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RIDING FOR A REASON: Orangeville resident and volunteer Randy Hunter kicked off the start of his 10-day, 700-kilometre cycle around Ontario on Monday (July 28) to raise awareness about food insecurity as well as collect donations for the Orangeville Food Bank.

Orangeville man begins 700-kilometre cycling fundraiser

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

An Orangeville man is hoping to help tackle food insecurity in by pedaling about 700 kilometres around Ontario.

Randy Hunter, a 69-year-old volunteer with the Orangeville Food Bank, left on July 28 on a 10-day long cycling challenge he's calling Ride Food Bank Ride, with the goal of raising funds to support the local food bank's efforts.

His route will loop around Ontario with pitstops in Orillia, Midland, Wasaga Beach, Owen Sound, Port Elgin, Goderich, Elmira, Fergus, and finally back to Orangeville.

Hunter has been volunteering with the Orangeville Food Bank since 2023 and told the Citizen that he was inspired to take up the cycling challenge after witnessing the growing demand for food bank services locally and the need for more funding to sustain the growth.

"I see all the people coming in and out and the numbers are staggering. The number of people using the food bank services have grown quite a bit over the last couple of years, and it's not just an Orangeville thing, but a Canada-wide issue. The need is not going to go away," said Hunter.

Cycling long distances to help raise money for worthy causes is not a new venture for Hunter, who for the last 10 years has partici-

pated in the Princess Maragaret Ride To Conquer Cancer initiative. He also previously cycled the final six-day leg of a friend's mission to cycle across Canada.

"I'm combining my love of cycling with the needs. It's just a way that I can give back," said Hunter.

The Orangeville Food Bank reports each month they serve roughly 1,500 people, of which about 25 per cent of those clients indicate employment as their primary source of income. Of the 1,500 clients, 36 per cent of them are children, and an increasing number are seniors.

According to the Orangeville Food Bank, there has been a 133 per cent increase in usage since January 2020.

At the time of print, Hunter has raised roughly \$3,600 for the Orangeville Food Bank through the Ride Food Bank Ride fundraiser.

"It's absolutely amazing what happens in Orangeville. The people are so giving," said Hunter. "I've been sitting back waiting for a donor burnout to happen, but that hasn't happened. The people just keep giving and I find that absolutely amazing."

Those interested in helping Hunter raise money to support the local food bank's efforts to tackle food insecurity, can donate to the fundraiser by visiting canadahelps.org/en/charities/orangeville-food-bank-caring-for-the-community/campaign/ride-food-bank-ride/.



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TACKLING FOOD INSECURITY: Randy Hunter passed through New Tecumseth on the first leg of his 10-day, 700-kilometre cycle to raise donations for the Orangeville Food Bank. Hunter will be making several pit stops on the journey, including Orillia, Midland, Wasaga Beach, Owen Sound, Port Elgin, Goderich, Elmira, Fergus and finally back to Orangeville.

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Fighting food insecurity: First-ever Lighthouse Week coming to Orangeville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A soup kitchen in Orangeville is looking for support from the community during its first-ever Lighthouse Week fundraiser.

Taking place from Monday, Aug. 4, to Saturday, Aug. 9, local businesses will be running individual fundraisers. On Aug. 9, the Lighthouse will hold an open house and barbecue for the public to learn more about the charitable organization from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the open house, a long-time volunteer and client of the Lighthouse will both be shaving their beards and heads to help fundraise in support of the Lighthouse's daily free lunch program. The free lunches are offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Lighthouse.

The hair-cutting fundraiser is called Beard Be Gone & Hair Be Cut at the Lighthouse, beginning at 11 a.m. on Aug. 9.

Robert Lafave, who's been involved with the Lighthouse for roughly 15 years, will be shaving his beard and cutting his hair, which he's been growing out for the last four years. The last time he shaved his head and beard was in memory of his beloved son-in-law, who tragically died by suicide.

"Because he's been involved with the Lighthouse since almost the beginning, it's near and dear to his heart... He enjoys what we do here and it's important to him," said Krista Taylor, food administrator at the Lighthouse.

Sheldon, a new client of the Lighthouse, will also be shaving his ponytail and beard to generate donations.

In addition to free lunches, the Lighthouse also offers free haircuts on Mondays to people in need.

A booth will be set up in front of the Lighthouse, located at 207 Broadway, for the duration of Lighthouse Week, sharing information, boosting awareness, and raising funds through a silent auction. Lots of local businesses have pitched in with donations for the silent auction. The booth will be set up from 12:30 to 3 p.m. each day at the Lighthouse.

At the end of the week-long fundraiser, the goal is to raise enough money for 1,000 meals, which is equivalent to \$9,500.

The Lighthouse is run by the Uptown Church, located down the street from it, at 219 Broadway.

Pastor Matthew McLean of the Uptown Church, who's heavily involved in running the Lighthouse, said the costs of running it have increased over the years, and a boost in fundraising will help to ensure sustain-



A BEACON OF HOPE: Uptown Church Pastor Matthew McLean (left), who helps operate the Lighthouse soup kitchen alongside food administrator Krista Taylor (right), holds up a promotional board for the Beard Be Gone & Hair Be Cut fundraiser happening on Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. The fundraiser will take place at the Lighthouse, which is located at 207 Broadway. McLean and Taylor are also standing in front of the Lighthouse prayer, which is said at the beginning of each lunch service.

ability and future growth.

"We'd love to be able to, at some point, expand with more staff and being open longer to serve more people. But even to meet where we're at right now, we need to raise some funds and awareness," said McLean.

"The funds are to keep it running well, and the awareness is for the people who really could tap into the Lighthouse and receive help."

After factoring in hydro, wages, and food costs, the average price for one meal is \$9.50, and last year alone, over 8,300 meals were served. The average cost was \$9.26 per meal in 2024.

Awareness of the Lighthouse is also key, according to Taylor, as it is a lesser-known charity in Orangeville.

"I've been told we're the best kept secret

in town because people don't know about us. So it's important for us to get the word out that we're here and ready to help," said Taylor.

The idea for Lighthouse Week was sparked after the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Car Show, in which the Lighthouse participated. The not-for-profit organization had a booth with free juice and scones, where it shared information with community members about its soup kitchen. The booth was also to gauge how many people in the community know about the Lighthouse's free lunch program.

"Probably about 95 per cent of people had no clue what we did. One guy asked if we sold fish and chips – so we realized we need more awareness, and that's what this was birthed out of," said Taylor.

McLean noted that when he goes gro-

cery shopping for the Lighthouse, many cashiers are surprised to learn there's a soup kitchen in town.

"They have no idea, so this Lighthouse Week is important for just getting that information out there, that we run a service for our community that's really important. The people we support are like family," McLean said. "It's an important and safe place for them to feel that they're taken care of, and get at least one meal a day."

