



Canada Day has arrived Dufferin-Caledon! It's time to proudly celebrate our incredible country, including our heritage and people, as well as our shared identity and values.

There are many fantastic ways to celebrate Canada's 158th birthday in Dufferin-Caledon. I'll be once again flipping pancakes at the annual Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival in Caledon Village, hosted by the Caledon Agricultural Society.







I also encourage you to participate in my

5th annual Canada Day contest. It's open to
my constituents who creatively display their flag
poster (which can be found in my most recent
Canada Day newsletter you should've received
in your mailbox or will be receiving shortly) and
post a photo of it on Facebook, Instagram,
or X (formerly Twitter) along with the hashtag

#CanadaDayDC25

Contest entrants will have an opportunity to win one of five 3'x6' Canadian flags from my office. Winners will be selected by random draw. If you don't use social media, you can still participate by e-mailing a photo to me at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and very Happy Canada Day!

Kyle

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JOIN ME ON CANADA DAY at the Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival!

I'll be back flipping and serving pancakes during the morning. Please come out and join me and the Caledon Agricultural Society for pancakes and to enjoy everything the festival has to offer! It's an outstanding family-friendly community event with something for everyone, including: a classic car show, pony rides and petting zoo, vendors village, BBQ and strawberry desserts, a village craft show, and much more!

2025 CALEDON CANADA DAY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Caledon Fairgrounds 18279 Hurontario St., Caledon Village FREE ADMISSION

For more information about the Festival, please call 416-697-7792.

DUFFERIN-CALEDON CANADA DAY FLAG CONTEST

Below you will find the five winning photos from last year's Canada Day paper flag contest. I'm sure these photos will give you many creative ideas to display your own paper flag.



Good luck and have fun! Remember to post your photo to **#CanadaDayDC25** (or e-mail to kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca) by **11:59 p.m. July 1st**. Winners will be announced on July 04, 2025 on my Facebook page.

Kyle Seeback, M.P.

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ORANGEVILLE PRIDE: Celebrate Your Awesome returned to Alexandra Park on Saturday, June 21, bringing together the community for a celebration of Pride and diversity. The event featured drag shows, with a couple of queens from the TV show, Canada's Drag Race. There was also live music, a vendors area and an atmosphere of acceptance. The event provides a safe space for the people in the community who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. See more photos on Page A12.

Developer revises Hansen area housing build, no timeline on road connection

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The proponents of a housing development brought additions to council.

NG Citrus Ltd. owns land southwest of the Blind Line and Hansen Boulevard intersection and west of the Meyer Drive and Mason low-density multiple-residential future devel-Street residential area. It's the site of a residential subdivision development known as the Edgewood Valley Phase 2B.

"Since we've taken ownership of the property, a lot of work has been undertaken to keep the development moving forward," Trish Elliot of NG Citrus Ltd. told council when it met on June 23. "The development is quite

for key moments."

Council received the proposed revisions as information.

The development proposes 51 single de- mon within subdivision plans to facilitate fu- space area.

es, and a low-density residential block of about 50 condominium townhouses.

NG Citrus submitted applications in May in the Hansen Boulevard-Blind Line area to permit redline revisions to their draft-approved plan and to amend the zoning bylaw to facilitate those revisions.

> The draft-approved plan contains a opment block, referred to as Block 55, that is about 3.7 acres immediately south of Hansen sac. Boulevard and to the west of the Meyer Drive extension.

This block has been identified in the 2B Plan for future residential development in the form of condominium townhouse units or a similar housing form.

It is estimated to contain about 50 units, "It takes a lot of time. We're only at council depending on the future dwelling unit form and configuration.

NG Citrus is proposing redline revisions to the 2B Plan to replace Block 55 with a new public cul-de-sac road and freehold unit lots.

Aside from the proposed cul-de-sac, redline changes show 17 rear-access or dual-frontage townhouse dwelling units adjacent to Hansen Boulevard. The front doors of the units will face Hansen Boulevard while the driveway and garage will face the cul-de-

The changes include 14 street townhouses/ linked semi-detached units oriented on the cul-de-sac and the Meyer Drive Extension. Three single-detached lots will also be created along the Meyer Drive extension, towards the southeast corner of the former Block 55

The revisions also show two new parkette/ trailhead blocks, with one adjacent to Han-According to a report to council, such fu- sen Boulevard and another at the end of the ture residential development blocks are com- cul-de-sac adjacent to a Monora Creek open

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Developer looking to build more seniors' housing in Orangeville

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

A proposed housing development in Orangeville could provide almost 200 housing units for senior citizens.

Angela Mariani is a development planner with Nautical Lands Group involved in affordable housing for seniors. She spoke to council on behalf of Wellings of Orangeville Inc. which is part of an entity that has presences in Ontario and Alberta municipalities.

Mariani described plans the group has for a vacant piece of land at the Third Street and Fourth Avenue intersection, behind the Zehrs grocery store, during Orangeville Town Council's meeting on June 23.

Amendments to the Town's Official Plan housing development there.

The space is comprised of two properties known as 54-56 and 60 Third Street.

The land is a little more than nine acres owned by an outfit called Choice Properties concierge within the building," she said. but Wellings of Orangeville is leasing the space.

The proponents hope to construct a four-storey building with 76 housing units and 20 townhouse blocks with 100 housing approval on May 23.

with them 231 total parking spaces and 42 bike spaces.

"The community is for independent seniors' living," she said. "Each of the units has [a] stove, fridge, dishwasher, washer, dryer."

Access to the apartment building and townhouse dwellings will be provided via an internal private road with proposed access points on Third Street and Fourth Avenue.

Mariani said it will be a housing development geared toward senior citizens 55 and older. The apartment building would contain internal amenities such as a restaurant and bar, a health club, and personal service

and zoning bylaw are needed to allow a with townhouse blocks to follow in phases. ments typically don't add to traffic volumes She said the development will also create as at peak times. many as 40 possible full- and part-time permanent jobs.

"We do have a kitchen staff and 24-hour

The effort started with meetings between municipal staff and the developer in July 2021, April 2023, and June last year.

The application was given a staff nod of

'We think this is a great location for our That's 176 housing units, new to Oran-type of development with active seniors to geville. For anyone who's wondering about access the commercial sites as well as the ments.

parking, Mariani said the housing units bring (Rotary) Park in behind and the residential (area) located directly across on the other round-about at the intersection of Third and side of the street," Mariani said.

The Official Plan amendment is needed to designate the land from commercial to res-

Third Street resident Tony Bellissimo feels the area has changed in many ways over the years and traffic has become a concern.

"I just feel that (the development) is going to bring more traffic," he said. "I've er housing than more retail happening over witnessed people getting home from work and trying to back into their driveways and they're getting horns honking at them and

Mariani said a traffic study has been pre-The apartment building will be built first pared for the area. They're housing develop-

> Orangeville resident Matthew Smith said he didn't find any indication of sidewalks on the east side of Third Street or Fourth would provide affordable housing, especial-Street's south side on site plans.

"If this is going to be a pedestrian-focused taxes. area, I think that's something that is going to need to be considered," he said.

Tim Kocialek, the town's infrastructure services general manager, said sidewalks lower than our competitors," she said. "We and bus stop locations would be considerations for any required off-site develop-

"There's also discussion about having a Fourth," Kocialek said. "So that'll be considered as part of any property requirements."

Another Orangeville resident who owns a pair of properties on Third Street expressed traffic concerns that may stem from the pro-

posed development. "I think it's a great idea that we're going to get housing over there," she said. "I'd rath-

However, she said, Hansen Boulevard needs to be opened up as a traffic bypass. It's something that's planned to happen with the completion of a separate housing development on that side of town.

"Our street is like a freeway," she said. "You can't get in, you can't get out, you can't back into your driveway."

She asked if the proposed development ly given Orangeville's "exorbitant" property

Mariani said the housing units will be rented, but they won't qualify as affordable.

"But we do try to be at least 20 per cent are all facing the same crisis when it comes to construction. The cost of construction is very high. The cost of land is very high."

Headwaters celebrates completion of \$18 million fundraising campaign

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Headwaters Health Care Foundation 18 with the completion of its \$18 million Smart Headwaters Campaign.

The campaign, which looks to revolutionize healthcare delivery in the community, has enabled Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) to purchase new equipment and upgrade key areas. The campaign has enabled the purchase of an MRI machine and advanced CT scanner, renovations to its X-ray room, the deployment of 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography technology and upgrades to its Hemodialysis Unit.

bitious, bold, and necessary," said Joan of 11. Upgrades include a reverse osmosis Waechter, chair of the Smart Headwaters water purification system, ergonomic treat-Campaign Cabinet. "It ensures that our in- ment chairs with customizable features, an credible healthcare team has the tools they in-floor scale for accessibility, private partineed to make the greatest possible impact tion screens, and iPads for patient entertainfor patients and families across Duffer- ment, in a bright, naturally lit environment. in-Caledon.'

results on community healthcare, the MRI bringing together donors, volunteers, hosmachine, which becomes operational this pital staff, community members and digni-

fall, brings diagnostic imaging close to home taries to reflect on the for patients. Meanwhile, the advanced CT scanner will provide better imaging, using (HHCF) reached a major milestone on June artificial intelligence (AI), and faster scan

Renovations to the X-ray room mean enhanced image quality, AI-supported diagnostics and pediatric imaging will be improved with a smaller detector as well as child-friendly adjustable components.

Meanwhile, 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography technology uses advanced imaging techniques and creates a three-dimensional image of the breast using multiple low-dose X-rays. The Hemodialysis Unit is newly renovated with nine treatment stations and "This \$18 million campaign was am- the potential for future expansion to a total

To celebrate Smart Headwaters' comple-Taking an in-depth look at the campaign's tion, an event was held at HHCC on June 18,

campaign's success.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones noted the lasting impact that the campaign will have on the people who receive care locally and lauded the community's generosity in reaching the \$18 million goal.

"Thanks to your support, an MRI machine will be up and running at Headwaters this fall,' said Jones, who's also Ontario's Minister of

Health. "This is a monumental achievement. significant step forward in strengthening our that uses magnetic fields and radio waves to care." produce detailed images of the body's inbrain injuries and spinal disorders to joint Foundation Board Chair, and HHCC CEO problems and organ diseases, MRIs play a critical role in modern medicine."

Data from HHCC shows more than 4,000 patients per year have to travel outside the osity, vision, and commitment that helped region to receive an MRI scan.

"That's 4,000 trips to other parts of Ontario, often involving wait times, stress, and travel for patients and their families. Bringfamilies," Jones said.

can receive imaging here at home, leading helped the hospital to meet both current and to quicker diagnoses, faster treatment defuture needs with compassion, precision, cisions, and better health outcomes. It is a and innovation."

8AM TO 7PM

CAMPAIGN COMPLETE: Headwaters Health Care Foundation is celebrating the completion of its \$18 million Smart Headwaters Campaign, which looks to modernize equipment at the hospital.

MRI technology is a powerful diagnostic tool community's access to timely, high-quality

In addition to Jones, remarks were also ternal structures, without radiation. From shared by HHCF board chair Bill Duron, Kim Delahunt during the campaign celebration on June 18.

> "Each speaker acknowledged the generbring this ambitious project to life," reads a press release from HHCF.

