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FALL FESTIVITIES: A large crowd gathers along Mill Street during Downtown Orangeville's Oktoberfest celebration on Sept. 19, enjoying live music, food, shopping and a festive atmosphere. See more photos on Page A12.

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Mono councillor calls for new property assessments

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Efforts are underway to lobby the province to reinstate regular property assessments that have been stalled for a decade.

Councillor Melinda Davie said during council's Sept. 22 meeting that property taxes that are based on 2016 assessments need to be updated. With the end of 2026 approaching, a letter about Ontario property tax assessments from a Vancouver-based tax professional is timely.

"I'm nervous because the assertion that your actual taxes wouldn't go up is a very large assumption," Davie said.

Property assessments are carried out by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Such evaluations determine a property's worth according to a number of factors. And that ultimately sets a homeowner's property tax after the rate is established by the municipality during annual budgeting.

A property's assessment multiplied by the tax rate sets the tax levy. Municipalities typically use cost of living inflation to guide the rate increases. Commercial and residential properties are assessed differently, as are properties in different real estate markets.

Paul Sullivan, principal and practice leader of advocacy and tax policy at Canada Ryan ULC, in his letter asked for Mono's support in urging the province to reinstate regular property assessments, beginning with a province-wide reassessment in 2027.

He asked that letters be sent on behalf of council to Premier Doug Ford and Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy calling on them to "unfreeze Ontario" and restore regular property assessments.

The letter has been sent to a number of other Ontario municipal councils.

Mono council decided to look further into the tax company before hitching their wagon to the effort.

In the decade since the last assessments, property values and economic conditions have changed significantly, yet those changes are not being reflected in the distribution of the property tax burden, Sullivan states in his letter.

"For municipalities, this is fundamentally an issue of fairness, predictability, and sound fiscal planning," Sullivan wrote. "Re-assessment does not automatically mean higher property taxes. It simply ensures property values reflect today's market so the tax burden can be shared more fairly."

When assessments remain frozen, some businesses and property owners are left paying more than their fair share when assessments remain frozen as they have been for 10 years.

"The freeze also makes it harder for municipalities to plan for growth, infrastructure, housing, and development using a tax base that no longer reflects their communities' reality," he wrote.

Les Halucha, Mono's treasurer, said the next property assessment is going to be a problem for the province because it has been put off for so many years.

"They originally put it off because of the pandemic, which made sense," Halucha said. "And then they couldn't get their act together."

While assessments have remained frozen since 2016, the costs of living have marched right along, Davie said.

Coun. Ralph Manktelow said it's a good idea to build momentum to lobby the government to kick-start property assessments.

"The longer we put this off, the harder it's going to be to deal with it," he said. "I think the government should get their act together and restore the regular property assessments."

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Mono, Orangeville extend fire protection deal by one year

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Increases in material costs for Orangeville’s firefighting service mean Mono will have to pay more.

In June 2019, the Fire Protection Service Agreement was amended from per-call billing to a flat fee paid in four installments. That payment structure and agreement lasted until 2022, when a revised deal for four more years was passed.

That current deal is set to expire at the end of this year.

The existing agreement has enabled Orangeville to provide emergency response and related operational support, as well as administrative, fire prevention, inspection, public education, training, and management functions required to support an effective fire protection program.

According to a letter from Orangeville Fire Chief John Snider, extending the current agreement for one year is intended to preserve continuity of service until an updated cost-recovery model that more accurately reflects the town’s current and forecasted

service delivery costs can be reviewed and accepted by councils of participating municipalities.

Orangeville Fire Services has sent a proposal to extend the current agreement by one year to Dec. 31, 2027.

The one-year extension proposes a 1.04 per cent increase to the current cost, for an increase of \$11,845 over the 2026 price. The cost for fire services will be \$1,148,928.

With inflation currently at 2.4 per cent for Ontario, this is a reasonable cost increase, Les Halucha, Mono’s treasurer, said in a report to council for its Sept. 22 meeting.

Snider said the benefits to Mono of the extension include uninterrupted fire protection, preservation of a proven service-delivery relationship between the municipalities, and some measure of certainty for the 2027 municipal operating budget.

“It allows time for participating municipalities to review longer-term needs, service levels, and cost-sharing arrangements,” he said. “[It] supports fair cost-recovery for Orangeville taxpayers while continuing to provide reliable service to agreement mu-

nicipalities.”

Snider said in a letter to Mono council that one of the key factors in the agreement price increase is escalating operating costs and inflationary pressures on Orangeville’s fire service resources.

“Broad inflation has increased the cost of apparatus operation and maintenance, equipment, protective clothing, communications, training, insurance, utilities, and supplies,” Snider said. “These pressures affect both front-line emergency response and the supporting functions necessary to sustain it.”

Mike Dunmore, Mono’s CAO, said the extended agreement represents a reasonable increase.

Councillor Melinda Davie said Mono appears to be continuing with Orangeville Fire Services. She suggested an extension of that service agreement should be longer than a single year.

“Why are we not asking for something longer?” she said.

She said it seems the costs for other fire

protection services from other neighbouring municipalities on which Mono depends have higher increases coming.

Halucha suggested the extension timeframe is tied to the Oct. 26 municipal elections. That way, two new councils in the respective municipalities can hash out a new agreement for the next term.

“If Orangeville brought this to our attention at the beginning of the year [2026], we probably could have hammered something out,” Halucha said. “But because of the election, it kind of messes things up.”

Orangeville is in the early stages of designing and building a new fire hall expected to cost millions of dollars. Mayor John Creelman asked when Mono can expect to see some of that cost included in service agreements, in proper proportion if at all.

“Are we currently paying for their new hall or is that the penny that will drop next year?” Creelman said.

Halucha said Mono isn’t chipping in on the new fire hall yet. But he said that is indeed in the offing.

Help an animal find a loving home during the Ontario SPCA’s Fall Adoption Days

With a record number of animals in its care, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is hosting Fall Adoption Days on Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26.

During the two-day event, adoption fees for adult cats, dogs and rabbits will be reduced by 15 per cent to help as many animals as possible find loving homes.

The Ontario SPCA is currently caring for more than 650 animals at its 13 animal centres across the province – the highest number of animals in its care at one time in the past five years.

Animal numbers have increased as more animals have come into the society’s care following the wildfires in Northern Ontario, along with an increase in requests from families looking to re-home their pets.

“Every animal deserves the chance to find a loving home, and right now, there are more animals than usual waiting for that chance,” said Julie Woods, manager of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Orangeville and District Animal Centre.

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AWAITING ADOPTION: Precious is among the animals available for adoption through the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society during Fall Adoption Days on Sept. 25 and 26.

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READY FOR SERVICE: From left, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Orangeville Fire Chief John Snider and Mayor Lisa Post stand in front of Tower 15 following the new aerial ladder truck's unveiling on Sept. 23.



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ROLLING IN: Orangeville firefighters push Tower 15 into the station during a traditional push-in ceremony on Sept. 23, officially adding the new aerial ladder truck to the Orangeville Fire Service fleet.

Orangeville Fire Service welcomes new ladder truck with push-in ceremony

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

Orangeville Fire Service has officially added a new aerial ladder truck to its fleet, replacing a 25-year-old vehicle as the community prepares for continued growth and development.

The new truck, designated Tower 15, was unveiled during a push-in ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Fire Chief John Snider, members of Orangeville Fire Service, and representatives from neighbouring fire departments, including Shelburne and Caledon, attended.

Chief Snider called it an important investment in the future of community safety.

“We’re really excited about it, this is a true investment in community safety,” he said. “It is a very expensive truck, but it will be in service here for the next 25 years. Firefighters take incredibly good care of their vehicles and their station, and that allows that truck to stay here for 25 years and be used.”

The new truck represents a long-term investment in both firefighter and community safety. According to the fire service, the

vehicle is expected to remain in service for approximately 25 years, with firefighters receiving extensive training before operating it.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post congratulated the fire service and town staff who worked together to make this acquisition for the community.

“I think when the community sees a piece of equipment like this, they see a shiny, cool fire truck,” she said. “But what they don’t see is the amount of time and investment and thoughtfulness that goes into a purchase like this. So this took us a number of years to figure out exactly what we needed and think about the long-term plan for the community.”

“I want to do a special shout-out to the team who put all of this together, and our community services staff. This represents a really strong moment in our community when we can officially put Tower 15 into our fleet.”

The replacement comes as Orangeville experiences increasing densification and infill development, including taller buildings and structures that can present additional challenges for firefighters.

Unlike the outgoing straight ladder truck,

which can extend 100 feet but requires greater space to position, the new aerial apparatus is designed to operate more effectively in tighter spaces. The truck includes a bucket that lets firefighters work from an elevated platform, providing greater flexibility when accessing buildings and reducing the need to climb the full length of an aerial ladder.

Snider said that the vehicle will also improve the department’s ability to respond in areas such as Broadway, where positioning a traditional ladder truck can require significant road closures.

“Why is this truck so important? As you know, in Orangeville, we’re starting to look at more densification. We’re looking at infill. We’re looking at buildings being taller. We’re looking at harder to reach places. This truck will make a difference in that. Our old ladder truck is a straight ladder truck. It goes 100 feet in the air. The ladder is not able to be too close to the truck. [This truck] would allow us to operate on Broadway much more effectively.”

The truck’s design was the result of several years of planning and consultation, with a truck committee working with crews to determine the equipment and specifications

needed for the community.

Deputy Premier and MPP Sylvia Jones, also in attendance, highlighted not only the truck’s new capability for Orangeville, but also its capacity to assist the wider community in mutual aid calls. She also highlighted the nearby and still-under-construction firehouse, which represents an ongoing commitment from the province to support and develop fire services.

“As Mayor Post said, this isn’t about a piece of equipment,” she said. “This is actually about community safety and firefighter safety. I am particularly proud as we are literally around the corner from another investment that is happening with Orangeville Fire and the provincial commitment of \$3.6 million to assist with that new build. So congratulations, Chief Snider, and let’s get Tower 15 into operation.”

The ceremony then concluded with a traditional push-in, a practice dating back to the days of horse-drawn fire apparatus, when firefighters would push their vehicles back into the station following a call.

The new truck will also support Orangeville’s mutual-aid relationships with surrounding communities when additional firefighting resources are required.

