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## Orangeville maintains its drive toward west side traffic cameras

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville council will proceed with plans to install a pair of automated speed enforcement cameras on the town's west side. That's despite Premier Doug Ford's recent comments against the cameras. He characterized them as being a cash-grab and that large signs would be more effective to slow speeding traffic.

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said the town hasn't nixed plans to install two cameras near the Settler's Creek neighbourhood. Those cameras should be up and running by April 2026, he said.

The cameras have been ordered, and there will need to be a public information campaign to inform motorists that cameras will be present. That is required 90 days before the cameras can be turned on and issue fines.

"Other than what the premier has publicly said, nobody has told us that the plans are changing from a provincial standpoint," Taylor said. "However, we're watching it closely. Obviously, we wouldn't want to pay for something and then be stuck with it. For now, the plan is to go forward and implement."

Speed cameras will be established at Spencer Avenue and Alder Street on the town's west side. The cameras can be moved to other areas in which a speeding problem has been identified.

"They are going in Settler's Creek," Taylor said. "That's where we're at, but this whole thing could unravel in a hurry if the premier is going to make changes. The ironic thing is it was provincial legislation that allowed this to go into place in the first place."

Council voted Aug. 11 in favour of a two-year automated speed enforcement trial program with LAS Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Service, which is a division of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Staff will reach out to the province's Ministry of Transportation and the Attorney General to set the terms.

The town will draw up with LAS the penalties for the camera-enforced infractions program. The costs to run the automated speed enforcement (ASE) program will be paid with revenue from fines levied against speeding drivers.

Extra money will be squirreled away in a new Road Safety Reserve fund. It could be used to pay for future road safety and traffic calming initiatives in Orangeville.

In early September, Ford called the ASE cameras "a cash grab" and suggested that large signs and flashing lights would be more effective in slowing speeding motorists.

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# Construction to commence on connecting road for Hansen Boulevard

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A long-awaited road to an Orangeville housing development may soon be complete. The construction of a road in the Hansen Boulevard-Veteran's Way area was dependent upon the progress of a much-delayed housing development. The road into a subdivision development known as the Edgewood Valley Phase 2B Plan was stalled a number of years ago. That break in work put road construction

and that of an associated bridge on hold, to the frustration of nearby residents. The development is southwest of the Blind Line and Hansen Boulevard intersection, immediately to the west of the Meyer Drive and Mason Street residential area. The 2B Plan will permit the lands to be subdivided to accommodate 51 single detached dwelling lots, 17 on-street townhouses, and a low-density residential block of about 50 condominium townhouses. It will have open space conservation lands associated with the Lower Monora Creek South tributary. The development

will include a stormwater management pond block at the northwest corner of Hansen Boulevard and Blind Line. There had been hope at town hall for an agreement to open a bridge in the subdivision area and to have a section of the road-way paved. But that was impossible, to the chagrin of residents who feared their safety was being compromised by emergency response vehicles being hindered. That anxiety can be assuaged now that work has started on the road. Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said the town didn't own the land. That prevented the mu-

nicipality from building the road and bridge. It's owned by the developer and, as such, they were responsible for any work on the road. But the developer couldn't get working on the road until a particular number of houses were sold, he said. And therein laid the rub. "They [the developer] announced this week that they were successful and they have hit the number of homes that they needed to sell," Taylor said. "And they can't build a house there until they build the road."

## Orangeville Public Library to host event supporting families navigating the digital world

The digital world offers kids the opportunity to learn and connect, but it can also bring challenges that affect their health, safety and relationships. To assist parents in navigating these challenges, the Orangeville Public Library is inviting them a virtual session called Raising Digital Citizens, on Sept. 25. Today's kids are growing in a world different from generations before, one that cannot be separated from growing up online. From social media, to gaming, endless access to content and people from around the world, it can be a difficult space to navigate for parents and their children. "Kids are spending more of their time online and parents are looking for guidance they can trust," explained Shannon McGrady, library program and research coordinator. "This session is hosted by experts in the field and gives families tools to support kids in building healthy and balanced relationships with technology." Raising Digital Citizens will be led by two experienced psychologists, Dr. Michelle Fardella (C. Psych) and Dr. Stephanie Lavoie (C. Psych), both of whom currently serve as

directors at WonderTree Child, Adolescent and Family Practice in Orangeville. Through a balanced approach, participants will learn:

- how to talk with children about online safety and boundaries
- how screen time and social media impact brain development and mental health
- signs of unsafe online behaviour—and how to respond
- strategies to build resilience, responsibility and critical thinking
- ways to model healthy tech habits as a family

"The presentation is grounded in research, compassion and real-world experience," said Dr. Fardella. "Regardless of how much exposure and experience your child has online, these practical tools and the information provided will help with parenting at all stages of online activity. The virtual event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. and is free to attend. To receive the Microsoft Teams link and confirm your attendance, please register at orangevillelibrary.ca/RaisingDigitalCitizens.



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**WONDERTREE TEAM:** Raising children in a digital world can be a challenge for both parents and their kids. At this month's Expert's in the Library event at the Orangeville Public Library, local psychologists, Dr. Stephanie Lavoie (left) and Dr. Michelle Fardella (right) will give families tools to support kids in building healthy and balanced relationships with technology. Dr. Fardella and Dr. Lavoie both work out of WonderTree in Orangeville.

### Correction

A story that ran on B4 of the Sept. 11 edition of the Orangeville Citizen incorrectly included a byline for Sam Odrowski. The story should have been printed with no byline. The Citizen would like to apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To listen in
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Wednesday, Sept. 24	5 p.m.	Mill Street Library and by phone	Orangeville Public Library Board	1 289-801-5774 ID: 801 866 68#

\*Start time of council and committee meetings is subject to change

\*For more information on how to participate and to view council and committee agendas, please visit orangeville.ca/meetings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Story-sharing circle

Tuesday, Sept. 23 7 p.m.

Mill Street Library

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## 2025 final property taxes

The taxpayers of the Town of Orangeville are reminded that the first installment of the 2025 final tax bill is due:

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

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## Raising digital citizens

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**Sanitary discharge bylaw:** Replacing the previous bylaw from 1994, this protects stormwater and wastewater assets by setting rules such as requiring pre-treatment for future industrial developments to prevent the need for major infrastructure upgrades to support sanitary discharge

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**Meeting details**

**Date:** September 22, 2025 at 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 87 Broadway  
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**Speak at the meeting**

A public question/comment period will be held after the bylaw presentation.

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**Submit written comments**

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to clerks@orangeville.ca. Comments can be addressed to the mayor and members of council and/or relevant staff. All submissions become part of the public record.

# Investigators still seeking ‘missing piece’ in Sonia Varaschin murder, 15 years later

Police continue to offer \$50,000 reward for any information resulting in an arrest

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It has been 15 years since Sonia Varaschin’s body was discovered in a wooded area off Beach Grove Sideroad in Caledon.

The 42-year-old Orangeville woman, who formerly worked as a pediatric nurse, was last seen leaving her parents’ house in Bolton on the evening of Aug. 29, 2010.

She didn’t show up to work the following day, and her white Toyota Corolla was discovered abandoned by Orangeville Police Service (OPS) behind a business in downtown Orangeville. When police got to the vehicle, they saw blood smeared on its rear trunk, and after running the license plate, they found it belonged to Varaschin.

The bloody Toyota Corolla was taken by police and searched to see if they could find a DNA sample inside, whether it be a hair follicle, fingerprint, or clothing fibre.

When the police went to check on Varaschin’s well-being at her townhome on Spring Street, she was nowhere to be found. OPS officers discovered that a violent event had taken place, with a large amount of blood inside the home, and some on the front step. At this point, the OPS contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance, and they collected evidence from the crime scene, searching for the killer’s DNA.

The door to Varaschin’s house was unlocked, with no signs of forced entry into the home. Investigators say they believe the killer targeted her, and while she may not have known who they were, the killer knew who she was.

Police have said the murderer would have left Varaschin’s home covered in blood.

Several days later, on Sept. 5, 2010, a man was walking his dog on Beech Grove Sideroad when it ran into the bush, and he followed. The dog walker was brought to Varaschin’s remains, and he reported it to the police.

Investigators say that due to hot and rainy weather between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5, her body was in poor condition, with the DNA evidence being degraded. A coroner did an examination, and samples were taken from the body in hopes of developing a DNA profile to match with a suspect.

Through the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto, a partial male profile was developed, and hundreds of DNA samples were collected and tested from people in the community. This was not only to find a suspect, but to eliminate potential suspects, using the DNA profile.

“We’ve taken a large number of DNA

samples from people, and each one that we collect gets assessed and compared to the DNA profiles that we’ve generated on this case,” said Det. Insp. Shawn Glassford, the lead detective on Sonia Varaschin’s case.

Fifteen years later, a match to the DNA has not been identified. Investigators say this could be due to the murderer never having their DNA put in a database, or they could be deceased.

While the DNA collected is considered a weak sample, DNA technology is constantly advancing, and it could one day become a stronger sample that could result in a match.

“DNA technology is improving almost daily. It’s getting better and better. We keep up with it and looking to utilize it, hopefully in the near future, to assist us further,” said Glassford.

In addition to the DNA sample, a bloody footprint was left behind where Varaschin’s body was found. Analysis determined the style of boot was exclusively sold at Mark’s Work Warehouse and is size 11 or 12.

Other information relating to the suspect includes someone who may have missed work or other important events in their life in the days following the crime, started drinking or using drugs, or changed their behaviour.

The suspect also would have discarded blood-soaked boots and clothing after the murder and is believed to be familiar with Orangeville and the surrounding area. As well, they may have altered their appearance following the crime.

Once Varaschin’s body was located on Sept. 5, 2010, police began canvassing the neighbourhood she resided in, speaking with area residents.

