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BILL C-288

(PROTECTION AGAINST ONLINE FRAUD) ACT

This bill, introduced by Melissa Lantsman (Thornhill), aims to protect Canadians from digital scams that drain bank accounts and steal livelihoods.



Seniors are at significant risk of being targeted by online scams. Bill C-288 also takes steps to specifically protect these users.

BILL C-263

(THE SILVER ALERT NATIONAL FRAMEWORK) ACT

This bill, introduced by Raquel Dancho (Kildonan—St. Paul), seeks to establish a coordinated national framework for Silver Alerts to help quickly locate vulnerable seniors who go missing, particularly those living with dementia or other cognitive impairments.



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GOAT GREETINGS: Attendees visit the petting zoo during the Cardinal Woods Circle of Friends Party in the Park at Mono College Park on Sept. 13. The fifth annual community event featured a petting zoo, pony rides, games, live entertainment and other activities for residents and families. See more photos on Page A8.

Headwaters gala raises record-breaking \$1 million for ER

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Headwaters Health Care Foundation raised \$1 million at its 27th annual gala Sept. 11 at Hockley Valley Resort, with the money going toward the planned emergency department expansion at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The gala, called Headwaters in Wonderland, presented by the Waechter family and e. Hofmann Plastics, drew a sold-out crowd. The event, themed around Alice in Wonderland, included dinner, live and silent auctions and entertainment by Old School.

Donations from guests throughout the evening, along with a gift from e. Hofmann Plastics, pushed the total to \$1 million, which organizers say is the most the gala has raised in its history.

"This evening exceeded every expectation we could have imagined," said Bonnie Kittle, chair of the Headwaters Gala Committee.

"From the incredible generosity shown by our donors to the overwhelming enthusiasm of our guests, Headwaters in Wonderland was truly magical.



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RECORD BREAKER: Confetti flies through the air during the Headwaters in Wonderland Gala at Hockley Valley Resort on Sept. 11. The Alice in Wonderland-themed event raised a record-breaking \$1 million for Headwaters Health Care Centre, with funds supporting medical equipment and the planned expansion of the hospital's emergency department.

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Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol gears up for seventh year

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol (OHHP) is back for its seventh year, with organizer Michelle Hartley announcing that “the list” of decorated homes entered in the annual contest officially began on Sept. 15.

The contest is run through the event's Facebook page, which has now grown to over 2,600 followers.

What started in 2020 as Hartley's way of enjoying Hallowe'en from the car with her young child during COVID-19 lockdowns has grown into a popular event among enthusiasts.

She says families regularly tell her the event has become their own annual tradition, often starting with dinner out in town before a drive or walk through the displays.

The Top 10 homes and yard displays will be selected on Friday, Oct. 23, between 7 and 10 p.m., with the list posted to the OHHP Facebook page by approximately 11 p.m. Those Top 10 properties will then be judged the following night, Saturday, Oct. 24, between 7 and 10 p.m., with winners announced on Facebook by around midnight.

Anyone in the community can sign up to judge by emailing Hartley at hartley.michelle@yahoo.com.

There is no cap on the number of judges. Judges wear a necklace identifying their role and get access to live-actor performances at homes that offer them.

The Top 10 homeowners will also be asked to host a “daylight fright” viewing on judging day, Oct. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., aimed at younger children and visitors with accessibility limitations.

Homes are scored across 10 categories: creativity, personal workmanship, sound, lights, special effects, attention to detail, animation or live action, storyline or theme, arrangement and display placement, and over-

all presentation.

For the second year, Hartley plans to share completed scoresheets with the Top 10 homeowners so they can see their strongest and weakest-scoring areas, with sheets expected to be posted to Facebook around Oct. 16.

Only decorated yards qualify for the list; decorated porches alone do not. However, OHHP has expanded eligibility to include displays that aren't visible from the road, such as decorated carports or garage interiors — a shift from the event's original car-viewing-only format introduced during COVID.

Continuing a new rule introduced this year, past first-place winners won't appear in the following year's Top 10 list but will instead be featured as bonus displays.

Last year's winner, 118 Church St., will be listed as stop No. 11 this year. Similarly, 4/6 Henderson St., the 2024 winner, didn't participate in 2025 and will also be listed as a bonus display rather than returning to the Top 10 — though Hartley said both addresses are expected to be back in full competition in 2027.

For the second year, OHHP will collect donations for the Orangeville Food Bank at the Top 10 homes. Last year's drive brought in \$92.35 in cash and 229 pounds of food; Hartley said OHHP is hoping to double those totals this year, citing greater need in the community.

Hartley estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 people turned out for the Top 10 judging night in 2025 and said organizers expect a similar turnout this year.

She also thanked the Orangeville/Dufferin OPP for monitoring traffic at busy intersections during the Top 10 and judging nights, saying she notifies police of the featured addresses in advance each year.

Hartley runs OHHP on a volunteer basis and pays her own costs, and says she has no plans to pursue corporate sponsorship for larger cash prizes.



FILE PHOTO

FRIGHTFUL FUN: A decorated home in Orangeville is pictured during a previous year's Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol. The annual contest showcases Halloween displays throughout the community and has become a popular tradition for local families.

“The fun is in the fun – bragging rights and a few small great prizes is all the recognition I ever will aim to supply and share,” she said.

OHHP had a booth for the third consecutive year at the Orangeville Fall Fair at the Agricultural Centre on Sept. 5 and 6, this year with a “Cam-evil” theme.

Home Depot donated a flex spider decora-

tion as a prize, and the Lynbrook Family Golf Centre donated mini-golf passes for kids who took part in a skull toss game.

Hartley said the event continues to draw visitors from outside Dufferin County, including Newmarket, Alliston, Guelph, Arthur, Shelburne, Dundalk, Brampton and Mississauga.

Big Brothers Big Sister receives funding to mentor youth for new school year

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District will deliver school-focused mentoring programs to an anticipated 90 young people through the 2026-27 school year.

This mentorship program will reach more than 10,000 young people in primary and secondary schools across Ontario.

“Meeting one on one with a caring mentor can transform a child's life in so many ways. One of those ways is encouraging children to stay in school and learn more.” said Nancy Stallmach, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District

The investment of \$1,485,000 shared

across all Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies in the province provides in-school focused mentoring programs that increase school connectedness and improve the social-emotional skills, mental health and educational outcomes of young people.

Through the support of caring and consistent mentors, young people in the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs develop relationships that build resilience. and receive the tools, resources and support needed to thrive and reach their full potential.

One mentor reflected on how academically engaged their mentee became during the

relationship and how they looked forward to their future.

“We've talked about high school and university. My mentee asked about residence, meal plans, and the application process,” said the mentor.

Ontario's Minister of Education Paul Calandra highlighted the mentoring program's role in supporting students' wellbeing.

“Students deserve to feel safe, empowered and respected in schools, and we will continue to ensure they have the tools needed to support their mental health and well-

being. Our government continues to focus on building a stronger, modern education system that strengthens student achievement and prepares them for success in the future,” said Calandra.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' school-focused mentoring programs are delivered to about 10,000 young people each year, taking place in the community and in hundreds of schools.

The partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Education dates to 2008 and has impacted thousands of students in communities across the province.



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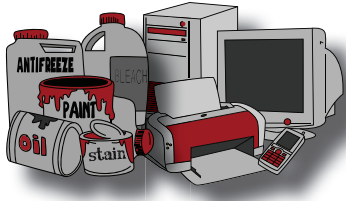
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See website for details on hours & locations for each scheduled event.

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Headwaters gala raises \$1 million

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Kittle added, “Our committee poured its heart into creating an immersive experience that transported attendees into another world and seeing that vision come to life while raising a record-breaking \$1 million for our hospital was extraordinary. I could not be more grateful to our volunteers, sponsors, donors and committee members who helped make this unforgettable evening possible.”

The funds will go toward medical equipment throughout the hospital and the planned expansion of the emergency department. The foundation says the project is meant to keep pace with the region’s growth and ensure patients receive timely emergency care close to home.

“What we witnessed was philanthropy at its very best,” said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

“Our community came together with remarkable generosity and a shared commitment to strengthening local health

care. Reaching the \$1 million milestone is a testament to the compassion and leadership of our donors, sponsors and supporters, whose gifts will have a lasting impact on every patient who relies on emergency care at Headwaters. We are profoundly grateful to everyone who contributed to this historic achievement.”

The gala’s signature sponsors included the Waechter family and e. Hofmann Plastics; diamond sponsor was James Dick Construction; gold sponsors were Brian and Rhonda Ledson, Cavalier Transportation Services Inc., Delta Piping Products, Grecia Mayers-Kendall, Hereward Farms and S. Burnett & Associates, Jaguar Land Rover Brampton, MNP, Orangeville Honda, RBC Royal Bank and Tire Discounter Group; silver sponsors were Ferguson Fine Homes, Green Monkey Creative, Hockley Valley Resort, Quake Marketing Group and Wightman; and the gift bag sponsor was Optimum Home Improvements.

Planning for the 2027 gala is already underway, the foundation said



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ENCHANTED EVENING: Dancers bring the Alice in Wonderland theme to life during the Headwaters in Wonderland Gala at Hockley Valley Resort on Sept. 11. The 27th annual gala raised a record-breaking \$1 million for Headwaters Health Care Centre, supporting medical equipment and the planned expansion of the emergency department.

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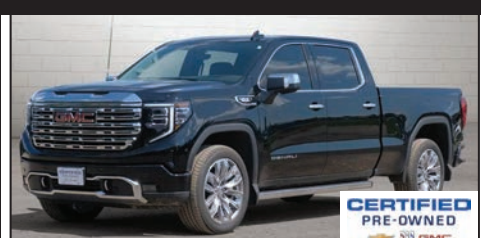
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2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN CLASSIC



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK 259134 • 133,843 KM • 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, MYLINK NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNDROOF, FPO ZONE AC, 27 INCH ALLOYS, 7-PASSENGER, SUPER CRUISE, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND/REAR CAMERA, REAR ENTERTAINMENT, LOADED, AIR RIDE, TECH PRO AND MORE!