"The campaign's success is a testament to the community's shared commitment to ing an MRI machine to our local hospital is supporting exceptional health care, close truly a game-changer for patients and their to home," the release continued. "Thanks to the generosity of donors and the tireless "This investment will ensure that patients efforts of volunteers, Smart Headwaters has

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Orangeville Public Library announces retirement of CEO

An important hub for Orangeville and its the leadership of Darla Fraser.

Since joining the library in 2010, Fraser has been a passionate advocate for literacy, munity has been evident in every initiative serving as chief executive officer (CEO). Af- she undertook and every relationship she ter 15 years of dedicated service, Fraser will built. be retiring later this year.

tunity, it became one of the most rewarding of countless residents. chapters of her life, professionally and per-

braced the role of CEO with vision and deter," said Peter LeBlanc, chair of the Orantermination, helping to create community geville Public Library Board. "We hope her spaces where people can truly connect, dis- new adventure is filled with relaxation, new cover and soar.

Public Library expanded its reach and im- us in celebrating Darla Fraser's remarkable pact beyond Orangeville and into the sur- career and her many contributions to Oranrounding communities.

From modernizing services and strengthsurrounding areas, the Orangeville Public ening community partnerships, to champi-Library (OPL) has become a place of inno- oning accessibility and fostering a welcomvation and community connection under ing environment for all, Fraser's contributions are leaving a legacy.

Her love for serving the Orangeville com-

Fraser's collaborative spirit, tireless The Orangeville Public Library Board and work ethic and belief in the power of pubthe Town of Orangeville are celebrating Fra- lic libraries have helped shape OPL into a ser and the role she has played in moving vibrant and valued community resource. the library forward. Although her time with Her leadership has not only advanced the the library began as simply a career oppor- library's mission but also touched the lives

'We extend our deepest gratitude to Darla for her outstanding service, and we wish A true opportunist at heart, Fraser em- her all the best as she enters this next chapadventures and well-deserved time with Under her leadership, the Orangeville loved ones. We invite the community to join geville."



END OF AN ERA: The Orangeville Public Library is turning the page, as it enters a new chapter of leadership, with library CEO Darla Fraser announcing her retirement after serving in the role for 15 years.

Bears sightings reported in community just outside of Orangeville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

southeast of Orangeville.

a statement warning the public of bear seed and nectar, odours from barbeques garbage, they will not stay in the area." sightings in the area of Snowberry Court and Birch Haven in Caledon Village.

All of the reported bear sightings have involved items such as outdoor garbage lease from the province. and birdfeeders.

and ripe fruit left on trees or the ground.

"Currently, natural foods for bears in lice at 905-584-2241.

"It's important to note that the same this area are limited. When the availability bear can result in multiple sightings. The of natural foods is limited, bears will look Bear sightings have been happening just Ontario government is reminding the pubfor alternative food sources, often in poplic that bears are often attracted to things ulated communities. When bears cannot The Ontario government recently issued such as garbage, bird food including suet, gain access to non-natural foods such as

> If a bear poses an immediate threat to Removing these attractants can help keep public safety by exhibiting threatening bears out of the area," reads a press re- or aggressive behaviour, the province encourages the public to call 911 or local po-



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GET CONNECTED!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To listen in
Wednesday, July 2	6 p.m.	Council chambers and by phone	Committee of Adjustment	1 289-801-5774 ID: 117 041 308#
Thursday, July 3	10 a.m.	Council chambers and by phone	Access Orangeville	1 289-801-5774 ID: 288 649 259#

*Start time of council and committee meetings is subject to change For more information on now to participate and to view council and committee agendas, please visit orangeville.ca/meetings

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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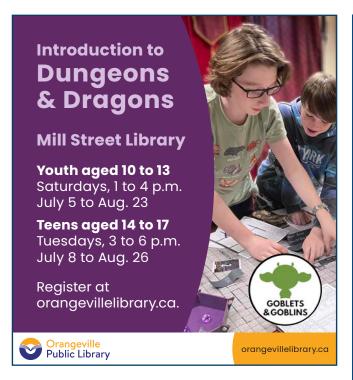
Community Services department (casual) **Hourly range:** \$17.48 - \$20.45

This position will instruct and assist with various recreation activities like children's instructional programs, school holiday programs, public skating and shinny, after school programs and other special events. Hours are scheduled based on program needs for seasonal recreation programs and include weeknights, weekends, holidays and school breaks.

Application deadline: July 16, 2025 at 4 p.m.

For more information or to apply visit orangeville.ca/jobs

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Exploring Al

Ethical questions and social impacts

Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m.

Mill Street Library

What is artificial intelligence (AI)? Why are tech companies building it? And how does Al perpetuate gender inequality? Email libraryprograms@orangeville.ca to register.





orangevillelibrary.cc

Canada Day

Celebrate with a day of family fun and exciting performances with bouncy castles, face painting, free swimming and more.

Headlining the event is the Great Canadian Lumberjacks!

- July 1, 2025, 12 to 5 p.m.
- Alder Recreation Centre
- Fireworks over Island Lake 10 p.m.

orangeville.ca/CanadaDay



The Town of Orangeville will observe modified hours for Canada Day

Town Hall and offices

Sat., June 28	Closed	
Sun., June 29	Closed	
Mon., June 30	8:30 a.m 4 p.m.	
Tues., July 1	Closed	

Alder Recreation Centre*

Sat., June 28	7 a.m 10 p.m.
Sun., June 29	7 a.m 10 p.m.
Mon., June 30	7 a.m 10 p.m.
Tues., July 1	12 - 5 p.m.

Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre*

Sat., June 28	8 a.m 3:30 p.m.	
Sun., June 29	7 a.m 10 p.m.	
Mon., June 30	7 a.m 10 p.m.	
Tues., July 1	Closed	

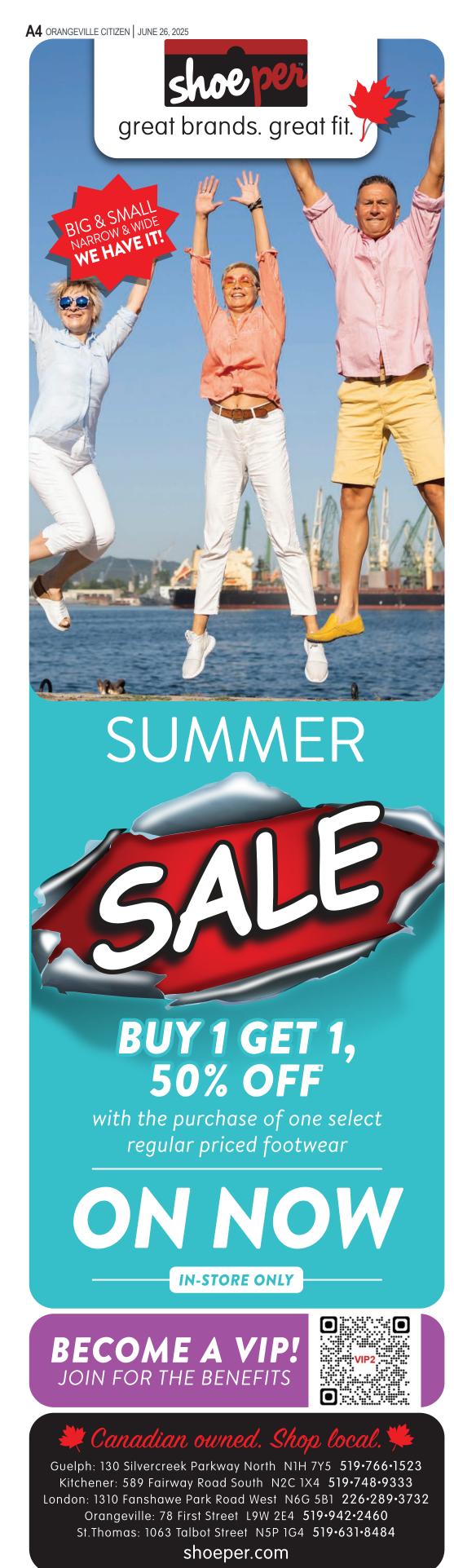
Libraries (Alder Street and Mill Street)

Sat., June 28	Alder Street	9 a.m 5 p.m.	
	Mill Street	10 a.m 5 p.m.	
Sun., June 29	Alder Street	Closed	
	Mill Street	12 - 4 p.m.	
Mon., June 30		10 a.m 6 p.m.	
Tues., July 1		Closed	

Transit	
Sat., June 28	7:15 a.m 6:15 p.m.
Sun., June 29	No service
Mon., June 30	7:15 a.m 8:45 p.m.
Tues., July 1	No service

Recreation customer service hours may vary from the facility hours.

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Developer revises Hansen area housing build, no timeline on road connection

Continued from Front

The former Block 55 lands would now contain 34 units, whereas the lands were formerly estimated to contain approximately 50 condominium townhouse units, which would be confirmed through a subsequent site plan approval process.

"While it might appear that nothing is happening on the site, there's no changes, nothing new, things are moving slowly, I can assure you there has been and continues to be a flurry of activity just behind the scenes," Elliott said.

Indeed, the company opened its sales office in May and detailed engineering designs have been completed. That will enable work to be tendered, she said.

An Orangeville resident asked if motor vehicles will finally be able to progress through the development area on Hansen Boulevard.

Municipal officials and residents have waited several years for work to be com-

pleted on the subdivision so a Hansen Boulevard connection west of Blind Line can be completed.

Concurrent with the Phase 2B subdivision approval process, the design of a creek crossing project began in September 2020. Construction was completed in August 2023. With that structure in place, residents have waited for the developer to construct its associated road.

"This will be developed probably as part of the development," said Tim Kocialek, the town's infrastructure services general manager. "The exact timing isn't known at this time. It could be done this year. It could be done next year.

"A lot of it depends on the sale of the units and everything else."

Elliott agreed.

"We are required as part of this development to put Hansen through," she said. "We're not permitted to continue with the development, build any houses, until that process has been put in place."

Orangeville to tighten clean yards standards

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Orangeville's new Clean Yards Bylaw could enable faster compliance for common com- required to close a related file. plaints and focus the Property Standards By-

diversity, according to Orangeville resident thing happening yet?" he said. Matthew Smith.

fuse, debris and snow removal from a prop-

James Bramley, the town's licensing and bylaw enforcement supervisor, walked Oran-roads, sewers, traffic signs, or sightlines. geville Town Council through the proposed change during its June 23 meeting.

The enforcement process will begin with an inspection conducted after a complaint fall from overgrown poplar trees doing minor or observation. An Order to Comply will be issued if a violation is found, which includes resident Christopher Cox said in an email to the work required and a deadline for compli-

There is no minimum timeline for compli-

ipality may act or prosecute if compliance is

ministrative consideration to deal with that," Bramley said.

the property and the costs will be invoiced to the property owner. Or the town could avail of court services.

Section 446 of the Municipal Act. A Charge or es and that sustains quite a bit of insect life. Penalty Notice may also be issued.

property standards complaints in 2024. And about 180 of those were related to trash and need to be reworded. grass that was too tall.

with these minor complaints," he said.

should expedite the process to deal with

Last year, an average of about 26 days was

"We want to get out to the complainants, law on occupant safety and structural mat- we want to get out and address these issues that the neighbourhoods are bringing up and But maintaining one's yard to the pre- be able to fix them in a quicker time so we scribed standard may ultimately hinder bio- don't get those phone calls (of) why isn't any-

Some of the rules around property mainte-Common complaints addressed by the pro- nance include keeping grass under six inchposed changes include such gripes as long es. As well, weeds listed in the Noxious Weed grass, standing water, derelict vehicles, re- Act must be removed, and properties must be free of dead or unsafe trees and pest infesta-

Trees and shrubs can't obstruct sidewalks,

Fill on a property must not be unleveled longer than seven days.