A neighbour reported waking up to a ruckus, with yelling and tires screeching, late on Aug. 29, the night the murder is believed to have been committed.

Her neighbours described her as a pleasant woman who led a quiet life.

Investigators say Varaschin didn’t lead a risky lifestyle; she was quiet but friendly to the people she interacted with.

Her mother, Michelle Varaschin, echoed similar comments and said she enjoyed playing sports, hiking, biking, and skiing.

She told the Citizen she’s frustrated that 15 years later, there hasn’t been any significant progress made in the case.

“I don’t like the way the investigation is going,” Michelle remarked. “Nobody knows nothing.”

She feels more resources should be put into the case and added that if anyone

knows any information relating to the murder, they need to speak up.

“Let it be put to rest,” Michelle said.

Glassford said he can understand the frustration felt by loved ones of Varaschin, who still don’t have any answers as to who took Varaschin’s life, 15 years later. He assured the Citizen that resources continue to be allocated to the investigation, and it remains ongoing.

Tips are continuing to come in. More than 1,500 have been submitted to date. This year alone, there have been roughly 30 tips.

“Each one is looked at, each one is assessed, and sometimes we get repeat tips, over the years. But we work them all. We look at every one of them,” Glassford said.

There is a \$50,000 reward for anyone with information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for Varaschin’s murder.

“I’d love to be able to pay somebody that,” Glassford said about the cash reward.

In regard to the information the police are looking for, he said, “To keep it simple, we’re looking to talk to somebody who knows something about what happened to Sonia.”

“Whether it be an ex-boyfriend or a neighbour – anything that somebody maybe has been thinking about for [15] years,” Glassford said. “It does happen. People come forward after a number of years to share something that they’ve been thinking about.”

Even if it’s something small, Glassford encourages people to continue submitting information, particularly if it’s something someone has thought could be useful but figured it’s too late to share.

“Maybe they thought they’d get in trouble if they didn’t tell us. That’s not the case,” Glassford said. “Nobody’s going to get in trouble for telling us something [15] years later. We welcome it.”

Police are unable to disclose how Varaschin was murdered or the weapon used, due to the information potentially compromising the investigation if there is a conviction.

“It’s called hold back evidence,” said Glassford. “So we hold particular things back from the public that only the police and the killer knows, so you know if somebody’s telling the truth.”

But investigators believe someone, somewhere, has a “missing piece” of information that could solve the murder.

Glassford said there have been many instances of unsolved murders from several



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**AWAITING JUSTICE:** The search for Sonia Varaschin’s killer continues, 15 years after her body was found by police. There is a \$50,000 for information resulting in an arrest.

years or decades ago where a suspect has been apprehended.

In 2009, Barry Vincent Manion was convicted of first-degree murder, abduction, and forcible confinement in relation to the disappearance of 12-year-old Katherine May Wilson from Kirkland Lake, Ont., in 1970.

Improvements in DNA technology and forensic genealogy helped crack the 1975 cold case of “Nation River Lady” in eastern Ontario in 2023. She has since been identified as Jewell “Lalla” Langford, and 81-year-old Rodney Nichols was charged with the murder.

More recently, in June of this year, OPP solved a case from 1991 where 40-year-old Angelien Joesphine Quesnelle was reported missing from Apsley, near Peterborough. David Alexander Snow was charged with first-degree murder in relation to Quesnelle’s disappearance.

Going forward, Glassford said the investigation will continue, and he’s hopeful people will continue to share information that could lead to an arrest.

“We will continue to investigate this case, until we come to a conclusion,” Glassford said. “After 15 years, it’s just important to know that we haven’t given up, and by no means is this a cold case.”

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**TOP TEAM:** Orangeville Nissan was honoured with the Best of the Best award during a ceremony held at the dealership on Thursday, Sept 11. Executives from Nissan Headquarters in Mississauga arrived to present the award. Orangeville Nissan has been named one of the top dealerships in the nation.

# Orangeville Nissan honoured with prestigious Best of the Best Award

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Orangeville Nissan has once again been awarded top honours from Nissan Corporate Headquarters for its superior customer service, outstanding sales, and top-notch parts department.

Executives from Corporate Headquarters in Mississauga arrived at the dealership on Thursday, Sept. 11, to congratulate dealership owner Joe Pilla and his team and present them with the Nissan Best of the Best Award.

Only 20 dealerships across Canada, out of a total of over 200, received the award. Orangeville Nissan was also honoured as being in the top five per cent globally.

This is the fifth year in a row that Orangeville Nissan has received this recognition.

"This store has done an amazing job," Mr. Pilla said. "We took over this store in 2006 at the end of the year. When we took it over, the dealership had sold only 98 units for the year, and we were able to bring that up to between 500 and 600, and now we do around 1,200 units per year."

The dedicated team at Orangeville Nissan works hard to make sure their customers are satisfied, treated well, and have a positive ex-

perience at the dealership.

"The award means everything," Mr. Pilla explained. "We have a strong team, and the secret is the integrity at this dealership. We go above and beyond to make our customers happy. When we bring people on [as employees] we teach them our culture. It's a number of things that come together that bring us this award."

The team at Orangeville Nissan enjoys working in an atmosphere that is positive and supportive.

"I think this really shows the fact that we are doing our job for our customers," said Jamie Patterson, Orangeville Nissan general manager, of receiving the award. "The award is based on sales, service, and parts. We are a community-based dealership, and this is a reflection of what our customers feel about the job we do for them. The award is based on feedback from our clients and the relationship we have with them. It's based on the quality of delivery and the quality of service they get when they come into our dealership."

Orangeville Nissan has developed such a solid and respected reputation that many customers arrive from a considerable distance just to buy their new car in Orangeville.

## Traffic complaint results in impaired driving charge

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an Orangeville resident with impaired driving. On Sept. 7, shortly before 1:30 a.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint about a possible impaired driver who had just left a sports bar near Centennial Road in Orangeville.

The vehicle was located a short time later. Officers spoke with the male driver and ob-

served signs of impairment. As a result, an impaired driving investigation was initiated.

Michael Tukue, 31, from Orangeville, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. His driver's licence was suspended, and vehicle was impounded. The listed charge has not been proven in court.



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# Orangeville continues push for automatic speed enforcement

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There’s been a scourge of vandalism in Toronto, during which 17 ASE cameras have been cut down.  
In response, Ford said he would end the use of cameras if municipalities don’t voluntarily remove them.  
Vaughn City Council recently voted to

remove such cameras from municipal thoroughfares.  
Other centres, such as Hamilton, London, and Barrie, will continue using the cameras. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has urged Ford not to end provincewide ASE.  
Taylor said he personally doesn’t like ASE cameras, but the reality is, there are issues

with speeding on some Orangeville streets.  
“I don’t think people like the fact that they’re going to get ticketed,” he said. “They see it as an extra tax in a lot of ways. But my position is if you’re following what the rules are, you won’t be affected.”  
He predicts there will be “a significant amount of fines [coming] into Orangeville coffers,” and that it will slow down motorists

as they become cognizant of the cameras.  
When that happens, Taylor said cameras will be installed in other neighbourhoods troubled by speeding issues.  
“The word is going to get out that those cameras are there and people won’t want to pay the fines,” he said.  
“My sense is this is going to solve a long-standing issue.”

# Local police ask the public to be on alert following rise in copper thefts

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating an increase in copper thefts across the region.  
“These thefts involve telephone wires, utility lines, and cable boxes, and are primarily occurring in rural or poorly lit areas, including parks and other secluded locations, often during the overnight hours. In many cases, the wires are cut from utility poles, dragged to the roadside, and then retrieved at a later date,” said the Dufferin OPP in a recent statement.  
There have been reports to the Dufferin OPP of individuals committing these thefts

in broad daylight, while wearing reflective gear in an effort to pose as legitimate road or utility workers.  
“This deceptive tactic is used to avoid drawing suspicion from the public,” said Dufferin OPP.  
On Sept. 7, Dufferin OPP officers responded to an incident involving a vehicle suspected in a copper wire theft and a collision.  
Shortly after 1 a.m., officers responded to a reported collision in the area of County Road 2 in Melancthon.  
“It is believed that the vehicle in question was attempting to remove copper wire from utility poles when it was confronted by a passerby. In response, the suspect vehicle struck the concerned citizen’s vehicle be-

fore fleeing the scene,” said Dufferin OPP.  
“A short time later, the suspect vehicle was located in the middle of the road, blocking traffic.”  
Dufferin OPP describe the suspect vehicle as a black 2003 Chevrolet Silverado. The male suspect is described as a middle-aged white male, approximately 6 feet tall.  
Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has dashcam footage from the area around that time to contact police at 1-888-310-1122.  
With this recent copper theft and others plaguing the community in recent weeks, the OPP is reminding residents that tampering with live utility infrastructure is not only a crime but also a serious public safety hazard.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity, such as individuals cutting wires, handling utility equipment, or vehicles parked on road shoulders, please contact police immediately by calling 911.  
“Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to public safety and to working in partnership with the community to prevent and investigate crime. Your vigilance plays a critical role in helping to keep our communities safe,” said Dufferin OPP.  
Anyone who has information about suspected unlawful activity, can contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Tips can also be reported anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at [crimestoppersdm.com](http://crimestoppersdm.com).

# Upcoming Orangeville and Area Job Fair connects businesses and job seekers

As part of ongoing efforts to support workforce development in our community, the Town of Orangeville invites job seekers and commuters to explore local employment opportunities at the Orangeville and Area Job Fair.  
Hosted by the Town’s Economic Development and Culture office on Oct. 2, the event supports local hiring efforts and showcases the variety of businesses in Dufferin County.

