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## HAPPY CANADA DAY



**CANADA DAY COMES TO ORANGEVILLE:** Children enjoyed climbing a rock wall setup outside the Alder Recreation Centre as part of the Town of Orangeville's Canada Day celebrations on Tuesday, July 1. Inside the recreation centre, the Great Canadian Lumberjacks put on a performance, as they competed in traditional and modern loggersport events. Canada Day celebrations also came to the Orangeville Legion and a fireworks show was held at the Island Lake Conservation Area. To see more photos, turn to Page A9.

## Lions contribute first half of \$100,000 for pump track

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Plans are progressing for a new cement pump track to be built around the Orangeville Lions Club's BMX Park at the Alder Street Parklands.

Orangeville Lions Club members gathered at the BMX Park on June 23 for a \$50,000 cheque presentation with Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor and manager of community services Heather Savage.

The \$50,000 donation is the first half of the Lions' \$100,000 commitment to build a pump track, with an observation deck and shade shelters. The total cost of the project is \$480,000, and the Town of Orangeville will provide \$380,000 for its construction.

"I think the best part of this is being able to build relationships and collaborative partnerships with service clubs that do so much for our community," said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post. "Being able to fiscally manage the budget while getting support from outside agencies is just such an important way to be able to grow the recreation offerings in the community."

"The service clubs do so much in the community and we've been so fortunate to have great partnerships with the Lions Club in the past. Having them continue to support this project is so important," she added.

When complete, the project will feature an all-new asphalt surface, eliminating the ongoing maintenance associated with the cur-



**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP:** Members of the Orangeville Lions Club joined Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor and manager of community services Heather Savage at the Alder BMX Park to present the Town of Orangeville with a \$50,000 cheque. The cheque is the first half of the Lions' \$100,000 commitment to assist in funding the construction of a paved pump track around the BMX Park.

rent hard-packed dirt track. The pump track's design will also allow for a broader range of recreational activities, accommodating BMX bikes, skateboards, and scooters.

"I think this is going to be a great addition to the recreation infrastructure that we've got in the community. I know the kids are super excited about it. The BMX track was good for a while, but it needed an upgrade, and this is the perfect upgrade that will really get people

having that type of active play in this side of town," Mayor Post told the Citizen. "I think it's going to be amazing."

Orangeville Lion Bill Theeuwens, who attended the cheque presentation, has been actively involved in overseeing the project and noted his group's gratitude for the Town of Orangeville's partnership.

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# Local healthcare workers recognized for contributions at Headwaters

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) honoured the contributions of staff members and their commitment to service at the local hospital by presenting several awards during its annual general meeting on June 24.

“It is truly inspiring to be part of such a dedicated and talented team — individuals who bring their best to Headwaters every day in service of our patients, families, and community. Our hospital is a trusted place of care, and that trust is built on the deep relationships we have nurtured with those we serve,” said Kim Delahunty, CEO and president of HHCC.

“It is a privilege to be part of a team that continues to honour that trust through kindness, respect, accountability, and teamwork. As we look to the future, we remain committed to advancing patient-centred care through innovation, collaboration, and investment in the tools and technologies that will shape tomorrow’s healthcare,” she added.

The first award presented was the Chair’s Award, which was given to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation and the Smart Headwaters Campaign Team.

The Chair’s Award honours individuals, teams or organizations affiliated with Headwaters who have made an outstanding contribution to the hospital or who have supported the hospital during this past year.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation and the Smart Headwaters Campaign Team were recognized for their work in helping raise \$18 million to bring the hospital its first magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, as well as other vital equipment, in an effort to transform healthcare services at the hospital.

The second award from HHCC was the annual Dr. David Scott Award, presented to Dr. Karen Sandhu.

The Dr. David Scott Award is given to individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond to improve overall health and wellness for residents in the Dufferin-Caledon area and promote links between the local hospital and the community.

The award is named after the late Dr. David Scott, who in 1962 became the town’s first specialist in general surgery. He practiced as a general surgeon between the years 1962 and 1997. Dr. David Scott served as chief of staff at the local hospital from 1983 to 1989. He passed away in 2020.

Dr. Sandhu was honoured for her leadership in community health, health equity promotion, and her work with the Primary Care Network and Community Palliative On-Call Program.

The Above and Beyond Leadership Award is presented to an individual who is a positive role model, demonstrates excellence in leadership, and inspires others to work collaboratively and creatively.

The 2025 recipient of the Above and Beyond Leadership Award was Shawn Galea, HHCC’s supervisor of environmental services, who was celebrated for his leadership, dedication to patient experience, and contributions to emergency preparedness and hospital operations.

The Outstanding Physician Award recognizes a physician who has consistently demonstrated excellence in delivering patient care, promoting the hospital’s vision and making measurable, positive contributions to the hospital.

Dr. Shreyas Gandhi, from Headwaters’ Surgery Department, was acknowledged for advancing the Urology program and introducing innovative procedures like green light laser surgery.

The Quality & Safety Improvement Award celebrates a team or individual who has contributed to quality and safety initiatives that improve the delivery of patient care at HHCC.

Charlene Rogers, Dr. Naqvi and the CT Team at Headwaters were recognized for their work in reducing CT wait times by 60 per cent through improvement in workflow and benchmarking initiatives.

The Rising Headwaters Hero Award recognizes a frontline employee, physician or volunteer with less than five years of continuous service at the hospital. They must demonstrate great achievements with early success



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**HEALTHCARE HEROES:** Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrated the contributions of its staff members by presenting several awards during their annual general meeting on June 24. The hospital also recognized the recipients of the Nursing Education Fund, which included the Jean White Fund and the RBC Education. A total of 14 nurses received grants to support ongoing learning and professional development. Pictured here is MPP Sylvia Jones (far left), alongside fund recipients and Annette Jones, who is the vice-president of patient services, health integration and chief nursing executive (bottom right).

and a commitment to going above and beyond every day in their role.

Graeme Jones, a physician’s assistant, was the 2025 recipient of the Rising Headwaters Hero Award and was praised for his exceptional work ethic, teamwork approach, compassion, and impact in the Emergency Department.

This year, HHCC introduced a brand-new award called the Volunteer Hero Award. The award celebrates a Headwaters volunteer who demonstrates dedication to its volunteer programs, is a positive role model who inspires others to provide an exceptional patient experience, and shows a commitment in promoting the hospital’s vision, values, and purpose.

The first recipient of the Volunteer Hero Award was Pat Spencer, who was honoured for her dedication as a volunteer in Ambulatory Care and her role in the Patient and Family Advisory Partnership program.

“These awards celebrate the exceptional contributions and achievements of our dedicated team members who go above and beyond in their roles every day,” said Headwaters Health Care Centre in a press release announcing the awards.

To conclude the award ceremony, Headwaters announced the recipients of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation’s Nursing Education Fund, which includes the Jean White Fund and the RBC Education Fund. A total of 14 nurses received grants to support ongoing learning and professional development.

The 2025 recipients include Alexa Wiedemann, Alyse Soloman, Cathleen Burton, Charlotte Brown, Daniel Reimer, Deepthi Sam Jayaraj Samuel, Jessica Dickie, Jessica Hentsch, Kayla Flores, Lely Perlas, Paula Horton, Rachel Russo, Sophia-Rose Bezant, and Vienna Riddle.