"On our property, we have had dead limbs damage to our property," said Orangeville council. "Our next-door neighbour has had even more limbs.

"This is a danger to persons and pets and there is obvious further potential in that There is no appeal function and the munic- there are many dead limbs waiting for a wind or ice storm to bring them down.

Smith, who is a member of the town's Sus-"It would be a staff consideration, an ad-tainable Orangeville Committee, suggested the six-inch maximum allowable height for grass and vegetation may conflict with the The Town can complete remedial work at town's status as a pollinator-friendly centre.

"You're basically just clear-cutting," Smith said. "That doesn't allow for any sort of biodiversity. Even the clover I have growing in my Fees may be added to the tax roll under lawn, when it flowers it goes beyond six inch-

"As well, it's good to leave debris around Bramley said the department received 278 your yard for insects too, over-winter."

Smith said the proposed legislation may

"Just as a thought and feedback for you, "It's something that is very prevalent and I don't know why it (the proposed bylaw) a majority of these calls are coming through would go to the sustainability committee," Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said. "This is Bramley added that the bylaw tweaks where it comes. This is the public meeting."

Ontario government announces nine days of free fishing to celebrate Canada Day

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A pastime enjoyed by many Canadians will be free to enjoy this weekend, through next week.

The Government of Ontario announced on June 25 that it will be celebrating Canada Day by offering all Canadian residents follow all conservation licence catch and the opportunity to fish for free from June 28 to July 6.

"During these dates, people across Ontario are invited to experience the joys of the fourth and final period for Canadian resfishing – whether for the first time or as a longstanding tradition – while supporting local communities and embracing Canada's fishing periods must carry identification angling heritage," reads a press release from the province.

Mike Harris, Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, is encouraging Ontarians to cast their lines while fishing is free.

"This week is the perfect chance to gather with friends and family to reel in new experiences and explore all the great fishing opportunities our province has to offer," said Harris. "I encourage fishing enthusiasts and first-timers alike to cast a line in celebration of Canada - the True North, strong and free, nications advisor for Ontario's Ministry of and the place we call home."

Recreational fishing contributes to Ontario's economy and heritage, through local tourism and the creation of jobs. In fact, over 1 million licenced anglers spend \$1.75 billion per year on recreational fishing in Ontario.

and encourages people who are new to fish- natural beauty, and celebrate what makes ing to give it a try so they can discover the

for free during Family Fishing Week must home."



size limits, while also obeying sanctuaries and other fishing regulations.

The upcoming Family Fishing Week marks idents to fish for free this year.

Canadian residents participating in free issued by the provincial or federal government, showing their name and date of birth.

Outside of free fishing periods, most people between the ages of 18 and 64 must have an Outdoors Card and a licence to fish.

However, all veterans and active Canadian Armed Forces members residing in Ontario can enjoy free recreational fishing in the province, whenever and wherever fishing is allowed.

Maria Votsis, press secretary and commu-Natural Resources, shared her enthusiasm for the opportunity to fish for free over the coming week.

With more than 250,000 lakes and 490,000 kilometres of rivers, Ontario is a freshwater paradise for anglers and outdoor lovers alike," said Votsis. "Free Fishing Week is a Family Fishing Week removes barriers chance for residents to cast a line, enjoy our this province so special. Getting out into nature is fun, good for our health, our fami-It's important to note that anyone fishing lies, and our connection to the land we call

enjoyment of fishing firsthand.

Same Orangeville spirit, fresh new look: Town unveils refreshed logo

exciting change in how Orangeville presents itself. The Town is introducing a refreshed municipal logo that's more accessible, easier to read and designed with today's digital environment in mind.

While the updated design includes improvements to font clarity, colour contrast and scalability, it proudly preserves the symbolic meaning of the original logo, representing our hills and headwaters, culture, historic charm and connection to nature.

"As our community grows and evolves, so should the way we represent ourselves," said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post. "This refresh isn't about changing who we are. It's about creating a clearer, more accessible and future-ready expression of the Orangeville we all know and love."

honouring our historic charm. It also aligns newly introduced. with key priorities outlined in the Town's strategic plan, including strengthening cor- freshed version of the primary Town logo porate capacity through efforts like improv- introduced in the next few weeks. As part ing communications. This ensures residents of this phased rollout, sub-brand logos for can easily recognize and have confidence in Orangeville Transit, Fire Services and Recofficial Town information.

The visual update will be implemented into 2026.



NEW LOOK: The Town of Orangeville is modernizing its logos in an effort to enhance readability and accessibility. The updated design improves font clarity, colour contrast and scalability.

gradually and in a fiscally responsible way, starting with digital platforms and short-This update supports the Town's contin-term materials. Longer-term assets will be ued efforts to build a dynamic future while updated as they are refurbished, replaced or

> Community members will see the rereation will also evolve throughout 2025 and

Several impaired driving charges laid following traffic complaint in Mulmur

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged a Brantford resident with impaired driving-related offences earlier this month, following a traffic complaint.

Dufferin OPP officers received a traffic complaint in the area of Airport Road, Mulmur on June 10, shortly after 10 p.m.

Officers located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and began an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, George Panton, 45, from Brantford, has been charged with:

- hol concentration (80 plus)
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor



- Drive hand held communication device • Operation while impaired - alcohol and
- Drive motor vehicle no licence

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice • Operation while impaired - blood alco- in Orangeville. His driver's license was suspended, and his vehicle was impounded.

> The listed charges have not been proven in court.

John Deere tractor stolen from property in Mulmur, Dufferin OPP request public's help

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) 1P120RMJME109969) officers are investigating the theft of a John Deere 2025R tractor and other equipment 1XFAV20FEM0006550) from a rural property in Mulmur and are seeking the public's assistance.

John Deere 2025R, along with a John Deere picious activity in the area during the specloader and grapple, were stolen from a prop- ified time frame or have any information erty located on Second Line EHS, Mulmur. that could assist in the investigation, please Members of the Dufferin OPP responded a contact Dufferin OPP," reads a press release short time later to investigate the theft.

The stolen tractor is described as follows:

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"The Dufferin OPP is asking the public to come forward with any information re-On June 2, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., a garding this theft. If you witnessed any susfrom Dufferin OPP.

Anyone with information is asked to con-• 2025R John Deere, green in colour (VIN: tact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or • 120R Loader, green in colour (VIN: visit www.crimestopperssdm.com.

Melancthon man blows double the legal limit after colliding with vehicle carrying children

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) been charged with Obstruct Peace Officer. officers have charged a Melancthon resident with impaired driving-related offences fol- pear before the Ontario Court of Justice in lowing a collision involving with a side-by- Orangeville. Their driver's licence was susside offroad vehicle that was carrying three pended, and their vehicle impounded.

Sideroad in Melancthon on June 16, shortly before 8:30 p.m.

Upon arrival, officers and emergency crews located all involved parties and assessed them for injuries.

All the passengers who were sent to the hospital have since been released.

During Dufferin OPP officers' interaction with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and subsequently initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Evan Bearss, 38, from Melancthon, has been charged with Operation while im- If you have information about suspected paired - blood alcohol concentration (80 unlawful activity, please contact the OPP plus) and Operation while impaired - alcohol at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to re-

Karolina Bearss, 39, from Melancthon, has or www.crimestopperssdm.com.

The accused individual is scheduled to ap-

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Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. main anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)

Last chance for parents to submit comments for UGDSB's Human Rights review approaching

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Time is running out for parents of stu-release from the UGDSB. dents at the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) to submit comments for its Pat Case and Julie Lassonde. independent Human Rights review of ser-

day, June 30, and comments can be submit-reads the press release. ted online at tejoin.com/scroll/808377056.

tify systemic barriers with the goal of pro-review.

moting actions that are centred around human rights centered actions," reads a press

The review is being conducted by lawyers

"The appointed reviewers bring professional experience in advancing human The deadline to submit comments is Mon-rights and evaluating institutional policies,"

Comments must be submitted by June 30 "The Human Rights review looks to iden- for them to be included in the Human Rights













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Henry the Hiker takes his aspirations to Camino Frances

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

the other to complete an ancient pilgrimage hike in Europe.

Henry Little, 12, known locally as Henry the Hiker, has completed his biggest hiking we got on top of this mountain and it looked challenge to date, a nearly 800-kilometre like we were on top of the clouds," said Henhike of the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking route consisting of many different trail networks. Throughout the Middle Ages, thousands of pilgrims walked from their homes to make the journey to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela eventually paving the way for the more than 200 recognized routes across Europe that arrive together in the city.

Henry, along with his mother Carola Little, started the hike on April 6 in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France the gateway to the Camino Frances, commonly known as the Camino de Santiago routes.

The ancient pilgrimage trail spans nearly 800 kilometres across northern Spain, starting in the town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France and ending in the sacred city of Santiago de Compostela, where it is believed the remains of St. James are held.

Henry and Carola completed the trek on Pilgrim's Office in Santiago de Compostela. May 25 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, having walked a total of 603 kilometres of ing a religious or spiritual pilgrimage, requirthe 779-kilometre trail.

day we'd get up and walk and after a while. you zone out; I was just sailing along."

When asked about his favourite part of the A local youth has returned home after journey, Henry recalls their second day of seven weeks of putting one foot in front of the trip when they reached the highest point on the pass over of the Pyrenees Mountains and entered into Spain.

> "We were 10 kilometres into the hike and ry. "It really felt like you were in heaven."

> The duo started the hike by walking roughly 20 kilometres a day and eventually scaled down their daily treks to between 10 and 15 kilometres. In total, they averaged roughly four to five hours of walking each day.

Prior to leaving on the trip, Henry trained with Tyler Harron, a fitness trainer with Trainer Games in Shelburne. The duo trained together twice a week, focusing on compound lifting exercises for strength and high-intensity interval training for cardio.

While physically prepared for the long French Way, which is the most famous of the journey, the hardest part of the hike came down to mental strength.

> "The mental part of it was much harder than the physical. Trying to know that there was an end," said Carola.

> After completing their hike of the Camino de Santiago, the duo received the Compostela and a Certificate of Distance from the

The Compostela is awarded for completing a minimum distance of 100 kilometres "It was exciting, tiring and hard, but it also on foot or 200 kilometres by bike and proof The Certificate of Distance is available to all Dufferin Hi-Land, Toronto, Beaver Valley, felt like a rhythm," recalled Henry. "Every of the journey through stamped credentials.