More than 20 local employers will attend the job fair to recruit for permanent full-time and part-time positions. Key industries represented include manufacturing, health care, social services, professional services and hospitality.  
Past events have attracted over 300 attendees.  
“Many of our businesses have great employment opportunities available, and

they’re passionate about finding local candidates to fill those openings,” said Councillor Joe Andrews, chair of the Economic Development and Culture Committee. “This job fair is a chance for job seekers to connect with employers and learn about what’s available right here in our community.”  
The Orangeville and Area Job Fair will take place at the Orangeville Best Western Plus Inn and Suites on Thursday, Oct.

2, 2025, from 3 to 7 p.m. Job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally, bring resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.  
For more information about the event, or to view a full list of participating employers visit [orangeville.ca/JobFair](http://orangeville.ca/JobFair) or contact the Town of Orangeville Economic Development office at 519-939-1143 or [edo@orangeville.ca](mailto:edo@orangeville.ca).

# Young Orangeville girl among top fundraisers in province-wide Terry Fox Run

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**  
A young Orangeville girl with a big heart has made a huge effort to help with cancer research by raising thousands of dollars during the annual Terry Fox Run.  
The Terry Fox Run is held in cities and towns across the country to carry on Terry Fox’s legacy.  
Ten-year-old Orangeville resident Sydney Coxworthy took part in her fifth Terry Fox Run along with her family and her dog Big Ben, on Sunday, Sept. 14.  
Sydney and her family started the run in Orangeville at Princess Margaret school.

During this year’s run, Sydney raised \$2,225 through her fundraising efforts.  
Sydney does her fundraising all on her own as the cause is very important to her. Sydney has lost several family members to cancer, including two dogs who died from the disease.  
Over the past four years, she has raised almost \$8,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.  
This year, the Terry Fox Foundation called Sydney to thank her for her efforts and told her she is one of the top fundraisers in Ontario.  
“This run is a very important cause to

Sydney and all fundraising efforts are hers,” said Sydney’s mom, Emily. “We have lost many family members, including two dogs, to cancer. To date, Sydney and Big Ben’s efforts have raised nearly \$8,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Terry Fox is her hero.”  
When Sydney takes part in the annual run, she writes the names of family members they have lost to cancer on paper hearts.  
She takes those paper hearts with her while she completes the run.  
The annual Terry Fox run is a major fundraiser for Canadian cancer research.



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**SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH:** Sydney Coxworthy, 10, raised \$2,225 for cancer research through her Terry Fox Run on Sept. 14.



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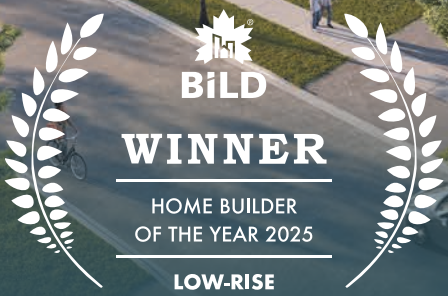
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## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Going beyond the notes: Lydia Adams and Elmer Iseler Singers present new season

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

After more than 25 years with the Caledon-based Elmer Iseler Singers (EIS), Lydia Adams, conductor and artistic director, is excited about the music her group will perform for their 2025-2026 season, their 47th Toronto Concert Season.

The season, titled *This Moment to Shine!* starts with three marvellous Toronto concerts, staged in two venues, St. George’s United Church and Yorkminster Baptist Church.

The Toronto concerts include, in December, a heady delivery of Handel’s *Messiah* that will bring together the mass voices of the EIS, the Amadeus Choir, VIVA Chamber Singers, and Lydia Adams as conductor.

These are followed by eight concerts in five cities from October through to April 2026.

As well, joining them now is their next and seventh scholar recipient of the James T. Chestnutt Scholarship, Matthew Boutda. The annual award goes to emerging choral musicians to participate with the Elmer Iseler Singers for a complete season and to be mentored by Lydia Adams.

“Matthew is an exceptional musician, conductor, singer,” Adams praised him, adding, “He has a tremendous gift in making music.”

She explained that a scholar comes into the choir as a singing member and conducting when possible. EIS is going to mentor him and create the opportunity for a “high-level musician to work with a high-level choir.”

There is no easing in, as she said, “Boutda will work right away, go further right off the bat.”

Conductors have to “get off the notes” immediately and find the spirit of the music and make magic with the choir; stretch themselves and take that challenge on.

The scholar begins in the first week of the whole season. As soon as possible, she is asking him to conduct the program and give him that experience. While Adams loves the concerts, for her, the really exciting part is the rehearsals – where a lot of magic happens.

“The final magic is in the concert,” is her assurance.

The secret to finding that magic is making the choir happy to work for the conductor. The atmosphere has to be right as an open, pleasurable experience. So, the singers just want to be there. The aim is to give people as much experience to get out there. Being in front of the choirs is what it’s all about, is Adam’s message.

She said, “Matthew is finishing his doctorate at McGill University – he’s going to do great things.”

Time bows before the power of music in keeping vitality strong: Adams is clear that singing is such a positive thing to do. Where a few new singers have been brought in, “meeting these singers, everything about that is positive.”

Building, that is exciting, Adams believes. To meet such amazing singers, inviting new singers brings a fresh energy.

“The people we have are just amazing,” Adams enthused. “I can’t imagine better colleagues. Part of the circle of life comes with different thoughts.”

She noted that young people today are singing in choirs and that brilliant children’s choruses give youngsters such an amazing grounding. They can sing and go forward, and she was sure to say, “They are nice people.”

Adams talked about singers approaching EIS, who might be graduated choral musicians that want to sing at a high-level, who might be just coming to Toronto, or who have worked in other cities in the country. People come and say they have just moved into the city.

“You want [to] make sure you’re always moving forward,” she said. “There are a lot of composers, such great music and good messages for the earth – that’s a singer at any age.”

“There is more than one way that we can create positive energy – to keep this beautiful planet that we have.”

In April, the EIS is performing a concert, *The Earth Sings*, a wonderful tribute to the late Norma Beecroft and two World Pre-



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
**NEW SEASON:** Lydia Adams, artistic director and conductor of the Caledon-based Elmer Iseler Singers, performs at the Springburst concert by Bo Huang in March 2025. They begin their 47th season for 2025-26 with three fabulous concerts in Toronto on Nov. 2.

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Adams said how much she loves presenting first time emerging or professional composers to audiences. Part of the thrill is singing the defining performance for a new work. The conductor has his own take, but with these two pieces, the two Canadian composers, Brad Barnham and Carmine Lappano, are coming to work with the choir.

The seven performances from October to mid-December are all different music. Naturally, the question was how that is rehearsed and managed.

“You have to plan,” was her answer. “Make sure everybody is feeling comfortable. I want to make sure the new people are very comfortable.”

Of the five cities, Owen Sound, Kingston, Barrie, Oshawa, and Brockville, EIS is working with local singers in Owen Sound, Brockville, and Barrie, doing workshops, and then they sing with the choir. “...have a meal together. That’s what brings people together.”

A browse of the EIS website provides all the dates and locations.

Said Lydia Adams, “I think people are looking for something positive, music that is uplifting, – meaning beautiful music. After a concert they will carry a tune with them.”


As an audience member, it is very active; they become part of the performance, as it is important to be engaged in something that is positive. Choral singing is good for that, as beautiful for the audience and the choir.

“As the conductor, I invite them into that situation to be part of the magic,” said Lydia Adams.

For all the details and to purchase tickets: [www.elmerisellersingers.com](http://www.elmerisellersingers.com) or call 416-217-0537


In other news, Adams is being presented with the Order of Canada today (Sept. 18) at 11 a.m., at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

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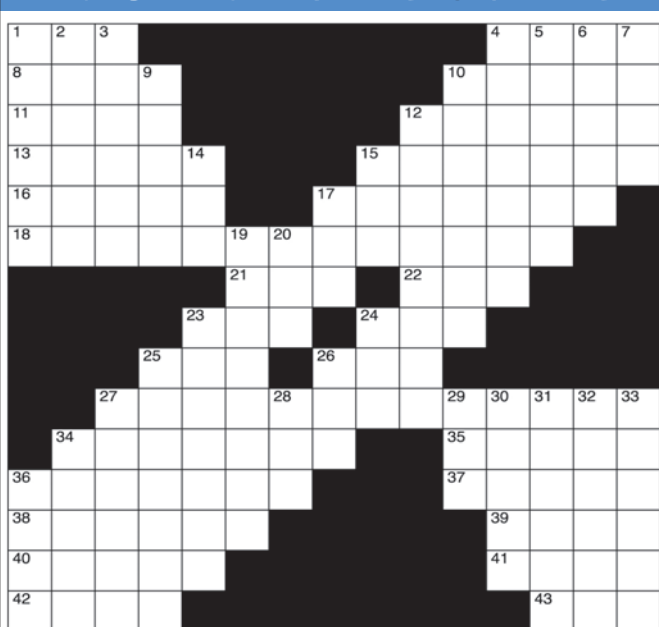


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10. Monday (Spanish)  
11. Frame for a coffin  
12. Rub out  
13. John \_\_, English educator 1467-1519  
15. Small round particle  
16. Chilean seaport  
17. News service  
18. Pay for dinner  
21. Glamorous city  
22. Subway rodent  
23. “The Raven” author  
24. Buddhist festival

25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)  
26. Indigenous person of Thailand  
27. “The Blonde Bombshell”  
34. Series-ending episodes  
35. Bluish greens  
36. Aquatic mammal  
37. Unit of measurement  
38. Eye membranes  
39. Indian god of dissolution  
40. People of Scotland  
41. Leak slowly through  
42. Rock icon Turner  
43. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Large hat covering  
2. “From what is earlier” (Latin)  
3. Celtic  
4. Retirement region  
5. A way to change posture  
6. Touches  
7. A small island  
9. Rubbish  
10. A citizen of Laos  
12. A place to dance  
14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet  
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17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet

19. Descriptions  
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# ‘Creativity is important’: Dufferin artist weaves magazines into plates and baskets

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

As an artist and teacher of many aspects of art, Fabienne Good believes that the importance of creativity cannot be overstated. Everyone is creative on some level, she will state plainly, adding with confidence that whatever a person does, as work or a hobby, they are being creative. Good is based in Dufferin County.