## Amanda Narvali to explore the risks and benefits of AI technology at upcoming Orangeville Library event

The growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in all sectors has been the topic of many discussions. From the question of the ethics of these tools to social impacts, how it affects jobs and more, the use of AI can be incredibly controversial.

On Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m. the Orangeville Public Library welcomes Amanda Narvali, opening the floor for her to share on the complexities of AI use.

“Be a part of this thought-provoking talk that dives into the fundamentals of artificial intelligence — what it is and why tech companies are racing to develop it,” reads a press release from the Town of Orangeville.

“Drawing on her research in ethics and feminist philosophy, Narvali will examine how AI shapes society, touching on the ways it can perpetuate bias in areas like gender inequality.”

Narvali holds an MA in philosophy from Western University and a BA in philosophy and creative writing from the University of Guelph. She is currently working towards her Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Guelph.

Her doctoral research is focused on the gendered harms of artificial intelligence, shedding light on areas like the harm of AI-generated pornography and the risks

and benefits of data-based approaches to health.

“Join us for a timely exploration of both the promise and pitfalls of this powerful technology,” said the Town of Orangeville.

The Expert in the Library event will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at the Mill Street Library.

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# Museum to continue as venue for speaker series under new CanHist partnership

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

Two local organizations focused on preserving history, both past and present, are joining forces to host some of Canada's leading innovative thinkers.

The Museum of Dufferin and the Canadian Historical Education Services, also known as CanHist, have announced that the local museum will continue as a future venue for the Small Town Big Ideas (STBI) speaker series.

"The Museum of Dufferin is such an ideal venue for the kinds of discussions we want to have with Small Town Big Ideas," said Neil Orford, co-creator of STBI and founder of CanHist. "When you get some of Canada's top public intellectuals, authors or journalists to come in, you want a place that showcases Dufferin."

"We are looking to create partnerships with local institutions that are seeking to bring culture, ideas and conversations together," said Jasmine Proteau, manager of the Museum of Dufferin. We already have such engaged citizens and people interested in hearing more about different art, culture and ideas, so it's important to have a space to have these types of conversations."

Small Town Big Ideas is a speaker series hosted by CanHist and sponsored by multiple small-town groups and businesses in Dufferin County. The series looks to welcome some of Canada's most innovative thinkers to the Dufferin community to speak intimately with local residents on various topics such as history, politics, environment, gender equality, and journalism.

Speaking with the Free Press, Orford noted the importance the museum plays as a venue in discussing past and present events.

"The museum is a great place for getting

context. One of the biggest challenges is getting people to understand the context in which events happen and the context in which history occurs and has occurred," said Orford. "Every story the museum tells has a past and very much a present. When you're concerned about the future, like I think most of our audiences are, it's really important to try and fix the context for every conversation."

The Museum of Dufferin, located at 936029 Airport Rd., Mulmur, collects and preserves the stories of the people, places, and culture of Dufferin County both past and present. The local museum features three galleries with permanent and rotating exhibitions and art shows, as well as four historic buildings. The Museum of Dufferin is also the location of the Dufferin County Archives, where visitors are welcome to research the history of the community.

"We are paying attention to what's happening today and making sure important stories are being preserved for future generations, while they're being told," said Proteau. "We're trying to connect the past, with the present and also showcase some of these continuities in history."

The Museum of Dufferin and CanHist welcomed their first guest speaker under their partnership back in October of 2024. The event featured author and journalist Elizabeth Renzetti, who discussed the launch of her latest book, "What She Said: Conversations About Equality."

Held in the main gallery space of the Museum of Dufferin, the event saw roughly 70 patrons attend the discussion with Renzetti.

"The museum audience and Small Town Big Ideas audience are very similar," said Orford.

As CanHist begins making plans for their 2025/2026 season, they'll be working closely



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**JOINING FORCES:** Jasmine Proteau, manager of the Museum of Dufferin (MoD), and Neil Orford, founder of the Canadian Historical Education Service, have announced a joint partnership to feature the local museum as a continued venue for Small Town Big Ideas (STBI) speaker series.

with the MoD to determine guest speakers and conversations that will appeal to both audiences while connecting to the museum's three-year exhibition plan.

"From my point of view, it's looking at what the museum has, and the themes they're striking in their upcoming seasons," said Orford.

CanHist will be announcing the guest speakers for the 2025-2026 season of Small Town Big Ideas in August.

More information about STBI tickets, as well as upcoming and past events, can be found at canhist.ca.

Those interested in learning more about the Museum of Dufferin and its upcoming events can visit [www.dufferinmuseum.com](http://www.dufferinmuseum.com).

# County of Dufferin's Community Saftey Well-being Plan lacks solutions, says Mono's deputy mayor

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Ensuring a quality life in a township is a group effort.

As such, Dufferin County has rolled out a Community Safety and Well-being Plan, a framework by which residents will be safe, healthy, connected, and have access to essential services.

Jennifer Payne is the executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action and co-chairperson of the integration table for community safety and wellbeing for the county. She walked Mono council through the plan during its June 24 meeting.

It's a shared plan for all of the County of Dufferin that was approved by the upper-tier council in May.

"We have a very strong network of community partners who integrate and collaborate together on metrics related to commu-

nity well-being," Payne said.

The importance of working together to improve the overall quality of life for the people who call this county, its towns, and townships home has long been recognized.

The plan highlights how there are many aspects that go into making a community safe and thriving.

"The plan is strengths-based, risk-focused, and involved integrated efforts," Payne said.

The priority areas for the safety and well-being plan are community safety (hence the name), housing and homelessness, mental health and well-being, family support, and food insecurity.

She said many issues are shared among communities.

The integration table will provide an annual report to council with an action plan for the following year. Those action plans

will give an idea through outlines of things to come over the year.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said many details of the plan and its goal are "aspirational."

"Not really hard, here's what we're going to do," he said by way of illustration.

To address food insecurity, the plan indicates that there will be data collection, a work plan will be developed, and more meetings will be held. He said a good effort was devoted to the plan, but they still need "to hit the nail on the head."

"Nowhere do I find in the plan to address food insecurity, do I find the real solutions," Nix said.

He said he's tabulated the various available social benefits and believes the total comes up short of meeting the cost of just rent for a disabled person in Orangeville.

The minimum wage isn't enough to live on.

"If I were writing a plan on how to deal with food insecurity, I'd go right to the source problem which is people don't get enough income," Nix said. "The main culprit here is the provincial government, although the federal government deserves some of the criticism also."

Payne said the current plan is meant to be something of a broad look at the social issues affecting communities.


"So we can look broader than the incident response, which we know is happening day-to-day at the food banks and the people who are providing service delivery," she said. "There is lots of action happening at the incident-response level. This is not reflecting everything that's happening on the street."

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# Mono resident requests strong noise bylaw

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Mono's proposed noise bylaw will be fully enforceable after it is adopted.

Of course, right?

Bob McCrea, a resident of Mono's south side, said during Town Council's June 24 meeting that he's located "in the perfect storm" of noise-creating venues. His residence is south of the Orangeville Agricultural Society (OAS) Event Centre and east of the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Island Lake Area.

"OAS and CVC have definitely lost their way and are not doing what their official mission statements say," McCrea noted.

As an example, he said the OAS Events Centre regularly books noise-making events, such as the one booked for July 18, 2026, hosted by Veterans and Everyday Heroes.

"Clearly, the OAS or the Events Centre are thumbing their nose at Mono residents," McCrea said. "I know you all agree that you need to give affected residents the support that we deserve."