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RUNNING FOR A CURE: Participants gathered for the Terry Fox Run in Orangeville on Sunday, Sept. 20, coming together to raise money for cancer research and honour Terry Fox's legacy. The run raised over \$30,000 this year.



SUPPORTING THE CAUSE: Two participants walks alongside their dog during the Terry Fox Run at Island Lake on Sept. 20.



TERRY'S LEGACY: David Kirk walks with an old pair of Terry Fox's shoes around his neck. He raised roughly \$1,700 for the Orangeville Terry Fox Run with his grandchildren.

Orangeville youth surpasses \$10,000 fundraising milestone for Terry Fox

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An 11-year-old Orangeville resident has reached a major fundraising milestone in her ongoing efforts to support cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.

Sydney Mallett has participated in the Terry Fox Run for the past seven years, turning the annual event into a personal tradition of fundraising, remembrance and determination.

For the past five years, she has completed the run alongside her dog, Big Ben. Her involvement with the cause was initially inspired by the loss of two of her dogs to cancer several years ago.

"I think it's important for me to keep doing this run and I hope I can inspire other children to raise money too," she said. "I think it is important to make a difference for the better. Cancer needs a cure and we have to keep fundraising for that. Terry Fox ran across the country, the least I can do is 20 laps around a baseball diamond to raise as much money as I can for a cure."

Mallett has since become one of the country's top youth fundraisers for the Terry Fox Foundation for the past three years. After the foundation contacted her to recognize her fundraising efforts, she learned that advancements in cancer research can have benefits across species, further motivating her to continue in memory of her dogs.

This year, Mallett set a fundraising goal of \$2,290, an amount that would bring the to-



FIVE YEARS STRONG: Sydney Mallett and her dog, Big Ben, have completed their Terry Fox run together for five years, as part of Mallett's mission to raise awareness and funds for cancer research, in honour of two dogs of hers who passed away several years ago. This year, Mallett and Big Ben raised \$10,564.

tal raised during her five years running with Big Ben to \$10,000.

She surpassed that target, raising \$2,854 and bringing her five-year total to \$10,564.

Mallett was also recognized for her fundraising efforts during this year's Orangeville Terry Fox Run at Island Lake. While Mallett and Big Ben complete their run privately be-

cause he is uncomfortable in large crowds, family friends attending the community event shared news of the recognition with them.

In total, the Orangeville run raised over \$30,000.

The run also carries a deeply personal tradition for Mallett.

Each year, she writes the names of loved ones who have died from cancer on paper hearts and carries them with her as she runs. Partway through her laps, she stops and reads each name in remembrance.

Mallett's mother, Emily Mallett, said that her family is deeply proud of her commitment.

"We are deeply proud of Sydney's commitment to raising money for cancer research, through the Terry Fox run every year," she said.

"It is a beautiful thing to watch your child find a cause they believe in and then to work so hard to support that cause. Both of Sydney's dogs died of cancer when she was younger, and this ignited a spark within her. We never asked Sydney to do this. This is all her!"

"Every year, she makes a video in which she speaks from the heart and in her own words, and I share it any way I can for donations," Mallett added.

"We are fortunate to have generous family and friends, far too many of whom have been affected by cancer in some way. Last year, I lost two childhood friends to cancer. That really affected Sydney."

For Sydney Mallett, reaching the \$10,000 milestone is another step in a tradition she hopes to continue for years to come.

With Big Ben at her side and the names of loved ones carried with her on paper hearts, she remains determined to keep running, fundraising and doing her part to support the search for a cure.



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Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show coming to fairgrounds

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

As mass-produced goods fill store shelves, interest in unique, vintage pieces continues to draw collectors and shoppers. The Orangeville Fairgrounds will soon become a hub for antiques, collectibles and vintage finds with over 55 dealers filling its exhibition hall on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show invites the community to explore a wide variety of dealers from across Ontario, and as far as Quebec.

Hosted by show producers Jeff and Wendy Gadsden, who also organize the springtime Elora Antique Show, Jeff said the Orangeville event is a great opportunity for the community to browse items from the past.

“We’ve been in this business for a long time and have built relationships with top dealers,” said Jeff. “We think visitors to the show will be impressed by the range of dealers who are set up. Many of them seldom do other shows, so this will be a rare opportunity to meet new dealers and browse their wares. We also make room for novice dealers, which helps ensure broader variety.”

Orangeville dealer Melody Polonsky has been gearing up for the show since early summer. As a veteran antiquer, Polonsky has a great eye for mid century decor, vintage lighting, ceramics and pottery, and framed art. She has choice pieces from the 50s to the 70s set aside for the show.

SG Antiquities is hauling a trailer full of pine furniture and folk art from Terrebonne, Que., while Claudia Lemieux, from Deux-Montagnes, Que., specializes in old metal signs and nostalgia.

The event will also feature food trucks, on-site ATMs, and free parking.

“How did the show land in Orangeville? It’s all about a warm, dry venue,” said Jeff. “Lately we’ve had some unpleasant experiences with weather at our fall outdoor show. It was clear that outdoor events are risky business. Having lived and worked in Shelburne for 30 years, we were well aware



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

VINTAGE FINDS: Orangeville antique dealer Melody Polonsky has been preparing a selection of mid-century décor, vintage lighting, ceramics, pottery and framed art for the upcoming Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show on Oct. 3.

of the excellent facilities at the Orangeville Fairgrounds. Upon booking the space, we contacted dealers, and the show filled up inside of three weeks.”

Jeff said the show is designed to appeal to both longtime collectors and a younger generation discovering the appeal of vintage pieces.

“We’re hoping for a good turnout on Oct. 3. We have capacity for up to 1,500 people. We’ve been targeting veteran antique collectors and history buffs, and also the younger cohort, who are keen on ‘vintage’ home decor, dating from the 50s to the 80s,” said Jeff.

Admission to the event is \$10 for adults, while kids under 13 can enter for free.

The Orangeville Fairgrounds are located at 247090 5 Sideroad, Mono.

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\$69,821

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STK# 261228A • 50,077 KM • 1.3L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, EXPERIENCE BUICK AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES, POWER WINDUP, BOSE AUDIO, 11-INCH DISPLAY, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

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\$89,989

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2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4 CARBONPRO



STK# 26168A • 37,965 KM • 4X4, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXL, 5.9-FOOT BOX, NAV, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, BOSE AUDIO, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, MULTIPRO TAILGATE, TOW PACKAGE, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$166

\$49,989

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2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN HIGH COUNTRY



STK# 25918A • 123,643 KM • 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, MYLINK NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, TRIM ZONE A/C, 22" INCH ALLOYS, 2-PASSENGER, SUPER CRUISE, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, REAR ENTERTAINMENT, LOADED, AIR RIDE, TECH PKG AND MORE!

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STK# 81290A • 178,500 KM • 3.6L PENTASTAR V6, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, QUADRA-TRAC 4X4, SELLS, TERRAIN SYSTEM, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAV, NINE-SPEAKER ALPINE AUDIO WITH SURROUND, HEATED FRONT AND REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TRAILERING MIRRORS, CLASS IV HITCH, REAR LOAD-LEVELING SUSPENSION, AND MORE!

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\$19,889

\$9.29

FOR 36 MONTHS

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C.O.B \$2,813.53

2021 GMC YUKON DENALI



STK# 25148A • 159,771 KM • RT BLACK LEATHER, 6.2L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AUTORIDE 4X4, SEVEN-PASSENGER SEATING, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, CIRCLE VIEWCAM, NAVIGATION, BOSE AUDIO, TRIM ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 22" INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

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STK# TWO066

FINANCE FROM

\$189

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FINANCE FROM

\$61,916

NO-CHARGE DIESEL: \$11,000
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\$83,396

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2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



STK# 81700B • 45,468 KM • 4X4 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE, 3.0L DURAMAX TURBO DIESEL, NAVIGATION, POWER HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, SMART DEVICE INTEGRATION, WI-FI HOTSPOT, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 4X4, ALLOY WHEELS, BACKUP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT AND REAR PARKING SENSORS, LANE KEEP ASSIST, AND MORE!

\$259

\$72,221

\$7.99

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C.O.B \$22,123.57

2026 JEEP COMPASS NORTH



STK# T70004 • 9,511 KM • 2.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4X4, CONVENIENCE GROUP, DRIVER ASSISTANCE GROUP, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 18.1-INCH ASSISTANCE+ TOUCHSCREEN, NAV, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, WIRELESS CHARGING, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, BACKUP CAMERA, LANE ASSIST, AND MORE!

\$176

\$41,506

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

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C.O.B \$15,016

2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN



STK# 850531 • 176,614 KM • LONGHORN LEVEL 1 EQUIPMENT GROUP, TOWING TECHNOLOGY GROUP, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HARMAN/RADION 19-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, POWER WINDOW, REAR AUTO-LEVELING AIR SUSPENSION, CLASS IV HITCH, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, 6.7L CUMMINS TURBO-DIESEL, 4X4, AND MORE!

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\$60,021

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C.O.B \$14,547.94

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STK# 850531 • 57,636 KM • TECHNOLOGY GROUP 4.4L SRT HELIX V6, POWER SUNROOF, DRIVER MEMORY, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HARMAN/RADION 19-SPEAKER PREMIUM AUDIO, NAV, LEATHER AND ALUMINUM INTERIOR, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FORWARD COLLISION WARNING, LANE KEEP ASSIST, REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!

\$323

\$56,121

\$9.29

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WEEKLY +TAXES

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\$112

\$23,470

\$8.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

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C.O.B \$5,688.89

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD



STK# 8708A • 9,397 KM • HEATED/COOLED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, WIRELESS CHARGING, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, 3RD CAMERA, NAV, HOT SPOT, 18" MAGS, ONSTAR, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$332

\$92,616

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$28,371.20

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



STK# 8718A • 17,957 KM • 6.2L V8, 4X4, 8X4 PREMIUM AND TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES, POWER SUNROOF, HEATED AND VENTILATED LEATHER SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, BOSE AUDIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, TOWING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$279

\$77,615

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$23,775.92

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



STK# 23353A • 171,373 KM • ONE OWNER, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, 3RD SURROUNDING VISION, SUNROOF, WI-FI HOTSPOT, XM RADIO, ONSTAR, LEATHER SEATS, AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL, 20" WHEELS, POWER LIFTGATE, BOSE SOUND SYSTEM, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$110

\$22,995

\$8.99

FOR 60 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

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C.O.B \$5,573.55

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ



STK# 8708A • 72,201 KM • ONE OWNER, ACCIDENT-FREE, HEATED AND VENTILATED SEATS, HEAD-UP DISPLAY, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, SPRAY-ON UNDERBODY PROTECTION, TRAILERING MIRRORS, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY, WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO, REMOTE START, AUTOMATIC HIGH BEAMS, TRAILERING MIRRORS, AND MORE!