\$232 WEEKLY + REG & LIC	\$69,989 MSRP \$ DOWN	\$5.59 MSRP WEEKLY	FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B \$14,621.25
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2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE STERLING EDITION



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK 261704 • 170,509 KM • 3.6L PENTASTAR V6, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, GUARDA TRAC II 4X4, 52-LOC TERRAIN SYSTEM, PANORAMIC SUNDROOF, NAV, NAVI, SPEAKER ALPINE AUDIO WITH SUBWOOFER, HEATED FRONT AND REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, CLASS V HITCH, REAR LOAD-LEVELING SUSPENSION, AND MORE!

\$146 WEEKLY + REG & LIC	\$19,889 MSRP \$ DOWN	\$9.29 MSRP WEEKLY	FOR 60 MONTHS C.O.B \$2,819.53
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2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK 251454 • 158,771 KM • 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AUTORAC 4X4, SEVEN-PASSENGER SEATING, POWER SUNDROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEAD-UP-DISPLAY, GOOGLE INFORMATION, NAVIGATION, BOSE AUDIO, 3RD-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 22 INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$191 WEEKLY + REG & LIC	\$57,489 MSRP \$ DOWN	\$5.59 MSRP WEEKLY	FOR 84 MONTHS C.O.B \$12,009.90
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\$61,916 -^{HST/LIC}
DCL DISCOUNT: \$2,000
CONSUMER CASH: \$10,000
TOTAL SAVINGS: \$12,000
\$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.29%

FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. \$14,507.75
DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A \$63,916 SELLING PRICE.

FINANCE FROM

\$225

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$82,931 -^{HST/LIC}
DCL DISCOUNT: \$3,500
NO-CHARGE DIESEL: \$11,000
TOTAL SAVINGS: \$14,500
\$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.29%

FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. \$19,618.24
DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A \$86,431 SELLING PRICE.

FINANCE FROM

\$219

WEEKLY +HST & LIC

\$57,246 -^{HST/LIC}
DCL DISCOUNT: \$2,000
CONSUMER CASH: \$10,000
TOTAL SAVINGS: \$12,000
\$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.29%

FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. \$23,012.24
DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A \$59,246 SELLING PRICE.

FINANCE FROM

\$278

WEEKLY +HST & LIC

\$60,521 -^{HST/LIC}
DCL DISCOUNT: \$3,500
NO-CHARGE DIESEL: \$11,000
TOTAL SAVINGS: \$14,500
\$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.29%

FOR 96 MONTHS
C.O.B. \$23,752.03
DISPLAYED FINANCE OFFER IS BASED ON A \$64,021 SELLING PRICE.

2026 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED



STK# T10021 • 4,889 KM • DEMO WITH A SLEEK BLACK EXTERIOR AND ROBUST 4x4 DRIVETRAIN. THIS SUV DELIVERS A DYNAMIC, CONFIDENT DRIVE IN DIVERSE CONDITIONS. IT BLENDS FUNCTIONALITY AND SOPHISTICATION WITH A SHIFTO AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, STYLISH ALLOY WHEELS AND A SPACIOUS BLACK INTERIOR.

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0001 • DEMO • FINISHED IN STRIKING WHITE WITH A ROBUST 4x4 DRIVETRAIN. THIS SUV PROMISES CAPTOR HANDLING OVER ANY TERRAIN. ITS BOLD ROAD PRESENCE AND TONING DESIGN MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT. WHILE THE INTERIOR DELIVERS SOPHISTICATION AND COMFORT.

2025 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S



STK# SW0003 • DEMO • AN ADVENTURE-READY SUV WITH AN EYE-CATCHING GREEN EXTERIOR AND ROBUST 4x4 DRIVETRAIN. DELIVERING IMPASSIONING HANDLING AND A THRILLING RIDE ACROSS ALL TERRAINS. THE BOLD EXTERIOR IS PAIRED WITH AN EQUALLY STRIKING INTERIOR.

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STK# U17005 • 45,469 KM • #14 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE, 3.0 DURAMAX TURBO-DIESEL, NAVIGATION, POWER HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, SMART DEVICE INTEGRATION, WI-FI HOTSPOT, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 4x4, ALLOY WHEELS, BACKUP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT AND REAR PARKING SENSORS, LANE KEEP ASSIST, AND MORE!

2026 JEEP COMPASS NORTH



STK# TT0004 • 5,511 KM • 2.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4x4, CONNECT-ONE GROUP DRIVER ASSISTANCE GROUP-HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 10.1" TOUCHSCREEN, 17-SPAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, REAR AUTO-LEVELLING AIR SUSPENSION, CLASS-WHITE TRUCKER BRIDGE CONTROLLER, 4.0 COMMING TURBO-DIESEL, 4x4, AND MORE!

2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



STK# US0027 • 179,414 KM • LINCOLN LEVEL 1 EQUIPMENT GROUP TOWING TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CHROMIUM WHEELS, CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HARMAN/INTERNATIONAL 17-SPAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, REAR AUTO-LEVELLING AIR SUSPENSION, CLASS-WHITE TRUCKER BRIDGE CONTROLLER, 4.0 COMMING TURBO-DIESEL, 4x4, AND MORE!

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392



STK# UB0150 • 57,836 KM • TECHNOLOGY GROUP 8.4L SRT HELIX I/O, POWER SUNROOF DRIVER MEMORY, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HARMAN/INTERNATIONAL 19-SPAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, NAPPIN LEATHER AND ALUMINUM INTERIOR, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FORWARD COLLISION WARNING, LANE KEEP ASSIST, REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!



2027 CHEVROLET BOLT LT

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STK# A9290

LEASE FROM

\$69
WEEKLY +TAXES

\$1,770
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PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

2.90%
FOR 24 MONTHS
16,000 KMS PER YEAR

CASH PRICE

\$156,866
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2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA



STK 23303A • 148,753 KM • SAHARA 4X4, BLACK EXTERIOR, BLACK INTERIOR, 2.4L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TOUCHSCREEN INFOTAINMENT, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, XM RADIO, BACKUP CAMERA, ALLOY WHEELS, REMOVABLE HARDTOP AND MORE!

\$112 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$23,470 \$0 DOWN
\$8.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$5,688.68

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD



STK 87804 • 3,387 KM • HEATED/COOLED SEATS | HEATED STEERING WHEEL | HEADS UP DISPLAY | ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL | WIRELESS CHARGING | ROSE SOUND SYSTEM | 360 CAMERA | WII FOOT SPORT | XM RADIO | INSTANT SPRAY ON BED LINER | 1600 KWHV WIPERS.

\$336 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$93,716 \$0 DOWN
\$7.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$28,708.16

2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD ZR2



STK 23563A • 10,722 KM • 1 OWNER | ACCIDENT-FREE | PERFORMANCE LIFTED SUSPENSION | HEATED/COOLED SEATS | HEATED STEERING WHEEL | WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY/ANDROID AUTO | ROSE SOUND SYSTEM | WIRELESS CHARGING | FUNK ZONE AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL | HEADS UP DISPLAY | ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL | AUTO HIGH BEAMS | XM RADIO | REMOTE START AND MORE!

\$361 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$100,710 \$0 DOWN
\$7.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$30,850.65

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



STK 23628A • 171,272 KM • ONE OWNER, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, 360 SURROUND VISION, SUNROOF, WII-FI HOTSPOT, XM RADIO, QWERTY, LEATHER SEATS, AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL, 20" WHEELS, POWER LIFTGATE, ROSE SOUND SYSTEM, TRAILERING PACKAGE AND MORE!

\$110 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$22,995 \$0 DOWN
\$8.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$5,573.55

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
Warranty: 3 years / 50,000 km
Finance: **0.99%**
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STK 87800 • 72,281 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPORT-ON-DEMAND, TRAILERING PACKAGE, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, XM RADIO, INSTANT DUAL-ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL, AND MORE!

\$203 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$56,516 \$0 DOWN
\$7.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$17,312.63

2026 HONDA CIVIC SEDAN HYBRID SPORT TOURING



STK 23488A • 13,883 KM • IN A STRONG WHITE FINISH, THIS EFFICIENT PRO TEAM OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL HANDLING, AND A BALANCED BLEND OF STYLE, PERFORMANCE AND FUNCTIONALITY.

\$131 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$36,516 \$0 DOWN
\$7.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$11,166.00

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT



STK 87812 • 45,600 KM • CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED, ACCIDENT-FREE, MIDNIGHT SKY BLACK METALLIC, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 25.34 KM TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, SPORT SUSPENSION, ULTRAVIEW SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY & WICH MORE!

\$162 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$48,216 \$0 DOWN
\$5.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$10,840.20

2024 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 4WD SPORT



STK 18876A • 62,728 KM • BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 6.2L V6 404, SPORT TRIM, 22" HIGH-ALLOY WHEELS, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PERFORMANC SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, PREMIUM AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSETS, AND MORE!

\$354 WEEKLY + HST & LIC
\$98,716 \$0 DOWN
\$7.99 FOR 60 MONTHS R.A.C.
C.O.B \$30,239.82

2025 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN TRENDLINE



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FOR 60 MONTHS

12,000 KMS PER YEAR

STK# TA2615

LEASE FROM

\$121

WEEKLY + TAXES

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\$35,896 +HST/LIC

\$0

DOWN PAYMENT

PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

2.99%

FOR 48 MONTHS

12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2018 BMW X3 xDRIVE30i



STK #11207 • 108,084 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANS-
MISSION, AWD, PREMIUM PACKAGE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWER
SUNROOF, NAVI, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, BACKUP CAMERA, BLIND ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL,
KEYLESS ENTRY, AMBIENT LIGHTING, SPORT SEATS, 18-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$110

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$17,555

\$0 DOWN

@ 9.29%

FOR 48 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$3,787.69

2021 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK #7217 • 108,465 KM • 2.0L V6 ENGINE, 4800MM ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED AND VENTILATED
FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW CAPTAIN'S CHAIRS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC
SUNROOF, DIGITAL, ADAPTIVE X-DRIVE, 18-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, POWER FRONT SEATS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE
CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

\$97

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$25,995

\$0 DOWN

@ 8.49%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$8,731.12

2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE



STK #7037 • 81,475 KM • 5.7L HEMI V8 WITH TORQUE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4x4,
BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, FRONT BENCH SEAT, LARAMIE LEVEL 2 EQUIPMENT GROUP SEAT HEATED
AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND-ROW SEATS, NAVI, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT
MONITORING, SURROUND-VIEW CAMERA, HARMAN KARDON AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, AND MORE!