He asked when Council would officially adopt the new noise bylaw that he referred to as the "Noise is Noise Bylaw."

"Since bylaws are all complaint-driven, once you've passed that ... do you intend to actually enforce the new bylaw when it's passed?" asked McCrea.

Fred Simpson, the town's clerk, said timelines are flexible and subject to the influence of other issues and priorities that come before Mono Town Council. The proposed noise legislation is tentatively slated to go before Council again on Aug. 26.

Many proposed changes to the current bylaw have been centred on sound decibel levels, distances of sound propagation, and allowances for areas of town in which certain noise can be forgiven. This happens in places in proximity to farming activity versus strictly residential neighbourhoods.

"The whole reason why we're doing this and changing it so dramatically from what we've had is that we have had advice that what we have isn't enforceable," Councilor Melinda Davie said.

Changes in the definition of what is noise

and what is bothersome will hone the new noise bylaw.

"That is so that it's going to be enforceable," Davie said.

McRae said he was a member of a planning committee that lobbied for a noise exemption for the annual OAS fall fair at the Events Centre. Such fairs are what many rural towns like Mono are known for, he said.

Mayor John Creelman said the OAS fall fair has been given an exemption. But the society or its events centre has not been granted a blanket exemption.

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix has been the town's representative on the CVC's board of directors. He disputed McCrae's assertion that the CVC isn't fulfilling its mandate.

"Part of their mandate is to have green space and have the public out there and enjoying it," Nix said.

"I understand that," McCrae said. "That they're doing some of those things. I'll bet the Orangeville Agricultural Society think that they're doing stuff too. Fred, I would agree with you. They are doing some of those things. But if they turn their focus to becoming also an event centre, then that's the issue I'm bringing up."

Mono resident Val Hoge asked council if the OAS has applied for a noise bylaw exemption for the Oct. 18 monster truck event.

Simpson said the town hasn't gotten any applications for exemptions for any event planned for that venue.

Creelman said the OAS website indicates the only future event planned is this year's edition of the annual fall fair.

"It's only through some fairly creative sleuthing that our residents are finding out about these events that are being booked," Creelman said. "Our residents are at a bit of a disadvantage knowing when these events are occurring unless they're very gifted in terms of the use of Google."

Simpson pointed out that the current bylaw prohibits amplified sound after a certain time, but it also prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle other than on a highway after 7 p.m.

# Fatal collision on Highway 10 under investigation

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal collision on Highway 10 in Shelburne.

On Saturday, June 28, at approximately 8 p.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the OPP responded to a collision on Highway 10, between Highway 89 and 30 Side Road, involving two SUVs.

As a result of the collision, the driver of one of the SUVs, a 55-year-old from Mississauga, passed away. Three others were taken to hospital with minor and serious injuries.

Dufferin County Paramedic Service, Shelburne and District Fire Department, the Ministry of Transportation, and OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionist attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information or dashcam footage of the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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**JIM CUDDY JAMBOREE:** The 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree in support of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation returned on June 29 to the Lyric Pond in Honeywood. Cuddy, along with friends and fellow members of Blue Rodeo, performed to an appreciative crowd. Funds raised at the event support Headwaters in purchasing equipment and upgrades not covered by the government. The Jim Cuddy Jamboree was started in 2005 and has fundraised for various not-for-profit groups over the years.



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# Headwaters Medieval Faire brings Middle Ages combat to fairgrounds



JOEL KRAHN PHOTOS

**FUN AT THE FAIRE:** The Headwaters Medieval Faire came to the Orangeville Fairgrounds on June 28 and 29 for two days of Middle Ages fun. The renaissance faire style event featured full metal jousting with the Knights of Valour, Birds of Prey by The Eyre, comedy, and music. Some attendees dressed up in garb from the Middle Ages to get into the spirit of the event. The Headwaters Medieval Faire was previously held in Essa and came to Orangeville for the first time.

## Orangeville Lions cut \$50,000 cheque for pump track at Alder BMX Park

**Continued from FRONT**

“We’ve had a great relationship with the Town, working together to do projects within the community which we think benefit the community,” he said. “It’s been a great relationship with the Town, in the sense that we’re able to help fund these capital projects, and the Town then takes them over to maintain them and run them for us.”

Other Lions projects in the community include Murray’s Mountain by Princess Elizabeth Public School, the Orangeville Lions Club Sports Park on Diane Drive, the Island Lake Playscape and the Island Lake Pergola.

The new pump track for the Alder BMX Park is the Lions’ latest community-based project.

The design was decided through conversations with professionals and stakeholders.

“Based on the consultation we’ve had with various experts and the community, a pump track is more relevant now and would get better use by the community than the BMX Park,” said Theeuwen. “We think the timing is perfect for this to happen.”

Orangeville Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor agrees. During the cheque presentation with the local Lions Club, he told the Citizen it’s not being used in its current form and needs an upgrade.

“I think I’m most excited that it’s going to be used in a more productive way. We’ll have more people here, more people enjoying the facilities, and that’s exactly what the town

needs,” said Taylor. “The very fact that a community group such as the Lions Club is supporting it as well, it says it’s the right thing to do.”

Looking at the project’s background, the Town of Orangeville’s manager of community services, Heather Savage, said the Town hired a company called Transition Bike Parks to assist with the concept and design of the pump track.

Input was also received from the local bike shop, Cycling Elements (2 Wellington St.), and sports store, Moguls in Mocean (148 Broadway).

The project has since been tendered, and a vendor has been selected to complete its construction.

Savage said the estimated completion date is by the end of next year, if the project moves forward as planned. However, she does expect ground to be broken on the project before the end of 2025.

Savage made note of another Town of Orangeville project, slated for 2026, that will enhance the community. A new entrance will be added to the Alder Recreation Centre near the BMX Park, connected to its existing parking lot, along with overall repairs.

The Orangeville Lions first built the Alder BMX Park in 2011.

“We appreciate our relationship with the town,” Theeuwen said. “It’s worked very well for our club and for the Town, and the entire community benefits.”

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# Orangeville community comes together to celebrate Canada Day



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

**COMING TOGETHER FOR CANADA** Canada Day celebrations were held throughout Orangeville on Tuesday, July 1. The Orangeville Legion had a March of the Colours led by Legion members to mark Canada's 158th birthday, along with a BBQ, visit from local dignitaries, and birthday cake cutting. A cake was also cut at the Alder Recreation Centre by Orangeville Council members Joe Andrews, Andy Macintosh, Debbie Sherwood and Mayor Lisa Post. Families enjoyed a large rock wall outside the Alder Recreation Centre, along with Great Canadian Lumberjacks shows inside the Alder Arena. Canada Day festivities were capped off with a fireworks show at the Island Lake Conservation Area.

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Answer: I scream for ice cream

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a dessert made with cream and egg

Answer: I scream for ice cream



# Young Entrepreneur Business Fair highlights youth-led companies

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

Young local business owners had the opportunity to share their small businesses with the community at a youth business fair this past weekend.

The Young Entrepreneur Business Fair was held on Sunday (June 29) at Grace Tipling Hall. The event was part of a program hosted by local literacy advocate and business owner, Suzette Daley.

“I am beyond honoured to be able to lead this group to this point in their entrepreneurship journey,” said Daley. “I felt incredibly proud seeing each student bring their vision to life. It was clear how much work they put in, from the initial idea to confidently standing in front of judges and the community. Each student came with a different mindset for what they wanted their business to be.”