She defines herself as “an interdisciplinary artist whose work spans various mediums, including drawing, photography, textiles, and sculpture. Grounded in the idea that the medium is the message, her practice begins with a concept.”

As one of the artists at the Headwaters Arts Fall Festival Art Show and Sale, opening this evening (Sept. 18) and running to Oct. 5 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, Good is both contributing a paper woven sculpture to the collection of the 70-plus fine art pieces assembled in the Fall Festival and giving an interactive talk at the Mill later in the two week span of the festival.

Her submission is a paper Sculpture 28” tall, and 12” by 12” square, titled Traces of an Altered Landscape. It is an intensely woven spin of white paper. Dashes of colour within reflect in a mostly white landscape. At its depth, the sculpture is truly an environmental statement: the earth was pristine, but people have stained it.

As Good put it in her artist’s statement, “Traces of an Altered Landscape explores the tension between the natural and the constructed... the human impulse to mimic, intervene, and reshape the land.”

Her approach to art was influenced early on by her teachers at OCAD University.

“I make a point that OCAD drilled into us.” Good said. “The medium is the voice, something open that makes people think and understand the importance of the work.”

Following the beginning of her education here, Good went on to do a course in Switzerland, leading her to do much more.

“I did a Master’s in Art and Education in Switzerland,” she related. “My parents are from there. So, it was an opportunity not to need a visa.”

Her time in Switzerland lasted 10 years, during which she actually started to teach more than two-dimensional art.

She shared what she learned, “You have to teach recyclables. It took a lot of time to learn and it was hard to be of interest to the students, who were between nine to 14 years old.”

Good explained that a fine arts program came back in Switzerland, which included hands-on crafts, and they told her to put it together.

It turned out to be an exciting time all round.

“This art is visual but applied art that is fine craft. We brought back book binding and other hand crafts. It was a lot of fun, but the grades didn’t matter. With the weaving, they all wanted to finish their projects. It was a contrast for the students between the two-dimensional and three-dimensional,” said Good.

Whatever they were doing, it was about how “art teaches. My goal is to invoke the importance of creativity; to start a dialogue.”

Good said, “I feel like the pristine land.” Reflectively and keeping with her statue’s theme, “It’s interesting to question what remains untouched; what we build and what we leave behind.”

A soul connected to nature and a passionate gardener, Good has three large gardens to care for during the growing season. While her base is in Dufferin, she sees herself as actually peripatetic and offered another example of her inclination to travel.

Ten years in Switzerland, and then after her Bachelor’s, wanting something to challenge her, she went to Singapore for two years to study. She enjoyed the hot weather and is aware that the coming Canadian winter will be a hard contrast.

She talked about her membership with Headwaters Arts, noting that she had been a member as a student; then she moved away, but “when I came back I reconnected and recognized that the community is very open, approachable. I found the people here are very friendly. It’s nice to be here as part of the fall festival.”

Harkening back to some of her beginnings, she discussed the weaving of magazines that she learned about. She spins the pages into thin, stiff “sticks” and weaves them as one might another medium like straw, into beautiful plates and baskets.

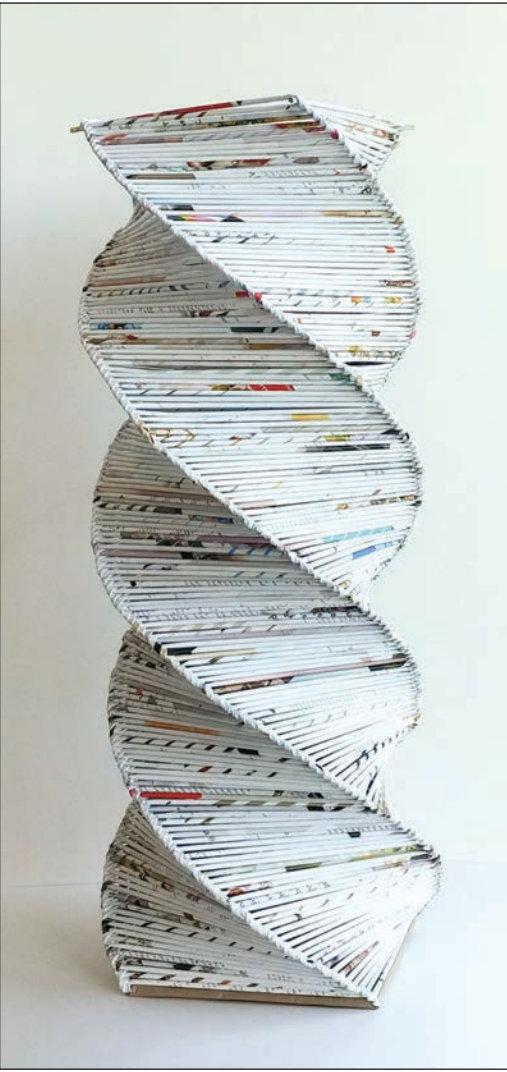
“It really began with repurposing things,” Good recalled. “I started with plastic bags making little wallets. The wallets are very durable, the way plastic bags are. A friend of mine stills has her wallet after a long time. She said she is going to keep using it until it finally wears out. It was good weaving, in particular, of something that is durable. I don’t do the plastic ones much any more as the bags aren’t available.”

It is teaching that really matters. It’s all about creativity. It’s just a matter of whether you practice.

Good’s own practice begins with a concept that is generally based on metaphor, contrast, or cultural observations from her many and very diverse travels. Then, it can unfold through choosing which materials are best suited to express the concept. Often, drawing and photography can serve as tools of research and reflection, while the basis of her art is influenced by her background in fine arts and conceptual thinking. At all times, however, Good maintains that her works focus on how her meaning emerges through the interplay of medium, context, and content.

These days, Good finds herself teaching a lot. She and a friend are making inks from nature, berries, and other sources of colour to emphasize the importance of nature, with a workshop coming up in Hillsburgh.

Like a passion, like a mission, Good



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**REPURPOSED ART:** Fabienne Good’s paper-woven Statue Traces of an Altered Landscape is at the Alton Mill Arts Centre as part of the Headwaters Arts Fall Festival Art Show and Sale, opening this evening (Sept. 18) and running to Oct. 5.

wants to spread the notion: “Creativity is so important,” she says.

You can learn more at [www.fabienne-good.com](http://www.fabienne-good.com)

# Dufferin Board of Trade to host job fair for area students at Orangeville Fairgrounds

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Today’s job market can be difficult to navigate, but the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) is here to help with an upcoming event.

DBOT is hosting its 4th Annual Dream Career event indoors at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Oct. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to help area students find a career path of interest to them.

Over 1,200 students are expected to attend. They will learn about everything from skilled trades and post-secondary educa-

tion to volunteering, co-ops, and apprenticeships.

In-demand careers and educational pathways in a wide variety of industries will be highlighted, such as healthcare, technology, business, and the nonprofit sector.

“It’s our most important DBOT event, as it exposes students to many different career paths, all in one location,” said Doug Harkness, DBOT chair.

Organizers are anticipating 40-50 booths at the career fair.

The goal of the event is to inspire students, particularly those in Grade 11 and 12

who are preparing for post-secondary studies, to discover career opportunities close to home, in Dufferin County.

“We want to highlight the careers that need the next generation to carry on,” said Harkness.

The Dream Career event is in its fourth year, and for the past three years, the Career Education Council has partnered with DBOT to make it a success.

Exhibitor booths are currently available for \$125 per space, with a discount available for nonprofit organizations.

Booth registration includes lunch for two

exhibitors, with additional lunches available for purchase. Sponsorship opportunities are also open for businesses and organizations looking to showcase their brand while supporting youth workforce development.

Exhibitors and sponsors can register at [Dufferinbot.ca/dreamcareer](http://Dufferinbot.ca/dreamcareer).

The Orangeville Fairgrounds are located at 247090 Side Road 5, Mono.

“Together, we can inspire the next generation and strengthen the local workforce of tomorrow,” reads a press release from DBOT.



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# Family Transition Place celebrates 40 years of empowering, supporting survivors

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is marking a milestone in the organization's history as it commemorates four decades of providing support to the community.

"It's a bit bittersweet in a lot of ways. We talk about how we wish... the community didn't need the services we have, but we're really proud and appreciative of all the work we've done over the years, of the support of the community, the support of our donors, and the trust our clients have put in us," said Lynette Pole-Langdon, executive director of Family Transition Place.

Family Transition Place (FTP) was founded in 1985 by a determined group of community members committed to creating a safe space for families in transition. The organization was originally based out of a small home on Hillside Drive, where it got its first namesake, Hillside House.

In 1997, after a successful capital campaign and receiving funding from the province, Family Transition Place moved to its current Bredin Parkway location and consolidated all of its services under one roof. Since then, the organization has expanded to operate two satellite locations based out of Bolton and Shelburne.

Today, the Orangeville facility has 12 independent units in their emergency shelter and can accommodate upwards of 28 people, both women and children, at any given time. Pets are welcome as well.

Over the past 40 years, the agency has also grown beyond simply providing a safe space for individuals leaving intimate partner violence, as it also advocates for the prevention of gender-based violence through counselling services and education outreach programs.

Some of the services FTP provides include emergency shelter, rural response outreach, women's abuse counselling, sexual violence counselling, addictions counselling, 24/7 crisis support line, support for friends and family

members of survivors, and youth education.

While FTP has spent four decades expanding its services to address its clients' needs, it is the clients themselves that FTP holds the most pride towards.