BEGINNING OF JOURNEY: Henry the Hiker started on the Camino De Santiago at Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, which is the most popular route of the Camino de Santiago, on

travelled on the Camino. "I really enjoyed watching Henry come the total 900-kilometre trail system. into his own. He was in a country, where he didn't know the language, but he wasn't ing bucket list, adding the goal of completafraid to go up to people. He met people ing trails in every province and territory in from around the world and everyone was

it on," said Carola. COVID-19 pandemic, Henry, who is an only in Canada. child, began to go on daily explorations of a portion of the Bruce Trail that crosses through his family's property. During this Santiago will encourage other residents to time, his interest in nature and the environment peaked as he discovered animal

and insects along the trail. crements, Henry eventually completed the Henry. entire 67-kilometre Blue Mountain section of the Bruce Trail, and with that, sparked with Henry's hiking journeys by following the desire to hike all 900 kilometres of the him on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube Bruce Trail. The trail spans end-to-end from at "Henry the Hiker."

pilgrims and details their specific distance and Caledon Hills sections of the Bruce Trail, totalling just over 500 kilometres of

Since then, Henry has expanded his hik-Canada. He has now undertaken hikes in very supportive of him. They thought it was Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta. In Septemgreat that a kid of his age was trying to take ber 2022, he summited Tin Hat Mountain, a part of the Sunshine Coast Trail in B.C., In 2020, while quarantining due to the known for being the longest hut-to-hut trail

> Henry told the Free Press that he hopes sharing his journey hiking the Camino de take up the hobby.

"I don't expect too many people to think tracks, different species of trees and plants, they should hike the Camino straight away, but I do hope for them to kind of ease into Hiking regularly in five to 10-kilometre in- hiking a little bit and enjoy the nature," said

Community members can keep up to date

To learn more about Henry the Hiker, visit



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ACCOMPLISHED: Henry Hiker reached the highest point on the pass over the Pyrenees Mountains, entering Spain, on April 7, during his Camino hike.



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Author Debra Jones holds book launch at Healing Moon in Orangeville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Shelburne-based author and acclaimed alternative health expert Debra Jones recently held a special book launch at Healing Moon in Orangeville.

On June 22, Jones celebrated the launch of her new book, "New Age Healer: A Guide to Creating a Future-Focused Healing Business" with a book reading, Q&A and book signing.

"The recent book launch was a resounding success, drawing a full house of both healers and non-healers eager to celebrate the book's the Q&A session where Jones discussed her release and meet in person. Attendees were inspiration for the book as well as futuristic delighted with the event, praising not only the book's content but also the design of its cover, which effectively conveyed the intended messaging," Jones explained.

"The atmosphere was lively and welcoming, with many guests having already pre-ordered the book, anticipating its value even before knowing its contents. This book follows [my] previous work, 'The Successful Healer,' and explores themes relevant to the next 2,000-year cycle of the Age of Aquarius."

Her first book, "The Successful Healer: A Practical Guide for Holistic Health," is geared towards holistic practitioners and also explores how to best balance one's life and

Building on that theme, "New Age Heal-

holistic practitioners elevate and adapt their sider and learn on the journey practices to meet a challenged healthcare to embrace the honoured trasystem and evolving clientele.

"Through a series of engaging stories, prac-lates a detailed, comprehentical exercises, and insightful reflections, sive overview on all aspects Jones provides readers with a framework that nurtures connections, encourages prosperity, and supports personal development, enhancing the collective well-being of our world," reads a press release on the book's

A highlight of the book launch event was themes, which are highlighted in "New Age Healer."

The audience found her insights into the future of healthcare captivating as they offered a hopeful vision for humanity.

"The crowd was enthusiastic, actively parformative guide written for ticipating by asking questions and sharing personal stories that related to the passages read. The timing of the book's release seemed perfect, and there was no hesitation among attendees to purchase it, eager to dive into its pages," Jones said.

Shawna Ross, a registered social worker, Fitzpatrick, author of "Healmedium, and holistic counsellor, based out of Caledon, shared her thoughts on the new

"Debra Jones's new book 'New Age Healer'

dition of healing. It encapsuof your self-development towards being an evolved healer," said Ross.

Some key themes contained within "New Age Healer" include strategies for creating a sustainable and heart-centred business, leveraging technology and soulful marketing to connect with clients, and building a business that aligns with the path towards becoming a healer.

"This is the ultimate transour times. It provides the perfect foundation for creating a thriving healing business with sustainable values. This is priceless information for our troubled world," said Lisa ing the Heart of Your Busi-

Women."

er" provides a comprehensive guide to help is a mighty description of everything to con- er: A Practical Guide for Holistic Health,"

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AUTHOR APPEARANCE: Shelburne-based author Debra Jones reads her latest book, "New Age Healer: A Guide to Creating a Future-Focused Healing Business" during a book launch event at Healing Moon in Orangeville on June 22.

is available in Orangeville at Booklore, Harness: Sustainable Success for Heart-Centred mony Foods and Healing Moon. It can also be purchased on Amazon.ca, and is linked Jones's new book, "The Successful Heal- through Jones's website: successful healer.





RIDING FOR A REASON: The Orangeville SPCA Ride returned on June 21, with a group of bike enthusiasts, who enjoyed an afternoon ride throughout the region in support of charity. The ride raised just over \$2,000 and more donations are coming in for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre, which supports animals in need in the community. The ride began at the local SPCA on 650 Riddell Road and participants travelled to the Hockley Valley General Store before finishing at the Higher Ground Café in Belfountain. The ride is organized by Wayne Sumbler. Around 20 businesses and individuals sponsored the ride to ensure it was a success. Sponsors include Blighty's, North Peel Auto, Bar on Broadway, Cudney Funeral Home, Harley Davidson Barrie, Posh Puppy Orangeville, URO Performance, Dr. Mike Mori, Miedemas Auto Sales, Shoppers Drug Mart, M&M Food Market Orangeville, Pet Value Orangeville, Animals in Motion Rehab, Home Hardware Orangeville, Synergy Exteriors Orangeville, Liberty Tax Orangeville, Elite Water and Air, Ray's 3rd Generation, Jason Perkins, Hawk Shop, Booklore and Best Buy.

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Executive Women's Day event at Osprey Valley to feature Julie Cass

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

ing people back balance and positivity, and tal health. Leaders on all levels as parents, stress and anxiety from which so many people suffer.

Cass, of the Positive Change Group, is coming to speak at Executive Women's Day during the Osprey Valley Open in Caledon on July 29.

Cass arrives with an impressive history, which has seen her speak at over 100 such events across North America. She has been and workers," she explained. "I'm a motivat-"an expert guest speaker" on a number of television programs on Global TV, CTV and others. She writes for several major publications. Canadian Living and Canadian blocks come from is found in negative self-Business Journal are two of them. She is the founder of the Positive Change Group.

The Citizen and Cass took time this week to talk about her programs.

lion dollar hotel business with her family, Cass and her husband, an osteopath, bought a house in this area and she began an interest women's retreats, where they are together in hypnotherapy.

She wanted to focus on bringing wellness to the workplace.

"Years of being in business," she said, "in the trenches, I've led the teams doing the

In 2011, she did her Masters level in transformational EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique, also called tapping) to "get some deeper healing, emotional healing experience."

"I've written two books," she told the Citizen. "That was a journey."

Her first book, "Me First" reflects to a very deep degree the importance of self-respect and deep self-love that burns away the negativity with which we too often impose on ourselves. In this book, she leads the reader to really look at the internal conversations that they have with themselves and the "messages we tell ourselves," looking at how they will influence our beliefs and "ultimately our experiences."

Her second book, "The Heart-Centered Leader," talks about how the changes in this Julie Cass is all about reducing stress, giv- modern world have affected people's menhelping them on the path to shedding the teachers, mentors and in business are facing changes that will require them to change as

> When speaking with the Citizen, Cass remarked, "A lot of what we deal with is limiting ourselves." At Osprey, she will be talking about the event's theme, The Confidence Code, focused on "waking the power within."

> "The difference is we women are givers ed career woman but I still have family to care for."

> The takeaway for women, where the talk. EFT is a technique that includes a little hypnotizing to find the way for self-hypnosis.

"To be honest, I love to take [it] into a broader audience. We have to pay attention. Following years of her life in the multi-mil- Now women can do anything and they're breaking many barriers," she said.

Through Cass's speaking career, she hosts supporting each other.

"It's amazing," she reported.

The event on July 29 at Osprey Valley will see her keynote address, workshop activity, networking and lunch. She has kept Confidence Code open for anyone to attend.

"Having the chance to connect with and embrace this community of women each year is a thrill for me," said Cass. "This year's talk will focus on learning how to rewire limiting beliefs, quiet the inner critic, and create empowering mental patterns that foster authentic confidence – from the inside out.

"This could be a good opportunity for companies to send their employees," she added.

Speaking with the Citizen about her own life, she admitted to the initial struggle, "What had to change: I didn't believe I could come first in my own life – it's not sustainable to never put herself first. You have to change your own dialogue. I can take time as a priority - to think, to take a walk."



AUTHOR APPEARANCE: Julie Cass is coming to the Osprey Valley Open for an Executive Women's Day event, featuring a keynote speech, networking and lunch on July 29.

She explained that people have to change value healthy food, you value life. their priorities for everybody. It is not about time; it is about the value of the time. When ing EFT presentation, "to give women the people don't put themselves first, they think, truth." "Where am I enabling that behaviour?"

It is speaking the truth, was her postula- ulation partnership, there is more of a team tion – do we have to burn out in order to ask between young couples. She still sees it. for time?

own laundry at 11 years old. This is a micro say, "I am a priority. I can speak for myself." example of all the little things. Next for her is teaching him to cook for the family, if you info@ospreyvalley.com

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Tickets now on sale for 2nd Annual Dufferin Film Festiva

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Dufferin Film Festival this year and Kelly Mc-Dowell watches every film that comes in.

She told the Citizen, "The whole board watches all the films; while we can," she said. "In New York, they get 13,000 films."

Next year the plan is to have a team of jurors for which the qualifications are experience in the business, a well-rounded approach to films, being a filmmaker or having involvement in the Canadian art scene for film.

They are short films but they are given all the respect.

The DFF team actually moved the date of the festival this year to accommodate Theatre Orangeville's plans for their annual Summer Arts Festival on Aug. 8 to 10, being staged at the Opera House (87 Broadway).

The Dufferin Film Festival is on for the weekend of Aug. 15 to 17, beginning with a red "A lot of powerful, emotional drama, docucarpet welcome on Friday evening, when the screenings will commence at 6:30 p.m.

For the highlights, McDowell said there are 17 films, six of which have female directors; across Canada – British Colombia, Alberta three are world premiers; two are Ontario premiers and they run from seven to 20 minutes.

Two student films were entered and of them, McDowell commented, "We would have never known they were by students. Last year none of them qualified. We are passionate about guiding any age into the film industry."

Why short films are important? In McDowell's opinion, it's because they are a sample, a small piece of that director's perspective. One can watch not just one film but more.

"You don't need to be long to be impactful." With the tremendous enthusiasm the DFF has attracted, McDowell's ambitions for DFF are lofty goals: to be successful in representing Canada's voice and offer people the opportunity to meet directors who don't necessarily have the chance. This is done through the networking event at DFF taking place on Sunday (Aug. 10) of the festival to make it possible.

She listed the perks for everyone to drive to Orangeville for this weekend: "Parking is free, the town is gorgeous and there are so many lovely restaurants and shops."

tival received funding through a grant from the Ontario government, promoted by Duf-There were over 100 films submitted to the ferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, through the Experience Ontario and Central Ontario Tourism Program.

> McDowell encourages people who are interested in attending DFF to secure their tickets early. Last year there were phone calls at the last minute but it was sold out.