The business fair featured 10 small businesses created and operated by local youth from several sectors, including education, baking, home organizing services, babysitting, cultural drumming workshops, sip-and-paint experiences, sensory kits, resin art, and a youth author book launch.

Maneetkaur Dubb, 11, is the creator of Beaded by Maneet, a small business that sells necklaces, bracelets, bead kits, phone charms, hair clips and scrunchies.

Dubb, who has been creating beaded items for the past three years, joined the entrepreneur program in the hopes of expanding her small business.

“I wanted to expand it and when I hear about this program, I felt very lucky,” said Dubb. “It’s so good because it actually helps you with everything from market research, your pitch and how to expand and sell your products.”

Fourteen-year-old Grace Midanik is the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**TURNING PASSION INTO PROFIT:** Young local business owners shared their small businesses with the community on Sunday (June 29) as they took part in the Young Entrepreneur Business Fair at Grace Tipling Hall. The event is the last step in an entrepreneur program created by local literacy advocate and business owner, Suzette Daley.

owner of Cozy Critter Care, which provides services in babysitting, literacy, tutoring and DIY craft boxes.

Midanik launched her business last summer with babysitting services and has recently branched out to offer more.

“Suzette came to my school, Centennial Hylands, last year and after hearing about the program, I really wanted to do it,” said Midanik.

During the Young Entrepreneur Business Fair, there was also a book reading from youth author Mark Rogers.

Rogers has released a self-published book called “Beyond the Chair,” which shares his experience with cerebral palsy and going through life with a disability.

Cerebral palsy (CP) is a neurological condition that can present as issues with muscle tone, posture and movement. It’s

the result of damage to the brain during fetal development or another developmental disability that affects the way the brain develops.

Speaking with the Free Press, Rogers said he wanted to write the book as a way to open others’ eyes to different aspects of life.

The Youth Entrepreneur Program was created by local educator Suzette Daley and launched in March of 2024.

The program provides young aspiring business owners with access to a variety of videos, which teach them about the different parts of owning a small business. This includes selling themselves as a business, exploring their passions, connecting with other business owners, marketing, financial literacy, and resources available to small businesses.

Daley was inspired to develop the youth entrepreneur program after learning about the story of Lucie and Thornton Blackburn – two freedom seekers who escaped enslavement in Kentucky and later founded Toronto’s first taxi company, “The City.”

Daley previously told the Free Press that the Blackburn’s story ignited her passion for giving back to the community and teaching young people about entrepreneurship.

“I created this program because I believe in giving Shelburne’s children the chance to dream big and take ownership of their ideas,” said Daley. “Our town is full of young talent, and I wanted to build a space where their creativity and potential could be nurtured. This program teaches more than business, it builds confidence, critical thinking, and communication skills.”

Those interested in signing up for the future program are encouraged to reach out the Daley by email at [mini2intel@gmail.com](mailto:mini2intel@gmail.com)

# Credit Valley Conservation Foundation names new executive director

Credit Valley Conservation Foundation (CVCF), in collaboration with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), announced Dayana Gomez as its new executive director of the CVCF.

With over 17 years of experience in the non-profit sector, Dayana brings knowledge in partnership development, strategic communications, board governance, and community engagement.

Her record of leadership and building strong, values-driven relationships make her ideally positioned for the new role, ac-

cording to the CVCF.

“As a long-time resident of Mississauga and a passionate advocate for the protection of natural greenspaces, Dayana brings both professional depth and personal commitment to the role,” said Terri LeRoux, Interim CAO at Credit Valley Conservation. “We are excited to see her take the Foundation forward with renewed energy and vision.”

Dayana’s career has been dedicated to advancing causes with meaningful social and environmental impact. She brings a

strong track record of forging partnerships that drive fundraising success, elevate organizational visibility, and engage community support.

“I’m honoured to join the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation and to help advance the mission of protecting and connecting people to the natural beauty of the Credit River Watershed,” said Gomez. “As someone who deeply values conservation, I’m inspired by the Foundation’s work and excited to help grow its reach and impact in support of Credit Valley Conservation’s

important initiatives.”

Dayana’s appointment marks a new chapter of growth and innovation, according to the CVCF, as it continues working to build a healthy, resilient, and connected watershed for future generations.

“We are proud to welcome Dayana and support her in this new leadership role,” said Ed Arundell, Chair of the CVC Foundation Board.

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**SHUTOUT WIN:** The Storm FC U14 Boys team played at Lion’s Park on Thursday, June 26, against Owen Sound. The Orangeville team won the game 4-0.

# Orangeville Minor Soccer Club's Storm FC teams close out busy month of June games

Written By CHRIS BROOM

As the month of June comes to a close, many Storm FC families had to balance out school graduations, proms, awards banquets, final exams and sports activities. The chaos could sometimes be seen on the fields too as training sessions had lower participation and teams scrambled to field full lineups against rival squads in South-west Soccer district play.

Orangeville’s U21 Men kept up their winning ways this season on Tuesday, June 24, posting a 6-1 win over the visiting Walkerton FC team. Brad Hooker notched the hat trick, while Tyler Graham, Henryk Szymczak and Sebastian Valenzano scored singles.

The Storm FC U13 Boys fell 3-2 to the

Guelph Gryphons at the University of Guelph on Wednesday, June 25, in a nail biter. Nathan Baptista scored both goals for Orangeville, and the team sits in eighth spot in the division in the team’s first year in scores and standings, one point out of sixth as the month of June comes to an end.

One season after winning the U13 Boys Tier 2 division, the Storm FC U14 Boys team is sitting in second spot in Tier 1 with four wins and one loss after defeating Owen Sound 4-0 at home on Thursday, June 26. Noah Lassak recorded the shutout with two goals from Sebastian Machado and singles from Matteo Martinez and Chayse Lunnie.

Also playing Thursday night at home were the U16 Boys Storm FC team. Blake Friesen scored the lone goal in a tough 5-1 loss to the visiting Waterloo team.

# Impaired driving charges laid against Wasaga Beach man travelling through Melancthon

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Wasaga Beach resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On June 15, shortly before 1 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers received a radio call reporting a suspicious vehicle parked in a private driveway near Main Street in the Village of Horning’s Mills, Melancthon.

Officers arrived on scene and, during their interaction with the male driver, observed

signs of impairment. They subsequently initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Jesse Morgan, 30, from Wasaga Beach has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver’s licence was suspended, and their vehicle impounded.

The listed charges have not been proven in court.



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\$166

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\$189

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\$129

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\$72

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\$124

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$32,825

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C.O.B \$12,130

2020 GMC SIERRA 1500 DENALI ULTIMATE



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\$206

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\$54,737

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2020 NISSAN MURANO SL AWD



STK# 7519T • 75,466 KM • 3.5L V6, CVT, AWD, PEARL WHITE, GRAPHITE LEATHER, HEATED FRONT & REAR SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BOSE AUDIO, AROUND VIEW MONITOR, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, REMOTE START, AND MORE!

\$105

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$27,876

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C.O.B \$10,302

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\$96

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$24,494

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\$90

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 60 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$19,711

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C.O.B \$3,658

2019 HONDA CR-V EX AWD



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\$104

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

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\$97

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$22,985

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\$55

WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$12,977

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O.A.C

C.O.B \$4,054

2018 HONDA RIDGELINE EX-L AWD



STK# 7547T • 149,874 KM • 3.5L V6, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, HEATED FRONT & REAR SEATS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, REMOTE START, APPLE CARPLAY & ANDROID AUTO, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, HONDA LANEWATCH, FRONT & REAR PARKING SENSORS, IN-BED TRUNK, 5,000 LB TOWING CAPACITY!