Here is a list of the local businesses supporting Lighthouse Week:

- Mochaberry and Quest for Cakes will both be supporting the Lighthouse for the duration of Lighthouse Week. Mochaberry will run a coffee fundraiser, and Quest for Cakes is donating Lighthouse-themed treats.
- On Monday, Aug. 4, Montana's in Orangeville will be donating a portion of its sales to the Lighthouse.
- From Tuesday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 9, Bluebird Café will be donating \$2 from every pizza sold.
- On Thursday, Aug. 7, M&M Food Market in Orangeville will donate 10 per cent of its sales when customers make a request at the cash register.
- On Saturday, Aug. 9, Orangeville's Pizza Pizza will donate 50 cents from every slice or full pizza purchased.

In addition to local businesses, churches in the area are big supporters of the Lighthouse. The Compass Community Church in Mono recently donated a portion of the proceeds it raised from the Compass Run for Food in June.

Donations in support of Beard Be Gone & Hair Be Cut can be made online through the "Giving" tab at theuptownchurch.ca or dropped off at the Uptown Church in-person during office hours.

E-transfers are also accepted through giving@theuptownchurch.ca. Just be sure to send a separate email sharing your name, address, phone number, email, donation amount, designation (Lighthouse or general offering), and e-transfer password.

The Lighthouse is open to anyone in need of a warm meal, friendship and belonging.

"We create a sense of community and a safe place for people to come at the Lighthouse. They get a meal, but we do other things to make them feel secure. We pray for them and we try to point them in the right direction with the County [of Dufferin]. We have outings at Teen Ranch, and we just try to make it a safe place for everybody to come," said Taylor.

"Come check us out. We look forward to meeting new people."

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Orangeville needs \$45-million to upgrade assets over next decade

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The latest asset management plan come after many changes from previous suggested plans that had been brought to council.

Akeel Ali of SLBC Inc. presented the most recent plan to Orangeville council during its July 14 meeting.

The overall replacement costs of the town’s core and non-core infrastructure assets is about \$1.2 billion.

“For this plan there’s also a number of changes in comparison to the previous plans that were presented to council,” he said. “That includes the addition of natural assets.”

That means street trees and park trees have been incorporated among the assets in the most recent version of the plan. And the asset data has been refined through updated inventories and fine-tuned condition assessments.

Information gleaned from a roads needs study has also been considered.

“In this iteration of the plan we are now looking at proposed service levels, helping to clarify performance expectations, and informed future investment strategies,” Ali said.

Infrastructure throughout Ontario’s municipalities of all sizes is degrading faster than it is being repaired or replaced. So the provincial government implemented regulations intended to help improve the way municipalities plan for their infrastructure.

According to a report to Orangeville council, the regulation builds on the progress municipalities have made while bringing consistency and standardization to asset management plans to help spread best practices throughout the sector and enable the collection of comparable data.

Core assets include roads, bridges, and water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

Non-core infrastructure encompasses parks, facilities, vehicles, information technology do-dads, the library and its stock, the fire department, transit, and cemetery facilities.

Ali said more than 72 per cent of Orangeville’s municipal assets are in very good or good or fair condition.

“Which reflects positive or a strong state of good repair across the system, generally,” he said.

Twenty-four per cent of assets are in poor or very poor condition, he said.

“Generally speaking, the town has already identified replacement and renewal projects for a lot of these assets,” he said.

The four per cent of assets categorized as being in an unknown condition illustrates the need for ongoing data collection and assessment, he said.

Growth and upgrade needs over the next decade will cost an estimated \$44.9 million or \$4.5 million annually.

According to a report to council, staff note that the \$11 million library expansion was not presented in the 2025-2034 capital program due to funding constraints.

The library expansion is not reflected in the 2025 Asset Management Plan, but it is important to note as a potential growth project.

“Effective asset management promotes evidence-based decision-making by incorporating risk and criticality into decision-making for annual operations and long-term capital investments,” according to the staff report.

“The 2025 Asset Management Plan is a significant step forward in the town’s journey towards building a holistic culture of asset management.”

The plan is part of an asset management system to support the town’s critical asset management function and provide more and better data for improved decision-making.

Staff have identified an asset renewal funding gap and propose to develop a strategy to narrow this gap during 2026 budget development.

“The condition of the town’s assets over the next 10 years is expected to have a slight deterioration,” Ali said.

And further, he said: “Essentially, if the town maintains its current funding levels it will continue to fall further behind and set itself up for higher risk such as emergency repairs and a higher cost of overall service delivery.”

Ali said the Town of Orangeville will continue to update its management plan to ensure it is responsive to community expectations and operational realities.

Orangeville man found asleep at the wheel, faces impaired driving charge

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged an Orangeville man with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On July 26, just before 9 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver at a retail location on Broadway in Orangeville. Officers located the vehicle and after speaking with the male driver, they observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Panayio Diakouloukas, 47, from Orangeville, has been charged with operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs.

The Dufferin OPP said Diakouloukas was found asleep at the wheel of his vehicle.

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

The operation while impaired charges against Diakouloukas has not been proven in court.

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Monday, August 11	7 p.m.	Council chambers and virtual	Council	Youtube @orangevillecouncil
Thursday, August 14	5:30 p.m.	Council chambers and by phone	Affordable Housing Task Force	1 289-801-5774 ID: 780 227 136#

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This council meeting is to bring forward and pass the proposed Administrative Penalty System (APS) bylaw. The bylaw will help community well-being by promoting safety and improving how bylaw matters are handled.

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The APS helps lower costs, ease pressure on the court system and provides residents with a faster, more user-friendly way to contest penalties through administrative hearings. It also supports better service satisfaction and stronger community compliance.

Council meeting details

Date: August 11, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 87 Broadway
Watch online: livestream available at orangeville.ca/YouTube.

Speak at the meeting (delegation requests)

To speak to council during the meeting, submit a delegation request by August 4, 2025 at 4 p.m. at orangeville.ca/SpeakUp.

Submit written comments

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to the contact below. Please address comments to the mayor and members of council and/or relevant staff. All submissions become part of the public record.

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Sun., Aug. 3		Closed
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Sun., Aug. 3	No service
Mon., Aug. 4	7:15 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.

* Recreation customer service hours may vary from the facility hours.

Local optimists seek funding for storage of Christmas in the Park displays

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Optimists will have to wait until next year’s budget process to find out about a financial shot in the arm to cover new storage space.

Michael Chezy of the Optimist Club of Orangeville asked council during its July 14 meeting for upwards of \$50,000. It is so the club could expand a shed used to store materials and displays necessary for the club to host the annual Christmas in the Park at KayCee Gardens.