\$202

\$56,216

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\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$17,220.73

2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD



STK# 23353A • 78,247 KM • 271 2.5L TURBO TURBO-POWERED 11-WHEEL DRIVE, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS CHARGING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MORE!

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\$53,715

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C.O.B \$16,454.60

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STK# 87012 • 45,800 KM • CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED, ACCIDENT-FREE, MIDNIGHT SKY BLACK METALLIC, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 25-34 KM, TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, ULTRAVIEW SUNROOF, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY AND MORE!

\$162

\$48,216

\$5.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

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\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$10,840.20

2024 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 4WD SPORT



STK# 18078A • 82,728 KM • BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, 6.2L V8, 4X4, SPORT TRIM, 22-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAVIGATION, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, FRONT AND REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MORE!

\$351

\$97,716

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WEEKLY +TAXES

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C.O.B \$29,933.49

2026 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN TRENDLINE



STK# TG26A2

LEASE FROM

\$97

WEEKLY +TAXES

** INCLUDES LOYALTY OFFER **

\$40,655

DOWN PAYMENT PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

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12,000 KMS PER YEAR

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STK# TA2615

LEASE FROM

\$121

WEEKLY +TAXES

** INCLUDES \$1000 BONUS CASH **

\$35,896

DOWN PAYMENT PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

2.99%

FOR 48 MONTHS

12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2018 BMW X3 xDRIVE30i



STK# T7127 • 108,044 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, NAV, PREMIUM PACKAGE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, NAV, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, BACKUP CAMERA, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, KEYLESS ENTRY, AMBIENT LIGHTING, SPORT SEATS, 18-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$110

\$17,555

\$9.29

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$3,787.69

2021 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK# T7007 • 108,465 KM • 3.0L V6 ENGINE, ANTI-LOCK BRAKES, HEATED AND VENTILATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED SECOND ROW SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT, NAV, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, REAR VIEW CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, AND MORE!

\$97

\$25,995

\$8.49

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

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C.O.B \$8,731.12

2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE



STK# T7007 • 81,475 KM • 3.6L HEMI V6 WITH TORQUEFLAY, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4, BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR, FRONT BENCH SEAT, LARAMIE LEVEL 2 EQUIPMENT GROUP, BLIND SPOT MONITORING, SURROUNDING VIEW CAMERA, HARMAN/RADION AUDIO, REAR-VIEW CAMERA, AND MORE!

\$178

\$47,495

\$8.49

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$16,026.22

2023 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS



STK# T7007 • 37,417 KM • 2.0L TURBOCHARGED 4-CYLINDER ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 4X4 WITH ANTI-SPIN DIFFERENTIAL, SILVER ZYNTH EXTERIOR, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, COLLISION WARNING, TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MORE!

\$158

\$43,995

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$13,477.06

2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION



STK# 8228P • 88,183 KM • TITAN BLACK LEATHERETTE, 2.0L TURBO, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4MOTION ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, DIGITAL COCKPIT, NAV, WIRELESS APPLE CARPLAY AND ANDROID AUTO, HEATED FRONT SEATS AND STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, FRONT ASSIST, REAR VIEW CAMERA, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, KEYLESS ACCESS, AND MORE!

\$99

\$27,461

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

C.O.B \$8,412.17

2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE



STK# 8228P • 106,832 KM • V6 ENGINE, ANTI-LOCK BRAKES, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBOCHARGED 2.0L ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 4X4-DRIVEN, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, FRONT ASSIST, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, 20-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$133

\$36,495

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

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C.O.B \$11,312.73

2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS CROSS SPORT COMFORTLINE



STK# T7007 • 108,465 KM • 3.0L V6 ENGINE, ANTI-LOCK BRAKES, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBOCHARGED 2.0L ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 4X4-DRIVEN, APPLE CARPLAY, ANDROID AUTO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, BLIND SPOT MONITORING, LANE ASSIST, FRONT ASSIST, 360-DEGREE CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, 20-INCH ALLOY WHEELS, AND MORE!

\$165

\$46,195

\$7.99

FOR 84 MONTHS

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$0 DOWN

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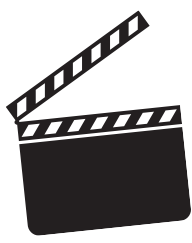
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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Book club at the Alton Mill Arts Centre shares the love of stories

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

An unusual and somewhat fledgling book club, the Read the Book Book Club is holding its fifth meeting in October. They meet at the historic Alton Mill every six weeks, which gives each participant time to choose and read the whole book and even prepare an appropriate costume to match the book's theme.

Their Roman times study, based on the book SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome by Mary Beard, brought to light much they did not know or realize. For example, the strong similarities there were between how similarly Romans dealt with individual power as politicians do in our present-day society – with corruption and self-interest, but where a few were conscious of their roles as Consuls or in the Senate.

"All our members all agreed that the parallels are overwhelming. Also agreed that Hollywood does a terrible job of portraying Roman life," said Wolf Raymer, who runs the book club.

For that meeting, one reader brought his Roman coin collection to the meeting. The coins are from the 2nd and 3rd Centuries CE. He gave each of them one of the coins.

"We all agree that it is important to read books. So, in this book club, we appreciate people who understand the subtleties behind the books," said Raymer. "Our first one was on the American Revolution."

The learning curve about Nikola Tesla brought to bear two books. Tesla, whose difficult life did not curb his designing and creating a great many inventions

The book club's interest and research into AI presented a very serious book, "Su-

premacy: AI, ChatGPT, and the Race That Will Change the World."

Next was a story about Christopher Columbus, having been rejected by everyone else to whom he had appealed for funding to brave the ocean and travel to what was an expected discovery of another path to Asia, but instead, landed him and his crew in Cuba in 1492.

The story goes that the queen agreed if he could make an egg stand on end, which he did. What really matters about this well-kept story, in addition to Columbus' successful arrival to this continent, is that centuries later came "Tesla's Egg of Columbus."

Nikola Tesla's egg led to water designs essential to our own modern water use. In addition, as a side note, Tesla was named one of the 100 most significant figures of all time by Time Magazine in 2013.

The Alton Mill Arts Centre has provided the perfect place for a book club to enjoy coming together every six weeks. Raymer was enthusiastic about the support from the mill's general manager and partner, Martin Kouprie.

The next subject for the Book Club is Canada's history and an invitation to readers to choose their favourite Canadian. Tommy Douglas, the founder of Medicare, universal public healthcare, came naturally. Another person chose George Chuvalo. And more will no doubt come.

Raymer commented that the group usually looks to set a maximum of 12 people per meeting. This assures that there will be time enough for everyone to speak.

They are still looking for other people who love to read to join them. If there are



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ROMAN READS: Members of the Read the Book Book Club read about the Roman Empire and had a great time talking about it. Meeting every six weeks at the Alton Mill, they all read a chosen book and come ready to comment and discuss. Organizer Wolf Raymer is Caesar in a toga with a shield in hand.

too many to stay at 12, Raymer is happy to have two meetings, one after another, on close but separate days.

There have been surprises along the way, like how much they are enjoying the conversations. Raymer made the point, "We've forgotten to just have conversations about interesting subjects. Everyone is really enjoying this,"

For their next topic, he would like to talk about China, where he spent some time, even long enough to speak some Mandarin.

BookLore owner Nancy Frater has been promoting Redwood by historian Ben Mac-

intyre, a spy book based on true stories and set in 1981 during the violent times after the Iranian Revolution. Tense stuff but largely true.

Christmas is coming too, and Raymer was clear that people can bring their favourite Christmas stories.

"We'll be doing something for Christmas," Raymer said.

Meetings run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Alton Mill, with \$10 per person, donated to the mill.

Anyone wanting to join the club can call Raymer at 647-509-7888.



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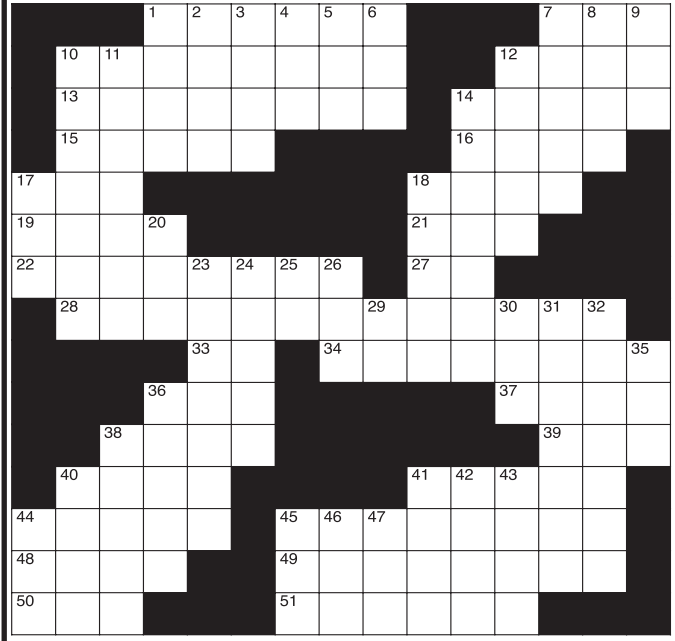


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1. A place for worship
7. Referee declaration
10. Torsos
12. Used to introduce something
13. Healing method
14. Takes to the sea
15. Make law
16. French coastal city
17. Hawaiian dish
18. Young of domestic cattle
19. Women's undergarments
21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
22. One after another
27. It's a hot topic these days

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass
28. Folk band frontman
33. They precede C
34. Heavenly
36. Fiddler crabs
37. Major Hindu deity
38. Hebrew given name
39. Cost per mile
40. ___ Romeo, car
41. Rural municipality in Manitoba
44. Narratives
45. "A tragedy had ___ him"
48. Iranian city
49. Praises publicly
50. Founding Father
Franklin
51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass
2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton
3. Part of a sailing vessel
4. Part of (abbr.)
5. Polynesian garland of flowers
6. Keyboard key
7. One who steals capital
8. Large oven
9. Former CIA
10. Idea
11. Solomon Islands
12. Afrikaans
14. Remove thatch
17. Television network
18. Jalen Brunson is one
20. Title of respect
23. Flowering trees
24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists
26. Woman (French)
29. Expression of doubt
30. NHL legend Bobby
31. Accomplished
32. Makes slightly wet
35. National Assn. of Manufacturers
36. Not sated
38. Poe's middle name
40. Swiss river
41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
42. "Shane" actor Ladd
43. Popular whodunit board game
44. Bar bill
45. Ballplayer's tool
46. Indicates near
47. Feet per second

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How they say that in...