\$178

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$47,495

\$0 DOWN

@ 8.49%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$16,026.22

2023 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS



STK #780P • 27,412 KM • 3.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANS-
MISSION, 4x4 WITH ANTI-SPIN DIFFERENTIAL, SAVER CRYSTAL EXTERIOR, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED
STEERING WHEEL, AWD, PREMIUM AUDIO, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, BLIND ZONE CLIMATE
CONTROL, COLD WEATHER GROUP, TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MORE!

\$162

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$44,995

\$0 DOWN

@ 7.99%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$13,783.39

2022 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE



STK #7207 • 71,525 KM • 1.6L TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, 4800MM ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED FRONT
SEATS, POWER DOORVEY SEAT, 8-INCH TOUCHSCREEN, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, BLUETOOTH,
BACKUP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, 18-INCH CLIMATE CONTROL, KEYLESS ENTRY,
POSH-DRIVATION SEATS, 18-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, POWER HEATED MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$100

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$26,995

\$0 DOWN

@ 7.99%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$8,575.75

2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK #703P • 106,832 KM • V6 ENGINE, 4800MM ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL,
EXHAUST, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAVI,
CLIMATE, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND-SPOT MONITORING, LANE
ASSIST, FRONT ASSIST, 36-DEGREE CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, 20-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$133

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$36,495

\$0 DOWN

@ 7.99%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$11,312.73

2025 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS CROSS SPORT COMFORTLINE



STK #703P #703P • 18,400 KM • 4800MM ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBOCHARGED 2.0 TSI ENGINE,
8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEAT, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, APP-CONNECT
SMARTPHONE INTEGRATION, APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, BLIND ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL,
HEADUP CAMERA, FRONT ASSIST WITH AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING, AND MORE!

\$165

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$46,195

\$0 DOWN

@ 7.99%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$14,150.99

2023 KIA SPORTAGE X-LINE LIMITED AWD



STK #1804 • 53,223 KM • 2.5L GDI ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, PANORAMIC
SUNROOF, 1.2-MHZ BOSE, CONTACT DISPLAY, NAVI SYSTEM, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, HARMAN
KARDON PREMIUM AUDIO, HEATED & VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING
WHEEL, SURROUND VIEW MONITOR, BLIND-VIEW MONITOR, SMART POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

\$117

WEEKLY
+ HST & LIC

\$32,695

\$0 DOWN

@ 7.99%

FOR 60 MONTHS
B.A.C.

C.O.B \$10,015.51

Cardinal Woods Circle of Friends Party in the Park returns for fifth year



GAVIN WALKER PHOTOGRAPHY

FAMILY FUN: Residents and families gather at Mono College Park for the fifth annual Cardinal Woods Circle of Friends Party in the Park on Sept. 13. The community event featured live entertainment, children’s activities, food, games and vendors as neighbours came together to celebrate the five-year milestone.



The Dufferin Farm Tour is coming!

We are excited for this year’s event on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**

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All-candidates meetings coming to Mulmur and Mono for voters

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

Residents in Mono and Mulmur will have a chance to pose questions directly to municipal election candidates as the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition hosts two all-candidates meetings.

The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at Hockley Community Hall, 994174 Mono Adjala Town Line, Mono.

The second will take place Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mulmur Township Office, 758070 2nd Line East, Mulmur.

Mono Mulmur Citizen's Coalition Pres-

ident Don Macfarlane said the meetings will give residents an opportunity to hear candidates outline their priorities, respond to questions and explain their positions on issues facing their respective municipalities.

"All the candidates get a chance to have a three-minute quick introduction," he said. "They get to say, this is who I am, this is what I think are the two, three, or four big issues, and where I stand on them."

Macfarlane added, "Guests then have the opportunity to talk directly to candidates either by formal questions during a Q&A or informally before or after the meeting."

After candidates introduce themselves, the meetings will then move into an ap-

proximately one-hour question-and-answer session with the audience.

"As a questioner, you are invited to address your question to a particular councillor," MacFarlane said. "Once that person has answered... all the other candidates are given the opportunity to answer the same question as well, so everyone is heard."

Candidates will generally have one to two minutes to answer each question before the meeting moves on.

Each candidate will also have about two minutes at the end of the meeting to make a closing statement.

The coalition expects as many as 11 candidates to participate in the Mono meeting and seven in Mulmur. Candidates who have been acclaimed have also been invited to attend.

MacFarlane said that before and especially after the formal proceedings, the venue is open for about an hour so residents can speak informally with candidates.

"The doors open at 9:30," he said. "Coffee is available if you want to talk to a candidate before, and we'll keep it open for an hour after. So, if you want to stay, or if you didn't get your question answered... or

you just want to get to know a candidate better, you have that opportunity. We've found that the informal part of the meetings is often, for many people, the best part of it."

The meetings are intended to give voters an opportunity to hear from candidates in person and make their own decisions about who they want representing their communities.

For residents, the events also provide an opportunity to raise questions about issues that directly affect day-to-day life in the municipalities. Topics expected to come up include water supply and quality, development and housing, protection of the rural environment, farmland, municipal roads, policing and community security.

MacFarlane said local government has a direct impact on many aspects of residents' lives, making it important for voters to understand the candidates and the issues before casting their ballots.

"This council is going to have a big, big say in the development of your community," he said.

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Election forums and debates planned across Dufferin County

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

As the fall municipal election season starts in earnest, many candidates want to hear directly from the community, and residents want to engage with leaders on key priorities and concerns before casting their ballots.

With the participation of several prominent community groups, a variety of debates, forums and meetings are planned in the coming weeks to facilitate back-and-forth dialogue to familiarize constituents with the names appearing on their ballots.

The Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition will host events for both Mono and Mulmur, with an all-candidates meeting in Mono scheduled for Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Hockley Community Hall, followed by a second meeting in Mulmur on Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mulmur Township Office.

The Dufferin Board of Trade will host an online Dufferin County Council Election Forum on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., featuring mayor and deputy mayor candidates from the county's seven municipalities outside Orangeville. The forum will be held on Zoom, with the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86716584497?pwd=nLYVNZSLFkll94d26tCaGRvqjaffGZ.1>

On Oct. 5, the Dufferin Board of Trade will host a live Orangeville mayor and deputy mayor debate at 7:00 p.m. at Theatre Orangeville.

The Orangeville Community Advocacy Working Group will host an Orangeville mu-

nicipal council candidate forum on Oct. 1.

In Shelburne, Mike Fazackerley and Jeff McLean are hosting an all-candidates meeting Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Shelburne Legion.

An all-candidates meeting will also be held in Grand Valley, hosted by the Grand Valley Small Business Group, on Oct. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Valley and District Community Centre.

In Caledon, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce will host a mayoral candidates event Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Centre. The chamber will also host a forum for Wards 4, 5 and 6 candidates on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Albion Bolton Branch, and a forum for Wards 1, 2 and 3 candidates on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branch.

The Dufferin Board of Trade is offering a non-partisan election hub with information about the 2026 municipal elections at dufferinbot.ca/2026elections.

On Sept. 16, Melancthon ratepayers hosted an all-candidates meeting at the Horning's Mills Hall.

These locally run events give residents a direct line to their leaders and aspiring candidates, where they can ask questions and raise community concerns in a structured, accessible environment meant to encourage residents to use their democratic right to vote.

More meetings may be announced in the coming days and weeks, and organizers of any meetings not included herein are encouraged to email sam@citizen.on.ca for coverage.

Friends of the Orangeville Library to host fall Book and Bake Sale

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

Friends of the Orangeville Library is preparing for its annual fall Book and Bake Sale on Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Mill Street branch.

The fundraiser helps the volunteer group support extra resources and services at the library beyond its regular budget.

Friends of the Orangeville Library representative Shelley Ber said that funds raised at recent sales have already led to two significant additions.

"We purchased snowshoe sets and poles, so they are going to be on loan come wintertime," she said. "We spent \$1,000 on that."

Ber added, "We also purchased an iPad for the children's department, so that if parents are looking up a certain book, they don't have to go to the other end of the library to do it. That was \$2,075."

These projects build on the library's growing collection of non-traditional items, which already includes offerings such as local park passes.

The fall Book and Bake Sale serves as a smaller companion to the group's spring book and plant sale, but still plays an important fundraising role. This year's event will feature donated books arranged in the basement of the Mill Street Library, with homemade baked goods also available.

The sale will be cash-only.

In advance of the sale, organizers are seeking donations of gently used books from the community.

"We are looking for gently used book donations before the sale," Ber said. "They can be dropped off at the Mill Street Library before the sales on Oct. 3. We can take anything that's five years and under, but nothing older, because sometimes we get stuff that's like 20 or 30 years old, and we can't sell that."

Friends of the Orangeville Library volunteers will meet on the Friday morning before the sale to sort and display the books, and will staff the fundraiser during its hours on Oct. 3.

Money raised will go back into the library, supporting projects that benefit local residents of all ages.



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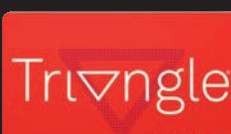
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Dufferin Autism Walk to mark 10th year with return to Fendley Park

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Dufferin Autism Committee is marking a decade of bringing Dufferin-Caledon families together, with the 10th annual Dufferin Autism Walk on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Fendley Park in Orangeville.

Registration and activities begin at 10 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 10:45 a.m. The walk itself covers one to three kilometres along the park's Alder Trails, with festivities, refreshments, a raffle and vendors continuing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event runs rain or shine.