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WEEKLY INCLUDE HST 60 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

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# Barry Burman Summer Shoot-out hosts teams from across Ontario

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The 27th Annual Barry Burman Summer Shootout, hosted by the Orangeville Northmen, took over local arenas from Friday, June 20, to Sunday, June 22, with teams from around Ontario battling it out in some exciting lacrosse action.

Teams representing 16 cities, towns, and municipalities arrived at the tournament to play in five different divisions, ranging from U9 to U17.

Tournament games took place at Tony Rose Memorial Arena and the Alder Street Arena in Orangeville.

The tournament is named after Barry Burman, a lacrosse player, coach and member of the Orangeville Northmen Junior A executive.

Mr. Burman passed away in 1998. His family continues to live and play lacrosse in Orangeville.

The action started with the first games being played on Friday morning and continued through the evening.

There were 60 games played in the regular schedule as teams played it out in an effort to secure a place in the semi-finals.

Teams entered semi-final competition late Saturday depending on how they did in their opening games.

The finals took place on Sunday at Tony Rose in the main arena. The bronze medal games also got underway at the Tony Rose B Arena in the morning.

In the U9 competition, the Northmen made it to the final game but gave up a 5-4 loss to the Whitby Warriors.

The U11 Northmen team also made it to the final game. They lost by a single goal to the Burlington Blaze with a final score of 8-7.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SHUTOUT WIN:** The Orangeville Northmen U17 team take on the Toronto Beaches during competition in the 27th Annual Barry Burman Summer Shootout held at Tony Rose Arena and the Alder Street Arena in Orangeville from June 20 to 22. The Northmen blanked Toronto 7-0 in this game.

In the U13 division, the Peterborough Lakers were winners after taking the final game 4-2 over the Burlington Blaze.

The Burlington Blaze won the U15 division with a 9-4 win over the Oakville Hawks.

In the U17 division, the Northmen made it to the final game but gave up a 5-3 loss to the London Blue Devils.

The Barry Burman Summer Shootout has become a tradition for many lacrosse clubs to enter and test their skills against other top clubs across the province.

# Orangeville Otter breaks national record at Bell Canadian Swim Trials in B.C.

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Local swimmers recorded good performances at the Bell Canadian Swimming Trials held in Victoria, B.C., on June 7-12, 2025.

The meet showcased Canada's top swimmers at the highest level of domestic competition.

Athletes from across the country participated in this meet, hoping to post national qualifying times and earn places on international teams.

The Otters swim had four athletes who qualified for the 2025 trials: Wesley Halls, Katie Malec, Alyssa Smyth, and Nethaya Mahadana Arachchi. While Nethaya qualified for the event, she made the team-first decision to stay back and compete at the Huronia Long Course Regional Team Challenge.

Alyssa Smyth had a standout performance at the meet with three second-place finishes. She finished second in the 400-meter freestyle, 200-meter individual medley, and 100-meter butterfly.

Alyssa broke the Canadian record in the S13 classification for the 100-meter butterfly, placing her among the best in the country.

"These athletes represented the Otters with pride and professionalism," said Otters head coach, Richard Pady. "Qualifying for Trials is a major achievement, and to compete – and in Alyssa's case, break a national record – on that stage is something truly special. We are proud of all four athletes."

The three Otters that made the trip to Victoria were determined to have good results.

Wesley Halls and Katie Malec both delivered strong performances, finishing close to their personal bests while handling the pressure of a national-level competition with composure.

The Otters Club would like to congratulate these athletes for reaching this elite level of Canadian Swimming and achieving great results.

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**SETTING RECORDS:** Four Orangeville Otters swimmers qualified for the Bell Canadian Swim Trials held in Victoria, B.C. from June 7 to 12. Local swimmers Wesley Halls, Katie Malec, Alyssa Smyth, and Nethaya Mahadana Arachchi, qualified for the national meet.

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# OPINION

## Places I would like to see

There are several places on my ‘wish list’ of places to visit.

I’ve already seen some of them, and hopefully will visit the rest.

At one time, I had planned on visiting Egypt to see the pyramids. They are a wonder of the world, and of course a great mystery in many ways.

However, over the years, I have spoken to other people who have visited, and read online reviews of tourists who made the trek.

The photos you always see of the pyramids is misleading. They aren’t in the desert surrounded by sand. When you see a photo of the reverse angle of the great pyramids of Giza, you see a Cairo slum is right next door and the city has grown around these great wonders.

Almost every review I’ve read of people who have visited, told of constant harassment by locals, horrible hotel conditions, and a generally unpleasant experience.

If someone isn’t chasing you down the street trying to get you to buy a trinket, there are pickpockets trying to relieve you of your wallet.

I’ve decided that visiting via Google Earth was a better option.

I have always wanted to visit Monterey,

California and see Cannery Row – the setting for John Steinbeck’s novel of the same name. Although I’m sure the original charm of the place with its sardine canneries has now been replaced as a tourist mecca.

While in California, I would like to travel to San Jose, and visit the Winchester Mystery House. It is the mansion built by the heiress to the Winchester Firearms fortune.

A little crazy in her later years, Sarah Winchester started building a mansion, and never stopped. Construction on the house went on for 38 years until Sarah died. It is a remarkable place.

I would also like to rent a convertible and drive the Pacific Highway.

While in the state, I would also like to visit Death Valley, one of the most inhospitable places on earth – just to see and experience it.

Sixteen hundred miles south, I would like to visit the Kennedy Space Center and see the Saturn V rockets that put men on the moon.

I would also like to experience a stock car race at the Talladega SuperSpeedway in Alabama.

You might have noticed all of these places are in the US of A.

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Stupid old men

Leading an entire country for a few years is a steep learning curve, but it’s useful experience. Being in power for a dozen years makes most leaders arrogant and careless, but some remain more or less functional. Being in power for more than thirty years just makes you stupid.

Consider Cambodia’s Hun Sen and Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Hun Sen began as a Khmer Rouge commander and went on to rule Cambodia effectively as an absolute dictator for 36 years. (He is by far the country’s richest man and his personal guard rivals the national army in size.) He passed the prime ministership on to his son Hun Manet two years ago, but he really still rules.

There is an old history of military confrontations between Thailand and Cambodia, but relations have been stable since Hun Sen came to power. In fact, there were close links between him and the Shinawatra family that has dominated democratic politics in Thailand for half of this century.

So when there was a shoot-out on the Cambodian-Thai border a couple of weeks ago the Thai prime minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, got on the phone to calm things down with Hun Sen. (She called

him ‘uncle’ because her father and the Cambodian leader had been so close.)

Only one Cambodian soldier was killed in the incident, but who wants a war? She criticised the Thai regional commander, who she said “just wanted to look tough,” and added that if Hun Sen wanted anything she would “take care of it.”

This is how grown-ups in power manage random incidents that can cause serious trouble: apologise (whether your side was in the wrong or not), lay on the flattery, give everybody an off-ramp. And keep it as private as possible.

Instead, Hun Sen put the entire 17-minute conversation on his website. Its effect, and most likely his purpose, was to humiliate Prime Minister Shinawatra and stir up outrage among Thai ultra-nationalists. We can probably therefore assume that he was acting in league with aforesaid ultra-nationalists, but he’s crazy to believe that they are reliable allies.