> "There were disappointed people," she said. For this year's preview of the DFF, McDowell suggested speaking with Alex Caucean, who sets the film programming. He handles the filmmakers and the jury. Caucean has been a filmmaker for many years. He owns his business, Filmmetry, and has often worked with McDowell and her partner Nick Rose through their business, Rose Digital Media Group.

As a film programmer, Caucean had plenty to tell the Citizen.

"We have 17 official selections," he began. mentaries and four student films. There are funny films too."

The successful submissions came from all and three from Quebec.

A lot of the films were very personal. So, he told the Citizen about some of them.

"A Good Day Will Come" is what happened in 2020 in Iran, the story of Navid Afkari, an Iranian wrestler, unfairly executed.

"It's a powerful, important film," said Caucean "Written and directed by Amir Zargara, who was born in Iran and came to Canada – this is a very powerful piece. In the director's statement when he came here, he gained the freedom to express himself. He brought it to the festival as a service to his country.'

Caucean noted that art is a way for people to show their perspective in the world – touching on hard matters is important – it's important for the festival to show these stories. Most people won't understand otherwise.

A film from Turkey, "The Window," directed by Ace Kazkayasi, talks about and touches on child marriage; about her parents back home. Kazkayasi was shocked about a woman who was married at the age of six.

McDowell was happy to report that the fesabout this little girl. By the end of the last happen, he maintains.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: From left: Alex Caucean, Sam Asante (Star Trek Handmaids), Kelly McDowell and Nick Rose share some simles at the Awards Night for the 2024 Dufferin Film Festival, held at Greystones.

shots you understand – someone cared about

this story. "We made our selections weeks ago," Caucean told the Citizen.

Midnight Coachman is reminiscent of artsy

experimental filmmaking. "At 18 minutes, even if you can't really ex-

plain what's going on, the audiences will have

an aha moment. It's a beautiful film." "The Allure," directed by Josh Wood, is about a fisherman ice fishing when he snags a

bottle with a note in it – and he realizes he is connected to his late wife.

budget for these short films.

"We will do everything in our power to make a film," Caucean assured us.

Caucean opined that short films can speak volumes more than big movies and he attributes the powerful impacts they carry to the er you are," he promised. "Come and see your necessarily condensed storytelling that limit-She channelled her anger into this film ed budgets demand. There's a shift that has to

There was a film with a very low budget and an actor said to use the money for more people who are eager to make films but don't have the budget.

"The DFF should shine these films," he said. "We care and we will do everything in our power to make sure your film is seen."

Caucean is doing his best to get filmmakers to pay attention." said Caucean. "You will have to come to Orangeville. The festival is a lot of work and coordination for one weekend of the year; planning was started last year.

> "Nick, Kelly and I worked for a lot of years together," he commented.

Caucean said for him, his drive to get in-There is the challenge of using a limited volved is to help filmmakers and ensure they have a great time. Every decision they make is for the filmmakers because they are filmmakers themselves. The work and money a person puts into these films matters.

"We're going to show what a great filmmakfilm being watched by an audience."

For details and tickets go to www.dufferin-

New farm show to debut at Orangeville Agriculture Centre next February, starting new local tradition

A new winter tradition for the local agriculture community is coming to Dufferin County next year.

Nick Cadotte, general manager of Orangeville Farm show, proudly announces the

"With over a decade of experience organiz- recognize and support that." ing trade shows and three years specifical-

of rural Ontario, and this show is a way to ternative to large-scale national shows.

ly focused on farm shows, we're excited to operates the successful Mid-Western Ontar- made face-to-face," Cadotte noted. "It's about bring this event to Orangeville," said Cadotte. io Ag Expo in Clinton. The Orangeville Farm bringing the ag community together under "We understand just how vital farming is — Show will continue the company's mission of launch of the show, taking place from Feb. not only to our local communities but to the creating local, accessible events that connect 4 and 5, 2026, at the Orangeville Agriculture national economy. Farmers are the backbone buyers and sellers directly — a welcomed al-

"Our goal is to build a show that feels local, Cadotte Events, the host of the show, also where meaningful business connections are one roof."

> Those interested in becoming vendors or staying up to date on show details can visit: orangevillefarmshow.ca

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'Northmen Way' documentary to premiere at Orangeville Opera House

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It is a long-awaited film detailing the history of the Orangeville Northmen from humble beginnings to becoming one of the biggest and most successful lacrosse organizations in Canada.

"Northmen Way, A Lacrosse Story" will premiere at the Orangeville Opera House from July 3 to 6, with five showings.

tells the story of the Northmen from the early currently leading the organization. days to the present organization.

Zack Thompson, the film is several years in Northmen contribute by giving back to the the making. Both Zack and Jake are former club. Northmen players.

archived footage as well as interviews with cessful championships, heartbreaking losses, Broadway to reserve tickets.

The name and iconic Northmen logo are key people who have been involved in build- and bench-clearing brawls. now known around the world, and this film ing the Northmen brand over the years or are

There is a focus on volunteering, the impor-Produced by Orangeville brothers Jake and tance of local sponsorship, and how former

This is a story of family, community, and a The Thompson brothers have put together commitment to success. It takes a look a suc-

PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

Overall, the documentary reflects what made the Northmen such a well-known, vibrant and respected organization.

Tickets to view one of five showings of "The Northmen Way, A Lacrosse Story" at the Orangeville Opera House from July 3 to 6 are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 12 and under.

Visit the Opera House's box office at 87



COLOURFUL CELEBRATION: Hundreds of people turned out to Celebrate Your Awesome's annual Pride and diversity event on June 21. Due to the weather, there was a slight decrease in attendance compared to previous years, and adjustments were made to the entertainment, but the event continued without skipping a beat. With the event also falling on Indigenous People's Day, members of local Indigenous group, Brave Canoe, led the opening ceremonies. Heather Katz performed live music and Wayne Townsend DJ'd a disco set with dancers. The Orangeville Chorus Choir and Cherry Chapstick performed as well. Sapphire Poison read children's books during a Drag Storytime event, hosted by the Orangeville Public Library. Mark's Orangeville was also in attendance and made custom made shirts on site with a shirt press, using designs selected by attendees.











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Saturday, June 28, 2025 Date:

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includes audio equipment, cameras, computers, home entertainment equipment, phones, and household electronic items, including lamps, alarm clocks, microwaves, toasters, and small appliances.

Limitations

No waste from industrial, commercial, or institutional sources. No white goods/large appliances (including any appliances with freon). No garbage, or recycling. No unidentified/unknown materials. No drums of materials.

Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for updates and a full listing of acceptable materials & limitations. Future events: July 23, August 20, September 20, October 25.

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

Dufferin County residents, including Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville and Shelburne <u>can attend any of these events</u>.

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HOLIDAY INTERRUPTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Collections for the day of the holiday and the rest of the week will be shifted to one day later.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
June 29	June 30	CANADA DAY	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12









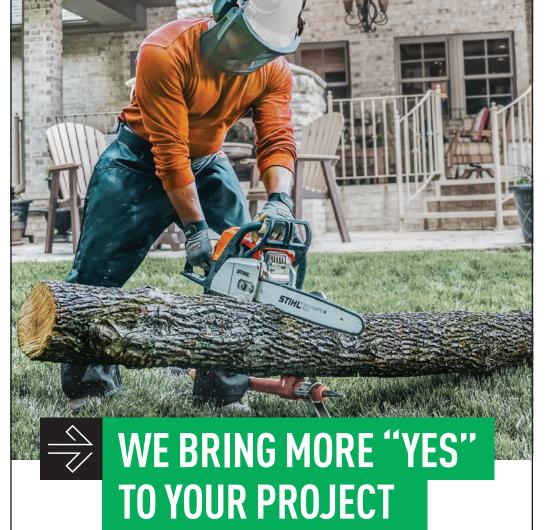


Happy Canada Day!

There will be **no waste collection** on **Canada Day**. Please place all Garbage, Blue Boxes & Green Bins out for collection one day later the week of July 1st. Monday's collection will remain the same.



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CANADA DAY TRADITIONS

WHAT IS CANADA DAY?

Canada Day is a federal statutory holiday that celebrates the formation of the Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1867. On this date, three separate colonies named the Province of Canada (an area later known as Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united into a single dominion within the British Empire called Canada. The holiday originally was known as Dominion Day, but was later renamed Canada Day in 1982 when the Canada Act severed legal attachment to the Parliament of the United Kingdom.



PARADE ROUTE

Many Canadian towns host Canada Day parades. Major cities like Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa are known for large-scale parades. However, even smaller towns will organize parades for their residents as part of Canada Day festivities. Cobourg, Niagara Falls, Sittsville, and Brantford host parades.

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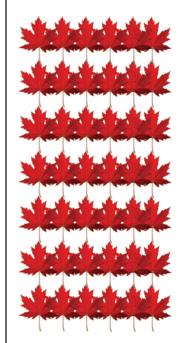
Red and white are on full display for Canada Day. Canadians also have an extra thing to celebrate during 2025 Canada Day festivities, as the year marks the 60th anniversary of the Canadian flag. The flag, with its iconic maple leaf and red and white stripes, is arguably the most recognizable symbol of Canada. Those

who want to promote the flag and Canada Day can use this official digital toolkit: www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day/

BARBECUE BONANZA

Of course, what would Canada Day be without friends and family gathered by the grill for a summertime cookout? Plan plenty of red-and-white menu items and turn up a favourite summertime music playlist.

Canada Day is a time for celebration each July 1. Since July 1 falls on a Tuesday this year, chances are most people will be enjoying a four-day weekend and celebrating the nation even more.





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DINIQUE FACTS ABOUT Conda

Canada Day is a federal holiday celebrated annually on July 1. Canadians have much to celebrate come and here are five things that make the Great White North unique.

- 1. Canada is the second-largest country in the world, spanning a total area of over 9.9 million square kilometres. In fact, according to Worldometer, Canada takes up 6.1 percent of the world's land mass, making it just one of six countries across the globe to count more than 5 percent of the global land mass as its own.
- 2. Canadians love their maple syrup, and perhaps some love it a tad too much. The first season of the Netflix documentary series "Dirty Money" included an episode about the Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist. That theft, during which 3,300 short tons of maple syrup valued at nearly \$18 million CAD were stolen from a storage facility over 2011 and 2012, is the most significant heist in Canadian history. The heist was discovered during an inventory of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers' strategic reserve. During the inspection, an investigator realized several barrels at the facility were empty, prompting a wider investigation and realization of the scope of the crime. Various individuals were ultimately found responsible for the theft and sentenced to prison.
- 3. Canada is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Arctic Ocean to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west. That undoubtedly contributes to Canada having the longest coastline in the world. According to the World Population Review, the Canadian coastline stretches more than 202,000 kilometres, which easily bests Indonesia, which has the second longest coastline at roughly 99,000 kilometres.
- 4. Though it's the second-largest country in the world, Canada is the twelfth least densely populated nation across the globe. Estimates indicate that Canada's population stood at around 41 million people in 2024. By comparison, the Japanese city of Tokyo is estimated to have more than 37 million people living in its metro area in 2024.
- 5. Roughly two-thirds of the world's polar bears call Canada home. According to Polar Bears in Canada, the global population of polar bears is divided into 19 subpopulations, and 13 of those are managed or co-managed by Canada. All told, roughly 16,000 polar bears reside in Canada, with just 10,000 residing beyond Canadian borders.

Canada Day is an annual celebration of the Great White North and a great time to consider the many things that make this beautiful nation so unique.