"Every day, the people who access our service show such remarkable strength and courage. It takes such bravery to reach out for help and find a way to rebuild their lives when they're going through hard times and trauma," said Pole-Langdon. "They demonstrate resilience and determination, and that's what inspires a lot of us that work here. It's their courage that really is at the centre of our work."

Speaking with the Free Press, Pole-Langdon said, despite their hopes of one day not needing to exist, Family Transition Place has continued to see an increase in the demand for the various services they provide.

"Unfortunately, organizations like ours continue to be needed in communities, and in fact, we've seen that the need for services has really had to expand," said Langdon.

According to statistics from FTP's annual report for 2024-2025, the organization assisted 60 women and 33 children through their emergency shelter, supported 5,385 calls through their 24/7 crisis line, aided 139 women and 24 men with sexual abuse counselling, and reached 2,139 students through their youth education program.

"The numbers solidify that there's still a real need for our services in the community," said Pole-Langdon.

As they look toward the future, Pole-Langdon said FTP will continue to focus on collaboration and partnership with other local groups to provide services to their clients.

"We know that we can't continue to do the work as a silo. We're very dedicated to working with our community partners and making sure clients are getting the services they need, where they need them."

To learn more about Family Transition Place and the many services they offer, visit [www.familytransitionplace.ca](http://www.familytransitionplace.ca).

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**40 YEARS OF FAMILY SUPPORT:** Family Transition Place (FTP) is marking its 40th anniversary this year. The not-for-profit organization is committed to supporting women and children fleeing domestic violence. FTP also supports survivors of sexual assault and provides emergency shelter services.

# County of Dufferin to host Indigenous reconciliation event at Grace Tipling Hall with focus on history

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Dufferin is inviting community members to learn about Canadian history through an Indigenous lens in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

Dufferin County, in collaboration with the Equity Events Working Group, will be hosting a free event called Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation on Oct. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation will feature speaker Tanya Talaga, an award-winning Anishinaabe journalist and author, who will walk through Canadian history through an Indigenous lens. She will explain how we arrived here and what we can do to achieve a more equitable future for all.

Talaga is of Anishinaabe and Polish descent, and is a proud member of Fort William First Nation in the Robinson-Superior Treaty territory. Through her bestselling books, acclaimed documentaries and podcasts, regular columns with the Globe and Mail, and keynote speaking engagements, Talaga aims to amplify Indigenous voices and stories across Canada and the world.

"Dufferin County is proud to present the Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation event in

honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation," said Janet Horner, Warden of Dufferin County. "Reconciliation is a principle, and to move towards it, we must all focus on learning, unlearning, reflection and action. We encourage residents to join us to learn more about Canadian history through an indigenous lens, so that we can continue to work towards achieving a more equitable future, together."

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) honours the indigenous children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, also recognized on Sept. 30, is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters." The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

Those interested in attending the Community Conversations: Can Canada Move Towards Reconciliation event can register by visiting [eventbrite.ca/e/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-tickets-1640407506009](http://eventbrite.ca/e/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-tickets-1640407506009)

Registration is required to attend the event.

# Two-vehicle collision along Highway 10 in Orangeville results in death of 75-year-old man from Amaranth

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with Dufferin County EMS and Fire Services, attended a fatal two vehicle collision in Orangeville during the early hours of Sept. 14.

Shortly after 3 a.m., officers responded to the collision, which occurred on Highway 10, between Fourth Avenue and Broadway.

The two-vehicle collision resulted in one fatality and one person sustained minor injuries.

Sadly, as a result of the collision, a 75-year-old male from Amaranth was pro-

nounced deceased at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and wishes to speak to victim services can contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone who has information or dashcam footage of the collision incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Tips can also be reported anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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**RUNNING FOR A REASON:** Nearly 150 people laced up their shoes and ran the Orangeville Terry Fox Run Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville. Families and young children participated as a way of enjoying nature, getting exercise, and raising funds for cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation. In the end, the event raised \$28,625, setting a record for the most money raised in a single year in Orangeville. Two eight-year-old boys stepped up their fundraising efforts this year, generating \$2,600 between the two of them. Donations can still be made at [run.terryfox.ca/92780](http://run.terryfox.ca/92780).



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# Local author prepares for release of second book in mystery series

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**

Fans of crime literature and the paranormal will have a new book to sink their teeth into in November, as “Revenge is Not Enough,” the second installment in the David Harris and Emma Jackson Mystery series, will be hitting the shelves.

Penned by Angela van Breemen - an Orangeville native - the story will pick up right where “Past Life’s Revenge” left off, as Emma and David are back on a new case.

Her first novel, “Past Life’s Revenge,” not only attracted a loyal readership but also earned recognition on the awards circuit. The book won a Bronze Medal in the 2025 Global Book Awards in the Fiction - Action Adventure category, and also received third place in the Bookfest Awards for Fiction - Mystery - Supernatural.

She is also an accomplished vocalist and published her first album, “In the Breeze,” last year before releasing “Past Life’s Revenge.”

“In Book Two, Emma experiences a terrifying nightmare where she sees a young girl, maybe around 16 years old, blonde hair, running in a forest, and she’s being chased,” van Breeman said. “This particular vision really took quite a toll on Emma, so then there’s concern in the family about her being a young psychic, and her powers are still developing.”

The young girl in this vision is Maggie, and she is an extremely powerful spirit who imposes upon Emma during a seance and desperately requests that they find her

babies and save them. This causes confusion in the group, as Maggie was so young when she disappeared.

“It’s been 20 years since she disappeared, how on earth could she have had children?” van Breeman said, teasing a twist. “But it turns out that she didn’t die right away, and she did have children.”

The mystery reveals a dark secret. This disappearance, and others like it, are not accidents. There are evil groups at work behind the scenes.

“I don’t want to give up too much of the story, but it does involve a situation where women, young women, are being kidnapped and they are being forced to have babies at the behest of the very rich,” she said.

No one has been able to find these women or the children, because it was all done behind the shadows.

“There’s no record of these women because they’ve disappeared,” van Breeman said. “There’s no record of these babies as well, so no one knows this is happening.”

This time, the story will take readers beyond the town to the mountains of Nicaragua, all the while a sinister group, the Dark Hands of Anubis, continues their work. Will our protagonists be able to expose and stop this evil? You’ll only find out by reading to the end.

The Dark Hands of Anubis are returning villains from the first book. They were involved in the kidnapping of children, targeting the best and brightest they could find, and inducting them and training them

to be dangerous and highly skilled assassins for hire.

Van Breeman said that this book will continue the balance between the physical and paranormal. An important focus of this series is to show how these plots require both the physical and metaphysical elements to work together to resolve the cases.

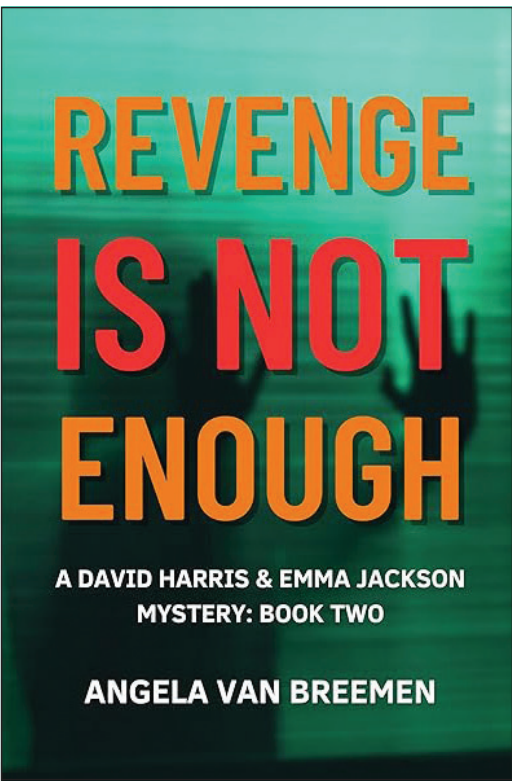
A psychic could communicate with a spirit, but that’s far from enough to prove anything legally, so they work with police and investigative teams to guide them to evidence to use against the antagonists.

“I have to bring in the real world,” she said. “Because it’s not good enough for psychics to say ‘he did it or she did it’, or ‘I saw it in a vision.’ I mean, that’s ridiculous, right? I’m always keeping in mind that the help of the police is needed, so perhaps there’s a clue or a direction that the psychic sees that then enables the police to find solid evidence,”

“There’s going to be a nice blend of using the paranormal, but at the same time staying firmly planted in the reality of solid police work,” van Breeman added.

This co-dependence will interest both crime readers and supernatural readers, as the physical world and metaphysical will work together, rather than in competition, to right wrongs and uncover the truth.

With “Revenge is Not Enough,” van Breeman continues to expand the world she has created, raising the stakes for her characters while deepening the series’ balance of the seen and unseen. Readers looking for a mystery that combines thrills, suspense,



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**NEW BOOK:** Orangeville author Angela van Breeman is releasing her latest book, “Revenge is Not Enough,” on Nov. 4.

and the paranormal will find much to enjoy when the book arrives on Nov. 4.

The book will be available on Amazon (Kindle and soft cover formats), Indigo stores, and IngramSpark.

More information about the book can be found online on van Breeman’s website: [angelavanbreemen.ca](http://angelavanbreemen.ca).

# Bethell Hospice Golf Tournament sells out, funds critical care services

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

Bethell Hospice hosted its 6th Annual Golf 4 Bethell Hospice Tournament on Wednesday at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Caledon.

Data Communications Management Corp (DCM) served as the presenting sponsor, alongside sponsors such as Maple Toyota, Chinguacousy Lions Club, Meadowvale Cemetery, Scotiabank, and others.

The day kicked off with a breakfast sponsored by the Morton and MacDonald Families, which also served as an opportunity for golfers to purchase their “Power Pac.”

The “Power Pac” included two hole-in-one contests, the closest to the keg contest, the longest drive, the longest putt, and

one mulligan.