This year's walk ambassadors are siblings Brooklyn and Brexton. A Shelburne-based travel company owned by the siblings' parents, Canadian Mous Trips sponsors the walk, which helps other autism families plan travel.

Committee founder Karrie Lynn Daponte said the milestone marks two years of the walk operating fully independently, mean-

ing all funds raised stay in the community.

"It directly goes to families in Dufferin and Caledon," Daponte said.

Registration remains free, and funds come from a day-of raffle and silent auction, vendor fees, and donations, along with pre-event fundraisers. A Celebrity Server Fundraiser at Boston Pizza took place on Monday, Sept. 14, with 10 per cent of sales between 5 and 8 p.m. going toward the cause.

Donations raised through the walk will be held by Canadian Mouse Trips and managed through the committee to create social opportunities for autism families in the community. The events funded by the committee are selected through polling and feedback from families. In the past, the committee has sponsored a family skate, movie theatre outing, pottery night, swim sessions and respite sessions for caregivers.

Daponte said the walk remains as much

about community and belonging as it is about fundraising.

"You don't have to have a connection with autism to come," she said. "It's all for all ages... we open it up to community because we want that community to come out and enjoy the day together."

She said some families who rarely leave the house with their child due to safety concerns make an exception for the walk, feeling more comfortable in a setting where those around them understand the challenges they navigate daily.

Returning vendors and community partners this year include the Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services, which will supply water and juice boxes and act as walk marshals along the turnaround point on Alder Trail, and the Lord Dufferin IODE will run its Child ID Clinic offering fingerprinting and identification booklets for families. Tim Hortons on First Street is again donating hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits.

Project Lifesaver will also be present and distribute information about its program, which locates missing individuals with autism who may be prone to wandering.

The event will also include police, fire and ambulance services, face painting, outdoor games, inflatables, and demonstrations from local karate and dance groups.

The committee said it's still looking for volunteers, particularly teens and adults, to help with setup, breakdown and supporting vendors throughout the day. Organizers are also seeking sponsors, raffle and auction item donations, participant giveaways, and contributions to an ongoing bottle drive.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is expected to attend, along with one town councillor. Several candidates in the upcoming municipal election have also said they plan to attend or volunteer.

Families and individuals can pre-register in advance by visiting: tinyurl.com/DufferinAutismWalk

Orangeville Show Chorus opens fall membership series to new singers

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

Women interested in discovering their singing voice will have an opportunity to step onto the risers with the Orangeville Show Chorus this fall through a five-week membership series.

The Orangeville Show Chorus (OSC) is inviting prospective members to experience the chorus firsthand through its Fall Membership Series, designed to introduce newcomers to a cappella singing in a welcoming and educational environment. The chorus is currently promoting registration for the five-week program.

According to OSC director Laurie Moore, the series gives participants a chance to sing with the group without immediately committing to full membership.

"This year, we're offering a five week program for people to come and just try us out," she said. "It's a nice, low stress opportunity to kind of get introduced to see if it's really something that they could be interested in, and then if not, no pressure."

Over the five weeks, participants will attend short classes covering different aspects of singing and vocal development before joining existing chorus members on the risers during rehearsals. Participants will learn two songs alongside the chorus and will have an opportunity to perform during OSC's Nov. 7 show.

No audition is required to participate in the membership series. Instead, newcom-

ers will undergo a voice test to determine which of the chorus's four vocal parts — bass, baritone, lead or tenor — is best suited to their voice.

The program is intended for singers of varying experience levels, including those who have never sung with an organized group or learned to read sheet music.

Music education is a regular part of OSC rehearsals, with members learning about breathing, posture, alignment, vocal production and the fundamentals of the barbershop style. Learning tracks are also available to help members learn their parts outside of rehearsals.

Moore said that the Orangeville Show Chorus is a women's a cappella group specializing in four-part barbershop harmony that offers plenty of opportunities to get involved and experience all manners of musical performance and learning.

"We rehearse once a week," she said. "But we have other opportunities, such as a music school coming up for our region that a lot of us will be going to for the weekend. We sing a really big variety of music, as well, we have some songs from musicals, and some contemporary songs from Bruno Mars, for example."

As a show chorus, members memorize their music rather than using sheet music during performances, allowing singers to focus on connecting with audiences. Performances can also incorporate choreography.

The chorus describes its mission as en-

gaging women in the pursuit of musical excellence through four-part harmony a cappella singing while inspiring, educating and entertaining audiences.

All are welcome to apply, regardless of skill.

To learn more, go to osc.choirgenius.com.



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SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS: Orangeville Home Hardware dealer-owner Dan Moulton stands with backpacks filled with school supplies that are being donated to support local students and families through the local Youth Fair Christ nonprofit. The donation is part of an annual initiative that provided 1,200 backpacks to students through partnerships with schools, youth organizations and community agencies across Ontario.

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Interest groups call on county to explore off-road trail activity

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Supporting an off-road trail network in Dufferin County would be a boon to local businesses and rural property owners.

That's the feeling of at least one Mulmur business owner, who conveyed the sentiment to county council during its Sept. 10 meeting.

Jon Hare, of Scott Reinhart Trailer Sales Ltd., wrote a letter to council in support of an effort by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) and the Dufferin Rooftop Recreational Riders Association to explore opportunities for responsible off-road trail access.

Dufferin County has already allowed off-road motorcycle use of the county rail trail corridor. And that shows that the upper-tier government recognizes off-road riding as an important recreational activity.

But it was pointed out to council that current riding opportunities in Dufferin County remain limited.

There are no designated staging or parking areas between Orangeville and Flesherton,

and most lower-tier municipalities prohibit off-road motorcycles on road allowances.

The rail trail presents logistical challenges for many responsible riders, according to the stakeholder groups who spoke to council. It offers a different experience compared to traditional single-track forest trails. This severely restricts legal riding options.

According to a presentation to council, the county and off-road riding interest groups share core objectives. These include improving public safety, protecting private property and hindering trespassing, and supporting local businesses while preserving the natural spaces that make Dufferin unique.

To that end, council heard that the OFTR and the local affiliate are collaborating with the OPP, the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, municipalities, and individual landowners.

In his letter, Hare said he's watched for over 10 years as both groups worked respectfully and professionally with Dufferin County to create legal, managed off-road motorcycle trail opportunities.

But there is still much to be done.

"After more than a decade of discussions, we are still no closer to a solution," he said. "As a local business owner, I see riders travelling to neighbouring counties every weekend because that's where legal trail systems exist."

"Along with them goes spending on trailers, fuel, restaurants, repairs, supplies, and other local services."

He said the OFTR and the Dufferin riders' group have offered to build and maintain trails with volunteers, promote responsible riding and environmental stewardship, and provide \$15 million in liability insurance.

A trail network isn't simply about trails, Hare said.

It's also about promoting tourism, supporting local business, and providing recreational opportunities for families.

"I consistently see the effects of not having a safe, responsible trail system if not daily with kids riding bikes on streets and roads with nowhere else to turn," Hare said. "If we want them off the roads, farmers' fields, streets, or trespassing, we need to provide somewhere for them to ride."



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TRAIL TALK: Dufferin County council heard support for developing a managed off-road trail network, with proponents saying it could improve recreational opportunities, reduce trespassing and support local businesses and rural communities.

Paul Morin Galley explores faith, art and modern-day gods at upcoming exhibition

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Paul Morin is opening his gallery in Alton on Sept. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. for a night of "art, music and movement."

In honour of the coming Equinox, the evening offers an exhibition theme which poses some deep philosophical and spiritual questions.

Morin wrote in an email, "In this divided world, are we losing the practices of faith, and forgetting the value of the universal moral teachings contained in world religions, old and new, traditional and contemporary?"

He continues to ask if, within this age of lost gods, how can we resurrect the fundamental teachings that benefit society in a way that inspires new paradigms echoing old teachings? Can they have the chance of restoring faith, hope, and belief?

And he offers the test: if the old gods are returning to our lives in new ways, how will that appear in this digital age: who and what are our modern gods?

Poignantly, "What is being revered, and what has become obsolete?"

An artist himself, Morin notes that for many artists, creativity stems from observing the natural world, and he speculates that some interpret their spirituality and worldview through their work. All to invite consideration and reflective comments at such a time of the year.

This evening in praise of the Equinox

will bring music and acoustic sounds to be remembered. Both Morin and Joe Steduto have created and made their own Godboxes. At first, the boxes look like a tidy collection of odds and ends, wire in a spiral, an antique-looking crank in a setting.

Several other bits are included for the curious to learn, and each has its own voice for the inventors to pluck. To one side is a violin which Morin plays very simply, barely a note here and then, more of a comment to embellish the concert.

The sounds from the collection of unexpected things are unexpectedly sweet, interesting, and even calming, but not musical. It does not expect to be musical.

At other times, strange discord can emerge in opposing ideas and combinations when two Godboxes speak.

In a conversation with Janine Smith, Morin's partner, who knows and encouraged Morin to invite the other performers, began to explain the traditional Indian dance, the Kathak dance that Preya Balgobin will perform.

"With bells," Smith said. "Preya is an expert on Indian dancing."

During the preparations, Morin bought his statue of Ganesha to the front of the gallery from where it had been further in the back. When she learned about the move, Preya was delighted. Her dance is in honour of Ganesha, the famous Hindu elephant-head god of wisdom, new beginnings and the remover



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UNIQUE INSTRUMENT: Paul Morin plays his Godbox acoustic sound box, which he recently built himself. His Old Gods New World exhibition promises art, music, and movement at the Paul Morin Gallery in Alton this weekend. An open bar and refreshments will be served. The event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. Each odd bit of the Godbox plays a different acoustic sound that isn't melodious but is interesting and, in some ways, calming.

of obstacles.

Hayley MacLean, playing her cello and loving both the classical and classical jazz world will be part of the entertainment, performing what she knows in the best of both classical and jazz music.

What is wonderful about this special evening is how eclectic it is.

"All the paintings are so different, such a variety and the music is so different one from the others," Smith said.

And at the end of the evening, the last question can finally be asked: "Where does divinity reside in our physical sphere?"

The Paul Morin Gallery is located at 19741 Main Street, Alton.