English: Leaf
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A

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.



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Answer: Chlorophyll



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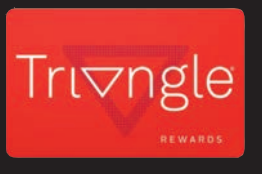
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Bruce Trail Day brings music, nature and hiking to Splitrock Narrows

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

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is inviting residents to experience the Bruce Trail in a different way this fall, with music, hiking, nature demonstrations and a free barbecue planned for Bruce Trail Day.

The annual celebration takes place Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve in Mono, located at 755437 2nd Line EHS, Mono. The event is free, with no pre-registration required.

Organizer and vice president of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, Lorraine Campbell, said that one of the main attractions will be the return of the club's musical hike, now in its third year.

"We've got a new slate of musicians this year," she said. "There's six of them, and they include a reggae singer, a couple of guitarists, one classical guitarist, a clarinetist, and the Guelph Celtic Orchestra."

The musicians will be spread throughout the trail, giving visitors the opportunity to hear performances as they make their way

through Splitrock Narrows.

A children's music circle will also be offered, providing another way for younger visitors to participate.

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club member Don Stewart said that the musical hike was inspired by a similar event hosted by the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club

"We did a copycat a few years ago because Blue Mountain had done it the year prior and found it very successful," he said. "So, if you get something that works, why not try it?"

"Tom [Dufferin Hi-Lands President] was in a band for many years professionally, so he has all kinds of contacts in the music industry, especially up here. So, he was able to make arrangements. We are not for profit, so we don't have a whole lot of money. To get professional musicians, some of them just came because they loved the concept, but other ones, they wanted to get some remuneration for their time and effort, so we were able to make deals."

After seeing its success, Dufferin Hi-Land adopted the concept, using local connections to bring musicians onto the trail. The musical format proved popular during previ-

ous Bruce Trail Day celebrations, combining the natural setting with live performances.

Music will not be the only focus.

Visitors can take part in a guided hike, learn about the club's biodiversity work and visit its seed orchard, which is part of efforts to regenerate native plants for use along the trail. An iNaturalist demonstration led by Rod Murray will also highlight observations of nature along the Bruce Trail.

The event is designed to be accessible to people who may have little or no hiking experience. The route is less than three kilometres, and visitors can choose how much of it they want to explore. Some of the more challenging crevices can also be bypassed.

"This is a hike that anyone can get to, anyone can do," Campbell said. "It is accessible to the youngest children, even to dogs. There are the crevices that you can hike down into, but you can bypass them as well. There's absolutely no challenge to this hike. Anybody can participate."

Bruce Trail Day is held annually across all nine Bruce Trail clubs, with each section offering its own activities. The day is intended to introduce people to the trail, encourage

people to spend time outdoors and highlight the Bruce Trail Conservancy's work protecting a continuous ribbon of wilderness along the Niagara Escarpment.

For the Dufferin Hi-Land club, that conservation work is an important part of the celebration.

The club's activities will showcase not only hiking, but also biodiversity and efforts to preserve the natural environment.

"When it comes to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, there are two bonds to it," Campbell said. "One is hiking, but the other, and it's just as important, is that we're a nature conservancy organization. Preserving nature is our core mission. The actual mandate is preserving a remnant of wilderness for everyone, everywhere. [There are] the two arms to the Bruce Trail, and we're trying to address and celebrate both of them during Bruce Trail Day."

Visitors can also learn about club membership, upcoming hikes and volunteer opportunities, making Bruce Trail Day an opportunity to experience the trail while discovering ways to become more involved in the organization and its conservation work.

Dufferin Oaks opens doors for first Community Engagement Day

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
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Dufferin Oaks opened its doors to the community on Sept. 18 for its first Long-Term Care Community Engagement Day, welcoming residents, families, community partners and members of the public for an afternoon of tours, exhibits and conversation.

The event, held at the Shelburne long-term care home, was part of a province-wide initiative focused on strengthening connections between long-term care homes and the communities they serve.

Prominent employees and leaders from Dufferin County were present to commemorate the day, including Warden Lisa Post, also mayor of Orangeville.

"I'm honoured to join you today as we celebrate Dufferin Oaks, its staff, its volunteers and partners, and of course the residents who call Dufferin Oaks home," she said.

"Dufferin Oaks is a proud member of Advantage Ontario, a not-for-profit association that represents operators and providers of not-for-profit, charitable, and municipal sector care across Ontario."

Post added, "The Oaks has been a really important part of our community since it first opened back in 1962, with a capacity of just 65 beds... I'm really excited to celebrate today the importance of long-term care and

to get the chance to connect with our staff, residents, and partners. All of you are so important to Dufferin County, and it's an absolute honour to be part of this first and definitely not last community engagement day for the Oaks."

The original facility has since been expanded and complemented by the current Dufferin Oaks building, which now includes 160 rooms across five resident home areas.

The afternoon included information displays, opportunities to speak with residents, families and staff, guided tours of the three-storey facility and an exhibit from the Museum of Dufferin highlighting the history of Dufferin Oaks and its connection to the community.

Food and refreshments were provided by Destined to Bake Café, the home's on-site café operator.

The event was intended to reinforce that residents do not stop being members of the community when they move into long-term care.

Residents continue to maintain connections as parents, grandparents, neighbours, volunteers, mentors and friends, with relationships involving families, schools, faith groups, volunteers, community organizations and local businesses contributing to their quality of life.

The event also coincided with the con-

clusion of Resident Council Week, with the home's Resident Council providing information about its role in giving residents a voice in decisions affecting their daily lives.

The Dufferin Family Council also participated in the event. The council acts as a liaison between residents, families and staff, while providing families and friends with an opportunity to raise concerns and make recommendations.

The home currently has 160 residents and has maintained longstanding relationships with organizations throughout Dufferin County. Recent community connections have included visits from EarlyON and Highland Daycare, performances by the Pine River Choir and other entertainers, faith groups, music therapy and visits from therapy animals.

Dufferin County CAO Antonietta Minichillo reinforced this connection when she addressed guests at the event.

"Today is about opening our doors, strengthening relationships, and inviting the community to see the care, connection, and daily life that makes Dufferin Oaks a true home," she said.

"It's not simply a place where care is provided; it is indeed a home, and it remains connected to the broader community that surrounds it. The people who live here are parents, grandparents, neighbors, volun-



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ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY: Dufferin Oaks opened its doors to the community on Friday, Sept. 18, for its first ever Community Engagement Day, designed to better connect the public to the facility, and celebrate the residents and staff that reside within its walls. With local refreshments provided by the in-house Destined to Bake Cafe and guided tours throughout the afternoon, staff and visiting dignitaries expressed hope that this engagement day was just the first of many more to come.

Minichillo added, "Every day, nurses, personal support workers, dietary and house-keeping staff, recreation staff, and many

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Shelburne Rotary’s PumpkinFest returns with new activities for 2026

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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Shelburne’s Rotary Club is preparing to bring the community together for another afternoon of fall fun with the fourth annual PumpkinFest on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at Natasha Patterson Memorial Park and will feature activities, entertainment, vendors and games for residents of all ages.

PumpkinFest is a free community event, but a \$10 wristband is required for access to certain activities, including inflatables, face painting, and character appearances. Every family attending can also take home a pumpkin.

Organizer Michelle Chidwick said that this year’s event will introduce several new attractions.

“We’re gonna have bumper cars this year, with the hope that it will bring in an older kid demographic,” she said. “We’re also going to have a band there this year, which we haven’t done before. They’re going to be forming later during the second half of the event.”

Chidwick added, “We’re also introducing games where you can win a prize as well this year. We’re going to have a family pumpkin relay race, a donut eating contest, and a pie eating contest. So, there’ll be prizes for that. There’s lots of new things happening.”

Entertainment throughout the afternoon will include a performance by Turn It Out Dance, a family fitness class, music and a live band later in the event. Caricature drawings will also be available as part of the wristband activities.

Chidwick said that the event will also fea-

ture a vendor market for visitors to shop for a wide variety of goods.

“This will actually be our third year doing a vendor market, which is always nice to have,” she said. “This year we have just about 20 vendors coming, ranging from baked goods to crafts to swag, all that sort of stuff.”

PumpkinFest was created as a way to bring the community together while also giving back. The event is held in conjunction with the Rotary Club’s annual food drive, with residents able to bring food donations to PumpkinFest if their donation bag was not collected during the drive.

Last year’s PumpkinFest attracted an estimated 750 people, and organizers are hoping to reach 1,000 attendees this year.

Proceeds from the \$10 wristbands will go to the Shelburne Rotary Club, supporting its

ongoing efforts to give back to the community and support local initiatives.

The Rotary Club is still accepting vendors, sponsors and volunteers ahead of the event. Vendor spaces are available for \$35, while student volunteers can also use the event toward their required volunteer hours.

With activities for children, families and adults, PumpkinFest aims to provide an opportunity for residents to enjoy the fall season while supporting local organizations, vendors and entertainers.

“PumpkinFest is a great way to connect with your neighbors and your community, and the Rotary Club, who then supports town initiatives,” Chidwick said. “You’re also supporting the vendors and the entertainers that are there. So as much as you might be having fun, you’re also giving back to everybody else who is also there.”