The club uses a town-owned facility located adjacent to the nearby seniors’ centre parking lot.

“Given the popularity of this annual event and the commitment to continue with its success, we have had to seek off-site storage at various locations in and around Orangeville in the past year,” Chezy said.

The storage facility at the seniors’ centre and whatever else can be found at other locations are, quite simply, on borrowed time, he said.

“Transporting these large display pieces increases the risk for potential damage, not to mention the annual maintenance required,” he said.

The club’s current shed has a footprint of 1,200 square feet. There’s hope to add another 450 square feet to the east side of the shed, which is owned by the municipality.

“Facilitating the centralization of all our displays in one location is critical,” he said.

The existing shed was built in December 2015. Chezy said there was pressure at the time to devise a plan to make alternate ar-



FILE PHOTO

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Christmas in the Park features hundreds of decorations that are installed at Kay Cee Gardens each year to create a winter wonderland for visitors to enjoy. The Optimist Club hosts the event annually and is asking the Town of Orangeville for financial assistance in securing a permanent storage space.

rangements for storage accommodation due to other town projects.

“We were in dire need to salvage (Christmas in the Park) from failure due to a lack of operational space,” he said.

The Optimist Club is a group of doers and a friend of youth, Chezy said.

The club hosts the annual Bike Rodeo each May to teach safe riding to young people at various elementary schools in town.

A Junior Golf Tournament is held for early-aged teenagers in June as an opportunity to potentially help participants compete at other class-level leagues within the greater Optimist organization.

The Central Ontario Leadership Seminar is an annual program in which the club participates to support students seeking higher education through mentorship.

The club also supports Scout troops, essay

contests, and numerous funding programs.

Councillor Joe Andrews said the club’s request will support current and future demands on the club.

Mayor Lisa Post said the problem council faces is the 2025 municipal capital and operating budget has long been inked.

“So our community grants have already been allocated and spent by our local community groups,” she said. “And our capital plan has already been completed for 2025 as well.”

She said she’s aware of the contributions to the community made by the club. But a limited purse stymies the desire to contribute.

“It does create a little bit of a problem for us to go off the budget cycle to find that much money to contribute to a community organization,” Post said.

She suggested the group work with staff to devise a comprehensive plan that could be incorporated as part of next year’s capital program that will be discussed during budgeting in November.

“How much of a pressure point does that have?” said Andrews.

“If we have to wait until spring, so be it,” Chezy said. “It’s not the end of the world. We’ll manage. We’re resilient and we’re optimistic.”

Coun. Andy Macintosh asked if an expanded shed would mean less parking space at the seniors’ centre.

“There will be no impediments to the parking whatsoever,” Chezy said.

Heather Savage, the town’s community services general manager, suggested using sea cans might be a temporary alternative.

Dufferin OPP request public’s help identifying suspect after shooting of Orangeville storefront

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a shooting at an Orangeville business.

On July 18, members of the Dufferin County OPP responded to call for service at a business on Riddell Road. Police received a call from the business owner just after 10 a.m. reporting multiple gunshot holes to his storefront.

“Upon police arrival the area was cautioned taped while police investigated. A larger than normal police presence would have been observed while the Dufferin County OPP, Dufferin County Crime Unit, alongside the OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) worked to preserve and collect any evidence left behind at the scene,” reads a statement from Dufferin OPP.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or anyone who may have dashcam footage on Riddle Road between Richardson Road and Caledon/ East Garafraxa Townline, for the evening of July 17 to the morning of July 18, are asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Crime Stoppers can also be contacted to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Information can also be submitted online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca/.

Brampton man charged with impaired driving, speeding 64km/h over the speed limit in Mono

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Brampton resident with stunt driving and impaired driving-related offences following a traffic stop for speeding.

On July 29, just after 10 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 89 in Mono when they observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and after speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Firas Georges, 44, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Speeding 50+ Km/h over posted limit
- Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform stunt - Excessive speed

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50 YEARS STRONG: Staff at Nobleton Green Tractors celebrated Lorne Somerville's 50th anniversary. Joining in were (left to right) King Councillor Jennifer Anstey, Kevin Davis, Barb Davis, Karl Davis, Lorne Somerville, Keith Davis and Ken Svendsen (GT Co-CEO).

Premier Equipment continues to grow, expands John Deere dealership network through acquisition of Green Tractors Inc.

Written By **MARK PAVILONS**

Premier Equipment, a multi-store John Deere dealership serving southern Ontario, has come to an agreement to purchase neighbouring dealer Green Tractors Inc.

Premier Equipment has been on a considerable growth journey in 2025. The acquisition of Green Tractors Inc. (Green Tractors) will be the fourth and most substantial acquisition that Premier will be undertaking this year.

In February, Premier added a Stouffville location (formerly Hutchinson Farm Supply). In April, the Hagersville location was added (formerly W.J. Heaslip Ltd.) and on July 31, a Belleville location will be added with the acquisition of Deerhaven Lawn and Garden Ltd.

The addition of the nine existing Green Tractors locations will bring Premier's total number of John Deere Ag and Turf branch locations to 20.

"Premier's growth initiatives in 2025 are carrying out a goal that has been years in the making," says Allan Dueck, President of Premier Equipment.

Over the past decade Premier has focused on increasing service capabilities. Modernizing facilities, increasing parts and service capacity along with concentration in key areas like precision agriculture has helped position Premier as a leading dealership with the ability to further grow operations.

"We are very excited for this opportunity and what it means for staff and customers," says Dueck. "For Green Tractors, it provides the opportunity to leverage specialization in areas like production and precision ag and service amenities that Premier has been building out continuously for years. For Premier it provides the opportunity to diversify and learn from Green Tractors' strength and expertise in turf care, municipalities, small tractors, light construction, and golf market segments. Overall, it provides the ability to further scale our operations and invest in staff and infrastructure to deepen our offering to customers across a significant area in Ontario."

"It has been a pleasure representing John Deere, providing equipment and service to

our customers for so many years," says Karl Davis, Co-CEO, Green Tractors in Nobleton. "Times have really changed since my father started fixing threshing machines. Today, leveraging technology is paramount for customers in all segments, and we feel Premier is equipped to help take our team to the next level," says Davis. Davis, along with business partner Ken Svendsen have led Green Tractors since 2010 when the dealership came together with 5 locations – Nobleton, Brampton, Milton, Omeme, and Port Perry. Earlton was added in 2012, Kingston and Odessa locations in 2014 and the Orono location in 2022.

The intention is that Green Tractors customers experience minimal disruptions and the same customer experience while we are working through the transition.

"Over time, we will strive to deliver an enhanced customer experience with more access to equipment, parts and a larger service network," says Davis.