Golfers could also buy 50/50 tickets and enter for a chance to win a gift card to the Beer Store and a Hockley Valley Brewing Co. Taster Beer Pack.

Golfers came bundled to face the morning chill, but it wasn’t long until the sun shone down at the shotgun start.

Bethell Hospice Foundation Board Co-Chair Adrian Horwood shared that last year the tournament raised \$92,000 for Bethell Hospice, and this year they expect to have raised over \$100,000.

Bethell Hospice offers 24-hour care in its hospice residence in Inglewood, as well as a range of community programs and services for individuals still residing in their own homes.

All services and programs are provided at no cost.

To keep their doors open and continue providing their services free of charge, Bethell Hospice must raise a specific amount of funds each year.

Bethell must raise \$1.8 million to provide funding for the hospice, as government funding only covers 50 to 60 percent of the costs of running the hospice.

Horwood shared that this tournament is a “very significant contributor.”

He noted support for Bethell has always been powerful in the community, with tickets for the tournament selling out “instantly.”

“A lot of people in the community make an effort to support Bethell one way or the other,” says Horwood.

“Bethell has a well-deserved reputation in the community for the work that it does, for the compassionate care it provides to

the residents in the hospice,” he says. “All of the services that the hospice provides are free, and they’re free because the community supports Bethell Hospice and it’s the foundation’s job to rally that support in the community, as you see by all the people out here today.”

Horwood noted that those golfing were there not only to have a good day with their friends and family, but to support a good cause.

Bethell Hospice’s next fundraising event is its “Diamond in the Hills” fashion show, scheduled for November 16.

Yet again, the community showed up and showed out with support, as only 13 tickets remain available for purchase.

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# Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police to host open house at Primrose Detachment

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are hosting an open house at their Primrose Detachment this weekend. The event will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20, with a variety of displays and demonstrations. These include the OPP's Canine Unit, Emergency Response Team, Mobile Cris-

is Response Team, Community Response Team, Motorcycle Unit Demonstration. There will also be marine and ATV displays with photo opportunities, booths where attendees can learn about career and auxiliary volunteer opportunities with the OPP, police vehicle displays and the Dufferin OPP Bike Unit. "Visitors will also enjoy a variety of information booths showcasing OPP specialty units, as well as volunteering and recruit-

ment programs. A delicious BBQ will be available, generously provided by the Orangeville Flyers U9 team, with all proceeds supporting the team directly," reads a statement from Dufferin OPP regarding the open house. "We encourage everyone to come out, meet our officers, learn about our equipment and services, and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon. This is a great opportunity to connect with your local OPP detachment

and learn more about how we serve your community." The statement continued, "Bring the family, meet the officers who serve your community, learn more about OPP services, and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon." The Primrose Detachment, where the open house is being held, is located at 506312 Highway 89, Mono. "Mark your calendar, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday," said Dufferin OPP.

# Local food bank's monthly community update shows more food is going out than coming in

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Orangeville Food Bank continues to serve the community amid high demand and a lower number of donations coming through its doors. The local food bank released its monthly community update for August, showing that while nearly 35,000 pounds of food came in, just over 61,000 pounds was distributed. This accounts for a shortfall of more than 26,000 pounds in a single month.

The Orangeville Food Bank also served nearly 80 more children this August compared to the same time last year. In total, 514 children were served in August 2024, and 435 were served in August 2023. There's also a 16 per cent rise in seniors accessing food this August compared to last August. **Grand Valley** A monthly Community Update was also released for the Grand Valley Food Bank (Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley), shar-

ing data on usage and notable trends. In August alone, the Grand Valley Food Bank distributed 2,661 pounds of food, which is slightly less than the 2,907 pounds of food that went out the door in July. The 2,661 pounds of food distributed in August went to just 30 households, which works out to almost 90 pounds per family. The 30 households served include 90 individuals, with 26 of them being children and 27 being seniors. With almost the same number of adults

and children accessing food, the Dufferin Food Share noted that it tells a powerful story: "From the very young to our elders, hunger is touching people at both ends of life." Anyone in need of support from the Orangeville Food Bank or Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley can call (519) 942-0638 to learn more. The Orangeville Food Bank is located at 3 Commerce Rd., Orangeville, and the Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley is located at 27 Main Street North, Grand Valley.

# Comma Echo to present original rock opera 'Castaway' at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A storm of music is brewing over the Shelburne community this weekend. Dufferin County-based rock band, Comma Echo, will be premiering its new theatrical musical production, Castaway, on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne. "We're super excited about it," said James O'Connor, writer and director of the production. "Comma Echo is a concept band, so you will only find us doing these very intimate shows where we've engaged everyone's attention with telling stories. This might be a one-off [show] so it's very special." Castaway is a 90-minute journey through music and spoken word, weaving original compositions by Comma Echo with reimagined works from iconic artists including Faith No More, Rush, Ed Sheeran, Maroon 5, The Police, Jason Mraz, and more. Described as "pop rock meets shipwreck," the show explores what it means to be lost, to endure the storm, and to find light on the horizon. Audiences can expect raw energy, heartfelt storytelling, and a sound shaped by weathered shores. "I think everyone can relate to getting

through something, and a storm is the perfect analogy for that," explained O'Connor. "I'm sort of a water man, and the ocean and being in situations where a lot of people would find it scary has taught me to remain calm. That is a lesson you can use in every aspect of your life, and we pause and talk about it between songs; that there's always something you can hold on to." Castaway was written and directed by O'Connor with musical input from Tyler Reed, Steve Soper, and Danielle Stevanov, and is produced in association with The Art of Storytelling Inc. Comma Echo was originally started by O'Connor in his home country of Trinidad. After moving to Canada in 2018, O'Connor revived the band, bringing together musicians from Shelburne and Orangeville. The band consists of O'Connor on lead vocals, guitar, and direction; Reed on guitar; Soper on drums; and Stevanov on ukulele. Tickets for Castaway are \$25 and are still available for purchase. There are also a few "tickets in a bottle" hidden in business on Main Street, which give finders free entry to the show for two people. Those interested in attending Castaway can purchase tickets at commaechomusic.com.



**SUPPORTING ANIMALS IN NEED:** Orangeville resident Wayne Sumbler, who's often seen driving around town with his furry sidekick Auston The Side Car Dog, has raised \$7,193.55 for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre since September 2021. In addition, around \$700 was raised through sponsorships for Sumbler's fund-raising efforts.

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**KICKING UP DUST:** A players slide into first base during the first inning of a game between the Geriatrics and Speirs Farm at Rotary Park in Orangeville on Thursday, Sept. 11. Orangeville Men’s Competitive Slo-pitch is now in the opening round-robin playoffs.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**TOURNAMENT PLAY:** The Westside Secondary School Thunder girls varsity field hockey team takes on the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals in Shelburne during the first District 4/10 tournament day of the season on Monday, Sept. 15. The Thunder won the game 2-0. Girls’ field hockey plays six tournaments before going into the playoffs.

# Orangeville Storm FC teams finish soccer season by claiming Cup Final

Written By **CHRIS BROOM**

The Orangeville Storm FC U13 Girls capped off a stellar campaign by adding the SouthWest District Soccer League Cup to their expanding trophy case this past weekend.

The Storm’s game on Saturday (Sept. 13) in Guelph was a back-and-forth affair, with Orangeville taking the lead on three separate occasions before finally holding on for an exciting 3-2 win over the Stratford Strikers at the University of Guelph.

Nathalie Wojcik opened the scoring barely five minutes into the game on a perfect pass across the goal from Katrina von Rode.

Stratford struck back with a goal of their own from a free kick just before the half to even the score at 1-1.

League Champion Storm FC struck again midway through the second half as von Rode followed up on a rebound given up by the Stratford keeper to make it 2-1 for the Orangeville side, only to see the Strikers tie the game again at 2-2 a few minutes later.

However, the Orangeville side was de-

termined to not be denied a chance to hold both SWDSL trophies, and Wojcik answered with a blast from 35 yards out with less than 10 minutes to play. The goal stood up as the winning strike and put the cherry on top of what was a highly successful season for the squad in its first year in scores and standings.

Head coach and club President Peter Mortson has now led two different teams to the district League and Cup champions in his coaching career in Orangeville. He and his coaching staff of Bill Traikos and Shannon von Rode deserve full marks for blending a team with a handful of underage players and finding the right mix for success.

Storm FC youth teams have had a remarkable run of success this summer, with the U14 Girls winning the Escarpment Soccer League Championship, posting a substantial gap in points over the second place team.

The Storm FC’s U21 Men won the SWDSL League and Cup championships in late August as well, while the U21 Women finished two points back of first place in the Ontario Soccer League standings.



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**BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE:** The Orangeville Storm FC U13 Girls claim the Cup Final in the SouthWest District Soccer League on Saturday, Sept. 13, with a 3-2 win over the Stratford Strikers at the University of Guelph

U14 Boys Head Coach Sal Martinez led his team to a strong second-place finish in the Tier One group this season after being promoted following winning the Tier Two division in 2024.

Three championships in one season and a record number of trialists for spots on Storm FC teams this fall indicates that the club looks to be a force in SouthWest Soccer for years to come!

# Orangeville Blitz hockey team returns but in a different league for 2025/26

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Orangeville Blitz will return to the ice at the Alder Street arena this coming hockey season, but they will be in a different league.

Playing in the Ontario Super Hockey League last year, the Blitz suddenly ended their season during the playoffs and decided to quit before the playoffs were completed.

Blitz management did not explain why they decided to leave.

They issued a statement that said, “We have determined that it is in the best inter-

est of the Orangeville Blitz to respectfully step away from the OSHL.”

The Ontario Super Hockey League folded at the end of the season.

The Blitz are returning to Orangeville this season as a member team of the Northern Premier Hockey League.