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Streams Community Hub marks 10 years with live telethon fundraiser

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Streams Community Hub is turning back the clock on fundraising as it celebrates a decade of providing arts programming for youth in Shelburne.

The local arts charity will mark its 10th anniversary with a three-hour live telethon on Oct. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m., bringing together performances, stories, prizes and fundraising as Streams looks back on its first decade and prepares for the next.

Andrew James, co-founder and chair of Streams, said that the telethon will be broadcast through Rogers Dufferin and streamed online, allowing viewers beyond Shelburne to participate in the anniversary celebration.

“This telethon is first a snapshot,” he said. “It’s a look back at 10 years of creativity and community and connection — all the amazing things that we’ve been doing over the last 10 years — from being in schools to opening this facility here, after-school programs and workshops, and all the different events that we do.”

Rather than hosting a traditional gala, Streams co-founder and executive director Juli-Anne James wanted an event that reflected the organization’s creative and youthful identity while allowing significantly more people to participate.

“We’re a creative arts charity,” she said. “We work with young people, and we serve young people, and our whole thing is the arts. So we specialize, I would say, in creativity. We always want to be different. We want to do something that people haven’t seen before, or in this case, haven’t seen in a long time. Putting a modern spin on an old sort of fundraising method.”

Juli-Anne James added, “Our organization’s identity is very youthful, very fun, very creative, and so we didn’t want to do just the mundane. We wanted to challenge ourselves to do something that would be creative, and that would put a smile on people’s faces and get them interacting with our work over the last decade.”

The broadcast will feature performances from Streams youth groups, including its Sing Club, alongside live painting, giveaways and pre-recorded segments featuring community members and alumni sharing their experiences with the organization. A live audience is also expected at the Streams facility.

Fundraising will be a major component of the evening, with Streams working toward a goal of securing 1,000 monthly donors contributing \$10 each. The organization had reached approximately 99 monthly donors

at the time of the interview. Reaching the 1,000-donor goal would provide roughly one-third of Streams’ operating budget, creating a more reliable funding source for its programming.

“We’re asking for support and help so that we can continue to make it another 10 years and beyond here in the community,” Andrew James said. “Like Juli-Anne always says, we’re not looking for people to give more. We’re just looking for more people to give.”

“Doing this as an event that is a hybrid between in-person and online allows us to reach a much broader audience,” Juli-Anne James said. “We can reach potentially across Canada. We are confident that we will get to 1,000 monthly donors. We chose the specific goal because I think doing the math that represents about a third of our operating budget, and we are very much a scrappy grassroots organization. That is our core. That is our origin, and for us to be able to sustain this work for another decade, it’s going to take the power of the community.”

The telethon comes exactly a decade after Andrew and Juli-Anne founded Streams Community Hub in Shelburne.

Since 2016, the organization has grown from its early camps and programs into an established local arts hub serving young people through camps, workshops, after-school activities and other creative opportunities.

Over the decade, more than 1,800 children and youth have participated in Streams programming, a figure that the Jameses are proud of. It was their vision, achieved.

“If we didn’t imagine it, we wouldn’t be here,” Juli-Anne James said. “One of the things, though, that has been very surprising for us over the last maybe five years or so is how much people have responded in terms of finding a place of safety. For young people, especially, we set out to provide really engaging, really cool, really state of the art programming... But what we’ve heard young people say back to us is that they feel safe here, and so that has been really one of the things I’m most proud of.”

She continued, “When I reflect on the last 10 years, the byproduct of us setting out to do this and create this arts organization has meant that young people in this community who probably otherwise would not have been able to find it have found safety here.”

Some of the organization’s earliest participants are now returning as volunteers, facilitators and employees, creating what the founders describe as an ecosystem where young people can continue their involvement as they grow older.

The organization has also developed



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A DECADE OF CREATIVITY: To commemorate 10 years of community programming, Streams Community Hub will be hosting a live telethon carried by Rogers, filled with games, entertainment and stories. The event scentres on Streams’ last 10 years of operations, from its first days to its most recent projects. Started a decade ago by co-founders Juli-Anne and Andrew James, Streams Community Hub offers a safe, inclusive and educational space for local youth to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence.

Town Tees, a social enterprise that provides employment opportunities for youth while helping financially support Streams’ work.

The Oct. 6 telethon aims to strengthen that foundation while introducing Streams to audiences who may not have encountered its work before.

Looking beyond the anniversary, Streams hopes to grow an endowment established with the Dufferin Community Foundation and eventually construct a purpose-built youth arts hub in Dufferin County, ideally in Shelburne.

Andrew and Juli-Anne James are also looking beyond Dufferin County, with a longer-term goal of bringing the Streams model to other rural communities across Ontario and eventually Canada.

For the last 10 years, however, the Jameses have said that they are immensely grate-

ful to the community support that helped them launch their dream.

“Come to the Hub on Oct. 6, and continue to support us,” Andrew James said. “Thank you for the support. It has been great, great support, and it’s great to know when we look back, there are donors that have been with us from the beginning, and it just really touches our heart because they get it. They understand the value of the work that we’re doing and the impact that we’re making with the work that we’re doing.”

For Streams, the anniversary telethon serves as both a celebration of the thousands of young people who have passed through its programs and an opportunity to build the community support needed to carry that work into another decade.

For more information on Streams Community Hub, visit: streamshub.org

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Dufferin OPP advise motorists to exercise caution during harvest season

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind residents and visitors that September marks the beginning of the fall harvest season.

Dufferin County is an agricultural community, and as the seasons change, local farmers are busy bringing crops from the fields to our tables. From potatoes and beans to a variety of other crops, harvest is a busy time on farms throughout the county.

Once the harvest is complete, many farmers will begin fall tillage and other fieldwork. This means tractors, combines, wagons, trucks and other large agricultural equipment will continue to travel between fields, farms and rural roads.

“With the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it can be easy to forget where our food comes from and the important work being done by the farmers in our community,” said Dufferin OPP.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists that agricultural equipment is a regular and im-

portant part of travelling on our Dufferin County roads. These large, slow-moving vehicles require additional time and space to operate safely.”

Dufferin OPP continued, “We know it can be frustrating to come up behind an agricultural vehicle displaying an orange slow-moving vehicle sign when you are trying to get somewhere. However, rather than becoming frustrated or attempting a risky pass, slow down, be patient and enjoy the moment. Take a breath, take in the scenery and remember that the vehicle ahead of you is helping bring food from our local fields to our tables.”

Motorists are encouraged to:

- Slow down when approaching agricultural equipment. Give yourself plenty of time to react and adjust your speed accordingly.
- Give farm equipment plenty of space. Large machinery may be wider than the lane and may need to move onto the shoulder or make wide turns.

- Be patient. Agricultural equipment may be travelling at significantly lower speeds than other vehicles. Wait for a safe and legal opportunity to pass.
- Watch for turns. Farm equipment may make wide or unexpected-looking movements as operators enter fields, driveways or farm lanes.
- Be extra cautious on rural roads. Farm vehicles can enter or exit fields with little warning, and mud or debris on the roadway may create additional hazards.
- Never attempt an unsafe pass. Ensure you have a clear view of the roadway and enough time and space to complete the pass safely and legally.

“The OPP encourages all motorists to share the road and remain alert throughout the harvest season,” said the OPP. “Whether it is a tractor, combine, wagon or other piece of agricultural equipment, give these vehicles the time and space they need to get the job done safely.”



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HARVEST SAFETY: Farmers across Dufferin County are busy bringing in crops, with tractors and other large agricultural equipment travelling on local roads. Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to slow down, be patient and give farm equipment plenty of space.

Ontario government opens nominations for the 2027 Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards

The Ontario government is opening nominations for the Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards, an annual program recognizing the people, businesses, organizations and communities that are helping to drive economic growth, create opportunity and strengthen rural Ontario.

“In rural communities across the province, people are making a difference every day by stepping up, creating opportunities and helping to build a stronger rural Ontario,” said Lisa Thompson, minister of rural affairs. “The response to last year’s Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards showed us how im-

portant it is to recognize and honour those contributions, and we’re proud to continue that celebration in 2027.”

The Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards will recognize outstanding achievements across eight categories:

- Rural Inspiration
- Rural Community
- Rural Entrepreneur
- Rural Youth Leader
- Rural Economic Innovation
- Rural Partnerships
- Rural Champion
- Rural Heart

Nominations will be accepted until Oct. 23. You can learn more about the program and submit a nomination at Ontario.ca/RuralAwards.

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Dr. Lance Secretan discusses the importance of ‘having a dream’

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

British-Canadian author, philosopher and the world’s top authority on inspirational leadership, Dr. Lance Secretan wants Canada to have a dream. And he thinks that Canadians are ready to be inspired.

As a speaker and a visionary, Secretan has changed how companies are inspired to operate their businesses from the strictly pragmatic to the inspired, and CEOs of Fortune 100 companies have watched in wonder at the huge improvements in production and employees’ enthusiasm for their jobs.

Secretan, living in Alliston, has been invited to speak as a keynote speaker at business conferences and events attended by executives from some of the largest corporations around the world, and his message is life-changing.

In a recent interview with the Citizen, Secretan talked about his amazing life and the philosophy he has brought to so many individuals and business leaders.

Now, in these times, Secretan sees how Canada can benefit from his theories.

Secretan has spent his lifetime looking at how businesses are run, catching the flaws and the psychological — even if unintentional — abuse to workers and how to repair that harm with a whole new approach to business practices.

It began with his development of Manpower, of which he was CEO at the age of 27.

“I had been watching what my boss had been doing, and then I did the opposite,” Secretan said.

He began to explain the beginnings of how managers treated their staff and, with a turn-it-on-its-head plan, said whatever they have been doing was not working. So it was time to do the opposite. Throw out the fear approach, the motivational, the two-handed offer of perks for success and demotion or worse for failure.

He stepped back in his life’s history in answer to a question about his parents and formative years.

Born in the U.K., Lance Secretan was a child actor from the age of eight.

At the height of his decade-long career, he was named the number one child actor in the English-speaking world.

“My mother was an extraordinary woman,” he said. “A super intellectual. She was a vegetarian and a concert pianist.”

His father was a prominent scientist, inventor and engineer who headed the BBC’s monitoring service during WWII.

Secretan earned a Master’s Degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California (magna cum laude), and a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics.