"We are committed to maintaining and growing the high level of customer service that both Green Tractors and Premier Equipment are known to deliver."

Staff members from Green Tractors will be retained to maintain continuity and leverage of expertise and experience.

Davis and co-CEO of Green Tractors Ken Svendsen at Omeme will step back – and the teams are still working through processes to determine management needs moving forward.

"We are so thankful for our dedicated employees and grateful for the opportunities we've had to support farms, businesses and the communities we serve," says Svendsen. "We are excited for what the future holds for our team."

"We intend to honour the legacy that Karl, Ken and their teams have established, and continue to build on a foundation of service," says Dueck. "We look forward to sharing knowledge and resources and the potential for growth that this opportunity brings collectively for staff and customers."

Premier Equipment intends to commence operations with existing staff and facilities on Nov. 3, subject to all necessary approvals and final due diligence. To learn more visit premierequipment.ca

Vehicle found in ditch, impaired driving charges laid

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged an Alton resident with impaired driving-related offences following a single motor vehicle collision.

On July 13, shortly after 3 a.m., officers responded to a call for service near the intersection of Hurontario Street and 10 Sideroad in the Town of Mono. Upon locating the suspect vehicle in a ditch and speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment, leading to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Jacob

Weaver, 20, from Alton has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Dangerous operation
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Young driver - B.A.C. above zero

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

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

Impaired driving charges laid along Highway 10 in Mono

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a Conn resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic stop.

On July 13, shortly after 11:30 a.m., officers were on general patrol when they observed a vehicle of concern. A traffic stop was conducted on Highway 10 in Mono.

While speaking with the male driver, officers noted signs of impairment, prompting an impaired driving investigation. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged.

Callum Marceau, 28, from Conn, has

been charged with:

- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Speeding 1 - 49 Km/h over posted limit

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Cancer survivor launches annual fundraiser ahead of Terry Fox Run

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

Shelburne resident Joan Wallace has launched her annual fundraising campaign ahead of the 45th annual Terry Fox Run on Sept. 14.

“It’s something small I can do that makes a big difference, a positive in lives of patients and their loved ones,” said Wallace. “If the research can extend lives, or the quality of patients lives while receiving treatment, I’ll do whatever it takes to help.”

In 1978, at the same time Terry Fox was facing his fight with cancer, Joan Wallace was facing her own battle. Diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and ovarian cancer, she underwent radiation therapy in 1978, chemotherapy in 1979, and numerous surgeries.

“I was so taken with his courage and determination and the want to make a difference. He felt he needed to make a difference in people’s lives,” recalled Wallace about seeing Fox take up his Marathon of Hope 45 years ago.

Wallace has participated in the Terry Fox run for the last 30 years and even organized the local community run from 2008 to 2018 before passing the torch to her family.

“It didn’t matter what it was doing, rain or shine or sleet, I’ve been out in it all, because I thought he did it. Terry had the courage and determination to try and make a difference, so I’ve done it ever since.”

While the Terry Fox Run has always remained a long-standing and close part of Wallace’s life, the annual event has held particular significance for her over the last two years.

In May of 2024, after attending a routine mammogram scan, a lump was found in Wallace’s left breast and was later confirmed to be cancerous. Just two months later, as she awaited the start of her chemotherapy, she was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Wallace started chemotherapy in October 2024 and finished her treatments in December with a ringing out of the cancer bell.

“I got a hold of that bell and I beat the heck out of it. I said to the nurse ‘I’m beating the heck out of this bell because I want to beat the heck out of cancer,’” she said. “Since 1978, I’ve lived my life to never give up and to have a positive attitude. Terry certainly never gave up.”

Speaking with the Free Press, Wallace noted the importance of continuing Terry’s efforts to find a cure and raise awareness.

“I don’t know a person that hasn’t been touched by [cancer] in some way. We have to find a cure and improve people’s lives,” said Wallace.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, two in five Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, while approximately one in four are expected to die from the disease.

Terry Fox embarked on his Marathon of Hope in St. John’s, Newfoundland, on April 12, 1980. After running nearly 42 kilometres a day for 143 days (a total of 5,373 kilometres), on Sept. 1, 1980, he was forced to stop outside of Thunder Bay, Ont., because cancer had appeared in his lungs. Terry Fox died on June 28, 1981, at the age of 22.

To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$850 million for cancer research and funded more than 1,300 innovative cancer research projects.

Last year, while in the midst of her second



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SUPPORTING TERRY’S MISSION: The 2024 Terry Fox Run held particular significance for Wallace and her family as she underwent surgery to treat her second cancer diagnosis. Wallace and her brother-in-law Al are both cancer survivors and wore red t-shirts as part of “Team Terry.”

and battle with cancer, Wallace was able to raise more than \$2,500 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

This year, she is hoping to raise even more, setting a fundraising goal of \$3,000.

“You always have to reach for the stars,” said Wallace.

At the time of print, Wallace’s fundraiser has collected just over \$1,800.

Those interested in helping Wallace raise money to support the Terry Fox Foundation and find a cure for cancer can donate to the fundraiser by visiting: run.terryfox.ca/page/joanwallace.



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PASSING THE TORCH: Shelburne resident Joan Wallace and her family helped raise awareness for cancer research as they took part in the 2024 Terry Fox Run. Wallace has participated in the annual Terry Fox Run for the last 30 years and organized the local run from 2008 to 2018 before passing the torch to her family.

Impaired driving charges laid after recent single vehicle collision in Melancthon

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a Halton Hills resident with impaired driving-related offences following a single motor vehicle collision.

On July 15, shortly after 11:15 p.m., officers responded to a single motor vehicle collision on County Road 17 in Melancthon. Upon speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment, leading to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Tyler

Tanton, 29, from Halton Hills, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

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

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

Shelburne resident charged with impaired driving offences following traffic complaint

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently charged a Shelburne resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On July 25, at approximately 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver along Orangeville’s First Street. A short time later, the vehicle was located on 20th Sideroad in Amaranth. After speaking with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired

driving investigation.

Rory Siegel, 32, from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code

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Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games marks 80 years of celebrations

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is pulling out all the stops for this year's 80th anniversary Aug. 8 to 10. Elisabeth Bender, the festival's executive director, took time to talk to the Citizen about this year's 80th year celebrations.

"We're very excited about the 80th anniversary, especially since the 75th was virtual and online only," she said. "We are really making up for that this year."

She spoke to the longevity of the loyalty of the many participants that make up the Scottish fibre of the festival.

"The athletes coming year after year, the bands, the clans, the vendors, volunteers - everything that has brought us to this point."

This is Bender's 10th year with the festival and some volunteers have been on deck for as long as 50 years.

"I call it the festival bug," she joked, with the note that everything is on the website.