Hun Sen may be calculating that a small military confrontation with Thailand will help his son to consolidate his hold on power. However, it’s just as likely that the Thai hard-liners would exploit a brief victorious war (Thais outnumber Cambodians four-to-one) to legitimise their intended coup.

Currently, I have no plans to visit any of these places, simply because the threat of being detained by the police is too great.

Recently the governor of Maine, Janet Mills, visited New Brunswick and met with Premier Susan Holt.

The visit was to encourage Canadian visitors to return to her state. It turns out, the local economy relies heavily on Canadian visitors and since no one is crossing the border these days, local businesses are losing a lot of commerce.

I don’t think visitors are afraid of Maine residents. Maine in general, has a reputation as a friendly place, and very similar to Canada in its values.

One article I read stated that Canadians are no longer crossing the border into Maine because they are ‘angered’ by the current American political situation.

I don’t think anyone is angered by the political situation, I think they are afraid because of the trickle-down police policies that seem to be effecting law enforcement at every level.

I was watching a video that popped up on my Facebook feed, from a source that shows people being stopped for traffic violations.

During the conversation, the police officer said, “Speeding is a criminal offence in the State of Georgia.”

I found that hard to believe, so I posted a question on a Q&A forum. A person from Georgia replied, and said that ‘yes, speeding is a misdemeanor in Georgia.’

A quick check on Georgia law states that a misdemeanor is a criminal offence, but not as serious as a felony.

Considering just about every driver gets a speeding ticket or other traffic ticket at some time or another, does that mean this state is absolutely full of people with criminal records?

I’m sure there are plenty of people, especially those in border towns, that want to cross into the US to visit a resort, event, or just do some shopping. However, the fear of being stopped and having the wrong accent or appearing non-American is just too real at the present time.

If Americans want Canadians to return as visitors, they must lobby their law enforcement and get that situation under control.

Until then, I won’t be cruising the Pacific Highway and time soon.

GWYNNE DYER  
OUR WORLD TODAY



Hun Sen used to be ruthless but clever; now he’s just stupid. He’s taking an unnecessary risk for a doubtful outcome. But the uncomfortable truth is that at least half the wars on this planet start for reasons no more profound than this. Which brings us to the truly counterproductive behaviour of Iran’s Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Like Hun Sen, Iran’s Supreme Leader has been in power for 36 years. At least half the Iranian population would be glad to see him gone, but during his early years he was an effective ruler. Now he is an isolated old man of 86 who simply does not grasp the plight of his nation.

Donald Trump gave Iran’s leaders an unintended opening with his over-the-top boasting about the damage that one day of US air strikes did to the country. The American and world media were already questioning his claims that the three nuclear enrichment sites at Fordo, Natanz and Esfahan were “totally obliterated”, and Trump had doubled down on them.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who knows his way around the diplomatic world, humbly admitted the American strikes had done “excessive and serious damage.” The country is virtually defenceless against American and Israeli airstrikes: why would Iran give them any

reason to believe that they had to go back and finish the job?

But Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was living in Cloud Cuckoo Land. In a video statement on 26 June, he insisted that the American air strikes “did not achieve anything” and further threatened to give the United States “another slap” (referring to the Iranian missile attack on an American base in Qatar in retaliation for the US air strikes).

Khamenei seemed unaware that no damage had been done to American lives or military assets. He didn’t even seem to know that Iran’s surviving military leaders, hoping to avoid a game of tit-tor-tat in which they would be utterly outmatched, had informed US authorities in advance of when the missiles would be launched and on what trajectories.

Trump went berserk at Khamenei’s speech. “You got beat to hell,” he raged, and declared that he had been about to end sanctions against Iran but the Ayatollah’s speech changed his mind. That’s probably untrue, but Khamenei is too old to be left in office. As Trump himself will probably be before his presidential term is finished.

## 29th of June reflections

Today is my birthday. To anyone asking about the number, comes my reply that I’ve been here “since the beginning.” People tell me I am an old soul. Happy and sad, sugar and spice, and ever appalled at how history seems only to repeat itself, proof that we do not learn from history, or we consistently ignore history in favour of making the same mistakes.

As also a writer of fiction, there was a definitive discovery that I don’t want to write about pain. Recently, a difficult situation involved a number of people and their very great unhappiness. When telling all this to a friend of mine, he said, “this is what you should write about – all this pain – people will really relate to that.”

Even though my stories are usually written to entertain, amuse and perhaps inform, I bounced back to my friend, “no – I don’t want to write about pain.”

The force of rejection was a revelation.

A manuscript, some 120,000 words long, tells a story about a year in Africa – my own true adventure of travel. It has been faulted for its lack of pain.

“You ate every day!” was one.

“It’s charming and well-written,” was another, the implication being, I guess, that there are not enough dangers or sadness or, well, pain. I did blow a tire in my only moment of driving, in the Congo – that was tense...

Pain is all around us. Many well-written and powerful books tell of the horrors and hate people inflict on each other. They are important; they expose those lives and condemn the perpetrators; art sends light into darkness. They are relatable.

Yet, for all its light humour and relatively safe passage, the African tale will see its place on the shelves of book stores too – I am determined about that.

It is my birthday, a good time to share a couple of reminiscences.

It was Easter in Italy, mid-1980s. Patricia (my daughter), John (her father) and I had been invited by our dear Roman friends, the Palumbo family. On Good Friday, we flew from London, UK, to Rome, Italy, from where we caught a quick flight to Brindisi. Flavio Palumbo was there ready to drive us to our hosts’ home.

The Rizzi family welcome was wholehearted. They lived in the fishing village of Porto Cesareo on the Eastern Coast and were a fishing family.

Such good humour invited us to “sit, please – be comfortable,” on that Easter Sunday, one could only feel joy. John, not particularly a big man, loved to eat, and he loved being in Italy.

The ladies of the family were cooking to the side of this room, and others were cooking in a summer kitchen just outside. In Italy, there are many courses, even with basic meals. Easter

is special.

We began with octopus in a clear sauce, followed by three courses of various seafood. Pasta in a light tomato sauce was next, and baskets of bread were all along the table.

John dug in, and if either Patricia (age four) or I failed to finish our plates, he cleared them – with lots of that wonderful Italian bread. Pasta in Italy is a plate like soup – a starter.

Finally came the main dish of lamb with beautiful vegetables. At the end of such a repast, a small green salad is normal. With each course, our plates were removed, but we were asked every time to “keep our forks.”

Even John knew he had met his match with this generosity. He sat back like a satisfied cat, but full, so full. When his last plate was cleared and he was asked again, “Keep your fork,” he issued a plaintiff, “Why?”

There was still dessert to come...

At another time: January New Year’s Eve, 1990/91: Patricia and I were newly returned to Canada, to Hockley Valley. We were living on the Mono/Adjala Townline right at the 15th Sideroad. John had come to Canada to spend Christmas and New Year with us. We had already made friends with a number of our neighbours. Ralph and Claire, just down the 15th, were a great fit with two children, a little boy, Henk and a daughter, Lisa, who was Patricia’s age.

We three found ourselves at their home for the New Year, and there was plenty to eat and drink, lots of laughs among the adults and a predictable but fun ruckus among the kids. Ralph went down their hill to build a bonfire. He called to us, but he couldn’t get it going. No worries – he fetched a can of gas and dumped it on the failing fire, and – whoosh! Up to the sky, and the fire was going. Down we all went until it was too cold, and back up to where John settled on a couch and had a little nap. He awoke just before the bells rang, Claire holding his hand. New Year’s was acclaimed, and it was time to go home, an easy walking distance on a straight road.