As a professor, he taught business at McMaster and York Universities.

In due course, his academic career gave way to his true calling: to change the heart of how leaders and their managers run their businesses and how their employees do – or do not - love the work. In 1980, he established his Secretan Centre.

During his lectures in conferences, Secretan often asked who would quit their jobs if they had a free choice.

Opening the door to a better result, Secretan delivers, in one hand, five principles: Courage, Authenticity, Service, Truthfulness, Love, and Effectiveness: an acronym spelling CASTLE, and he calls it the CASTLE Principles.

Here he dares to talk about them to the business world, to talk about love in the cold world of profits and goals.

On the other hand, he offers the science of how positive relationships lead to better health. In the workplace, they lead to more productive, better businesses.

He includes the obvious need for compassionate leadership – was it obvious? Perhaps after he taught it: individuals, entire organizations, cities and states have experienced remarkable transformations through Secretan’s unique mentoring.

He is the author of 21 books about leader-



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LEADERSHIP IN MOTION: Lance Secretan loves his time kayaking on Ontario’s rivers. An inspirational speaker and visionary, Secretan has spent his career promoting positive approaches to conducting business at conferences and meetings around the world. He is widely acknowledged as one of the most insightful and provocative leadership teachers of our time. Secretan is an expert skier, mountain-biker and kayaker.

ship, emphasizing the connection between high performance and the heart, the mind, the soul, inspiration and leadership. In 2016, he wrote a memoir, A Love Story, and in 2018 he published The Bellwether Effect, which was hailed as being among the most original, authentic and effective contributions to leadership. In 2023, Secretan released a new book, Reawakening the Human Spirit.

The interview turned irrepressibly to being aware of the negative political weather to the south under the impulses of the current American president.

Yet, Secretan sees a dream of a future for an internationally influential Canada.

“There’s going to be a book on this,” he predicted. Turning to this moment in history, he said, “I want people to wake up.”

As an example, he mentioned Singapore’s

enormous influence in the world, saying, “We can do that.”

He pointed to the “very exciting projects coming up - the Ring of Fire, new highways. We have puzzled about money and corruption, but we need an incentive to move forward.”

Reflecting, Secretan said, “My world is creating inspiration for other people. We always have to reach for the higher ground.”

Dr. Secretan is the recipient of the International Caring Award, whose previous winners include Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama. He is the current chair of the Pay it Forward Foundation, and former chair of the Advisory Board of the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

He is also an expert skier, kayaker and mountain biker.

OPP charge two north Dufferin residents with impaired driving, failure to remain at scene

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged two motorists with impaired driving-related offences following separate incidents on Saturday, Sept. 19.

At approximately 12:45 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding an erratic driver in the area of County Road 15 in Grand Valley.

Officers attended the area and located the vehicle after it had been involved in what appeared to be a single motor vehicle collision.

The driver had fled the scene on foot prior to police arrival. Officers obtained a description of the driver and subsequently attended another residence, where the driver was located.

During their interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Tyler Bryan, 25, from Melancthon, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

- Dangerous operation
- Fail to remain

During the same day at 2:58 a.m., officers responded to a fail-to-remain motor vehicle collision in the area of Main Street in Grand Valley.

Officers located the vehicle and, during their interaction with the driver, observed signs of impairment. Officers subsequently initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Karlis Liepins, 40, from Shelburne, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Fail to remain
- Disobey stop sign - fail to stop

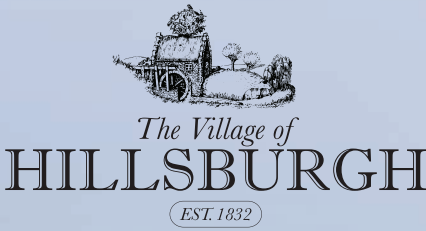
The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

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Otters’ new head coach looks to instill confidence, resilience in young athletes

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

The Orangeville Otters Swim Club is pleased to announce their new head coach, Paige Miller.

“It is a tremendous honour to be named the new head coach of the Orangeville Otters. I’m excited about the opportunity to become part of a program with such a strong sense of community and to work alongside athletes, families, coaches, and volunteers who are all invested in helping swimmers grow,” said Paige Miller.

When the Orangeville Otters began searching for a new head coach, they saw an opportunity to evaluate the direction they wanted the organization to take. They wanted someone who could build on their strong foundation, supportive swimming community, and great group of athletes.

“We were looking for more than just someone with strong swimming credentials. We wanted a leader who could develop athletes at all levels, support our coaching staff, build a positive team culture and, importantly, connect with our swimmers and families,” said David Egbert, president of the Orangeville Otters Swim Club.

“We wanted someone who understood that success in swimming isn’t just about times and results. It’s also about helping young athletes develop confidence, resilience and a love for the sport. Those qualities were very important to us.”

For Paige Miller, she is looking forward to bringing her energy, perspective and coaching philosophy to the Otters. She saw a lot of potential with the club and is excited to continue to build on a program that values team experience and athletic development.

“For me, coaching is about much more than preparing swimmers for races. It’s about helping young athletes discover what they are capable of, develop confidence, learn how to handle challenges, and build skills that will stay with them long after their swimming careers are over,” explained Miller.

Once Miller was hired, she began establishing relationships and getting to know the athletes. By doing this, she aims to create an environment where athletes can improve their strengths, understand their goals, face their challenges, and understand what motivates them.

“I think Paige is going to bring a lot of energy and a fresh perspective to the Otters. Her experience as a high-level swimmer gives her a great understanding of what athletes are going through and what it takes to continue progressing,” said Egbert.

“I’m particularly excited about how she can help our swimmers take more ownership of their development. Swimming teaches so many important life skills, goal setting, discipline, dealing with setbacks and learning how to push yourself and I think Paige will put a lot of emphasis on those areas.”

Egbert went on to express the Otters’ excitement about the positive impact Paige Miller can have on the team’s continued growth while preserving the qualities that make the organization special.

“Our goal isn’t simply to produce faster swimmers. We want to create an environment where athletes are challenged, supported and excited to come to the pool every day,” said Egbert.

“I think Paige can play a really important role in helping us build that kind of program for the future.”



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NEW COACH, NEW CHAPTER: Paige Miller, the new head coach of the Orangeville Otters Swim Club, is focused on helping young swimmers build confidence, resilience and a love for the sport.

New Lowell Knights claim back-to-back Strother Cup titles after defeating Bolton Brewers

The New Lowell Knights successfully defended their Strother Cup title in the North Dufferin Baseball League. The team defeated the Bolton Brewers in five games and closed out the senior championship series with three consecutive wins.

New Lowell captured Game 3 by a 14-2 score last Thursday, followed with a 10-1 win in Game 4 on Saturday, and sealed the title Sunday with an 8-1 victory in Game 5. The Knights won the best-of-seven final four games to one.

Game 3 opened with the Knights scoring five runs in the first inning, followed by one in the third, four in the fourth and four more in the sixth to end the contest by the mercy rule. Bolton managed a run in the third inning and another in the fourth in the 14-2 loss.

It was a complete team effort for the Knights, as every player in the lineup recorded at least one hit. Zack Hayward went 3-for-3 with a solo home run in the third inning, while Jake Nicholson added three hits and finished 3-for-4.

Brad Greiveson earned the win for the Knights, pitching six innings and allowing two runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out seven.

Carson Burns started for the Brewers and pitched four innings, allowing 10 runs on 11 hits with two walks, one hit batter and four strikeouts.

Logan Hart worked the final two innings, allowing four runs on four hits while walking one, hitting two batters and striking out two.

Saturday’s Game 4 ended in a 10-1 New

Lowell victory, although the outcome remained close until the late innings.

Both teams scored once in the opening inning before the Knights took a 2-1 lead in the third. New Lowell added two more runs in the fifth and put the game away with a six-run sixth inning.

Bolton was limited to five hits. Ben Sterritt recorded a single and a double, Amin Juarez doubled, and Brett Chater and Greg Keenan added singles.

Hayward homered and doubled for New Lowell, while Nicholson, Kurt Roy, Brandon Norrie, Dale Lightheart and Chris Greer each doubled. Caleb Lightheart collected two hits and Carson Lightheart added one.

Norrie controlled the game from the mound, allowing one run on five hits over seven innings. He walked one batter, hit another and struck out four.

Bolton starter Paul Cota worked five and two-thirds innings, surrendering 10 runs on 10 hits while walking seven, hitting two batters and striking out one.

Hart recorded the final out in relief.

The Knights completed their championship run Sunday with an 8-1 victory in Game 5.

New Lowell jumped ahead with three runs in the first inning, added two more in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth to

build an 8-0 lead.

In the sixth inning, Sterritt led off with a solo home run for Bolton’s lone run of the game.

For the second straight game, the Brewers were held to five hits. Sterritt added a single to his homer, Chater doubled, and Mike Wallace and Carter Burnside contributed singles.

Nicholson paced the Knights offence with two doubles. Carson Lightheart had a double and a single, Roy doubled, Tanner Zeggil and Dale Lightheart singled, while Norrie and Greer each collected two singles.

Greiveson went the distance for New Lowell, allowing one run on five hits over seven innings while striking out seven.

Bolton starter Matteo Stothers pitched six innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits. He walked six batters, hit one and struck out three.

For his outstanding defensive play and timely hitting throughout the playoffs, Nicholson was named playoff most valuable player and received the Paul Carruthers Memorial Award from former league executive Sean Hayward.

During the post-game presentation, league secretary and series convenor Scott Anderson presented the Strother Cup to Chris Rettie, Dale Lightheart and coach Pete Kinghan.

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BACK-TO-BACK WINS: The New Lowell Knights won the North Dufferin Baseball League championship on Sept. 20. Team members gather around the Strother Cup after defeating the Bolton Brewers to claim the senior championship in back to back years.

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OPINION

The times change, the world moves on

The world moves on, man.

The days are becoming shorter, and the light has thinned. It's as if the daylight is somehow changed by the colder air and the cotton-batting clouds that are more common now than the blue summer sky.

The sidewalks downtown where I live and walk are quieter. The usual route I take to put distance between me and the noise has fewer people now that schools are open again. The air has a different nose, especially in the evening and night. The pubs and restaurants that served patrons at sidewalk patio tables will soon be accommodating inside only. Their smells have been replaced by those from nearby chimneys that stretch over 12-hour wood stoves. More people each evening try to push away the season's change.