Back to the festival, coming in from Scotland this year is Toronto-born Charles Vandervaat who plays the role of William Ransom in the Outlanders television series. There are scheduled several opportunities to see and meet him over the three days, some ticketed and others by the chance.

Charming, in any event no doubt.

Friday night opens the festival with the traditional Tattoo, the amassing of the bands - with "great lighting and a brass band highlights," Bender promised.

A huge draw this year and as a part of the \$90 weekend ticket price is Saturday night concert featuring Albannach, Bay City Rollers, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, an impressive line up.

The festival runs late for this concert and some of the food vendors will hang in for most of it.

This just in: the Canadian Heavy Events Championship hosting has been passed to the Fergus Scottish Festival this year, ac-

ording the information Bender has not long-since received.

"Every area of our festival will have a special event going on," she said.

The Highland Games tradition is to hold competitions on many aspects of the culture, highland dance competition, the pipes and drums bands competitions, plus others and the heavy events competition, including the Toss the Caber, which has to be seen to be appreciated.

The classic elements here in Fergus and unique to the Fergus Scottish Festival is the memorial Flaming Caber which is a special moment to cherish.

Bender explained, "There is a moment of silence to honour specific individuals who died during the year and, more than that, for people who have lost someone through the year. The huge crowd just goes quiet - it's pretty special."

Along with the souvenirs of which there is "lots of 80th merchandise, programs with history" and more, there are also many independent vendors selling their wares and their goodies to eat, traditional dishes and try the haggis!

Many more than one would think have also been coming to Fergus for many years. They travel to any number of such events during the season, most of which are smaller but still imbued and enthusiastic with the Scottish culture, putting up their tents and set-up; talking and talking to the very many people who come and admit that part of their attending is to shop



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TAKING THE TOSS: The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is returning to Fergus from Aug. 8 to 10 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex. The address of the festival entrance is 550 Belsyde Ave. E., Fergus.

here. At the end, vendors pack up their gear and a like a circus circuit go on to the next.

Yet, the merchants provide excellent benefits to those highland games with the fees they pay to attend, the confirmation of tradition they bring with them and the fun they add to the whole.

The entrance ticket prices at Fergus are unchanged for the last three years and there are reduced prices for youth and seniors.

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex.

"I truly love this festival. I get to see all


the things that happen and watch the volunteers all the hours they spend," Bender said.

The average attendance is 24,000 people but, with the extras for the 80th, they are expecting to see more people on site to celebrate.

She said, "When the drums are going, every sense is satisfied; everything is all here in one event, put on by such a dedicated group."


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- 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
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- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
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- 4. Containers
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- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
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- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
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- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 25. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
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French: Club
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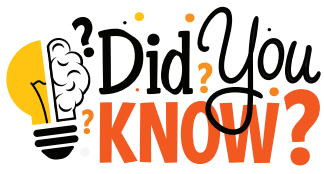
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Solution



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No Strings Theatre to celebrate 20th anniversary with two operas

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Returning to the MVL Amphitheatre on Concession 4 in Adjala for the fourth year, No Strings Theatre will open on its two-decade milestone in August.

Denise Williams, the company’s founding artistic director, said she’s excited to announce they are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the theatre company by performing two operas in this outdoor theatre in Adjala.

This year, No Strings Theatre is producing Hansel and Gretel and Così Fan Tutte over two weekends in August.

Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck is offered for four performances through the weekend of Aug. 8- 10.

A softened version, Hansel and Grete is sung in English, telling the Grimm Brothers’ fairy tale about a brother and sister who get lost in the woods, their frightened parents, and the witch living in the forest’s depths.

In this setting, the opera is staged where there is actually a forest in which to tell the tale. Williams said that her cameo is as the Sandman.

No Strings Theatre will bring Mozart’s Così Fan Tutte, the grand comedy, deception, Mozart’s own humour and his take moral sensibilities from Aug. 15-17. Once again the weekend includes four performances.

Così Van Tutti is sung in Italian with English Recitative.

No String Theatre auditions and brings in emerging singers who are mainly university graduates and post doctorates in the field of performing opera. For the program this time around, singers have come from coast to coast in Canada, as well as some from

the United States.

Robert Herriot is back as stage instructor and Cecilia Nyugen Tran is the music director for Così. Cary Denby is music director for Hansel and Gretel.

In addition to bringing emerging artists into this magic in a country setting as performers, the program is enriched with vocal masterclasses, an acting workshop and arts management.

The venue for all this delight is on a farm and the stage is at the front of the house. It was a whim on the part of the property owner Maurice Bygraves and Williams who met in 2015 at the Lyons Club in Toronto.

She said, “He came with his wife. He was one of the founders of Carabrama.”

Over time they became friends and one day Williams was at the Bygraves home, standing on a balcony looking down a row of trees.

As she recalled, “I started singing the aria from [Romeo and] Juliet to a long line of trees and discovered the amazing acoustics. I brought a friend from Opera by Request and we realized this was perfect for the Marriage of Figaro. So, we brought opera to this country place.

“We are stronger than ever on the teams with Brett Polegato Canadian Italian Baritone. It’s his first year with us and he is doing master classes.”

Early on, an opera singer living in the neighbourhood was walking by the farm and heard them singing. She could not resist coming in to buy a ticket and enjoy the performance.

Once she spread the word, others in the neighbourhood were equally glad to come.

They were pleased with the opportunity and thanked Williams for bringing these



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20 YEARS OF THEATRE: The No Strings Theatre is producing Hansel and Gretel and Così Fan Tutte over two weekends in August.

shows. It meant people did not have to go to Toronto to enjoy the opera.

Such ambitious artistry looks for funding and Williams wanted a make a call out to thank Summer Jobs for supporting them.

“We are looking for sponsors,” she said and looking to collaborate with arts people in Orangeville.

For example, in Orangeville at the library, to do a presentation about these shows and other outreach. Perhaps she would like to do some collaboration at Black Horse Theatre.

Reflecting on the beginning while looking to the future, Williams said, “I didn’t know what would happen after day one. It’s infectious. The directors have to drive up

every day from Toronto for two weeks but they never complained.”

What keeps her involved is “meeting amazing people and wonderful artists; that we could possibly change the life of another artist, – open a door because it’s too easy to have a door closed. I love opening doors, collaborating with wonderful people.”

Reflectively, “I could and have been performing on stages for years– stretching myself that way but - guess what – when I’m working with these young people, the shows are so fresh – you put the sun into the work.”

Denise Williams said, “I have learned so much more about arts in performing by looking at it from both sides.”

Palgrave United Community Kitchen’s ‘Dirt to Delicious’ camp returns in August

Written By **RILEY MURPHY**

There’s still time to register for Palgrave United Community Kitchen’s (PUCK) last Dirt to Delicious (D2D) Summer Day Camp for the 2025 Summer.