Like a gift, the Blue Moon for that Dec. 31 hung precisely over our house and lit our path directly. It was stunning. Everything was shadowed or lit like an artist’s drawing in charcoal.

It began to snow hard – big flakes, and they sparkled so that the whole world was wrapped in magic.

None of us could ever forget, and every New Year’s since has offered a toast to that wonder walk.

Today is my birthday: I am ambitious and in love with my lust for life.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: Five years at 3 Commerce Road – built by community, powered by purpose

This July marks a truly special milestone for the Orangeville Food Bank: five years since we moved into our home at 3 Commerce Road. As I walk through the doors each morning, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride — because this space is so much more than bricks and mortar. It's a hub of hope, a gathering place of generosity, inclusivity and respect, and a daily reminder that this community shows up for each other in remarkable ways.

When we took possession of this building in July 2020, it wasn't a food bank — it was a shell of potential. With the help of countless volunteers, donors, tradespeople, and community champions, we transformed it into a warm, functional, beautiful, and welcoming space capable of meeting the growing need for food access in Dufferin County. The timing could not have been more critical, as we faced the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic just as we were expanding.

It's hard to believe how far we've come since our early days, more than 30 years ago, when the food bank operated out of the then Mill Street Mall, now known as the Old Mill Hub. Back then, it was a few shelves and a lot of heart.

Today, thanks to the support of people like you, we serve over 1,500 individuals each month — including seniors, newcomers, working families, and the nearly 40 per cent of our clients are children — while also offering partnerships that connect people with housing, employment, and health services in our vision of a well nourished community.



We've made incredible progress, but none of it happened by accident. It happened because this community believed in us. From the beginning, our move to 3 Commerce Road was fueled by an outpouring of generosity — donations large and small, service clubs stepping up, local businesses backing us, and volunteers offering their time, energy, and compassion.

Our journey has been powered by major fundraisers that have become staples in the community calendar. Every February, the Coldest Night of the Year brings together hundreds of walkers and teams, braving the cold to raise awareness and critical funds for those experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. It's a night filled with light, laughter, and purpose — and we look forward to it every year... IT'S THE BEST DAY EVER.

In addition to this major event, our annual campaigns play a huge role in sustaining the work we do. Our Leave a Legacy initiative in May invites supporters to consider the long-term impact they can make through planned

giving. Giving Tuesday, held each year after Black Friday in November, has become one of our biggest single days of giving, as our community rallies to support neighbours in need during the holiday season. And our Monthly Giving Program — our quiet but powerful engine — helps us plan ahead, stock our shelves reliably, and respond quickly to rising demand.

And the demand does continue to rise. We have seen a 40 per cent increase in food bank usage over the past two years alone. But we haven't stopped growing, either.

Just this summer, we're proud to support the launch of a new Dufferin Food Share — Grand Valley location, opening in September, to better serve residents in other parts of our county. Food insecurity and other services are often overlooked in rural communities. This is part of our growing vision — to bring services closer to where people live and to continue building a network of support that is accessible, inclusive, and dignified. Stay tuned, more details will follow over the summer.

Looking ahead, the future of the Orangeville Food Bank-Dufferin Food Share is bold and tenacious. We are not just aiming to fill empty shelves. We are working to reduce food insecurity at its roots. That means more collaboration, deeper partnerships with local agencies, and continued innovation in how we deliver support. We are committed to being not only a source of nourishment but a trusted bridge to broader community wellness.

As we celebrate five years at 3 Commerce Road, I want to say this loudly and clearly: this milestone belongs to you. To every donor, volunteer, event organizer, partner, and advocate — THANK YOU. Your kindness has kept our shelves full, our lights on, and our hearts strong.

And we want to celebrate this moment with you! Stay tuned to our social media channels throughout July as we share blasts from the past — photos, videos, and stories that honour the incredible tradespeople, partners, and everyday community champions who brought the vision of 3 Commerce Road to life. You'll see behind-the-scenes memories, before-and-after transformations, and the faces of the community that made it all possible.

The past five years have been about building a foundation. The next five will be about building a future. One where no one in our community has to choose between rent and groceries. One where compassion and innovation lead policy. One where everyone has enough.

If you haven't yet joined us on this journey, now is the perfect time. Consider becoming a monthly donor, attending an event, or simply sharing our story with a friend. You'll be amazed at what your support can do.

Here's to five years of shared purpose — and to many more filled with progress, partnership, and possibility.

*This "Monthly Message" was written by Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, donor engagement and outreach manager at the Orangeville*

## Orangeville Minor Soccer Club's Storm FC U21W team takes zero losses throughout June

Written By CHRIS BROOM

The Storm FC U21 Women's team is competing for the first time in Ontario Soccer League regional play.

The squad is led by three former female players this season – head coach Kennedy Walsh and assistant coaches Caitlín Hanaford and Alexis Shaw. They had to find

time amongst their post-secondary studies this spring to complete the necessary coaching certifications to sit on the bench as first-year coaches.

All three women were on the field as the team's season ended last year with a stinging loss in penalty kicks in the SWDSL Cup Final against Waterloo. The coaches felt strongly about their chances to win the

group outright this summer. However, the district informed Storm FC that there were not enough entrants to form a league at the age level this year.

So, the coaches discussed their options with the club, and it was determined that playing a level up was better than not having a place to play at all for the players, and entry into the South Region division of OSL was secured.

Since then, the team has set up a weekly training session with solid participation from the players, which is not easy to accomplish when most of the girls are working summer jobs to pay for school.

After a 0-2 start to the season in May, the team has found its groove in June, posting wins over Brams United, Burlington SC and most recently, the Guelph Gryphons, during

a heat wave last weekend.

Storm FC currently sit third out of six teams in the standings after a perfect record in June. The team boasts the leading scorer in the loop currently, with Anh Ngo having tallied six goals in five games.

Goalkeeper Katie Horyn is also tied for the lead in shutouts with two so far this season.

The team has now adapted to the faster pace of play in the OSL, and the rookie coaching staff is keeping the training sessions fun and the attitude on the bench positive during games as they learn on the job, too.

The next home game for the U21W is Sunday, July 13, at the Orangeville Lions Sports Park.

The game starts at 5 p.m.



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**YOUNG PLAYERS:** Storm FC's youngest team, the U8 Girls, are seen battling for the ball with a player from the Guelph Gryphons at Eastview Park in Guelph during league play in Southwest Soccer district action. This squad is just one of the nine teams in Orangeville that compete in grassroots soccer each weekend across the district, playing two games on Saturdays. Teams in age groups from under 8 to under 12 do not keep scores and standings, focusing instead on development through competition as they improve their skills and knowledge of the game while playing against the best players from other clubs and academies.