VANILLA POUND CAKE

1 cup unsalted butter 1/2 cup vegetable oil 3 cups sugar 3 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp vanilla extract 1/2 tsp baking powder 5 large eggs 1/4 cup milk



Preheat oven to 325°F.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.

Cream butter until fluffy, add sugar and mix until well combined.

Mix in vegetable oil.

Beat in eggs one at a time to butter and sugar mixture. Mix well after each addition.

Alternately add flour mixture and milk to the butter and sugar mixture.

Stir in vanilla.

Pour the mixture into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a cake tester or toothpick comes out clean.

Rest on a cooling rack for 10 minutes, then invert the pan and cool completely before releasing from the

STRAWBERRIES

1-1/2 quarts Ontario strawberries 3 tbsp of sugar 1 tbsp lemon juice

WHIPPED CREAM

1 cup heavy whipping cream 2 tsp icing sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract

bowl. Stir in sugar and lemon juice and let sit for a minimum of 30 minutes up to 1 day before.

Wash and quarter strawberries into a

Place whipping cream in a mixing and beat at high speed until soft peaks form. Add icing sugar, vanilla

extract and whip until stiff peaks form.

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Canada Day celebrations planned throughout Dufferin

ORANGEVILLE LEGION

The Orangeville Legion, Col. Fitzgerald Branch 233, is inviting the community to celebrate Canada Day.

The Legion will be open to the public from 12 to 5 p.m. on July. 1, with opening ceremonies getting underway at 2 p.m. There will be a March of the Colours led by Legion members.

There will also be a BBQ and birthday cake to mark Canada's 158th birthday.

Canada was founded on July 1, 1867, after the British North America Act, now referred to as the Constitution Act, 1867, was passed, joining together several colonies to form what was then called the Dominion of Canada.

The Canada Day event at the Orangeville Legion provides a great opportunity for people to socialize and celebrate the birth of the nation.

Local dignitaries have been invited and are expected to make an appearance.

The Orangeville Legion is located at 7 John St., Orangeville.

ALDER & ISLAND LAKE

For Canada Day, the Alder Recreation Centre will be open for residents to enjoy free swims, a 65-foot mega obstacle course, photo booth, lumberjack competitions and face painting, from 12 to 5 p.m.

Canada Day celebrations will be capped off with fireworks at the Island Lake Conservation Centre, starting at 10 p.m.

The Great Canadian Lumberjacks shows are this year's signature events and will take place at Alder's Red Rink at 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m.

"What's more Canadian than flannel and lumberjacks? This year's main stage entertainment is the Great Canadian Lumberjacks show featuring traditional and modern loggersport events," reads a Town of Orangeville press release. "Head to the red rink to watch four lumberjacks battle it out in events like chainsaw carving, axe throwing, chainsaw races, and more."

This will be a high-energy show, where the emcee tries to keep the lumberjacks in line and gets the audience involved in the action."

Opening ceremonies of Orangeville's Canada Day activities are planned for noon at Alder, featuring greetings from the mayor and council, a cake cutting and singing of O'Canada.

Three free swims, each 1.5 hours long, are planned at Alder. The swims start at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is required to ensure participation in the swim and will open three days ahead of July 1. There will also be limited drop-in spots available on Canada Day.

The free swims will feature special appearances by Buddy the Lifeguard and the Lifesaving Society will be awarding water safety prizes.

The Family Fun Zone, located in Alder's Green Rink from 12 to 5 p.m., features the 65-foot obstacle course and other activities geared towards kids, such as a rock wall, thunder slide run and bouncy castles.

Additional activities include the Town of Orangeville's Neighbourhood Block Box. It will bring summer fun and activities to the event from 12 to 5 p.m.

The Neighbourhood Block Box is a mobile programming trailer, offering activities for people of all ages, abilities and interests.

Be sure to watch the fireworks display at Island Lake to finish off Canada Day. Entrance to the park is not required to view the display.

Anyone interested in viewing from the park entrance can do so for free after 9 p.m.

TOWN OF SHELBURNE

The Town of Shelburne is looking to celebrate Canada Day with a bang.

The public is invited to take part in a day filled with fun, entertainment and community spirit as the Town of Shelburne gears up to host its annual Canada Day festivities on July 1.

"This year's Canada Day Committee and town staff have been working extra hard to make the event fun for the whole family," said Shelburne Coun. Len Guchardi, a council representative on the Town's Canada Day Committee. "We hope to see everyone join us in celebrating the many facets of what makes Canada the best place in the world to live, work and play."

Residents can kick off their Canada Day celebrations at the Shelburne Legion, located at 203 William Street, which will be hosting a hearty patriotic-themed breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The breakfast meal will be free for vet-

The festivities will then move along to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC), located at 200 Fiddle Park Lane, where families can take part in an afternoon of fun with a free public swim. The free public swim will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and is sponsored by Tim Hortons.

As the sun sets, the Town of Shelburne's Canada Day Committee has organized hours of entertainment at Greenwood Park

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with an opening ceremony that will include remarks from Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback.

Family activities such as bubble soccer, face painting, balloon twisting, inflatable attractions and Minion character meet and greets will go from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A

magic show starting at 7 p.m. will feature Magic Wij and promises to bring an interactive performance for all ages.

The day of festivities will come to a close around 9:30 p.m. when the Town of Shelburne puts on a spectacular fireworks display.

Admission to the events at Greenwood Park is free.

The Town of Shelburne is asking residents to remember that on-site parking at Greenwood Park is limited. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to Greenwood Park to help reduce congestion and enjoy a more community-friendly experience.

A map is available on the Town of Shelburne website (www.shelburne.ca) that includes estimated walking times from different areas in town.

TOWN OF GRAND VALLEY

Residents of Grand Valley and the surrounding area will be able to check out classic vehicles while celebrating Canada

The Annual Canada Day Weekend Classic Car Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along Main Street in Grand Valley,

Members of the public are invited to bring their cars, trucks, family and friends for a day of fun in the sun. There's an entry fee for vehicles which is

to be paid in cash on the day of the event.

Spots for vehicles are on a first come first serve basis.

Lots of prizes will be given away for win-

ning vehicles. First place will receive a cash prize.

The event is organized by the Grand Valley BIA.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event can send an email to gvbia2000@ gmail.com and express interest.

Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 2





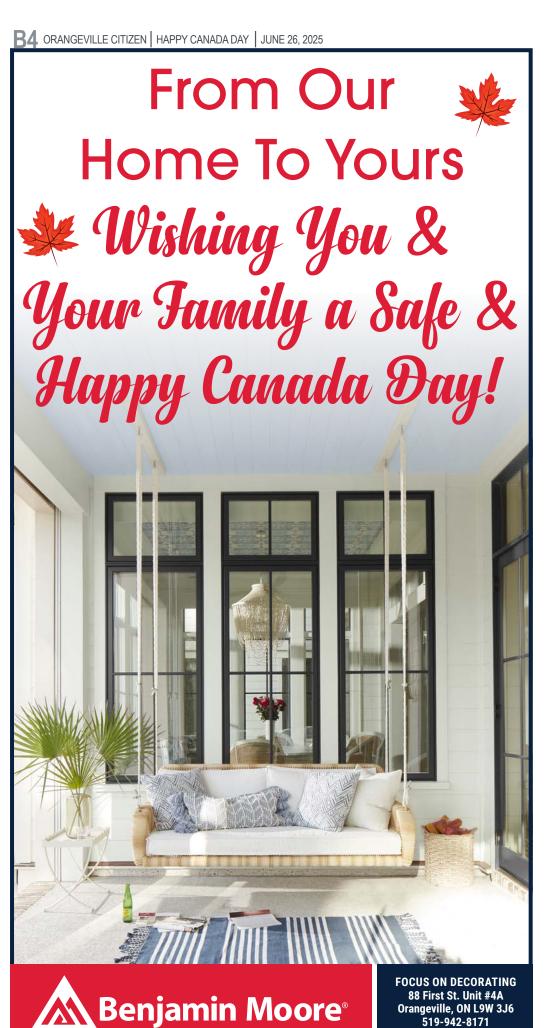


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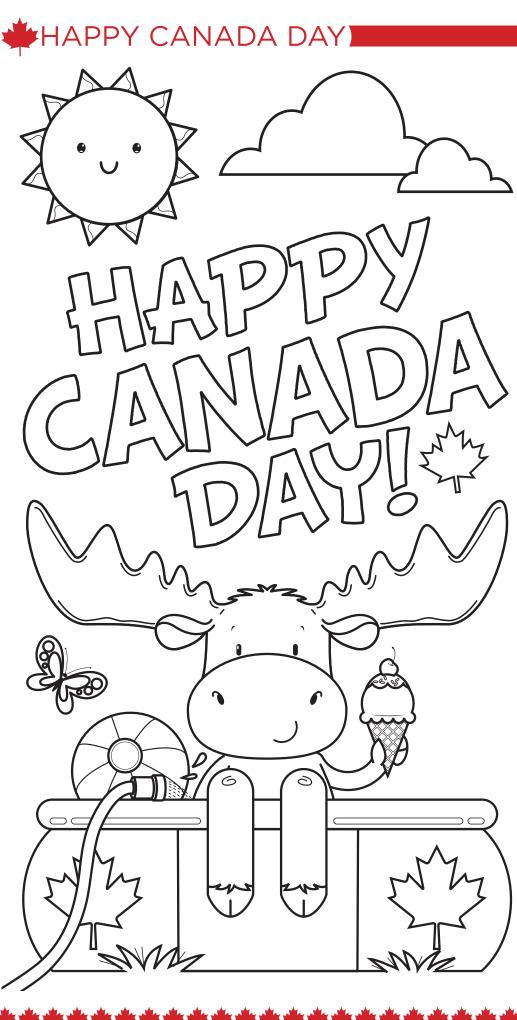


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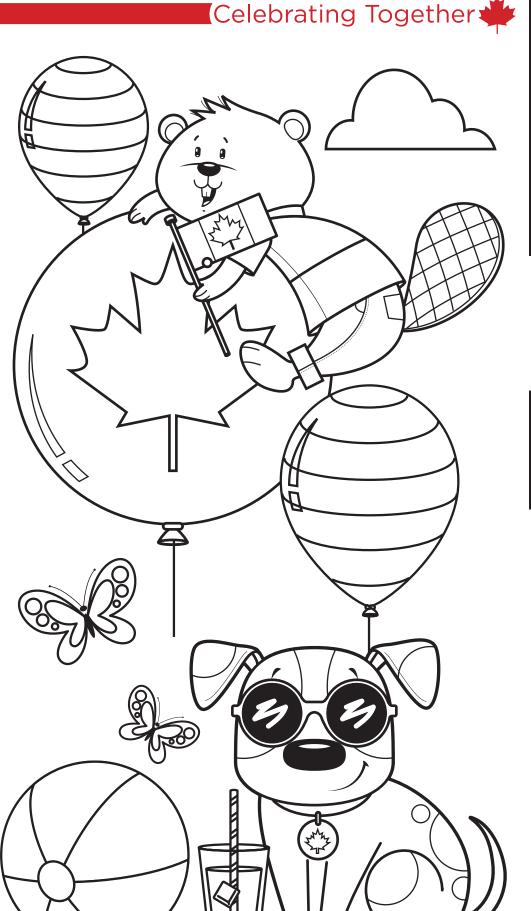


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Mono Tennis Club hosts special wheelchair tennis day

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mono Tennis Club partnered with Tennis Canada to host a special wheelchair tennis event at the Mono Centre Club on Saturday, June 21.