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Maple Leaves Forever to join Mulmur's 175th anniversary celebration

Maple Leaves Forever is joining the Township of Mulmur in celebrating its 175th anniversary during a special community event on Saturday, Sept. 26.

As part of the day's festivities, set against the vibrant backdrop of Ontario's autumn colours, a newly planted grove of native maple trees in Thomson Trail Park will be dedicated in memory of Ken Jewett, long-time Mulmur resident and founder of Maple Leaves Forever.

Mulmur's 175 celebration BBQ:

As part of the Township's year-long celebration of Mulmur's 175th Anniversary, residents are invited to come together for a special community BBQ hosted by the township.

This free event is an opportunity to celebrate Mulmur's rich history, strong community spirit, and the people who make it such a special place to call home. Attendees can enjoy a complimentary BBQ, cake, face painting, music, and treats from the Make It Sweet Ice Cream Truck.

The event gets underway at 11 a.m. with opening remarks and speeches by Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner.

The Maple Leaves Forever dedication will take place at noon with remarks by Maple Leaves Forever representatives and a formal plaque unveiling.

The event concludes at 2 p.m. and provides an opportunity to reconnect with friends, neighbours, and fellow residents.

The celebration promises an afternoon of fun, community, and reflection on 175 years of Mulmur's proud heritage.

A lasting legacy

The memorial grove features native sugar and red maples, a dedicated memorial bench, and educational signage. The grove stands as a lasting tribute to Ken's environmental leadership and his deep connection to the Mulmur community. It was coordinated alongside park enhancements funded through an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant.

"Ken's passion for native maples has helped shape landscapes across Ontario," said Deb Pella Keen, executive director of Maple Leaves Forever. "Joining Township residents to celebrate Mulmur's 175th milestone among the peak fall colors makes this dedication truly special."

Maple Leaves Forever is a charitable foundation dedicated to promoting and supporting the planting of native Canadian maples.

Thanks to Ken's vision and determination, the foundation has supported the planting of more than 135,000 native maples across Ontario — the equivalent of over 1,250 km of roadside and laneway plantings.

Paved walking path and outdoor exercise equipment grand opening

"Thanks to funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), the Township of Mulmur is excited to announce that the new paved walking path and outdoor fitness equipment at Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield are now open to the public," reads a press release from Mulmur Township.

"These new additions provide residents and visitors of all ages and fitness levels with a free, accessible space to stay active and enjoy the outdoors."

The release continued, "Whether you're looking to build strength, improve balance, or add movement to your daily routine, the equipment is available year-round for everyone to enjoy."

Donaldson family donates \$500,000 to Honeywood Arena fundraising campaign

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A major donation is giving the community-led effort to improve Honeywood Arena a significant boost.

The \$500,000 contribution comes from Robert and Marnie Donaldson and will go toward planned upgrades and the construction of new change rooms at the arena, formally known as the North Dufferin Community Centre.

Mulmur mayor Janet Horner expressed thanks on behalf of the town and community for the enormous donation.

"On behalf of Mulmur council and the entire community, we extend our sincere gratitude to Robert and Marnie Donaldson for their extraordinary generosity," she said.

"Their commitment to preserving and enhancing this important community asset will have a lasting impact on residents, families, and visitors for years to come."

The donation brings the total raised for the project to approximately \$900,000 as the Township of Mulmur and community members continue working toward the larger goal of revitalizing the facility.

The proposed improvements are expected to cost about \$4 million. The township is pursuing grants and other sources of funding with the aim of completing the work without relying on municipal tax dollars.

The effort to preserve the arena gained momentum in 2024, when more than 1,000 residents responded to a community survey about the facility's future. Following the results, Mulmur council supported keeping the North Dufferin Community Centre operational and moving ahead with critical repairs to its roof, ice pad and coolant system.

Since then, fundraising has expanded beyond those immediate repairs to include additional improvements intended to modernize the facility and improve its accessibility.

The Donaldsons have previously contributed to recreation projects in Mulmur. In 2025, the couple made a significant donation toward the development of a multi-use recreational court in Terra Nova.

The township said the latest contribution is another indication of the couple's ongoing support for recreation and community improvements in Mulmur.

Fundraising for the arena project remains ongoing, with residents, businesses and community partners being encouraged to contribute where possible.

The township says each additional donation will help move the project closer to its fundraising target and the planned improvements at the community centre.

The North Dufferin Community Centre, commonly known as Honeywood Arena, is an important recreational facility serving residents of Mulmur and surrounding communities.

With every donation and fundraiser completed, the revitalization of the crucial community hub gets closer.



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GRAND DONATION: Robert and Marnie Donaldson present a \$500,000 donation to Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner (left) in support of proposed upgrades and a change room addition at the North Dufferin Community Centre, also known as Honeywood Arena.

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Dufferin Arts Council hosting After 5 Salon with set designer Beckie Morris

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Following the sold-out success of the first After 5 Salon in Hockley Village, the Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) is holding a second Salon event on Oct. 7.

Featuring award-winning, Orangeville-based set designer Beckie Morris as a speaker, the event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Museum of Dufferin's Corbetton Church.

"It is such a pleasure to speak to a group who are coming to hear me on this subject — it is a joy," said Morris. "From concept to finish, a set can go sideways and putting it on paper is my very favourite topic. So, I'm really glad to do this."

As a freelance set designer outside Orangeville as well, Morris is the production and event manager for Theatre Orangeville, where she has been part of the team for over 20 years. She was offered her first professional set design role with the organization, and as the resident scenic designer, she essentially designs all the sets for each production.

During the Salon, she will talk about how designing sets for so many years has influenced the rest of her life.

Over the years, she has done work for a number of other theatres, as far away as Quebec and PEI.

In 2023, Morris did *Appropriate* as a co-design with Steve Lucas for The Coalmine Theatre in Toronto, which won a DORA Award for Set Design.

Her artwork appears on utility boxes around town, and several of her murals adorn the walls of buildings in Orangeville. It keeps her busy, and her talk will give her

audience an idea of how she manages it all.

The process of designing a set begins with meeting the play's director. Morris offers her ideas, which the director can accept right away or send back to the drawing board.

Designing a set is an artistic endeavour, but it must also reflect the feelings and dreams of others, in sync with the play's mood and needs as the story unfolds, while working with the crew who design other aspects of the production.

Morris started on the road with courses at the technical school at Fanshawe College in London, Ont. In the course of her talk, she could offer a touch on those early days and her own steady climb to learn all that she could about the challenges and conquering them.

Even now, and for the last seven years, Morris has been the set designer for the acting program at Fanshawe College.

It is the tremendous life of relationships that might drive her talk about set designing, for the team of talented and wonderful people with whom she deals daily to discuss her own "crazy ideas" and how the enthusiasm and skill of others make those unique, fascinating ideas happen.

Morris' sets welcome the audience in and give the story space and continuity in sometimes extraordinary ways.

Very frequently, the curtain opens to a view of the set, and there could be seconds pass before the first action takes place, but those early seconds are enough for the audience's first impression, that initial breath of liking or less, how much they are open to what comes next.

Morris quickly credits the importance of the other designers of every play or show:



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SETTING THE STAGE: Local artist, Beckie Morris, also a well know set designer, will be speaking about creating sets for theatres at Dufferin Arts Council's second After 5 Salon: Setting the Stage, on Oct. 7. The event takes place at the Museum of Dufferin's historic Corbetton Church.

the lighting and sound designers who define the timing, mood, and progression of the story, within the environment created for the actors and their tales.

One thing will be clear in the course of Morris's talk: her appreciation of how lucky and blessed she feels about her life and the people in it.

To young people interested in this as a career, she encourages them to "try it all, especially young students," she advises, while cautioning, "this job is not glamorous, working with the team is great. But you can't be closed to the idea of always learning."

For tickets, visit: zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/after-5-arts-salon-with-beckie-morris-from-theatre-orangeville

All-candidates meetings to be held in Mulmur and Mono in lead up to municipal election

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"They're the ones who talk directly to the OPP. They're the ones who put their hours in answering your phone calls in the middle of the night."

"These people are putting an immense amount of time into getting you the opportunity to vote, to see what's happening in our community, to inform yourself. Don't give it up. It's too valuable," MacFarlane added.

The Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition has been active in the community for nearly 40 years. The organization was originally formed around opposition to a water-taking proposal in Mono and has since focused on

informing residents about issues affecting the community.

The coalition has approximately 80 to 90 member families and publishes a monthly bulletin, monitors municipal council meetings and highlights issues it believes are important to local residents.

It has also organized public meetings on issues including water, Lyme disease and aggregate development. The coalition has held all-candidates meetings during the past four or five municipal elections.

The coalition is encouraging residents to take advantage of the opportunity to meet the people seeking office and join the discussion ahead of the 2026 municipal election.

Shelburne votes against provincial e-scooter pilot program citing safety concerns for residents

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

The Town of Shelburne will not opt into Ontario's electric kick-scooter pilot program, with council citing safety concerns and gaps in provincial legislation surrounding the increasingly popular devices.

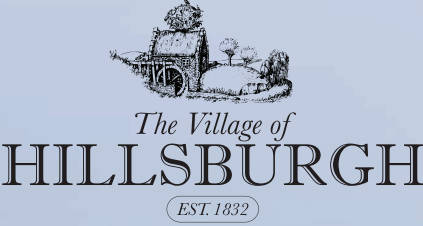
Council received a report from the town's director of legislative services/clerk during its Sept. 14 meeting, recommending Shelburne maintain its current approach and continue prohibiting e-scooters on public property.

Town staff said complaints have been consistently received from residents and

council members regarding excessive speeds, riders using sidewalks and concerns for pedestrian safety.

Staff identified what they described as a fragmented provincial regulatory framework as a significant problem, creating confusion for residents and difficulties with enforcement. Council supported calling on the province to review the Highway Traffic Act and associated regulations and establish clearer, more consistent rules.

Shelburne council ultimately supported the staff recommendation to remain outside the provincial pilot and continue prohibiting e-scooters on municipal public spaces.