The camp will run from August 11 to 15, for children ages 8 to 12.

At D2D, campers will learn valuable cooking and baking skills, make new friends, explore different cuisines, and learn about local agriculture.

When they’re not cooking, campers enjoy both indoor and outdoor games and hikes, personalizing their aprons, and getting a break from the heat with some water games.

In the July camp, the campers travelled around the world with their cooking.

They made pizza, Greek wraps, salad kits, garlic bread, tacos, bruschetta, and many other dishes.

Maureen Ramsay, a volunteer with PUCK, shared that often during the camp, kids get to experience food and cuisines they haven’t tried before.

Another aspect of the camp is the day trip to Albion Hills Community Farm, where the campers can learn about local agriculture and the importance of sustainable farming.

The trip offers the opportunity to learn about different aspects of food harvesting and local produce.

In the most recent camp, kids were able to suit up and check out the bees and monarch meadows.

The activities are tailored to the farm’s

seasonal activities.

Ramsay noted a significant aspect of the camp is the diverse range of cooking and food knowledge among the campers.

The farm acts as another part of that, she said, and the campers can discuss the food web, where food comes from, and more.

Alongside the food web, one of the essential things the campers learn is food safety.

Ramsay said they put a lot of emphasis on things like washing hands, knife safety, and washing dishes.

When it comes to local produce, the campers learn how to wash and prepare their food, as well as how to tell when something is “fresh.”

“They used rosemary and basil from the garden, and zucchini from the garden to

make zucchini brownies,” shared Ramsay. “They were able to associate those things with what we were growing.”

The camp and kitchen work also teaches the valuable tool of cooperation and working in teams.

At the end of the last camp, parents were able to attend, and Ramsay said the kids enjoyed when their parents got to see them in their chef’s apron.

“The kids really liked the special events. They really, really enjoy working towards that goal.”

She said the camp is something different than most, with a strong mix of inside and outside time.

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It Takes a Village: Belfountain Heritage Society gears up for bicentennial bash

Written By RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Many may recognize the Belfountain Heritage Society from the preservation and restoration of the Historic Melville White Church in Caledon, but this year they're taking on another massive project: the Belfountain Bicentennial in October.

The not-for-profit society came together over the designated heritage property of the Historic Melville White Church.

The church, built in 1837, required attention and care, and the Belfountain Heritage Society stepped up to restore, preserve, and maintain the building 30 years ago.

Over the past three decades, they have completed multiple fundraisers to aid in their efforts for the church.

The church is now available to the community for weddings and events.

Now, they're tackling yet another massive heritage project for the Belfountain Community, the bicentennial event.

Belfountain is turning 200 with a bang this year, thanks to the Heritage Society.

The celebration, set to be held October 4, will be complete with local art and artists, horse-drawn carriage rides, re-enacted battles from the War of 1812, a parade, and the long-awaited unveiling of the commemorative sculpture.

During the rehabilitation of Belfountain last summer, a proposal for a clock tower was made for the area.

When it was brought to the Heritage Society, Sarah Bohan, President, Belfountain Heritage Society & Chair, Belfountain Bicentennial Committee, said they saw a golden opportunity for something more for the community.

If the community agreed, they could begin working on a proposal for something other than the clock to help ring in the 200th anniversary of Belfountain.

The community jumped on board, and after a presentation to the Belfountain Community Organization as well, the process began.

Wendy Mitchell, a member of the Belfountain Heritage Society, was commissioned to make a sample, or a maquette, of what the resulting statue would look like.

The statue currently stands at over six feet, and "encapsulates the Niagara Escarpment and Belfountain", said Bohan.

The statue will represent the rich history of Belfountain over the past 200 years,

and when bronzed, it will weigh around 550 pounds.

Following plans for the statue, other pieces began to fall into place for the bicentennial celebration.

In 1975, residents shared with the society that for the 150th anniversary of Belfountain, there was a parade.

Bohan shared they were excited to replicate that idea, and soon the event grew into what it is now, with Sandhill Pipes and Drums from Caledon set to lead the parade.

Bohan is asking residents to bring a float to the event, or even walk along in the parade.

As long as people are dressed in something of heritage, she said it could be anything from a pioneer outfit to a settler's attire.

The society is also inviting the community to bring their vintage cars for the parade.

Another exciting aspect of the day will be a local art show.

"We're so fortunate in Belfountain, we've got a number of artists," shared Bohan.

One of those artists and long-term residents, Cindy Leeman, has been holding art and decorating workshops where residents can attend to create a piece for the art show.

They're inviting participants to paint, draw, or create in any medium, a heritage feature of Belfountain.

The pieces will be on display before and after the event as well.

Bohan shared that there are numerous heritage properties in Belfountain, and the art show will help to showcase the features of the community they work to protect and preserve.

"It's worthy of saving, it's worthy of preserving, it's worthy of keeping it in place, so that the next group of people, the next generation, can appreciate it, and enjoy it," said Bohan.

Mitchell runs the decorating part of the workshop, and said she has created multiple stamps that are going onto pennant flags to represent the heritage and history of Belfountain.

The pennants will then be sewn together by volunteers and displayed in the hamlet during the event.

As the event will be free for the community, Bohan said they are relying on volunteers and donations, as well as their sponsors, to help make the event unforgettable.

Many organizations have stepped up to



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WORKING AWAY: Andrea McRae can be seen sewing pennants together for the Belfountain Bicentennial in October.

partner and support the event, including the Belfountain Community organization, the Policaro Group, Optimist Club of Caledon, Caledon Ski Club, Caledon Heritage Foundation, and many more.

To help fundraise, the society has also been holding Belfountain Trivia nights where the community can test their vast knowledge of the community.

Prizes are awarded at each trivia night, including passes to the Caledon Ski Club.

She shared that it is a once-in-a-lifetime

event for the community, and they're calling for volunteers to make it happen.

"It takes a village. Please join us and help because it is fun [and] once you get together with your community, it's like, 'Oh, gosh, it's work, but it's worth it,'" laughed Bohan.

To volunteer for the event, or to donate, email belfountainheritage@gmail.com

The final art and decorating workshop and trivia night will be held on Aug. 30.

Details can be found on their website at www.belfountain-heritage.com.

Bolton Kin Club asks public to stop dumping garbage and unwanted items in red charity bins

Written By RILEY MURPHY
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To collect items for the Kin Club of Bolton's "Toonie Sale," an event where they

sell clothing items for only a toonie to raise money to help in their efforts to aid various organizations around Caledon, the Kin has two red bins located in the community.

Each week, Joe Luschnik, President of the

Kin Club of Bolton, and other members pull out bags of garbage, furniture, mattresses, broken drywall, and more from these donation bins.

