freedom to assemble and associate with whoever you want, freedom to move to another town or province, freedom to build a church and practice your religion, freedom to marry who you want, freedom to choose your job or vocation, freedom to express your opinion, freedom to criticize the government without fear of reprisal, and freedom of the press to report the real news – not government controlled propaganda.

We should not take these freedoms for granted and assume they will always be there.

A few years ago, I attended a hockey game where the local team was missing half of its roster during the playoffs. All of the missing players were Russian nationals who came here for the chance to play higher-level hockey and get a good reputation in the sport.

So why would they all suddenly leave at the most important time of the hockey season?

It was because the visas that had allowed them to leave Russia to play hockey were about to expire.

If they returned after the due date, they would be detained immediately and sent to jail or the army, no questions asked.

I met a lot of those Russian players in several different towns and hockey clubs around the region. They were all nice and friendly, and they appreciated playing their sport here.

Given their age, I now wonder how many of them are now dead after being conscripted and used as cannon fodder in Putin's immoral war?

The Canada Day celebrations were attended by everyone of all ages. There were families arriving together, older people, younger people, and toddlers in strollers.

I positioned my cameras near the park entrance for the fireworks show, and hundreds of people entered and passed by my location.

I noticed a few things as I watched everyone enter – I knew a lot of people who were arriving for the show. For starters, really short skirts are apparently making a comeback.

Nothing wrong with that.

I saw many teenagers arriving as couples or in groups. Some were holding hands or sitting closely together to watch the show.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



There's nothing wrong with that either.

We all experienced puppy-love and the thrill of going somewhere with your crush for the first time.

The thing is, they have the freedom to attend an event and hold hands if they want to.

In some countries, that behaviour will land you in serious trouble.

Recently in Indonesia, a man and a woman were lashed with a rattan cane in public to pay for their crime.

The crime? They were seen kissing on a TikTok livestream.

For that, they were publicly humiliated and severely beaten.

A 22-year-old local resident who witnessed the lashing was quoted as saying, "It raises awareness that such actions are unacceptable, thereby educating the public."

I'm pretty sure this guy has never actually spoken to a real woman, and would probably be scared to death if a woman actually spoke to him.

He has certainly been brainwashed from a young age to have such a medieval and backwards thought process at his age.

In these cases, usually the people doling out the punishments are the real perverts. This really became evident when the U.S.

military released a report on when they monitored website usage in some of these backward countries, and what the totalitarian leaders themselves were watching online.

In this part of Indonesia, people are routinely beaten and lashed for gay sex, gambling, drinking, men who miss Friday prayers, and women who wear tight clothing.

According to this list, just about everyone currently in Las Vegas would be getting a good beating under these archaic laws, myself included, under the gambling, drinking, and missing Friday prayers categories.

Freedom is not free. As citizens, we have to be vigilant against persons, groups, and organizations that would take that freedom away and oppress us under totalitarian laws and rule, and that includes new government hate speech legislation like Bill C-9. Modern hate speech is no more dangerous than it was 100 or 200 years ago.

We owe it to ourselves, our children, and future generations to keep our society free from outside influences that will try to force us to submit to a dangerous and oppressive regime.

Netanyahu's remaining options

"The graveyards are full of indispensable men," said former French Premier Georges Clemenceau about a century ago, and it's still true. Israel's precisely timed surprise attack on Iran on 28 February killed Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and seven of his closest allies in thirty seconds, but they turned out not to be indispensable at all.

"The problem is that Israel is in love with assassinations ... and we never learn that it is not the solution. We have killed all the leaders of Hamas. They are still there. It's the same with Hezbollah. The leaders are always replaced," said Israeli intelligence analyst Yossi Melman. And so they have been again with Iran.

Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's 'decapitation' attack went off perfectly: the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) even managed to kill forty senior leaders in other parts of Iran at the same time. And yet all those assassinations achieved precisely nothing: the next tier of Iranian leaders just moved up, and the population did not rise up against them.

Netanyahu has been trying to get the United States to attack Iran, Israel's most powerful enemy, ever since the early 1990s.