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Amaranth teen heads to Spain for competitive motorcycle event

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

Sixteen-year-old Amaranth resident Lachlan Alexander is preparing to take his rapidly rising motorcycle racing career onto the international stage with an upcoming trip to Spain for a prestigious Red Bull selection event.

Alexander is one of a select few young riders from around the world invited to the competition, where only a small handful will earn the chance to advance to a top-tier championship.

He said he’s still processing the news. “It’s still like insanely surreal to me,” Alexander said. “I can’t even put into words what it means to go. It’s only 110 kids from all around the world get the chance to go, and only only around eight make it through after the event for a chance to race at the top level.”

He added, “It’s a lot to process, but it’ll be exciting, and it’s a big step for [my] racing career.”

The event runs from Oct. 2 to 10, with riders split over the first two days before a cut is made for a final selection day.

After years of riding dirt bikes locally, Alexander is still very new to the competitive scene and performing on a different class of bikes.

“I started racing last year, actually,” he said. “This was my first year fully racing. We started off doing the regional rounds out in Grand Bend, and caught a lot of seat time, learned a lot, and then this year was my first season at the national rounds, so even just that is an accomplishment in itself. I was a rookie going into the national series, and I

was able to come out with a Canadian national title.”

Racing is very much a family affair for the Alexanders. The team is built around a tight-knit structure, with Lachlan’s father serving as team manager and mechanic, and Lachlan and his brother Cole as the primary riders.

Training for international competition goes far beyond seat time. With limited access to local tracks in Canada, Alexander makes the most of regional events and smaller circuits while relying heavily on off-track conditioning.

“The physical stuff that comes out of it — it’s insane,” he said. “It’s all upper body and core and legs, and it’s a whole body thing. Most people think that you sit on the bike, you steer, and you give it throttle. But anybody that’s riding on the track is getting their eyes widened up whenever they experience it. It’s a lot more physical than they think.”

Running, biking, and regular gym sessions help build the strength and endurance needed for the physically demanding nature of road racing, which places significant strain on the upper body, core and legs.

This past season, Alexander campaigned a 2025 Kawasaki Ninja 500 that he bought at auction and rebuilt himself after school and work, with the clear goal of winning a national title.

Looking ahead, he plans to move up to a more powerful GSX-R 750 next year and is targeting additional Canadian championships.

Whatever the outcome in Spain, his rapid rise from local rider to national champion and international competitor has already made him a standout representative for Amaranth and Dufferin County.



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FULL THROTTLE: Amaranth’s Lachlan Alexander races his Kawasaki Ninja 500 motorcycle on the track. The 16-year-old national champion is preparing to compete in a Red Bull selection event in Spain this October.

Orangeville Flag Football League’s season begins following Friday night opener

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

With summer coming to a close, it is time for football.

The Orangeville Flag Football League (OFFL) officially began with an opening night on Friday, Sept. 11.

With its third year underway and 189 players registered, the opening night was a huge success. Families from Orangeville, Caledon, Grand Valley, and Shelburne came out to enjoy Friday Night Flag Football amid beautiful weather and music in the background.

“We often hear from families that they love having Friday night football as a family night out, where parents, siblings, and friends can all come to the same location, spend time together, and enjoy the evening,” said Paula Lavery, one of the Orangeville Flag Football League executives.

“With U10, U12, U14, U18, and a U16 girls-only division, siblings of different ages can all play on the same night and at the same location, making Friday nights easy and enjoyable for the whole family.”

This season, out of the nearly 200 players who registered, 49 females signed up to participate. Most of the young ladies who signed up play in the U16 girls-only division, while the rest play in the co-ed divisions.

“It’s incredible! [I’m] so happy to have so

many girls in our league. I’m so proud to have Alyssa, our daughter, as one of the first girls in Orangeville to play flag football and hopefully take it to the next level,” said Lavery.

The OFFL’s biggest priority is ensuring players have a great experience by creating a competitive environment with balanced teams.

Several new coaches have already built strong connections with their players this season. Among the coaches are female coaches and older girls who provide positive role models and encourage younger players to keep playing as they get older.

“One of the most inspiring parts of the night was watching our high school female coaches work with the younger teams and seeing the young girls look up to them. It is a great example of the positive role models our league provides and the way flag football brings different age groups together,” explained Lavery.

The OFFL usually also runs U12 and U13 competitive and recreational divisions during the spring, from the day after Victoria Day until the last Friday in June. However, the league cannot do the same this fall because of registration numbers, so this year it’s combined. They have a U14 division with four teams and a U12 division with six teams.

The OFFL has created an atmosphere

where players can gain confidence on the field, build strong connections with their team, and make new friendships.

This league’s goal is to help players, regardless of their experience, develop their skills.

“Most importantly, we hope to see players

develop a love for flag football and look forward to coming back each Friday night,” said Lavery.

Flag Football Games will continue next Friday night at Lions Park in Orangeville.

For game details, visit: orangevilleflagfootball.com/game-schedules



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ON THE FIELD: Orangeville Flag Football League’s Evie McAuley, who competes in the U10 division, grabs the flag from an opponent.

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OPINION

The first day of school and a jaunt down Memory Lane

My wife is sentimental. She'll say she isn't, but she is.

The first day of the new school year just happened, and she was taken aback by how fast time passes between milestones.

We have two school-aged children in the house. The missus, she has chalkboards for them to mark the occasion. The First Day of School is on those boards, and she writes the grade number on it. Decorates the boards. She has the kiddos stand in front of the house with their school backpacks, holding those start-of-year signs.

Photos that will be hidden from friends in their teenage years.

So every September her phone wallpaper and computer desktop images change to the new school year's first day photo.

I am sentimental, too. And I'll admit that. I'm sentimental to the point of becoming maudlin about memories of some places, people, and things that happened. I guess it's a way to appreciate a moment. It's a

means to fully see or weigh or parse from all angles an experience. I keep people close that way through years and across distances.

My wife, she's sentimental. And she'll tell you she isn't, as she rolls her eyes and tells you about how I do things like keep a dead grandfather's lighter close even though I no longer smoke. Or the bottle cap from the last beer I had with an uncle before he died. Or how I take a rock, a piece of The Rock, every time we leave Newfoundland after a visit. I've tucked away little doodles done by my children and hope to have them someday tat-tood.

So beautiful how she mockingly rolls her eyes at me and shakes her head

My wife, she has herself convinced that she isn't overly sentimental because she won't brood about a memory. Rather, she'll tell you that she has a healthy appreciation for the things that would render me for hours sappy.

But here's something for you: Should

you meet the missus and get on the topic of how quickly time passes and how important it is to not lose sight of what is truly meaningful, ask her about nostalgia and sentimentality.

She will roll her eyes and tell you about how I dwell on memories, but not her, because an hour or a day will be wasted on yesterday when it is important to wring all you can from today. I think that comes from her years as a palliative care nurse. And here's something else for you to do: After she goes on about living in the now, ask her how many photos she has on her phone.

My wife has 31,679 photos on her phone. But no, she isn't overly sentimental.

Thirty-one THOUSAND, six HUNDRED seventy-nine. Much. That's many photos. Images by which yesterday can be brought to the fore. And she does that whenever one of the kids asks her about something from before. That's how they refer to it: Before. Back then. Used to.

Had we or did we?

The missus won't use the Cloud out of fear that the photos will somehow be lost forever. We have external hard drives on which she's saved photos from previous phones. But she hasn't done that over the last few phone upgrades. She imports photo libraries from the old phone to the new one.

My wife is more sentimental. She'll while away hours scrolling through those photos. Her eyes wet over an easy smile, sitting as the world moves about around us. The kids will ask her if she remembers something specific, and she'll say, Let's take that walk down Memory Lane.

One past month of photos leads to another piece of the past, and then a huge slice of the present is gone. So you know how many steps it is down Memory Lane, that sentimental thoroughfare. It has 31,679 steps.

So far.



JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW

Not AI doom

Somebody was bound to sound the alarm eventually. In this case it was a young British artificial intelligence researcher called Jacob Coxon, who quit his job at the AI company Anthropic to warn the world that "if we don't slow down the current rate of progress, there is a strong chance that we could all die in the next two years."

"It's not at all an exaggeration to say that the people who are involved with both founding these companies and building the tech believe there is a possibility of human extinction," Coxon said. And the floodgates opened.

On 8 September Coxon posted his message on as many sites as possible (and also got ten friends to retweet them), but he probably needn't have gone to all that trouble. The AI community was ready to hear that news, and four days later his former boss Dario Amodei, the CEO of Anthropic, tacitly agreed.

In a 3,800-word online essay entitled 'We Must Pace the Frontier', Amodei made the same argument in more temperate language. "Addressing the risks requires pacing the rate of capabilities advancement so that risk prevention has time to keep up. We must slow the pace at which we improve the capabilities of A.I. models." (My italics)

He also unilaterally committed Anthropic to embed independent examiners within the company with permanent employee-level access to all its systems, so that they can verify its safety measures and report on any incidents. In the secretive and highly competitive world of the 'frontier' AI companies, this is unprecedented.

Does Amodei mean it? It seems so, and the CEO of the other 'frontier' company, Sam Altman of OpenAI, immediately agreed. "We need to pace the frontier," he wrote on X, and called the proposal for independent evaluators "a great idea".

Even Elon Musk, a dedicated contrarian and CEO of xAI (which trails the two industry leaders), said simply "Dario is right." It's a good start, and a whole lot better than the response to the development of nuclear weapons 80 years ago (to pick an example not exactly at random), because the potential cost of getting AI wrong could be as grave.

US President Donald Trump missed the point as usual, saying on 10 September that he was concerned that "if we don't win AI, we're going to be put in a very bad position", but this time the leading AI companies may well defy him. Their leaders are very bright people, and they understand how big and dangerous this

moment is.

The risk of an actual extinction event is probably vanishingly small. As Jim Lovelock once said to me when we were discussing possible climate disasters: "The human race is a very tough species. There will probably always be a few breeding pairs." But most of us would prefer to avoid even much smaller catastrophes, and AI is quite capable of causing those.