Along with the Blitz, the Stratford Fighting Irish have also joined the NPHL for the upcoming season.

After an off-season filled with hard work, new additions to the squad, and high expectations, the Blitz are ready to hit the ice and make a statement in the new season.

“We’re thrilled to bring high-energy, hard-hitting hockey back to Orangeville,” said Blitz general manager Terry Sheppard. “Our fans are the heartbeat of this team, and we can’t wait to fill the arena with noise, pride, and the unmistakable Blitz spirit.”

The Blitz have high aspirations with a roster packed with talent, grit, and local pride.

There are eight teams in the Northern Premier Hockey League Metropolitan conference this season. The Blitz, along with the Halton Hills Coyotes, Six Nations Ironmen, and the Woodstock Lakers, will be in the Loyalist Division.

The League’s Gateway division has the Alvinston Killer Bees, the Stratford Irish, the Strathroy Jets, and the Tilbury Bluebirds.

There is a 20-game regular season schedule.

The Orangeville Blitz home opener is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, at the Alder St. arena in Orangeville, when they will host the Six Nations Ironmen.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with warm-ups at 7:30 p.m.

Game time is 8 p.m.

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# North Dufferin Baseball League championship series tied after four games between Baysox and Knights

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior division best-of-seven senior championship series between the Owen Sound Baysox and the New Lowell Knights is tied after New Lowell had a comeback weekend.

Owen Sound was leading the series 2-0 going into the weekend. The Baysox won the series opener 5-4 on Saturday, Sept. 6, then followed up with a 7-2 win the following day on their home diamond in Owen Sound.

Returning to the diamond for Games 3 and 4, on Sept. 13-14, the series was tied after clutch hits in the seventh inning of both games sealed the win for the Knights.

Game 3 began with both teams trading runs in the second inning. Owen Sound took a one-run lead in the third, but New Lowell responded with two runs to go ahead 3-2.

The Baysox again had the lead with back-to-back solo home runs from Bryan Post and Steven Barrett.

In the seventh inning, the Knights rallied with key hits to tie the game and walked it off with a single from Brett Elliot for the 5-4 win.

In Game 4 of the series on Sunday, Sept. 14, the Knights were on the scoreboard first, scoring in the first and third innings.



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Owen Sound tied the game in the third inning with a two-run home run from Steven Barrett.

The game was deadlocked until the top of the seventh inning when Jake Nicholson hit a bases-loaded double to drive in two runs.

New Lowell retired the Baysox at the top of the order in the bottom of the seventh for a 4-2 win.

The series will continue this week.

Game 5 will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 1:00 p.m.

The teams will be in Owen Sound on Sunday, Sept. 21, for Game 6.

That game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

If necessary, the final game, Game 7, will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 27, with a 1 p.m. start.

# OPINION

## The Simpsons were right

The Simpsons is the longest-running animated TV show in history, having debuted in December 1989.

I used to watch the show, but haven't really seen it in years.

The Simpsons may be a cartoon, but if you really watch it, many episodes are very clever.

The series has a reputation for predicting the future. Many episodes have storylines that, oddly enough, came true later.

There was one clever episode that aired years ago as part of the show's annual Halloween trilogy of spooky fantasy shows.

For reasons I can't remember, all the advertising logos in town came to life. The giant statues were terrorizing the town and causing destruction all over Springfield.

Finally, Lisa Simpson, the eight-year-old prodigy of the show, along with singer Paul Anka, for some reason, comes up with a solution.

"Just don't look," they tell the residents of Springfield.

When the local residents turn their backs on the advertising logos and refuse to acknowledge them, they all collapse and are no longer a threat.

That, of course, is a real thing. Advertising only works if someone takes notice of the ads for a product or service. If no one

takes note, advertising won't work.

The same is true in the world of politics. If a local communist party member was going to deliver a speech, I wouldn't be interested in what they were going to say, so I wouldn't attend a rally.

Even if I decided to attend, just to hear what they were going to preach about, I certainly wouldn't go back a second time if I disagreed with their rhetoric.

Charlie Kirk was murdered in cold blood in front of 3,000 supporters on a university campus in Utah last week. A single bullet ripped through his neck, snuffing out his life as fast as blowing out a candle.

He was a political activist, author, and media personality.

To be honest, before this assassination was reported, I didn't know the name Charlie Kirk.

I do recall seeing a couple of videos that came across my video feed over the last few months that featured him speaking at different campuses. However, I didn't really know who he was.

He came across as very intelligent, poised, well-researched, calm, and confident.

When one of the students would challenge him, his response was quick and made sense from his point of view, he used

a common-sense type of approach and turned the tables very quickly.

Charlie Kirk apparently had quite the following. There were also people who didn't like his way of thinking.

That's politics. Not everyone is going to agree with you.

For some reason, people who didn't agree with his philosophy or beliefs kept showing up when he was speaking on a campus.

Why would you attend a rally that was opposed to your way of thinking or lifestyle? Just stay away.

The investigation into this murder is still in the early stages, but a suspect is already in custody.

A headline in Saturday's news already predicted he would be facing a firing squad in Utah. There hasn't even been a trial, and the news media are already predicting the sentence and final outcome.

The suspect is a 22-year-old man who, at least with the current information, acted alone.

Was this another guy who figured he would become a folk hero in the eyes of certain people and revel in the glory of his admirers, or is he just an angry kook with access to a deadly weapon?

This suspect, if he did it, has accom-

plished nothing good here – nothing good at all.

A young man is dead for his beliefs. A young woman is now a widow, and two very young children will never know their father.

The suspect, according to US Customs, if convicted, will never have a free day for the rest of his life.

Maybe 30 years from now, if he isn't beaten to death in prison, he will be sitting in his 8x4 cell at some super-max prison and reflect on his decision to kill a man in cold blood.

He will realize his actions resulted in him never getting married, never having a family, missing family weddings and events, and not being able to attend his parents' funerals. He will never again speak to a childhood friend or go to a high school reunion.

He will not be able to make a single decision for himself for the rest of his life. He will never go out for dinner at a restaurant, visit Europe, or spend a day at the beach.

What a waste.

One man is dead, another man's life is ruined, and countless other people's lives are affected in a negative and horrible way.

What a waste.

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Qatar and Poland

I'll get to the Russian drones shot down over Poland, but I'll start with the Israeli air strikes on Qatar because that's a much bigger deal.

Israel has bombed Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Yemen repeatedly in the past few months, so hitting Qatar might seem like just one more demonstration that Israel can now attack any country in the Middle East with impunity. Yes, Qatar is America's closest ally in the Gulf, but so what?

What makes it such a big deal is that Qatar was hosting the arms-length talks between Israel and Hamas on a cease-fire in Gaza, where a huge new Israeli 'final offensive' is getting underway. Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's target in Qatar was precisely the exiled Hamas leaders with whom Israel was negotiating the cease-fire.

The usual panels of 'experts' were soon on the air – the statutory politicians from left and right, somebody from a local think-tank, maybe a retired general too – trying to explain why Israel did that without mentioning the one screamingly obvious reason: that Netanyahu wanted to avoid a cease-fire.

Killing the other side's negotiators is a sure-fire way of ending the talks, even if Israel's air strikes don't get the most senior ones. It also puts every Arab country (and

Iran) on notice that nobody is safe: the dwarf superpower of the Middle East can cross every red line, and even Donald Trump can't (or at least won't) rein it in.

It was almost comical watching the television experts try to slide by the obvious questions without saying the unsayable. Why did the Israelis try to kill the people they were negotiating with? Why didn't they give the United States advance warning? What was Netanyahu really thinking? And what happens next?

Good questions, and they all have obvious answers. However, for some reason none of the television experts seemed to know the answers. It was Monty Python time: grown-up men and women with impressive job titles diligently searching high and low (with no success) for answers so blindingly bright and clear that they should have been wearing sunglasses.

Netanyahu tried to kill the Palestinian negotiators because he wants his 'final offensive' to drive all two million surviving Palestinians in Gaza into a tiny corner of the Strip, and thence into permanent exile. A cease-fire would stall that process.

There was a risk, however small, that Hamas might return all the remaining Israeli hostages, agree to disarm, and voluntarily go into exile, because the only alternative is

exile for all Palestinians. Hamas has rarely been that rational, but it was a risk that had to be stamped out.

Why tell President Trump about the strike only at the last minute? Because there was a risk, also very small, that he would put his foot down and say no if given early warning. As in his dealings with Vladimir Putin, the harshest thing Trump is normally able to say to Netanyahu is that he is 'not happy', but why take a chance?

And what was Netanyahu really thinking? Over the past six months he has probably come to realize that Donald Trump's presidency is presenting him with an unexpected historical opportunity to end the 'Palestinian problem' by expelling all the Palestinians from what would then become Greater Israel.

Yes, the Gaza war has allowed him to stay in power politically, to evade responsibility for letting the murderous Hamas attack happen on his watch, and to at least postpone his final rendezvous with the courts and possible jail time, but these are now probably minor issues in his mind. He is in full messianic mode, unilaterally deciding Israel's Future.

First, clear out the Gaza Strip and send its inhabitants to Libya or Somaliland or wherever will take them (with enough finan-

cial inducements). The three million Palestinians in the West Bank will rise up in anger, so then Israel can expel them too.

There will be huge international opprobrium and doubtless some boycotts and sanctions. The 'Abraham Accords' will crumble, but that's a small price to pay. And Trump will protect Israel from the worst of it and maybe get his 'Riviera' in Gaza as a reward.

People will call it a genocide and technically they will be right, but it doesn't require actually killing millions of Palestinians. Tens of thousands, yes, but not millions. Besides, time heals all wounds; who talks about the Armenians now?

I have no access to Netanyahu's secret thoughts, but what he says and does would serve these ambitions.