The Mono Tennis Club is celebrating improvements to their courts, thanks to provincial and federal infrastructure grants which provided nearly \$500,000. The Club designed a new entrance and court-side area that is accessible for people who use a wheelchair.

Several disabled players turned out for the event and played some sets on the newly resurfaced courts.

"The Mono Tennis Club has partnered with Tennis Canada for this event," explained event organizer Patti Powell. "When we applied for the grant, we thought we should make the courts wheelchair accessible and it might help us get the grant. Wheelchair tennis is becoming very popular. Even at Wimbledon there's wheelchair tennis. We also wanted to build a wheelchair accessible washroom. There are some clubs who could host these type of games but they don't have washrooms. A lot of clubs are old and they just don't have that facility. We had to put in a septic system, we put in bathrooms, and we built ramps so people can get to the courts. We have players from across Ontario."

Pattie contacted Lisa Myers from Tennis Canada, who then reached out to players to see if they would like to try the new setup at the Mono Club.

"What's interesting about wheelchair tennis is they play on the same courts and it's all the same rules," Lisa explained. "The only difference is that a wheelchair play- against able-bodied people - they just use er gets two bounces of the ball, compared to one bounce in able-bodied tennis. This makes it a really inclusive sport. You can with able-bodied players. go to a local club and be the only individual that's in a sports chair, and they can play grounds.



TENNIS FOR ALL: Wheelchair tennis athlete Shawn Courchesne returns the ball during a game at the Mono Tennis Club in Mono Centre on Saturday, June 21. The Tennis Club has gone through renovations, which included installing ramps to make the courts wheelchair accessible. The Club hosted a special wheelchair tennis day to celebrate the fact that the courts are now wheelchair accessible.

the two-bounce rule."

individuals whether they have always had player development series." Wheelchair athletes also play doubles their disability or acquired their disability," Lisa explained. "There are a lot of wheel- wheelchair accessible, the club expects They come from a variety of back- chair sports out there. Pretty much any more individuals with disabilities to come sport you can think of, there is a para-sport out and play.

"Sometimes it's families reaching out, or for it. This session is part of our Ontario

Now that the Mono Centre courts are

Orangeville Otters win Huronia Long Course Regional Team Challenge

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Otters made a big splash at the Huronia Long Course Regional Team regional event. Challenge held at Brock University in St. Catharines from June 5 to 8 and returned as plus lifetime best performances, over 100 topchampions.

A dedicated group of 47 Otters athletes age groups, and incredible relay efforts.

competed over four full days of racing. Their hard work paid off, and the team captured first place overall in the highly competitive

eight finishes, breakthrough swims across all

Highlights from the weekend include 150-

and the pressure of competing away from

1,500-meter freestyle with a time of 18:47.46.

The team also enjoyed memorable moathletes bonded over scavenger hunts, soc- possible." cer, volleyball, and team building.

Standout performances include 13-year- made it all happen. Thirteen volunteer chapold Austin Nelissen, who set a new On- erones ensured athletes were cared for, entario Para Swimming Record in the men's ergized, and focused.

"This was a true team victory," said Otters For many swimmers, the event marked coach Ashley Riddall. "From first-time finaltheir first-ever team travel meet. This is a ists to seasoned veterans stepping up with major milestone that comes with unique big swims, every athlete had a part to play. challenges, including disrupted routines This weekend showed the best of what the Otters are about – passion, perseverance, and team pride. We are so proud of every athlete, every volunteer, and the incredible ments outside of the pool. Between sessions, Otters community that made this success

The Otters now look ahead to their sum-





TOP TEAM: The Orangeville Otters are champions after competing at the Huronia Long Course Regional Team Challenge at Brock University in St. Catharines from June 5 to 8. The Otters captured first place in the highly competitive regional event.



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OPINION

Weapon of Class Destruction

Well, that's a wrap. Another school year has come to an end. I'm cleaning out my classroom, sorting my files and folders, and looking back on a year like no other in my career. A year filled with excitement, disappointment, drama. There was also violence. Plenty of violence. The principal of my school was physically assaulted; a former student was shot and killed. Our school bus was involved in a drive-by shooting. The police said that a bullet missed my colleague's head by about five inches. There were fights, fire alarms and lockdowns.

A school reflects the community it serves; if a school needs help, it's because the community needs help. It's a much bigger issue than class sizes, resources, and hall monitors. So, what do you do? How do you respond? For me, I respond the only way I know how: with more love and more presence (I mean, what else is there to do?). I try to counteract the punches, jeers, tears, and slurs with acts of love and kindness. It's how I interact with kids in the hallway. It's how I engage with kids in my classroom. I try to give more because our children need more. Being kind and loving is not the same as being a pushover.

But there was something else that made this year particularly trying. Another type of violence took place. In one way, the violence was self-inflicted; in other ways, the violence was targeted and intentional. I haven't stopped thinking about it since I witnessed

My Grade 12 students were performing their spoken word pieces as a part of their year-end culminating project. As I sat in my chair and watched them perform their spoken word pieces, I was happy to see them take the space, to own the space, to stand up and be heard. It made me feel so alive, so proud of them; but my ears began to contradict my eyes. I didn't recognize the words coming out of their mouths; I didn't recognize their voices. It was as if they were speaking in a different language. I knew their 'voices' from our interactions, conversations, from previous assignments. In their poems, they used words like 'supercilious'; 'magnanimous' and 'denizen'. They weren't being poets; they were ventriloquists. They had cheated. It felt like I had been kicked in the head.

I remember the first time I caught a student cheating. The young man simply handed in another student's essay. He didn't even bother changing the kid's name. When I called him on it, I told him that I was disappointed, that I felt a little disrespected, and that he disrespected himself by not trusting

It wasn't a "Gotcha moment!". It was a teachable moment, and it helped shape my

career. Moving forward, my plan was, and is, to try and get students to love learning, to enjoy the act of learning, so that they wouldn't feel the need to take shortcuts, to

They would enjoy the learning process. The hope was, and is, that they would, and could, put into play their critical and creative thinking skills onto the page, in the halls, on the street, online, at home. That was a different time, a different world; that was the world of 'copy and paste' and old-school plagiarism. The world of Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears.

Large Language Models (LLM) like ChatGPT, have changed everything. In a report published in Forbes Magazine, 48 per cent of students admitted to using ChatGPT for an at-home test or quiz, 53 per cent had it write an essay, and 22 per cent had it write an outline for a paper; 72 per cent of college students believed that ChatGPT should be banned from their college's network. That was in 2023.

In 2025, many of my students cannot write a basic essay. Am I supposed to teach them what a thesis statement is in Grade 12? A topic sentence? How can I go back to teaching the basics when I'm competing with AI? These are kids a few months away from university, college, and work. How is it that a record number of kids make the honour roll, are accepted to engineering and medical-science programs, and yet, I still feel as if we're failing them?

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> Simply put, educators weren't prepared - we're still not. Last year, a colleague sent out an email with links to AI detection sites. We banned cell phones (they're not), and we blocked AI programs from board servers (students just use a VPN). We're playing catch-up, while AI continues to feed on itself and invent an entirely new game. Training? As if. I sit in staff meetings, watch and complete training modules on DEI, and phishing scams. Are we simply going to outsource learning and education to artificial intelligence?

> About five years ago, when libraries were being closed across the UK, the writer Alan Bennet compared the closures to acts of child abuse. I feel the same way about all these tech-bros and capitalists feasting and scheming on our minds, on our children's sovereignty.

If we don't catch up quickly, if we can't come up with a plan to teach ourselves, to teach our children, our students, how to work with AI instead of simply surrendering to it, our kids are going to lose themselves before they have a chance to find themselves.

Canada Day

It will be our nation's birthday celebration in just under a week.

This is a day to celebrate your country, your culture and heritage, and revel in what has been accomplished in the past, and what will be accomplished in the future.

It is astounding to realize how much of North America has evolved and changed in just 200 years.

During most centuries in history, you would live your entire life and see no change at all.

But we have built huge cities, highways, railroads, created hydroelectric power, and connected a country from sea to sea to sea. that is larger than all of Europe, in a very short period of time.

Our forefathers did an excellent job of forging a nation that only a few years earlier had largely been almost 1 million square kilometers of undeveloped land, and creating what is now one of the most successful countries on the planet.

No matter what you accomplish, there is always that one person who will point out a negative.

I had a friend who had never learned the concept of giving a compliment — ever.

If you just spent two days painting the entire interior of your house, she would be the one who would come over, look around, and point to a place on the wall and say, "you missed a spot."

Our forefathers were not perfect. However, they worked hard for the benefit of the nation.

A few years ago, it became popular to criticize the first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, because he had involvement in the start of the residential school system.

Some buildings and streets were renamed, and the current 'woke' culture started broadcasting what an evil monster

Of course in our phony 'woke' times, no one would point out the good things he did, because they knew if they spoke in his favour, they would be labeled a 'facsist' or 'nazi.' So the mainstream media went along with the Macdonald bashing.

In his early days, Macdonald became a lawyer and for a brief time, served in the local militia during the Rebellion of 1837.

He began his political career as an Alderman in Kingston. In 1844, he was elected to be a representative in what was then, the Province of Canada.

Macdonald rose through the ranks of government, taking on several important positions over the years.

By the late 1850s, the concept of breaking from colonial rule and creating a nation of its own started to take shape.

In October 1864, delegates for Confederation met in Quebec City for the Quebec Conference, where they agreed to the Seventy-Two Resolutions, the basis of the first constitution.

A new nation was declared on July 1, 1867, and Macdonald was appointed the first Prime Minister.

He faced a lot of troubling issues during his first year as Prime Minister.

Macdonald decided that westward expansion, right to the Pacific Ocean, would be the fate of the new nation.

His political career fell apart at one point, and people thought he was done as a politician.

However, he made a successful comeback and was elected to a third term.

Macdonald served as Prime Minister for nearly 19 years, and in polls, has consistently been ranked as one of the great-

FROM THE SECOND ROW

BRIAN LOCKHART

est prime ministers in Canadian history.

Macdonald and his contemporaries had the herculean task of creating an entirely new nation.

They provided the foundation where citizens have documented freedoms and the ability to choose who will run the country through free elections.

It is this early history of our country that decided the fate of the nation and what we have today.

Along with the pioneering spirit of the early settlers who forged ahead into wild territory and created the mills and farms where there had been nothing before, a great nation was

This Canada Day, don't just wear the red and white T-shirt and have a hot dog at a local celebration, take a few moments to reflect on the work and sacrifice that went into building this nation.

That hard work, dedication, and sacrifice paved the way for your current lifestyle, your freedom to travel, gather, and speak freely, and determine who represents you in munic-

Iran: Much ado about nothing

I don't get a lot of face-time with Donald Trump, but his rant on Tuesday in front of the chopper that was to take him to the airport and on to the NATO summit in Brussels was the first time I heard him say 'fuck' in front of live microphones - and it was clearly about Binyamin Netanyahu.

It took Trump a long time to realise that he has been played by the Israeli prime minister, but he was clearly having a moment of clarity. It won't last, because he cannot bear the idea that he was outsmarted, but in the moment he was absolutely churning

"Israel, as soon as we made the deal (the ceasefire), they came out and they dropped a load of bombs the likes of which I've never seen before, the biggest load that we've seen," Trump said. "I'm not happy with Israel."