Even Harold is seldom seen as September inches closer to October and the more frequent nightly frost. He told me recently, on a Saturday I saw him at the sidewalk bench; he said he prefers

the spring and the summer for his walks about town. The heat and the Ontario humidity have never bothered him, he said. It's what he thinks about during the short February days as he tosses shovels of driveway snow over his shoulder in a constant stark cold.

I'm the other way. I prefer the crisp evening for a stroll when you need a sweater. Maybe a toque.

A Saturday, this was, and Harold was at the bench, the day's Globe and Mail folded to a page in his hand. The broadsheet was folded in half and then again from the fold to the paper edge, how people do when they're away from a table and a comfortable chair.

"I loved the sports section as a kid," Harold said. "I would spend so much time looking at the stats, the standings. And the articles. So many times I'd find the score a day later because the game wasn't over before printing time. The glorious overtime games."

He said he still enjoys his Saturdays

that way, tucked into the Globe and Mail weekend paper while Daphne, his mis-sus, prefers The Toronto Star.

"Everything else about the world has changed," he said.

I wasn't sure if he referred to the things read in the paper.

"It moves on," he said.

It does, I said. And I told Harold that he recreated the perfect Saturday just then when he spoke about poring over sports scores on a Saturday morning. Taking his time because there was nowhere else he needed to be.

I remembered when the Globe and Mail was six columns. Specifically, I thought about back in the mid-1990s and the Saturday paper was so heavy. The Atlantic edition was flown across the gulf from Halifax, and I would get it at a gas station down the hill from where I lived in Corner Brook. If you've ever been there, Harold, I said, everywhere in Corner Brook is down a hill or up a hill.

I'd spend the day with the paper. Neil

Young, The Beatles in the background. Heavier music of the day, too. But always Mr. Young, The Fab Four, The Stampeders, some others at some point in the eight-CD random mix. Relics from a better time before, those songs. Just like how newspapers that can be smelled and hefted are relics today.

"Me and roommates nursing hang-overs and, oddly, Bob Villa on the TV with the volume low, showing us how to spackle and tile a floor," I said. "I still can't spackle or tile a floor, a kitchen counter backsplash. Any job beyond the need for plumber's tape and I have to get a real man to do it. Or the wife."

Depending on my disposition, those years were the best times or the worst times. But the music was great. It's always so great when I remember it. Pretty sure they were the last years when music mattered.

And print journalism is like that too.

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW



Space war and other distractions

When Troy Meink, the chief of the US Space Force, announces for no obvious reason that the United States "now has on-orbit space-control weapons", people naturally assume that something is up. Why is Meink admitting the truth now? He's even boasting about it!

It can't be to frighten the Chinese or the Russians, because they have long been watching US military activities in space. They regularly monitor the flights of the semi-secret X-37B 'Orbital Test Vehicle', the re-usable uncrewed spaceplane that the US Space Force launches from Florida but sometimes lands at Vandenberg in California (eight missions so far).

The Chinese can't complain, because they have their own 'secret' spaceplane, and sometimes they even play 'silly buggers' in orbit with their American and British counterparts. ('Silly buggers' is the old naval game of high-speed manoeuvres of warships in formation, a frequent cause of collisions.)

Reuters reported a year ago on a joint US-British operation in which the US Space Force, working from a base in Colorado, directed an American military satellite to swoop in close to a British satellite just as China's Shiyang 12-01 satellite passed beneath it. What for? Who knows?

They may have done it just because they could.

There are also the Russians, of course, but they have many fewer satellites and take a firmly pragmatic approach to the whole question of 'war in space'. They have enough ground-based rockets to take out the key satellites of their likely opponents, and that's enough.

This is not to say that people who worry about war in space are fools or that the whole business of weapons in space is harmless and irrelevant, but there is considerably less here than meets the eye. Meink's revelation was no news to America's adversaries, but it did create a hook on which articles like this one could be hung.

Meink wears two hats, as the civilian head of both the US Air Force (created in 1947) and the U.S. Space Force (created in 2019). The Air Force has been getting lots of publicity recently over the Iran war, which will keep its share of the defence budget high. The Space Force is getting almost no publicity, so it's Meink's job to create some for it (and for himself too).

Job done, you might say, but now that we have had our nose rubbed in the fact that they have weapons in space, should we worry about it? Not much.

The 'high ground' has always been an advantage in land warfare, but that is not necessarily the same for space. It's certainly importance for surveillance and communications, but the only worthwhile targets for weapons in space are other things in space. That's why there are probably not currently any nuclear weapons in space, just lasers and projectile weapons.

The Outer Space Treaty of 1967, signed by all the major powers, bans all 'weapons of mass destruction' from space, but only nuclear weapons are relevant. (Poison gas and germ warfare don't work well in vacuum.) And nuclear weapons aren't very effective in space either. Without atmosphere the blast effect is only short-range and radiation effects are quite limited.

However, the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) generated by a nuclear weapon detonated at high altitude (500 km, say), would disable most satellites on that side of the planet and damage or destroy unshielded electronics and the electrical grid on the ground over a very wide area.

Scary stuff, but since any other country with even one nuclear weapon could immediately do the same damage in reply, it's not clear how doing that would serve anybody's interest – and anyway,

creating an EMP does not require nuclear weapons in orbit. Any one of ten countries can do it just by launching a nuclear-tipped rocket to the right altitude and exploding it.

We cannot say that there could never be war in space. In any full-scale war on the ground each side would certainly target the other side's surveillance and communications satellites, but that can be done without nuclear weapons. In fact, several countries have already experimented with that tactic by targeting their own satellites.

It's just hard to imagine a war fought only in space. In any war fought directly between the great powers there would be a grave risk of escalation to nuclear weapons, but all of them are on the planet's surface at the moment. Moving some of them into space would confer no significant advantage.

It's clear that some American non-nuclear weapons are now in orbit. Other countries will probably follow, on the flimsy rationale that if the Americans are doing it maybe we should too. It's deplorable and completely unnecessary, but frankly it's not very dangerous.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Howling at the moon

It is just coming up to four o'clock in the morning. I was writing about Lance Secretan, trying to figure out how ever was I going to convey the main gist of who he is and his completely revolutionary way of running a business, running a life, basically: be kind to each other.

That's the really most basic version of it. On its feet, Lance's lessons are very wordy – lots of very good words trying to explain the idea of being civil at least and ready to help where needed at best. More than that too.

By and large, he is talking to businessmen – that was the case, travelling all around the world talking to the hard-hearted who believe "only profit matters" and if you can't stand the pace or you think you're not getting your share of the rewards such hard work and tenacity might yield, then get out.

A tough, successful boss does not need his staff to like him – keep that distance – keep them in line.

Then along comes Lance, who sees how those tenets as the wrong way to do business and proposes, "everything that boss did that wasn't working, I did the opposite."

There began the growth and recognition of the opposite of indifference, to focusing primarily on the bottom line.

Acknowledging that the bottom line matters, what changes is caring about employees. Lance calls it inspiration.

He paces back and forth on the stage as he talks to business people during his lectures about a different way to treat employees – to treat other people at all; influentially, he brings love into his talk, looks on love as an essential part of running a business, a town, a nation. Indeed, at one time and another, he has been heard and believed by those who subsequently flourished.

It is a lesson for us all. In particular, can Lance's approach to living our lives, really and how we live it in relation to each other actually create a change across the broad sweep of human-to-human behaviour?

Beginning with social media and the weird cruelty that can be seen there all the time, I wonder if there is a way to cool the hurtfulness online. Someone once told me that there is a fashion for people to wish harm to another person, just typing it in - "I wish you harm and sickness..."

Lance would point to the chemistry in our brains over such behaviour, for no harm can be wished that does not come back to the person wishing it. He talks about how the chemistry in our brains reacts to negativity, how it deals with it poorly, how such negativity makes both

of us ill, whereas the opposite is true with kindness, love and support – "how can I be of help to you?"

I have friends who would jump in by asking if this is a new religion, and I could answer no, not at all; it is just common sense to be positive in our exchanges, just good mental health, dodging the depression bullet – and we all know what the dangers of depression are...

When Lance and I were talking, I did not ask him if the Beatles and their song, All You Need Is Love, was an influence. I didn't think of it, but they were also doing their bit to promote more loving societies.

How did we ever agree that ours and our children's main source of entertainment should be violent?

Why is watching violence, images of (even) movie-style torture considered a good time?

I didn't ask Lance what movies he watches, but it would have been an interesting question.

Maybe we are not sure what we strive or wish for in our lives. Who our self-image is; when we look in the mirror, who we see. We notice changes in our image as our lives progress, and we live them with the information we have chosen to believe and the choices we have made.

During a time when I was dealing with

a tragedy in my life, I used to look in the mirror frequently – I guess to see how I was dealing, what my mirrored image told me. If I was still there.

It is wonderful to know that Lance is still talking about how much better we are, how much more the chemistry our brains put out is better when we ourselves are loving and caring for each other.

By the bye, Lance and his work have been recognized by the prestigious International Caring Award, keeping company with Mother Teresa, The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter and Jane Goodall.

Our lives and, more importantly, our children's lives are wasting precious time when we indulge the negativity that tempts us to see it as accepted behaviour or good entertainment.

It is unlikely that Lance or the many people who enter his courses at the Secretan Centre can change a world, imbued with violence and hurt as we are, but there is every reason for them to continue, if it is only to wish good brain chemistry for our youngsters.

Turns out the strong boss does need his employees to love him.

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Autumn has a natural way of guiding us back to our routines. Students return to class, families settle into new schedules, and many lifelong learners feel inspired to discover something new.

This September, the Orangeville Public Library has refreshed its digital offerings with new ways to watch, discover and learn from home, including the addition of Kanopy, an on-demand video streaming service available with your library card.

Kanopy features a wide range of movies, documentaries, award-winning films, television series and educational programming, along with a dedicated section for children.

It is a strong resource for educators and students, but its appeal extends well beyond the classroom. Film lovers can explore independent, international and classic cinema; families can find quality children's programming; and lifelong learners can discover documentaries covering history, science, culture, current issues and much more.