Luschnik shared that the Kin has to use their own funds and volunteers' time to have the excess removed and disposed of properly.

"The effort and cost associated with disposal takes away from the funds needed to support all of the other needed causes in the community," said Luschnik.

The Kin Club of Bolton has been serving the community for more than 61 years.

The non-profit gives their time and efforts to raise funds to help countless organizations, projects and worthy causes.

Some of these organizations include Caledon Community Services, Meals on Wheels, Heart and Stroke, Bethell Hospice, and more.

Many may also recognize Bolton Kin from

their annual Terry Fox Run or Santa Claus Parade.

To support these organizations and efforts, the Bolton Kin has clothing drives, and the previously mentioned "toonies sales", to raise money.

The clothing collected from the bins is collected, sorted, cleaned and then put out for sale.

Each item, no matter the size, costs a toonie.

For this sale, they collect clothing, shoes, purses and jewelry.

The donation bins are solely for items for the toonie sale.

The club is asking residents and community members not to place anything besides these items in the bins.

Luschnik urges everyone to use the Region of Peel recycling centers and disposal facilities located in Caledon to dump their excess belongings.

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Orangeville Junior A Northmen takes Peterborough Lakers series to Game 6

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Orangeville Junior A Northmen were poised to win their best-of-seven semi-final series against the Peterborough Lakers on their home floor at Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre July 28.

But the Lakers pulled off a one-goal lead to win Game 5 by a score of 8-7.

The Northmen were leading the series 3-1 going into Game 5 and were hoping to win and clinch the series.

The Northmen won Game 1 of the series 10-7 on July 22. They followed up with an 8-4 win in Game 2 on July 23.

Peterborough came out on top in Game 3 to get back into the mix after leaving the floor with an 8-7 win.

It was a decisive night for the Orangeville squad when they won Game 4 by a score of 8-4, to put all the pressure on the Lakers to try to stay alive.

Returning to Tony Rose Arena for Game 5, the Northmen were hoping to wrap it up.

Dylan Sanderson got the opening goal of the night just 48 seconds into the first period on the first shot on net.

The Lakers tied it up just over three minutes later.

O-ville went ahead on a goal from Max Kruger at the midway mark in the period.

Peterborough scored two more first period goals to take a 3-2 lead.

In the second period, the Lakers scored early.

The Northmen put up a good battle scoring four in a row.

Northmen goals came from Liam Mat-



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

DOWN TO THE WIRE: The Orangeville Junior A Northmen host the Peterborough Lakers in Game 5 of their best-of-seven semi-final series at Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre in Orangeville on July 28. The Northmen were leading the series 3-1 going into Monday's game but gave up an 8-7 loss. The series will now go to Peterborough for Game 6.

thews, Sanderson, Kruger, and Owen Rahn. Two more goals from Peterborough made it a 6-6 game.

Orangeville Northmen player Matthews scored with 1:23 left on the clock to give the Northmen a 7-6 lead with one period left to go.

The Northmen hit a brick wall in the final period and couldn't score while allowing two against, and Peterborough took the 8-7 win, to make it a 3-2 series.

The series will now go back to Peterborough Memorial Centre in Peterborough for Game 6 on July 30.

Results were not available at press time.



YOU'RE OUT! Orangeville Men's Recreational Slo-pitch is in full swing at ballparks around town with a lot of games on the schedule. Speirs Farm and the Beer Barons play it out at Rotary Park on July 24. A player makes a catch at first base for the out then makes the throw to home plate to try to stop a run.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

TASTING THE BASELINE: A player makes a dive for third base after being caught in the middle during a game between the Brew Jays and the Grime Team at Rotary Park in Orangeville on July 24. Men's Recreational Slo-pitch has a full season of games at local diamonds.

Local swimmer nets gold during Ontario Swim Championships at Toronto Pan Am Centre

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Local competitive swimmer Matthew Blackwell brought home two gold and a silver medal at the Ontario Swim Championships.

The championship meet took place at the Toronto Pan Am Centre in Scarborough July 9-13.

In his first event on July 9, he swam in the 200 m Individual Medley in the 15/16 year-old category.

In that event, Blackwell took five seconds off of his personal best time in qualifying and took off another three seconds in the final. He finished fifth with a time of 2:12. That time qualified him for the Junior Olympics Trials in Montreal.

During July 11 competition, Blackwell won gold in the 100 m butterfly in the 15/16 year-old category and finished with a personal best of 55.50 seconds in the final and qualifying for the Senior Olympic Trials in Montreal next year.

Blackwell won another gold on July 14 in the 200 m butterfly in the 15/16 age category with a personal be time of 2:06.47. This was another Senior Olympics Trials qualifying time.

He also competed in the 4x100 Medley Relay for 15-year-olds and older and won the silver for the ESWIM team.

Blackwell will be in St. John's from Aug. 8-17 as he has made Team Ontario and will be representing the province at the Canada Games.



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SUCCESSFUL SWIMMER: Local competitive swimmer Matthew Blackwell competed at the Ontario Swim Championships and had a lot of success with two gold medals and one silver. He will go on to compete at the Canada Games.

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OPINION

Another day, another murder

It was Boxing Day 2005 when the sound of gunfire erupted on a downtown Toronto street.

Six people were injured, and an innocent teenage girl was killed in the crossfire.

Fifteen-year-old Jane Creba was out shopping with her family when her life was ended by rival gang members who decided to shoot it out on a public street.

She was an innocent bystander who had her young life cut short because of a bunch of lowlife criminals who had no care for anyone else on the street or in the city.

There were a lot more victims of this horrendous crime, notably Jane's family who had to go through the horror of having a daughter and sister murdered in front of them.

The Toronto Police managed to capture some of the gang members involved, and they were all sentenced to prison terms.

You would think that any normal person, once denied their freedom and spending time behind bars, would rethink some of the stupid decisions they made.

But some people are just too stupid to go through life making normal and decent decisions.

A friend of mine was in training to be a

police officer, years ago, and as part of the training, he went on ride-alongs with police in a few northern towns to experience what the job was really like.

He explained what he observed about the criminal mentality and what the officers he trained with told him. I'm sure if you asked a police officer about this, they would tell you the same thing.

My friend explained how a lot of the time they would catch criminals because of plain stupidity and how the criminal mind works.

He gave as an example a time they were looking for suspects in a burglary. They were driving down a town street and observed a car blow through a red light with total disregard for other people or vehicles.

When they pulled the car over for the traffic violation, the police officer noticed burglary tools in plain view on the back seat. A subsequent investigation turned up stolen items in the trunk.

You would think that if you had any brains at all, and you just committed a crime, the last thing you would do, would be to drive recklessly and bring attention to yourself. But that's how the criminal mind works. They have no care for anyone else.