He warned each passing US president that if he didn't act right away, Iran would have nuclear weapons in two years, or three, or five. But since it wasn't true (as US intelligence agencies always said), he never made a sale – until Donald Trump.

Trump goes all fanboy when dealing with political strongmen like Kim Jong Un, Vladimir Putin and Binyamin Netanyahu. However, even he could see that Bibi's warnings about imminent Iranian nuclear weapons were implausible, since Trump claimed that he destroyed all of Iran's enriched nuclear material by precision bombing last year.

Nevertheless, Netanyahu made the sale in the end. Trump was still high on his January takeover of Venezuela; he was easily persuaded that the people of Iran would revolt if he just gave the signal, and Netanyahu told him that the Iranian regime would magically get nuclear weapons in a week if he didn't act. (Probably neither man really believed that, but it helped.)

Even then, Trump balked for a moment at the end, but Netanyahu threatened to attack Iran without American help if necessary, and he gave in.

As US Secretary of State Marco Rubio put

it, "We knew that there was going to be Israeli action. We knew that that would precipitate an (Iranian) attack against American forces, and we knew that if we didn't pre-emptively go after them before they launched those attacks, we would suffer higher casualties," Rubio told reporters.

Alternatively, of course, Trump could have just ordered Netanyahu not to start an illegal and foredoomed war against Iran, but that would have required a personality transplant. So the US and the IDF bombed and rocketed Iran for six weeks, killing at least 3,500 people, with no tangible effect – while Iran just closed the Strait of Hormuz and won the war.

Donald Trump can walk away from this fiasco humiliated before the rest of the world but relatively undamaged at home. People who vote for him don't follow or care about what happens in the Middle East unless the war starts up again. Whereas Netanyahu's political survival, and maybe even his freedom, depend on his getting the war going again.

The Israeli election is due by October, and voters blame Netanyahu for failing to prevent the Hamas atrocities in 2023 and also for not winning the war against Iran. The latest

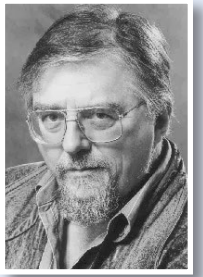
opinion polls show his Likud-led coalition and the likeliest opposition coalition neck and neck, with neither winning enough seats for a majority in the Knesset (parliament).

To stay in office and avoid jail (as he faces criminal corruption charges), Netanyahu needs a military victory. For that, he needs the war to restart. And that means he must defy Donald Trump, who wants the Strait of Hormuz fully open and some face-saving deal with Iran before he has to face American voters in the November mid-term elections.

Netanyahu can't really win a new war, but he needs at least to look like he might win it when Israelis vote in October, so he's doubling down on all his scariest themes. He told Channel 14 last week that he decided to attack Iran twice (June 2025 and February 2026) to save Israel "from annihilation by atomic bombs, which were already in their possession."

That's utter nonsense, but it's all he has left. Can he really restart the war and bring Trump along, or even do it without him? Probably not, but he's certainly going to try.

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OUR WORLD TODAY



Ambition versus mediocrity

With the rush for AI to do everything for us, and us to give up our own skills while sparing our children the effort of developing theirs because of the paucity of their education, it seems that there is a trend to stop excellence at mediocre.

Read it however you like, but humans have been given everything they ever needed to live, survive extremely well, and without doing any harm, create, invent and establish habitats and transportation, including, I dare say, flying.

Scientists agree that Earth is unique, in this solar system for sure, as the only perfect planet to give life at all. It has been a fascinating multi-million-year journey from the ruminations of single-cell organisms developing through the millennia into aquatic animals, from which we ourselves have evolved.

Who knows what lives deep in the oceans that have evolved differently to stay there? Exploration to those depths (not as honest discovery but as a project to see what the mining possibilities are) has found creatures never seen before. All part of the marvels of our home world, to the powerhouse of our own potential intelligence and capabilities.