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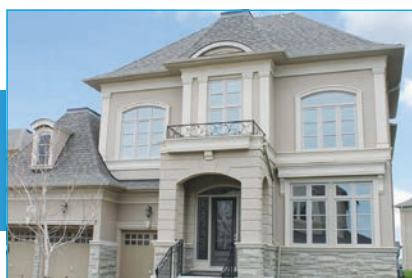
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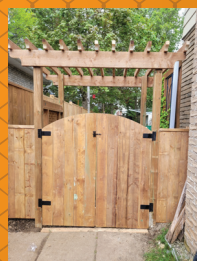
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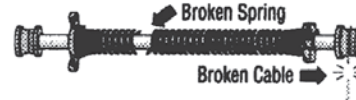
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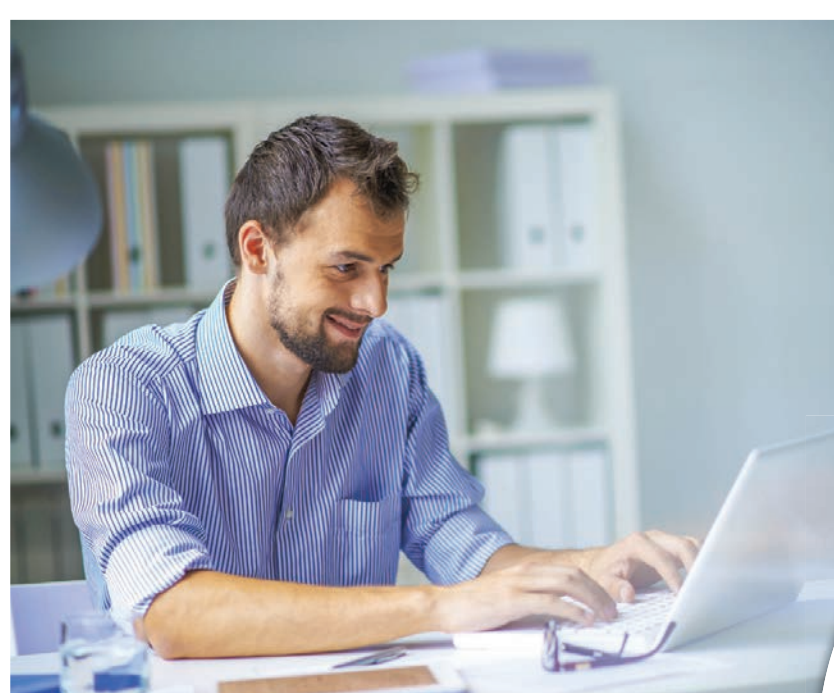
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She is predeceased by her parents Harold and Ina (Lavery) Wilson and brother Bert Wilson. She is survived by her loving siblings Bruce (Mavis) Wilson and Cathy Wilson (Mark) Pinkney. Betty Ann was a special sister-in-law and she was deeply adored by many nieces and nephews.

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\$179

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$53,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

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O.A.C

C.O.B \$11,049

2023 CHEVROLET BLAZER TRUE NORTH REDLINE AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12387 • 35,350 KM • REDLINE EDITION, 3.6L V6, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, NAV, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, REMOTE START, DUAL-ZONE A/C, 20 INCH BLACK ALLOYS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE, PARK ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, CHEVROLET'S MYLINK, SURROUND VIEW CAMERA, TRAILERING PKG, BOSE AUDIO!

\$142

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$42,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$8,795

2023 BUICK ENCORE GX SELECT AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12572 • 26,145 KM • 1.3L TURBO 3-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED VINYL/CLOTH BUCKETS, REMOTE START, POWER SEAT, REAR CAMERA, PARK ASSIST, FORWARD COLLISION ALERT, LANE DEPARTURE, DRIVER CONFIDENCE, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, BUICK INTELLILINK, 18 INCH ALLOYS, POWER LIFTGATE!

\$106

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$31,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$6,541

2024 CHEVROLET BLAZER RS AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12445 • 20,621 KM • 3.6L V6, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 5-PASSENGER, NAV, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, REMOTE START, DUAL-ZONE A/C, 21 INCH BLACK/MACHINED ALLOYS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE, PARK ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, CHEVROLET'S MYLINK, SURROUND VIEW CAMERA, TRAILERING PKG!

\$175

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$52,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$10,845

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\*30 days or 2,500 km (whichever comes first), without damage. Limitations apply. See CPO Warranty Booklet for details.

2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LT 4X4



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12423 • 35,224 KM • 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, GOOGLE INFOTAINMENT, TRI ZONE A/C, 20-INCH ALLOYS, 8-PASSENGER, HEATED LEATHER, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE, REMOTE START, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND CAMERA, CHEVROLET LUXURY PACKAGE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, POWER LIFTGATE!

\$268

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$80,812

+HST/LIC


\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$16,563

2023 CHEVROLET BOLT EV 1LT



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12503 • 45,623 KM • 1LT, 150KW ELECTRIC, 200HP, CVT, UP TO 416KM ON A CHARGE, HEATED CLOTH BUCKETS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, CLIMATE CONTROL, REMOTE START, HD REAR CAMERA, CHEVROLET SAFETY ASSIST, INTELLIBEAM, FORWARD COLLISION, LANE CHANGE ALERT, REAR CROSS TRAFFIC, PARK ASSIST, LANE KEEP ASSIST, FRONT PEDESTRIAN BRAKING!

\$109

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$32,712

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$6,705

2023 GMC CANYON ELEVATION CREW 4X4



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12536 • 44,727 KM • PREFERRED PKG, CREW CAB, 2.7L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 8-SPEED AUTO, 4X4, 5FT BOX, 3.42 AXLE, HEATED CLOTH BUCKETS, GOOGLE BASED RADIO, REAR CAMERA, DUAL-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, REMOTE START, 18 INCH DARK GREY ALLOY WHEELS, FOG LAMPS!

\$166

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$49,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$10,230

2024 BUICK ENVISION AVENIR AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK#B12488 • 15,229 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, NAV, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, REAR CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, 20 INCH ALLOY WHEELS, INTELLILINK, BOSE, TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE 2, HEADS UP DISPLAY!

\$152

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$45,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$9,410

2023 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE CREW 4X4



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12573 • 87,529 KM • KODIAK, 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, AUTOTRAC 4WD, GOOGLE RADIO, HEATED CLOTH BENCH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, INTELLILINK, TOW PACKAGE, REAR CAMERA, 18 INCH ALLOYS!

\$172

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$51,812

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$10,619

2025 CHEVROLET EQUINOX ACTIV AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12506 • 22,652 KM • 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER/SUEDE BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 17 INCH DARK ALLOYS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, CHEVROLET INFOTAINMENT 3, SURROUND CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, CONVENIENCE PACKAGE 3, ADAPTIVE CRUISE!

\$148

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$44,512

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$9,123

2023 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE CREW 4X4



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12428 • 68,397 KM • KODIAK, 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, AUTOTRAC 4WD, GOOGLE RADIO, HEATED CLOTH BENCH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, INTELLILINK, TOW PACKAGE, REAR CAMERA, 17 INCH ALLOYS!

\$182

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$54,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$11,254

2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT CREW X31



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# 25064A • 94,090 KM • 5.3L V8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, AUTOTRAC 4WD, HEATED LEATHER BENCH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, INTELLILINK, TOW PACKAGE, REAR CAMERA, 18 INCH ALLOYS!

\$169

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$50,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

@ 5.49%

O.A.C

C.O.B \$10,435

2024 GMC TERRAIN DENALI AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12491 • 6,823 KM • BLACK DIAMOND EDITION, 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, NAV, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 19 INCH DARK ALLOYS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, INTELLILINK, REAR CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, GMC PRO SAFETY PLUS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE!

\$149

WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY  
LICENSING EXTRA

\$44,912

+HST/LIC

\$0 DOWN

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C.O.B \$9,205

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