Orangeville Public Library members receive 25 Kanopy tickets each month. Individual selections require between one and five tickets, with the number of tickets clearly



displayed before you watch. This makes it easy to decide how you would like to use your monthly allowance. Titles are available on demand, so there are no holds or waiting lists.

You can access Kanopy through the library's website or the Extras section in Libby, which will direct you to the Kanopy app. To get started, follow the prompts and connect your Orangeville Public Library card. Help

videos for public library users are also available through Kanopy's online help centre.

While Kanopy is the biggest addition to our digital collection this fall, members may also notice a few other changes.

As of Sept. 1, library cards must be current to access Libby and the OverDrive Download Centre. Some members may have continued using these services after their library cards expired.

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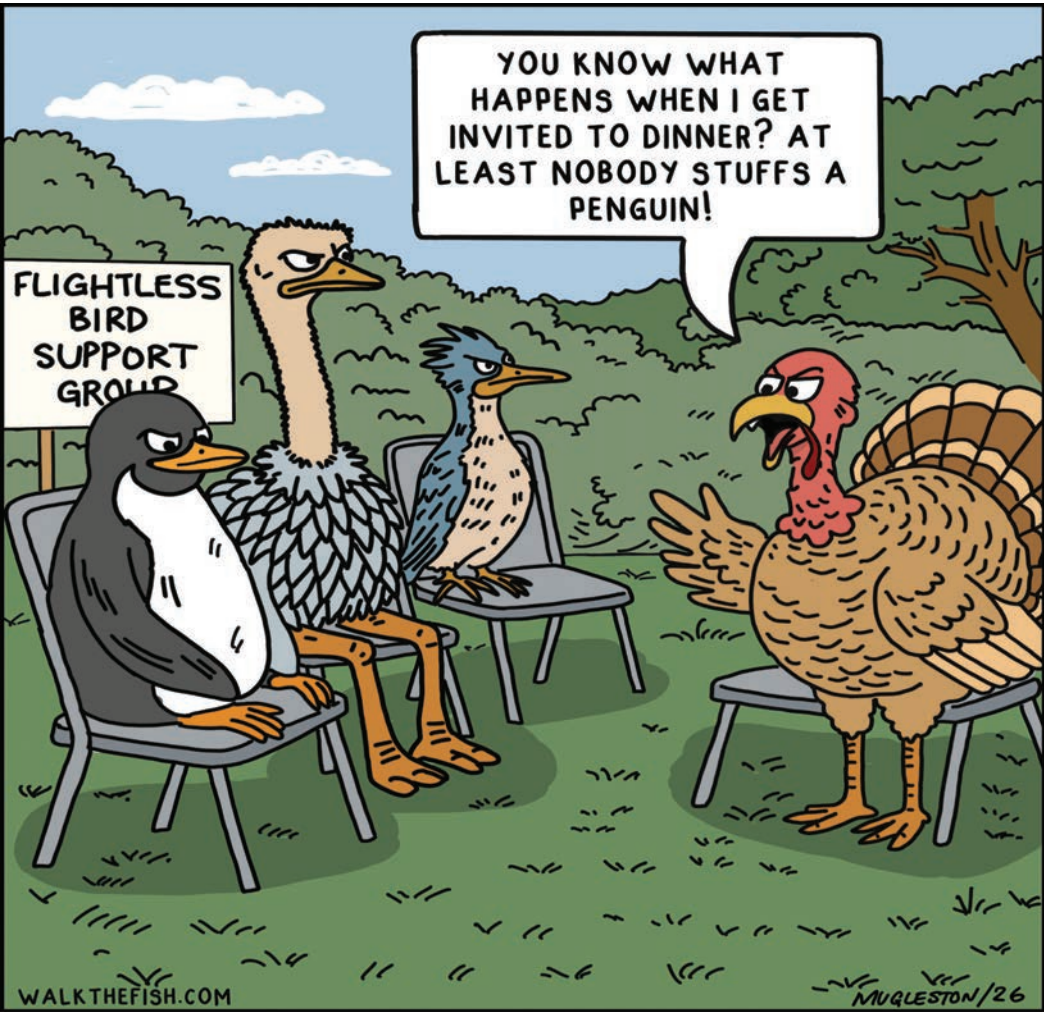
Until recently, millions of Hoopla records were also displayed in our catalogue. Because Hoopla's collection changes frequently, this process could result in titles appearing in the catalogue after they were no longer available. The large number of records could also make it harder to find materials held directly by the library.

To make catalogue searches clearer and more accurate, Hoopla records are being removed from the catalogue. Members can continue to access the same service and should search or browse for digital titles directly in the Hoopla app. Nothing is being removed from anyone's Hoopla account as part of this change.

We have also added CBC Corner, a thoughtfully curated resource that provides another convenient way to discover high-quality Canadian stories and programming. Although Kanopy may be the headline this fall, CBC Corner is well worth exploring too.

Together, these updates reflect what a modern library collection looks like: books on our shelves, eBooks and audiobooks on our devices, and trusted films, documentaries and educational content available wherever learning happens. Whether you are supporting a school assignment, planning a family movie night or following your own curiosity, your library card is a powerful place to begin.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: An important program

My purpose in writing this letter is to highlight the Shelburne adult day program ran by Dufferin County Community Support Services. I want everyone in the area to know and understand how much this opportunity does for elderly, disabled, or lonely people.

I have attended weekly for over a year. I am a 73-year-old, below-the-knee amputee, and the program has been a lifesaver – literally. I live at home with my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, but I need to be able to get out and be with adults to whom I can relate and communicate with.

This program has offered me that and more. It is with deep appreciation that I want everyone to understand just how much this has done for me and all the people who attend. Every week that I go has kept me sane, healthy and a better person.

Before I was able to participate in this program, I was suicidal during the winter months. Being in a wheelchair and walker, it's very difficult to even get out for a walk. I'm therefore confined to my basement apartment. It gets very lonely. My family is amazing, and my daughters and grandchildren have always been close to me, but as I have said, you need to have more.

Whenever possible, guests are invited in

to speak to us on a variety of topics such as writing, literature, and science. These presentations stimulate our minds and add to our sense that we are still contributing members of our community.

I feel connected and less lonely.

What can I say about the people involved in the program who do everything for you? They offer you their time. They listen. And you can feel that it's not fake. You know that they really are interested in what's going on in your life. They offer food. Approval. Even love.

They make you feel needed and wanted. I feel smart and an important part of society through their kindness and respect. They help me deal with the loss of my limb. I am only one person of many who attend the program, and the staff and volunteers do this for each and every one of us.

If you sometimes wonder about where your tax or charitable dollars go, these adult programs are a vital part of assistance for elderly and infirm people in your area. If you are one of those who is older and lonely, reach out to your local adult program.

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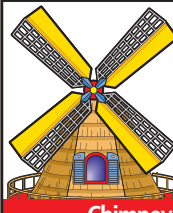


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Town to host job fair at Best Western next Thursday

The Town of Orangeville invites job seekers to explore local employment opportunities at the Orangeville and Area Job Fair on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Hosted by the town's Economic Development and Culture Office, the annual event supports local hiring needs and connects job seekers with employers from across Dufferin County.

Participating businesses will recruit for current and future opportunities while showcasing the diverse career paths available close to home.

Employers representing public service, manufacturing, health care, social services, hospitality, engineering and other sectors will be on site. Job seekers can meet directly with hiring representatives, learn about available roles and make valuable connections with local businesses.

"Businesses located in Orangeville and Dufferin County offer a broad range of career opportunities for people at every stage of their working lives," said Katrina Lemire, the town's manager of economic development and culture. "The job fair gives residents a convenient opportunity to meet local employers and explore meaningful employment close to home."

The Orangeville and Area Job Fair will take place on Oct. 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites (7 Buena Vista Drive, Orangeville).

Georgian College's Centre for Career and Employment Services will also be available at the event to provide resources for job seekers and employers.

Job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally, bring copies of their resumes and be prepared to speak with employers



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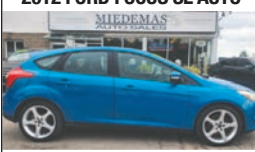
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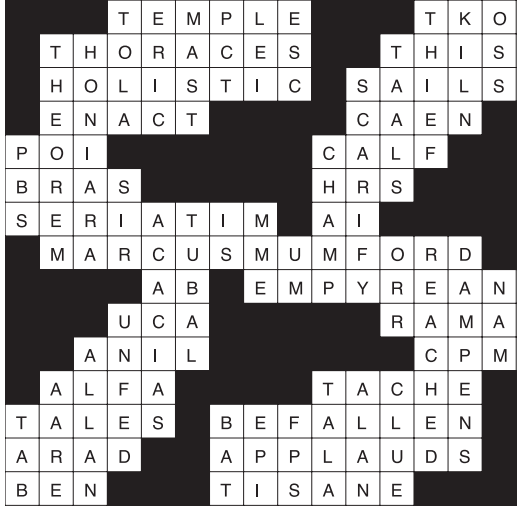


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Shop Equip. New B2442 Band Saw NIB; as new Snap On 7 drawer tool box; Mastercraft 295 amp arc welder; Miller Matic 35 welder; Jet metal cutting band saw; Torches ; 4 - 5th wheels; tire balancer; tire tool cabinet; Miller Matic 210 welder; gas air compressor; Cougar model F240 welder; tire changer; Kelvina-tor air compressor; Gorilla model LCN1355 table drill press; Delta drill press floor model; bottle jacks; floor press; floor jacks; 3 tire changers; No. of benches; no. of new tools, sockets etc; large tool cabinet; floor compressor; Brico RDM - 150 floor drill press; Mig 140 welder; 12 gal. Portable air tank NIB; Stihl cut off saw; Parts washer; air tanks; bolt bin full; rods; pedestal grinder ; Craftsman tool box; Homelite generator; oils; receivers; lights; truck mirrors; comealongs; winches; tow chains; dollies; rear end grease barrels; qty of tires; Van body (as is); truck tires; turn buckles; copper; tow dollies; live traps; elec motors; Holmes chalks; tow cables; bumpers; tow chains; no. of motors; generator; no. of Fifth wheel hitches; Snap On 7 drawer tool box; large qty of scrap; dollies; trolley; vacuum & intercom items; qty of garden tools; qty of cable; assortment of lock out tools;

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