It is as though we were built to excel, to be the guardians of all this grandeur and opulence – such wealth of food, resources for building, absolutely the exact right distance from the sun for its healing powers, its ideal

warmth and light source to grow the plant population to feed and protect us.

Even the weather between heat and cold of this planet was perfectly balanced.

None of this was easy: the formation of it all, culminating in the eventual development of ourselves, is longer than accuracy can guess and yet in large part, we have neglected to show our understanding and gratitude for all these gifts, including our own marvellous bodies and outstanding brains.

In our curiosity about our own history, we have truly sought answers to the many mysteries and conundrums that are a big part of who we are and who we have been. How is it that thousands of years ago, humans built large constructions with such accurate connections to the other worlds in this universe, including our own sun, but that confounds us now? Who left markings on the land in places around the world, seemingly at random, that might direct eyes looking down on us?

These couple of questions are only the beginnings of very long and complicated lists about humans in the past, to which there apparently are no satisfactory answers.

Most notably, though, amid all this wonder and mystery, we are not perfect. We are wondrously made, to be sure, and our big brains can invent almost anything. Yet what we were building, thinking and creating thousands of years ago remains relevant today,

reminding us of the extraordinary capabilities we once demonstrated.

How did we lose that ancient level of excellence? Could it be our obsession with war, the ground floor of our passion for violence, not only against our fellow humans and the other species living here, but on this perfect planet too?

We keep a close watch on scientists to see whether what they are discovering and inventing could strengthen our access to bigger and better instruments of war.

Certainly, our recent trend to build maybe unsafe hundred-plus-storey buildings cannot be called excellent, but the recent call not to bother with excellence in favour of mediocrity is a slippery slope, and we need to be very wary of it.

For the last few years, the debate over how mediocrity, the so-called "quiet quitting," is an emotional safeguard against the angst of overachieving, of putting pressure on oneself to get to a given goal faster, better, bigger.

Humans have a problem with balance. Perhaps it is our progressive divorce from nature. What makes this a perfect planet is how nature is perfectly balanced, and we have lost our focus on the idea of it.

The danger of dumbing down our children's natural needs in their education, their creativity and critical thinking, giving them

machines to do their thinking for them – the rot began when calculators were allowed in the classroom, I believe.

The modern push to introduce technology too early, by teaching coding in kindergarten, for example, while taking away cursive writing, basic math, and language skills like phonics in a simple march to steal basic skills from our kids, is ruinous.

How many times have you offered a cash payment at a store and the young cashier absolutely could not figure out the change for lack of training? This loss is not a fair treatment of the brilliant minds that come with every birth.

We should be wondering why mediocre has become popular, and we should be cautious about embracing it. While the frenetic impulses of the workaholic are not healthy, actually putting aside the desire to excel is too soft a road.

Whereas we back off, back down, making less of ourselves, we also risk relinquishing our watchfulness on by whom and how our country is governed. The domino effect of diminished education and ambition in our work lives might well result in a misplaced complacency.

We need to pay more attention than that.

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Kindergarten readiness: Building the skills children need for a confident start

For many families, the months leading up to kindergarten bring a mix of excitement and uncertainty. Parents often wonder if their child knows enough letters, numbers, or colours to be successful at school. While early academic skills are helpful, kindergarten readiness is about much more than academics.

Children enter school with varying abilities, but the skills that often have the greatest impact on a smooth transition are independence, emotional regulation, social skills, communication, and motor development.

One of the most important ways parents can prepare children for kindergarten is by encouraging independence at home. Simple daily tasks such as getting dressed, putting on shoes, washing hands, opening lunch containers, and tidying up toys help children build confidence in their abilities. While it can be tempting to step in and help, allowing children extra time to practice these skills on their own helps them develop the self-reliance they'll need in the classroom.

Social and emotional skills are equally important. Kindergarten requires children to share space, follow group routines, take turns, and navigate friendships. Parents can help build these skills through playdates, community activities, board games,



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and everyday family interactions. Teaching children simple strategies for managing big emotions, such as taking deep breaths, asking for help, or talking about their feelings, can also help them handle challenges at school more successfully.