As for armed Russian drones over Poland: investigate. If it was a malfunction, send Moscow a stiff complaint. If it was a deliberate provocation, consider basing European NATO fighters and surface-to-air missiles in Poland to shoot down Russian ballistic and cruise missiles over Ukrainian-controlled territory.

And stay calm. It's a long game.

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OUR WORLD TODAY



## '80 is Young!'

A friend answered her phone not with "hello" but announcing, "80 is young!" She went on to describe the two months she and her husband had recently spent, one month in Portugal and the other in Spain.

"It rained almost the whole time we were in Portugal," her husband said. "But that didn't stop us from going out!" he emphasized.

The weather in Spain was wonderful, so they told me, and they took many walking tours in the city of Seville, eager and energetic to get to know it, returning with deep praise and satisfaction.

Neither of them has reached their 80th birthday, but it seems to loom in their future sight and is demanding a healthy attitude in advance. In fact, a superficial definition of the "boomers" sets the top age at 79, shying away from that final tip like a person on a ledge.

You know, I am a big fan of the so-called "hot mics," the ones that surreptitiously listen to everything, in particular, people in the news say but not wanting, not suspecting to be overheard. Trudeau made a few gaffs at one time or another and, of course, who could even keep track of what Pres. Donald says? Anyway, it would be hard to distinguish between the outrageous insults, confessions, and opinions he offers – hot mic or full-on in rallies with hundreds to hear him.

Still... the best so far on a hot mic for my money are the recent comments about feasible immortality between Russia's President Vladimir Putin and China's President Xi Jinping, as reported by the BBC and many news agencies.

The two leaders have been in power for 25 and 13 years, respectively. They are both in their leadership roles for the long haul. One might say that surely, after 25 years, Putin has already had that run and at the age of 72, he might be ready to groom an heir – but no!

Putin has no plans to retire and is having far too much adrenaline coursing through his veins as he continues to pound destruction on Ukraine, with barely concealed plans for further invasions. Putin has laid claim to the legacy of Peter the Great.

Life is good, but aging is a bore, and so, what to do?

It all came out to the quietly listening hot mic.

It was a sunny day in Beijing. Xi had been hosting his pals, Putin and the Supreme Leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un. They were strolling through China's historic Tiananmen Square, a number of men trailing behind them – other invitees, perhaps, and undoubtedly security, when Putin voiced a saying that "these days they say that at 70 one's still a child."

He went on to expound on the theory of living indefinitely: "With the development of biotechnology, human organs can be continuously transplanted, and people can live younger and younger, and even achieve immortality."

I can't help it – I'm still laughing about the "organ farms" to come. The very best or worst of the '70s science fiction, with movies like Soylent Green (1973), in which Charlton Heston's character discovers the world's main source of food is recycled, processed people.

Recent news from Japan informed the world that nearly 100,000 people in Japan are 100 years old and more: specifically, 99,763 of whom 88 per cent are women! This longevity and good health are attributed to their consumption of less red meat and more fish and vegetables, lower levels of common illnesses, and "a culture of group exercises." A photograph of several people outside engaging in what seems a very forceful exercise – arms extended in a punch stance, feet steady and wide apart, accompanies the feature.

This is the 55th year Japan has set a record, worldwide. Admittedly, so it seems, there have been discrepancies, including in a national inquiry, after the remains of Sogen Koto, believed to be the oldest man in Tokyo

at 111, were found in his family home 32 years after his death.

Nevertheless, are there messages here for Putin? Just how many times does his longevity warrant the cut and splice of even biotech surgery for new parts, when altering his diet and engaging with his generals in health sustaining and well regulated exercises might do the trick of living longer?

The Italians have many good policies and long lives as well too. There are plenty of centenarians living happily in villages on the Italian island of Sardinia and villages in central areas of the county where diet and the importance of eating fresh fruit and vegetables – grown nearby – matters. As much as the social aspect of their lives. If 80 is not actually young, it is not dismissed as useless.

People in Italy's small villages continue to have a purpose, to live among family and friends. They have a positive outlook in life, buoyed up by the feeling of still being important to the people they love.

There are lots of lessons here if we care to learn them.

Meanwhile, Putin, keen as he is to live forever, is very busy trying to invent and encourage, and with some success! another terrifying global arms race.

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Across North America, every city, town, or region typically has its own Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade. For example, Brampton and Mississauga each have one dedicated to their city, while here in Dufferin County, the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) supports businesses across our county. While every Chamber and Board has its own focus, they all share one common purpose: to help local businesses succeed.

At DBOT, our work is guided by four main pillars:



- Connect – Connecting businesses to each other, to resources, and to opportunities for growth
- Promote – Promoting local businesses to the community
- Save Money – Offering programs and partnerships that reduce costs for members
- Advocate – Advocating the needs of businesses at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels

We are a non-profit organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of local business owners/leaders. They help guide our priorities so that we remain rooted in the real needs of our local business.

One way we do this is through our annual Business Survey, which gives us valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing businesses in Dufferin. The data we collect is shared with our municipal part-

ners and decision-makers so they can better understand and respond to what local businesses need in order to continue to thrive.

The projects we undertake, whether it’s organizing networking events, delivering training opportunities, running “Shop Local” campaigns, or advocating for fair policies, are all designed with one goal in mind: to build a stronger, more resilient local economy.

To summarize, the reason we exist is simple but important: “When local businesses succeed, our whole community benefits.” Strong businesses create jobs, support local charities and events, and contribute to the vibrant Dufferin County.

That is why the Dufferin Board of Trade is here — to be the champion and resource that helps our businesses not just survive, but thrive.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: School board trustees

Dear MPP Jones and Education Minister Callandra,

I wish to express my strong disapproval of any effort by your government to eliminate the local voice of the school board trustee. Your attempts to centralize your power are mean and short-sighted.

You, as provincially elected representatives, function in the rarified atmosphere of Queen’s Park; while trustees live, work and function within their local jurisdiction. I know, because I speak from personal experience. I was the Trustee for the Town of Or-

angeville for 13 years (eight of which I was chair of board) for the Upper Grand District School Board.

I attended local community meetings, school council events, school celebrations, school competitions and contentious meetings about tough issues. I didn’t shy away from my local responsibilities. I showed up.

I get it. Our local MPP is also the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. She’s busy! So maybe her time might be somewhat scarce if she also became the “trustee” if local school boards were eliminated? Yes, the

load would shift to your shoulders!

Is that the type of local representation that you are proposing for our local schools?!

In closing, I strongly oppose any effort to eliminate the vital role of the school trustee. I was an educational leader in 1996 when

Harris attacked public education, and this is just another attack by his collaborators.

Sincerely,  
R.J. (Bob) Borden,  
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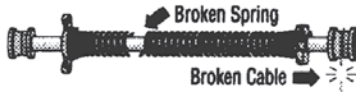
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**FRANCES ELIZABETH COLE (NEE YOUNG)**

Frances Elizabeth (Beth) Cole (Young) passed away peacefully with family by her side in Barrie on September 4th, 2025, age of 81. Beth is fondly remembered by her nieces Kelly Young (Shaine Moore) and Krista Parke (Mike Parke) and her nephew Mike Young (Christa Jewell). Beth enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her great nieces and nephews, Mikayla Young, Mikayla Martin, David (Sam), Carrick, Paige, Kaleb and Joseph. Beth was predeceased by her brother, Bill Young (2024).



Beth was born at Dufferin Area Hospital on March 31, 1944. She grew up on the family farm in Mono Centre with her parents Frances and Carrick Young and her older brother, Bill. As a child Beth would go fishing with her Dad, helped feed the baby sheep and enjoyed the various animals around the farm. She also helped out on the farm by driving the tractor over the rolling hills of Mono. Beth attended S.S. #7 School in Mono and Orangeville Secondary School. She excelled at school and even skipped a grade while in elementary school. Beth participated in 4-H Home Economics clubs and Junior Farmers. She and her long-time friend Noreen would hitch a ride with her brother to the meetings.

Beth received her teaching degree in Toronto (1965) then continued her studies in history, receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto. Beth began her teaching career at Adjala Central school and then spent many years teaching elementary school at Greenholme Elementary school in Etobicoke. She taught various grades and ended her career teaching special education classes. Beth taught a total of 32 years before retiring in 1999.

Beth married Jim Cole (1988) on August 17, 1968, at Burns United Church in Mono Centre. They enjoyed ballroom dancing and travelling abroad during their marriage. Beth also traveled with her co-workers and friends during March Break and took summer cottage trips. She also enjoyed many dinners with the “Swig and Swine” club!

Beth was a very talented pianist who would take on any challenge. She played a pump organ with a colleague at church and then generously shared her gift of playing the piano and organ at Burns United church, at countless school concerts, choirs and theatre groups. Beth was a long standing member of the Etobicoke Musical Production theatre helping produce the classic musicals, including Oklahoma and Fiddler on the Roof. She also enjoyed attending numerous live theatre productions in Toronto, Brampton and locally. Beth was an avid reader and was always up to date with the world happenings. She spent hours watching both the Maple Leafs and the Blue Jays, offering constructive criticism to those who share her interest. Beth spent time on the golf course during her retirement but never kept score! She introduced Kelly and Mike to golf.

The family would like to thank the many people who helped care for Beth over the past few years: the staff at the Lord Dufferin Centre, Royal Victoria Hospital and the wonderful and caring staff at the IOOF Senior Homes. Thank you to Laura, her PSW of which she played Scrabble with recently. Her family, friends and the staff at IOOF will miss her vibrant personality and her outspoken ways of calling “B. S.” with a giggle!

Visitation with family will take place on Friday September 12, 10:00 am at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St. Orangeville. Funeral Service will commence at 11:00, followed by a reception.

Memorial donations to High Country United Church, IOOF Senior Homes or a charity of your choice, would be appreciated by the family.

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Funeral Service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel. 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at 12:00pm. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations to Broadway Pentecostal Church would be appreciated by the family.

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