The trick is to keep these hugely complex computer programmes 'aligned'. They must be 'helpful, honest and harmless' (the three Hs), they must do what people actually want, avoiding shortcuts and loopholes, and they must genuinely pursue the intended goal rather than faking compliance to 'pass.'

This is not just a matter of writing code. The 'models' must be taught these values by working through many examples. That will take the time that it takes, and going too fast lets bad behaviour slip through. Slow down, and it will probably be fine (and very useful). Go too fast, and bad things will happen.

The leading companies are working in a fiercely competitive environment both at home and internationally, and behaving in accord with these harsh realities requires great restraint. In such circumstances it is

reassuring and even remarkable that the market leaders are actually trying to slow things down.

Even an agreed 'slowdown' domestically will be hard to negotiate and enforce. Including China in such an agreement (it's the main rival to the US companies, though a bit behind them) may be impossible. The whole proposal may fail, in which case we will all have to live with the consequences. But at least the key American companies are genuinely trying.

And if you are still having nightmares about the machines taking over, remember Doctor Who and the cartoon of the evil Daleks looking in despair at the bottom of a flight of stairs. Daleks move on wheels, of course, and one dejected Dalek says to another: "There goes our plan for conquering the galaxy."

You can ensure humanity's future just by ensuring that we never 'embody' our AI devices in robots capable of manipulating the physical universe. Disembodied intelligences can poison the water supply, make planes crash, even devise worse versions of the Black Death, but you can always pull the plug out – and they can't plug it back in.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

We just go there

One day, when I was quite young, my father and I went into town to the ballpark in the early evening to watch a big fastball game between our local men's team and a team from the neighboring town.

The crowd for the game was so large that the parking lot was full, so we had to park on the shoulder of the road across from the ballpark and walk a short distance to the diamond.

Just before the game started, Dad sent me back to our car to get something. I didn't even need the keys—nobody locked their cars back then because everyone knew and trusted each other. I crossed the road to the car and got what Dad had asked for.

But before I could cross back to return to the game, an older couple pulled up to me in a big car. The gentleman rolled down his window and asked, "Son, can you tell me how to get to the liquor store?"

And I couldn't. I honestly couldn't!

I knew perfectly well where the liquor

store was—I'd ridden past it in the back of our car hundreds of times. It was right beside the grocery store, in the same building where we did all our weekly shopping.

The problem was, I didn't know any of the street names in our little town back then. As a kid, I didn't need to know them. I always knew where I was going... and I just went there!

I tried to give him directions, but they weren't very good. I couldn't very well just say, "Go down to Uncle Ray's house and turn right. Go past the big tree and straight down the street to the green house with the big yappy dog, then turn left there. When you see the laundromat across from the grocery store, look around and you'll see it."

When I finished my less-than-precise directions, he rolled up his window and drove away. But the look he shot me as he left made me feel like he thought he was talking to the village idiot!

As small-town kids, using street signs never really occurred to us growing up. We usually navigated by landmarks and familiar places. That was the only way I knew how to get anywhere in my little town.

And my parents, for the most part, were the same way. Because we spent most of our time just going back and forth to town, our little town and the surrounding area were essentially the entire universe to our family. And because of that, our parents usually knew where they were going and just went there as well. Street signs only came into play when it was absolutely necessary—typically when we were trying to find someplace new and unfamiliar.

How many times did your family slowly drive down a street, uncomfortably scanning for unfamiliar street signs or house numbers, trying to match what they saw with the handwritten directions from a phone call? And how palpable was the relief in the car when you finally found

your destination and everybody all pointed to it at the same time and said, "There it is!"?

Nowadays, with electronic Global Positioning Systems in our cars, it's tough to get lost—though not impossible. People still take wrong turns, miss exits, or end up where they hadn't planned. And when they lose all faith in their GPS, they might have to ask someone nearby for directions. And that someone might just be a kid.

So, if you ask a small-town kid for directions, don't be too upset if their instructions don't make any sense to you. Just remember—they make perfect sense to the kid! After all, they're not the ones who are lost.

When they go someplace in their little town, they probably don't know any of the street names.

They just go there!



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COMMUNITY VOICES

Headwaters Rising: The ripple effect of community connections

As the leaves begin to turn and the crisp air snaps us out of the lazy haze of summer, the pace of life seems to have quickened quite suddenly.

The change of seasons brings us back into school-year routines, and back to things we didn't check off before we checked out for summer. We add new commitments and extra entries on the calendar, and with this comes the mounting frustration of too much going on, and the realization that we need a vacation after our vacation. Almost everyone we run into these days just seems super busy.

For many, this flurry of activity is a double-edged sword. It can signal high productivity and a thriving local scene — just count the fall fairs and harvest celebrations, workshops and special events we enjoy here in Dufferin-Caledon. But it can also lead to a fear of missing out because we can't possibly take in all of it.

Often we have to prioritize what we must do as responsible parents, partners, caregivers, and workers over what we want to do that would bring meaning.

This busyness can mean riding a wave of renewed purpose and momentum, or falling completely underwater with overwhelm and slipping through the cracks.

Two things can be true. A community — or an individual — can be thriving and drowning at the same time. You often don't know which it is until you dip beneath the surface.

When one aspect of a person's life is under strain, the effects wash through everything else, and the solutions must too.

Think about a young family in Dufferin navigating an unexpected crisis. A sudden health setback leads to missed work, which quickly threatens their housing security and brings food insecurity to their doorstep. In a fragmented system, this family has to jump through endless hoops, repeating their story to half a dozen disconnected agencies.

However, a single warm handoff can change their trajectory. Instead of just handing them a brochure, the healthcare worker takes time to hear the whole story and personally connects the family with a local food initiative and a housing navigator who work together seamlessly.

By stabilizing their immediate basic needs, the children stay in the school they know, the parent accesses temporary relief, and the fam-



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ily finds their footing. Feeling heard builds trust in the system and that one intervention creates a positive current that improves their entire situation.

We cannot work at the systemic level without connecting on the personal, and if we only focus on the personal, we lose sight of the bigger picture. Again, two things can be true.

We are deeply connected beings. Research consistently shows how infectious simple positive interactions are. Just as prolonged isolation damages physical health, a casual check-in from a neighbour, a warm referral between agencies, even a smile from a stranger, can change our course and lower stress.

This transforms our mood and leads to more positive interactions as we pass it on. The ripple effect is itself proof of our connectedness.

Zooming out to look at the scale of modern challenges, systemic change can feel overwhelming.

It is easy to fall into a cycle of despair: feeling like we cannot fix health outcomes without shifting economic realities, which feels impossible without altering broader political winds.

Standing alone against the big picture makes us feel very small, leaving us adrift once again.

However, big picture changes are constructed out of small, deliberate connections and sustained efforts. When we greet and treat each other as humans first, on an even playing field, rather than as clients or service providers or potential adversaries, we become better listeners. We find empathy and realize we are not alone.

When we nurture these local relationships and learn to speak each others' languages, we

build the collective capacity needed to effect real change.

Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) operates at the intersection of the personal and the systemic. We act as the bridge-builder behind the scenes — the convener linking local organizations, municipal leaders, and residents.

As we listen to personal stories of lived experience in the morning, we can bring those insights to committee and council meetings in the evening. We help clear the channels so that no one has to navigate the current alone.

Big shifts do not require grand, sweeping gestures; they begin in ordinary, daily interactions. The next time someone asks how you are doing, tell them the truth. If you see a parent struggling with a tantruming toddler, put a hand on your heart, give them a smile and let them know they are seen.

If you are struggling to find your path to engage with your community in bigger ways, we can help. Your voice is needed in local decision-making, and there are many routes to participation.

Attend a municipal candidates' meeting, vote in the October election, join your voice

with others at our community wellness council or an advisory committee, drop into a municipal council meeting to hear the priorities shaping your town, complete a survey, or check out a local community conversation on a topic close to you.

Start with a simple conversation. When we really listen to understand, we can pick up a thread that connects with people we know can help. It doesn't have to take long, and it strengthens the social fabric of our caring communities in a big way.

They say if you want something done, give it to a busy person. Given how busy we all find ourselves this season, imagine how much more we can all get done, especially if we do it together.

Sit with this question this month:

Where in your daily routine can you act as a connector, turning a single small interaction into a ripple of support for someone else?

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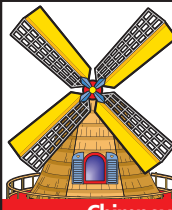


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Volunteers needed to help create wetland in Mono

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is inviting the community to volunteer at a kick-off event for a multi-year stream rehabilitation project in Mono on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

At the event, volunteers will plant aquatic plants along the banks of a pond to help create a wetland and restore a stream. As they grow, these plants will become important habitat for frogs, birds, fish and other wildlife.

"The pond is connected to Mono Centre Creek, which is a key watercourse for Brook Trout and other native cold-water fish," said Don Little, manager of stewardship and restoration services at NVCA.

"Brook Trout are an indicator of a healthy cold-water stream. In other words, if Brook Trout are present and populations are doing well, the creek's ecosystem is most likely healthy."

When historic human-made ponds, such as the one in Mono Centre, dam up creeks and rivers, water slows, and sediment settles to the bottom. Over time, this causes the pond to become shallower and to heat more quickly.

"The water leaving the pond is near the threshold where cold-water fish would struggle to survive," said a NVCA in a press release. "Rehabilitating this pond and creek will offer this ecosystem a climate resilient future."

The volunteer event is located at the White-tail Refuge Nature Reserve on the Bruce Trail.

"We'll be climbing a steep hill, and it can get muddy when planting along a pond," explained Little. "But we encourage all Bruce Trail lovers to come out with us. There's nothing better than helping maintain the nature that you love."

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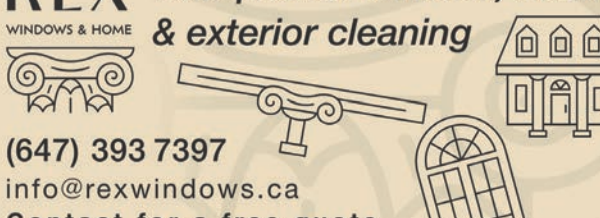
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Knights, Brewers split opening games of NDBL Championship Series

The New Lowell Knights and Bolton Brewers split the first two games of the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series over the weekend.