Well, surprise! Netanyahu was counting on weeks or months of bombing Iran alongside his American pals, not only to permanently degrade the country's economy but also to distract international public attention from what he is doing to the Palestinians in

Further Trumpish unhappiness may follow. The Iranians, if they wished, could now simply agree with Trump's foolish boast that Iran's three key nuclear sites were "completely and fully obliterated" by the 14 'Massive Ordnance Penetrator' bombs that American B-2 bombers dropped on the sites on June 22.

If Iran's 60 per cent-enriched uranium (about 400 kg of it) really was in those tunnels ninety metres underground, it's still probably intact: the preliminary U.S. intelligence assessment is that last Saturday's bombing would not have eliminated it. But it was probably no longer in the tunnels at all, since the Iranians are not fools.

If the Iranians did get it all away to other hiding places scattered around the country in the ten days between Trump's first threats and the arrival of the B-2s, Iran can now use it as collateral in a deal that puts all the country's uranium back under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards in return for an end to sanctions.

The easiest thing would be simply to revive the 2015 deal that limited Iran's enrichment of uranium to 3.67 per cent, suitable only for power plants. Iran was fully open to inspection and the deal was working to everybody's satisfaction until Donald Trump tore it up on a whim in 2018. Iran would be glad to have it back, since the sanctions have crippled the economy.

The problem will be changing the deal just enough to avoid offending Trump's vanity, while not changing it so much that it loses credibility in the eyes of the other signatories. Since Trump rarely reads the small print closely, just changing the words around while retaining the meaning would probably be enough to persuade him that he is signing a new and better deal.

As a sweetener, if necessary, they could arrange for Trump to 'win' the Nobel Peace Prize he has obsessed about ever since Barack Obama got one. It costs nothing and it's not worth much anymore, but it's the sort of trinket that would appeal to the U.S. president.

In the meantime the ceasefire probably will hold because neither Iran nor the United States has anything to gain from a direct clash and Trump has probably now learned not to let Netanyahu use the US Air Force in his wars. This will draw the focus back to Israel's brutal attempt to drive all 2.1 million Palestinians out of the Gaza Strip, but that is a separate issue.

So what have we learned from this disagreeable but ultimately non-disastrous episode? The first lesson, obviously, is that limiting access to the ear of Trump 2.0 is critical. Letting people like Binyamin Net-

OUR WORLD TODAY anyahu and Vladimir Putin whisper in it is just asking for trouble,

and the grown-ups

GWYNNE DYER

in Trump's entourage

should provide a constant flow of alternative diversions. Secondly, you can trust the Iranian regime. nasty though it is, not to let itself be drawn into truly dangerous confrontations with the United States. Its low-key, largely symbolic responses to American attacks were

a model of self-control. And by the way, the

US intelligence services are still right: there

is no Iranian nuclear weapons programme. Most important, understand that the White House has become the Palace of Versailles. Donald Trump is Louis XIV, the Sun King, and the currency, as in most royal courts, is relentless, gushing flattery. The recent tweet of Mark Rutte, head of NATO, should be your model

"Mr. President, dear Donald: Congratulations and thank you for your decisive action in Iran, that was truly extraordinary, and something no one else dared to do. It makes us all safer. Donald, you have driven us to a really, really important moment for America and Europe, and the world."

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all of whom deal with housing and legal is- housing systems while supporting them with sues in different aspects. Our Support Within goal setting. The individuals they assist are are homeless or recently housed and help mediate danger, call 911.



moderate to severe mental health issues who Other than the prevalent lack of safe and are having difficulty finding or maintaining affordable housing resources, our clients are housing. In a day, they could see several cli- we can solve their problems, but unfortu- such a lack of affordable housing. sometimes faced with challenges that go be- ents within the community, or in the client's nately, we have no control over the housing home, but would be regularly communicating with other clients by phone in between.

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all looking for something similar: stability.

ing or the settling of a tumultuous court case. frastructure and Communities Canada fund-They will assist with connecting clients to ing. Through Coordinated Access we work community resources such as Legal Aid On- with Choices Shelter and Support Services tario, lawyers or housing support and are and Dufferin County Community Services to able to see clients throughout Dufferin and ensure that folks are supported throughout Caledon.

One of the challenges for the whole TS team is explaining the reality of the current everything from rent calculations for a clistate of housing in our community. It feels ent moving into one of our housing units to very discouraging to tell clients that we cannot provide housing to them.

market and rent rates in our community.

out to people in the community and ensuring journey. Many clients are in crisis and the that they are connected to resources. Our skill of the staff to walk beside and support Housing Support counsellor and Community Outreach counsellor do this all the time. women to be safe and to reach their full po-They are constantly out in the community working with individuals living in precarious circumstances such as encampments.

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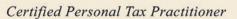
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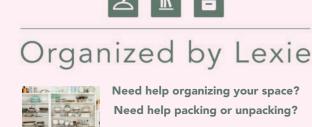
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County of Dufferin presents four-year community safety plan

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Town Council has been informed of the County of Dufferin's fouryear plan to address community safety and well-being.

During their meeting on Monday, June 23, Shelburne Town Council received a presenfrom the community was that these types of tation from Brenda Wagner, on behalf of the Dufferin Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (CSWBP) Integration Table, regarding the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-

Serving all municipalities in Dufferin County, the four-year plan is mandated under the Community Safety and Policing

"What the province suggested is we focus on risk and protective factors, which we have done throughout. We also leverage community resources around this," said Wagner.

The development of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan began in early 2024 with data collection, which included a general community survey that saw over 600 responses.

The data collection was followed by monthly meetings of the Integration Table, a group consisting of over 30 local agencies, and the completion of a draft plan in April.

"The plan is strength-based. It highlights what we are already doing well in identifying mostly located in the Town of Orangeville, risks and looking for way to integrate with partnerships," explained Wagner.

The Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan with two people. highlights five areas of priority: community safety, housing and homelessness, mental health and wellbeing, family support, and food security.

Community Safety

In the community safety area, the Integration Table heard about residents' raised concerns with opioids (mainly fentanyl), auto thefts, an increase in violent crimes like intimate partner violence, and growing road and mobility safety issues such as speed.

Wagner noted that while the perception crimes were on the rise, the data did not support a rise.

"If the Dufferin OPP and detachment board with support from community safety well-being partners continue to share information and engage with the public, we expect that the community will better understand local crime and available programs so people feel safer," said Wagner. "If government continues to invest in road infrastructure and traffic calming technologies - for example, speed enforcement – we expect that increases in traffic anticipated from the growing population will be better accommodated so mobility safety will improve."

Housing and Homelessness

Housing and homelessness were one of the areas with the most attention, specifically increased shelter use, encampments, and lack of affordable housing.

According to the report, Dufferin County experienced 12 encampments with 14 people, in 2024. Service interventions resulted in the number being reduced to one encampment

Connected to affordable housing, the report showed that only 50 per cent of households in the County of Dufferin can afford the average and that there are currently 670

applicants for the Housing Access Dufferin Centralized Waiting List, with an average wait local organizations continue to build a famiof five years.

housing solutions we need, engage developers for affordable housing, improve service roots parent outreach programs. coordination and enhance public awareness,' said Wagner.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The area of priority was a part of Dufferin's first Community Safety and Well-being Plan and was continued into the 2025-2028 plan.

According to results from the CSWB Survey, approximately 18 per cent of respondents rat-female-led lone-parent households, and ed their mental health as fair or poor, which is similar to the 2020 results. The survey also saw that roughly 1 in 3 Dufferin youth report Dufferin plans to use the Dufferin County low resilience and 25 per cent report not seek- Food Insecurity Needs Assessment to inform ing professional support for a mental health concern when it was needed.

community, promoting building resilience, growing/meals. improved data collection on service usage and effectiveness, and focussing as well on Subcommittee take action by gathering more youth mental health and evaluation of future needs," said Wagner about the 2025-2028 plans focus.

Family Support

This area of priority is new to the Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

While the majority of respondents to the CSWB Survey strongly agreed or agreed that in County Council in May. An annual update they have people in their lives to support them, the survey did show that one-third of them struggle to access services and programs. The most commonly reported reason was due to a lack of service awareness and accessibility.

To address access, the County plans to have ly-centred care model, create service aware-"The focus really here is to advocate for the ness campaigns, consider the neighbourhood support network model and establish grass-

Food Security

Studies show that roughly 23 per cent of households in the Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph communities are food insecure.

Individuals most at risk of facing food insecurity include, low-income households, renters, BIPOC and other cultural/racial groups, homes reliant on income support.

To address food insecurity the County of regional planning as well as advocate for income-based solutions and expand programs "It's about defining mental health for the such as school food service and community

"If members of the Dufferin Food Access local data and facilitating groups to work together, we expect that programs and conditions will improve so that people experiencing food insecurity in Dufferin will have better access to food they need as well as social and community connectedness," said Wagner.

The 2025-2028 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan was officially approved by Dufferon the progress of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan is expected to be released each June.

The entirety of the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan can be found on the County of Dufferin website.

Dufferin OPP encourages public to be vigilant of deepfake technology online

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

With artificial intelligence (AI) becoming more advanced, the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in collaboration with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CACF), is sharing how to avoid evolving fraud tactics.

In particular, deepfake technology has greatly shifted the landscape of frauds and scams taking place online.

"The CAFC has seen a notable increase in to promote fraudulent investment! opportunities, merchandise, or applications," reads a commit fraud and spread misinformation." press release from Dufferin OPP.

"Deepfake technology uses advanced arti- Dufferin OPP offered the following tips: ficial intelligence to create realistic-looking audio and video footage, making it appear figures endorsing investments or merchan-

videos to impersonate well-known public a product or service. These manipulated vidfigures, including politicians, celebrities, and eos are often very convincing and difficult to news anchors. These videos are being used detect, frequently circulating on social media platforms and, in some cases, being used to

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The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton on Monday afternoon and evening. Funeral Mass was held in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 16066 The Gore Road, Caledon on Tuesday morning, June 24 at 10 oʻclock with a reception following at Glen Eagle Golf Club, Caledon. Private family interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.

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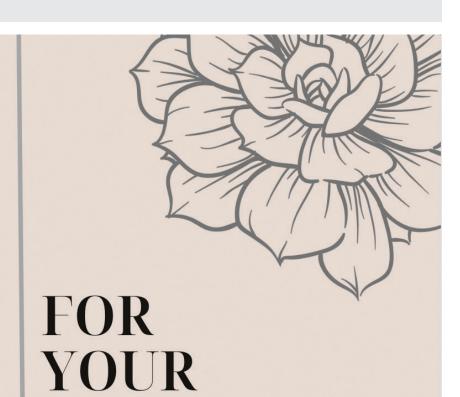
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Hazel McCallion said of Emil at his retirement "If you want something done, give it to a farmer". Emil used his knowledge and experience as a farmer in meeting immediate needs while keeping an eye to the future. And the future was never far from his thoughts, through his annual Emil Kolb Hootenanny he raised over 2 million dollars in support of Children's Charities in Peel Region. Emil was revered by Mayors, Regional Chairs, and leaders across the Country, but it was in the way he was respected by residents, staff at every level and community groups and organizations

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