Motor skills also play a significant role in school participation. Fine motor skills are needed for colouring, cutting, manipulating classroom materials, and developing early printing abilities. Activities such as building with blocks, playing with playdough, completing puzzles, drawing, and stringing beads can strengthen the small muscles of the hands while keeping learning fun. Gross motor skills, developed through climbing, jumping, running, and playground play, support overall coordination, balance, and body awareness.

Parents can also help children become fa-

miliar with school routines before the first day. Practicing carrying a backpack, sitting for short activities, following simple directions, recognizing their name, and participating in structured activities can make the classroom feel more familiar and less overwhelming.

Research shows that children who demonstrate strong school-readiness skills often experience greater success in their early years of education. However, readiness develops differently for every child, and some children benefit from additional support before entering school.

If you are concerned that there are gaps in your child's readiness for school, or are looking for ways to provide support to help them gain skills that will set them up for success. WonderTree also offers a variety of services. Our Occupational Therapists

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Starting kindergarten is a significant milestone, but readiness isn't about perfection. By providing opportunities to practice everyday skills, encouraging independence, and supporting social-emotional development, parents can help their children walk through the school doors feeling capable, confident, and ready to learn.

This week's article was written by the team at WonderTree Child, Adolescent, and Family Practice. Reach out to info@wonder-treepractice.ca or visit wonder-treepractice.ca/schoolreadiness to learn more or register for the program.

Central Region OPP issue bridge-jumping warning after one death, teen seriously injured

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning people never to jump from bridges into waterways after two recent incidents in the Central Region left one person dead and another seriously injured.

A 38-year-old man died on June 21 in West Guilford after he jumped from a bridge into the water and was struck by a boat. While he exited the water and made his way to a nearby residence to receive assistance, he was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

On July 4, a 15-year-old was seen attempting to jump from a bridge in Peterborough when a boat was passing underneath it. The youth struck the vessel before falling into the water.

Police said the youth did not surface immediately, and his friends who were on the bridge jumped in to assist him. But police say it was ultimately first responders who removed the youth from the waterway.

"The youth was transported to a local hospital but was later airlifted by ORNGE Air to a trauma centre in Toronto. The bridge re-

mained closed while officers conducted their investigation," reads an OPP media release.

Central Region OPP, which covers from Dufferin County in the west to Northumberland County in the east, issued a reminder regarding the dangers associated with bridge jumping on July 6.

"While the water below may appear safe, significant hazards often exist beneath the surface. The height of a bridge can cause severe injuries upon impact with the water, and hidden dangers such as shallow depths, rocks, debris and strong currents may not be visible from above," said the OPP in its reminder.

"The risks are further increased when vessels are operating nearby. Boat operators may not see a person entering the water in time to avoid a collision, creating a serious danger for everyone involved."

The OPP noted that risks exist regardless of whether warning signs are posted near a bridge.

"For your safety and the safety of others, stay off bridges, wear a lifejacket, and enter the water only from designated, safe locations," the OPP said.



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SAFETY FIRST: Ontario Provincial Police are reminding people never to jump from bridges into waterways after two recent incidents in Central Region left one person dead and another seriously injured. Police say hidden hazards, strong currents and nearby boat traffic can make bridge jumping deadly, even when the water appears safe.



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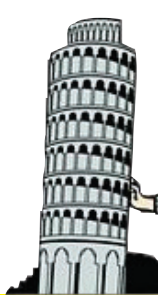
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Pauline is survived by her beloved husband Michael, daughter Michele Sguigna (Tom), sons Jim Mikol (Audrey De Groot) and Ken Mikol. She was loving and supporting Grandma to Jen (Chris), Josh (Kayla), Jillian, Myles, Callum, and Corben; she was an adoring and enthusiastic GG to Adaline, Bryce, Eleanor, and Jacob.



Pauline was born on January 28, 1944 in Lancashire, England to Jim and Doris Tallon (predeceased). She emigrated to Ontario with her family in 1951. Pauline attended Women's College Hospital, graduating as a registered nurse in 1965. She was a dedicated nurse, known throughout her career for compassionate care and genuine kindness. Pauline always put her patients first. Her cohorts remember her as a great classmate and a good friend.