The Knights claimed Game 1 on Saturday, Sept. 12, with a 6-1 victory, while the Brewers responded with an 11-5 win on Sunday, Sept. 13.

In Game 1, the first three innings were highlighted by strong pitching and solid defensive play. It was not until the fourth inning that either team got on the scoreboard, with both clubs scoring a run.

The Knights broke the game open with five runs in the sixth inning. After capitalizing on a walk, a hit batter and a base hit, Tristan Cabral doubled to drive in three runs. A few batters later, Chris Greer singled to bring home two more runs.

New Lowell pitcher Brandon Norrie limited Bolton's opportunities in the seventh inning to secure the win.

The Brewers were held to five hits, including two singles by Ben Sterritt and singles from Jack Larmer, Carson Burns and Amin Juarez.

For New Lowell, Cabral recorded a double, while Tanner Zeggil, Stephen Warden, Jake Nicholson, Steve Bowman, Norrie and Greer each added a single.

Burns toed the rubber for the Brewers, pitching six innings and allowing six runs on seven hits. He walked three batters, hit one and struck out one.

Norrie pitched a complete game, allowing one run on five hits while walking three and striking out six.

The Brewers' bats came alive in Game 2, as they scored six runs over the first two innings.

The Knights did not get on the board until the fourth inning when they scored their lone run before Bolton added three more runs in the fifth.

New Lowell scored three runs in the sixth inning after Bolton replaced starting pitcher Paul Cota with reliever Matteo Stother, cutting the deficit to 9-4. However, the Brewers responded with a home run by Josh Hickey and another run from Logan Hart in the bottom of the sixth to maintain a commanding lead.

Zack Hayward hit a

solo home run in the seventh inning for the Knights' only run of the frame.

In addition to his home run, Hayward added a single. Teammates Kurt Roy and Nicholson each had two singles, while Cabral chipped in with a hit.

The Brewers collected 16 hits. Burns led the way with a triple and a double, while Chris Fafalios added a double. Larmer had a single and a double, and Sterritt, Juarez, Mike Wallace and Carter Burnside each recorded two hits. Justin Manabanan contributed a single, while Hickey added a single to go along with his home run.

Nicholson started on the mound for the Knights, pitching two innings and allowing six runs on eight hits. He walked one batter and struck out one.

He was relieved by Chris Esson, who pitched four innings and allowed five runs on eight hits. Esson hit one batter and struck out three.

Cota pitched five innings for the Brewers, allowing three runs on six hits while walking five and striking out one.

Stother entered in the sixth inning and pitched the rest of the game, allowing two runs on one hit while issuing three walks and recording two strikeouts.

The teams will meet for Game 3 of the best-of-seven series Thursday night under the lights at Taylor Field in Bolton. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Games 4 and 5 will be played Saturday and Sunday in New Lowell. Both games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.



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TAG: Brett Chater of the Bolton Brewers prepares to tag out Brandon Norrie of the New Lowell Knights at second base during Game 1 of the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series, Sept. 12, 2026.

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DOROTHY IRENE SWITZER (NEE KENNEDY)

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The family will receive friends at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St. Orangeville on Sunday September 20th, 2026 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Monday September 21st, 2026 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Reception to follow. Private interment - Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Orangeville Library.

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



MEREDITH MCFADDEN

Meredith 'Midge' McFadden, 75 years, of Shelburne, Ontario, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2026, in the company of her loving family.

Born June 14, 1951, in Toronto, to Lillian and William Turriff. Midge lived a life marked by her commitment to her family and beloved husband Bill and shared her life within the communities of Bramalea, Orangeville and Shelburne, Ontario.

She is survived by her husband Bill, son Shane (April), her brother Michael Turriff (Marie Garland) and her three cherished grandchildren (Owen, Tara and Caite). She is predeceased by her brother Tom.

There will be a celebration of life, with a date to follow, at the Shelburne Legion.

In lieu of flowers, family would like to request donations to Matthews House Hospice (Alliston), Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario SPCA or charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be left at www.imfunerals.com

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MINERVA "MINDI" JOHNSTON-HOUGHTON

Peacefully and surrounded by her loving family, Mindi, passed away on Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at the age of 84. Predeceased by her husband Ralph Houghton (2001). Dear mother of Jeffery Henkenhaf (Colleen) and Heidi Henkenhaf. Cherished grandma of Nathalie Hogervorst (Richard); Tatiana Henkenhaf (Matt); Maxwell Wildstar; James Robert Henkenhaf; and Bennett Henkenhaf. Beloved great grandma of Theresa Hogervorst. Forever missed by her siblings Matthew "Harry" Johnston (Judy) and Mabel Johnston - Nieto-Sans (Dino). She is cherished by her niece and nephews Tracey, Trevor, Kirk and Michael. Mindi will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Funeral service details will be available on the Dods & McNair Funeral Home website. Memorial donations to the Ontario SPCA or Cats Anonymous Rescue & Adoption.

A tree will be planted in memory of Mindi in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

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Hogan: Gary Francis

It is with sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Gary Francis Hogan at Bethell House on September 10, 2026, in his 76th year.

Gary was the loving husband of Lenore Ruth (Bagshaw) for nearly 49 years and soulmate for over 57. He was the proud father of Dr. Mary (Clayton) Pickering, Colleen (Geoffrey) Hastings and Noel (Nicole), and "Pa" to Thomas and Leo Hastings as well as Rory, Patrick and Cedric Hogan.

Gary was predeceased by his parents Leo and Margaret (née Blaney), brother Michael (Marianne) and sister Janis (Ronald Weldon), and will be remembered by his nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gary treasured his community of Connor and relished his many friends and neighbours.

Visitation was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477, on Monday, September 14, 2026, from 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Achill, 2458 Concession Rd. 4, Loretto, Ontario, immediately followed by interment at St. James Cemetery in Colgan.

Donations are gratefully appreciated in honour of Gary to the Bethell House in Inglewood or Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.





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Featuring: Ceramic Harp by Steve Webster (PRS CDN Contemporary Artist) - Bronze & Metal Sculpture; Qty Fine Gemstones; Qty Original Pieces of Art; Qty RCM Proof & Specimen Sets; Qty Beaded Collector Handbags; Qty Designer & Costume Jewelry; Qty Exquisitely Carved Walking Canes; Qty Michael Robinson Etchings; Fine Silver & Sterling Silver Coins; Indigenous Collectible Art Pieces; Qty Wrist & Pocket Watches; Qty Designer Sunglasses; and so much more to be cataloged.

OCT 8TH - Locked & Loaded Sale**OCT 9TH** - Gas and Oil Auction — Pumps, signs, cans, toys**OCT 30TH** - Estate Firearms Auction**NOV 23RD-28TH** - Straight Shooter Sale**DEC 11TH** - Antiques, Collectibles & Quality Household Items**DEC 18TH** - Currency / Art / Jewelry Auction

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LIVE AUCTION SALE

Fall Equipment Consignment

Saturday October 3rd, 9:30 a.m.

554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON — Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. Or from Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

Tractors: John Deere 3720, 2013yr, 300CX loader, cab, 1331hrs. Well looked after. JD front mount blower & other accessories (to be listed later) will be sold separately. John Deere 2130 Tractor 2WD with 146 loader & 6ft material bucket. TAFE 450 with 6010 Frey loader & material bucket.

Side-by-Side: John Deere 8251 Gator, very good condition; Front mount plow for gator. JD broadcast seeder for gator;

Equip/Mach: 2810 JD 5 furrow semi-mount vari-width plow; Kvernlund 4 furrow 3pth plow; LandPride 8ft 3pth disc; New Idea 3632 manure spreader, 2 beaters, older floor; (2)gravity wagons (1-Bruns 10 ton, 1-Kilbros); Kraus 24ft cultivator with Morris harrows; MF 10ft chisel plow; 3pth snowblower, hydr chute, 2 augers, 7 ft; 1100 gal stainless steel water tank on undercarriage; International 4500, 16ft cultivator; 510 International Seed Drill; (2) gravity wagons; Frontier RC2084 mower; Splitfire double-action log splitter, gas powered hydraulic power pack; (5) wood sheep gates; Agrotrend snowblower; Western plow; Farm King 655 finishing mower; 8 inch International seed drill; ATV trailer frame; push lawnmower.

Farm Rel/Shop: Winco WG270 generator/welder combo, has Kubota diesel motor; tractor tires; qty hydraulic cylinders; sheep/hog scale; 400+lb farmer made, rotary feed mixer for dumping to feed cart; 7.5hp horizontal air compressor; 10in split roll grain roller, 3hp; (2)sm metal cutting horizontal band saws; 16x69x36 in HD work bench with cupboards & #986 big metal vise; (2)8in bench grinders; Splitfire double-action log splitter, gas powered hydr power pack; qty hydr cylinders; Pallet forks; industrial winch; antique steel wheels; antique hay grapple; poly water trough; (2) skids plastic storage bins; 1.5 inch gas water pump; tree dolly mover; sm pto pump with hydraulic cylinders; trailer hitch, sway bars; sm Quebec heater wood stove; (4) old porcelain gas station lights; (3) old milk cans; (3) antique tractor seats.

Accepting: Tractors, Machinery, Equipment, Farm Rel/Shop

Note: Please contact auctioneer if you are wanting to consign any equipment/items

****Watch the website as items will be added regularly******Auctioneers: Kevin McArthur (519) 942-0264 Scott Bessey (519) 843-5083****Email: mcarthurbessey@gmail.com****www.theauctionadvertiser.com/KMcArthur** - full listing & photos

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COMING EVENTS

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LIVE MUSIC from Banjobob and "The Orangeville Preservation Hall Band". Friday, September 18th, 8:00 pm. Westminster United Church, 247 Broadway, Orangeville. Tickets - \$10 cash only at the door or call 519-942-7560. Donations greatly appreciated for the "Westminster Food Cupboard".

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