Pauline was a friend to everyone lucky enough to meet her. She saw the best in people and was the best person that everyone knew. In her reluctant retirement, Pauline travelled often, enjoyed reading, tinkered on her piano, and continued to dedicate her time spreading happy thoughts to those she cared about. She collected anything that sparked joy and marked everyone occasion with a handpicked greeting card (or 5). She fanatically supported anything her grandchildren did and was overjoyed in every moment spent with her great-grandchildren.

Pauline was a truly lovely human, remembered for her warmth, quiet humour, and nurturing spirit. She exemplified what it is to be a good soul, and Pauline's legacy of kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Though she is no longer with us, her unconditional love and vibrant spirit will remain with us always, reminding us to be proud of who we are and to find the joy in every moment.

In lieu of flowers, gifts to Headwaters Healthcare Foundation in her memory would be appreciated (hhcfoundation.com)

Cremation has taken place. A reception to celebrate Pauline's life and memories will be held on Saturday July 25, 11am to 3pm at the Alton Legion, 1267 Queen St W, Alton, ON L7K 0C4. Family and friends are welcome to drop-in; a short service will take place at 1:00pm for any who wish to attend.

Online condolences can be made through Dods and McNair <https://www.dodsandmcnair.com/memorials/pauline-mikol/5722909/>.

OPP lay nearly 40 charges during Canada Day enforcement initiative

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid 39 charges and issued 32 warnings during a Canada Day marine enforcement initiative aimed at improving safety on Central Region waterways, according to a July 7 media release.

From July 1 to July 5, members of the OPP Snowmobile, All-Terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit conducted marine patrols on Fawn Lake, Gloucester Pool, Lake Muskoka, Lake Joseph, Redstone Lake, Haliburton Lake and Georgian Bay, working alongside local OPP detachments.

The most common offences included 14 counts of open alcohol on a vessel, 11 counts of failing to have a personal flotation device or lifejacket, and four counts of operating a vessel with open alcohol.

Other charges included failing to transfer vessel registration to a new owner, towing a person without a spotter, permitting someone under 16 to operate a personal watercraft, failing to carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, safety equipment violations and failing to carry a fire extinguisher.

During the five-day enforcement initiative, officers stopped a vessel that was towing family members, including youth, without a designated spotter on board, as required by law.

Police said further investigation found the operator had been consuming alcohol while operating the vessel and had open alcohol accessible on board. An Approved Screening Device test resulted in an "Alert" reading, leading to a seven-day driver's licence suspension and several charges under the Canada Shipping Act and Liquor Licence and Control Act.

"Alcohol and boating do not mix," the OPP said, noting that operating a vessel while impaired can result in criminal charges, licence



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CANADA DAY PATROL: Members of the Ontario Provincial Police SAVE Unit conduct a marine patrol during a Canada Day enforcement initiative on Central Region waterways from July 1 to 5. Officers laid 39 charges and issued 32 warnings, with the most common offences involving open alcohol on vessels and failing to carry or wear required personal flotation devices.

suspensions and other penalties, similar to impaired driving on Ontario roads.

Police reminded boaters that impaired operation of a boat, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle can result in consequences for their driver's licence.

The OPP also encouraged boaters to wear lifejackets, operate vessels sober, carry required safety equipment and ensure licences and vessel registration documents are up to date.

"A lifejacket only works if you're wearing it," police said.

Enforcement efforts will continue during the summer, with the OPP encouraging anyone who observes suspicious, impaired, aggressive or unsafe operation on roads or waterways to contact police.



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FOR INFORMATION regarding **HEART and STROKE**, call Dori Ebel (519)941-1865 or 1-800-360-1557.

IF YOU or a FAMILY MEMBER are struggling with gambling, Gamblers Anonymous is there to HELP. Call: 1(855) 222-5542 or visit www.gatoronto.ca.

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