The main culprit in the Jane Creba murder case spent 20 years in a federal lock-up. He was granted full parole in January 2025.

Now 43-years-old, you would think Jeremiah Valentine, would at the very least, try to behave himself once released from prison.

Nope, this guy is a Class A idiot. Seven months after getting parole, he has been arrested, again, for shooting and killing a man in Montreal.

This guy managed to last seven months before committing another major crime – after spending 20 years in prison. You don't get much stupider than that.

There are a lot of questions about why this guy was on the street at all.

Why did a man who just got out of federal prison have a gun on him?

Was no one keeping tabs on this guy?

The big question is, why was he released on full parole in the first place?

According to the Parole Board of Canada, a 2021 psychological assessment of this guy indicated he, as an offender, had the highest level of risk. He had a 76 per cent chance of violent recidivism over a period of five years after release.

And yet the parole board decided a 76 per cent chance of him committing another violent crime wasn't a good enough reason to keep him out of society and off of the streets.

There were four men convicted of crimes in the Jane Creba murder case.

The other three men have all been released – and all three have been arrested since their release on gun violence charges or drug trafficking.

Idiots seem to run in packs.

So, who will be accountable for the murder of this man in Montreal, other than the killer himself?

What about the people who signed the document releasing a dangerous man back into society in spite of the fact that it was determined he was at a high risk to commit another violent crime?

Most likely nothing will happen, because no one is ever held accountable for these things.

Things like this are always referred to as a "tragedy," but only after the system has failed, again.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Taiwan: No panic

"I hope I am wrong. My gut tells me we [the US and China] will fight in 2025," wrote General Mike Minihan, head of US Air Mobility Command, in a private memo two years ago. There's still five months to go, but I'm going to go out on a limb and say that he's wrong.

Don't take my word for it, because my recent record in these matters is bad. I didn't think Russia's Vladimir Putin was crazy enough to invade Ukraine, although I knew he was largely detached from reality, and I was wrong. For a long time, I would not use the word "genocide" to describe what Israel's Binyamin Netanyahu was doing in Gaza, and I was wrong again.

In my defence, I had not spent quality time with either man and I was reluctant to predict their actions based entirely on other people's estimates of their characters (especially since most of those people didn't know them personally either). I still felt compelled to weigh the pros and cons of the case, on the mistaken assumption that facts had some influence on their decisions.

The possibility of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan is a far greater threat to the peace of the world (such as it is) than the relative sideshows in Ukraine and Israel/Palestine.

Aircraft carriers and nuclear weapons on both sides. A few poorly planned displays of "determination", and the US is in a war with China – with the two Koreas and Japan not far behind.

China's President Xi Jinping will never rule out using force to "recover" Taiwan, but the story that he has set a 2027 deadline for that terrifying gamble is just a Washington think-tank special. He does harp on about it a lot though.

Successive American administrations have practiced "strategic ambiguity" (i.e. maybe the US would fight to defend Taiwan and maybe it wouldn't), and the fickle enthusiasms of Donald Trump muddy the waters even further. He is widely seen as a strategic coward (TACO), but he is sufficiently erratic that his response is really incalculable.

As for Taiwan, President Lai Ching-te of the cautiously pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) serves up the usual word salad: "The message of history is clear. Today we share the same values and face similar challenges as many of the democracies that participated in the European war [1939-45]." Evasiveness as policy, so as not to rile China.

Hou Yu-ih of Taiwan's largest opposition party, the Kuomintang (KMT), is even

fuzzier: "The current status quo is that the Taiwan Strait is on the brink of war. So, to maintain close ties with the United States while also making peace with China is the solution to the problem."

And although very few ordinary citizens want to be part of China, most people are not bothered by all this. Yes, Taiwan's military are a poorly trained, under-equipped shambles, but the public doesn't seem worried about a Chinese invasion. The United States is willing to sell Taiwan more and better weapons, but some parties don't want to spend the money.

So I will risk my reputation as a soothsayer once again and assume that both Xi Jinping and Lai Ching-te are rational men. In that case, it is unlikely that either man will risk everything on one roll of the dice. Xi will not set the machinery in motion for a sea- and airborne invasion of Taiwan, and Lai will certainly not declare independence for Taiwan.

No government of Taiwan, even back in the decades when the KMT (now reformed) was the tyrannical and maniacally anti-Communist single ruling party, has ever seriously considered abandoning the sacred fiction that there is only one China including Taiwan. There is just a persistent non-violent

dispute over which government is legitimate, Beijing or Taipei.

As for Xi, who is effectively president-for-life, he faces no special deadline to claim his prize. "Reunification" is his legacy project, but he has just turned 72 and there's lots of time yet. And always before him is the nightmare example of Putin's three-day "special military operation" to bring Ukraine back under the rule of the Russian "motherland."

Above all, there is Taiwan's "silicon shield." The island state manufactures 47% of the world's advanced semiconductor chips, including all of the most advanced ones. Even the United States is one generation behind, and so is China despite its "Deep Seek" triumph in producing much cheaper high-performance AIs (on Nvidia chips made in Taiwan).

Invalidate Taiwan and all that is gone. It might be irrational, but even the Trump administration might feel that Taiwan is a treasure that it must defend come what may. The game is not worth the candle, and Xi will not invade for at least three years. He probably never will.

There! I said it! Now we wait and see.



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CBC's critics may have a point

Canada's national broadcaster is one of the few remaining news organizations with the reach and capacity to cover what truly matters. CBC/Radio-Canada is an essential institution—a counterweight to the U.S. media machine and a meaningful alternative to the mindless pap on commercial radio. It helps preserve our national identity.

Funded by taxpayers, the CBC is mandated under the Broadcasting Act to serve all Canadians, regardless of region, background or political belief. That's why it's so important to hold the CBC to account, and to understand why some Canadians feel so mistreated by the broadcaster that they wish it would disappear.

This issue was thrust into the spotlight last week with the dramatic resignation of Travis Dhanraj. Once a rising star and the national face of Marketplace and Canada Tonight, Dhanraj had become one of the relatively few visible minority journalists in a high-profile national on-air role at CBC—a fact that added weight to his allegations.

He vanished from the airwaves, only to re-emerge with a hand grenade on his way out.

His exit has been seized upon by the Defund-the-CBC crowd as fresh proof that conservatives are getting a raw deal from the public broadcaster.

Dhanraj didn't go quietly. In an email to

colleagues, he said he was forced to resign after raising concerns about a lack of editorial independence and diversity of opinion.

"This was not a voluntary decision," he wrote. "When I pushed for honest conversations about systemic issues and editorial imbalance, I was shut out. Silenced. And ultimately, erased."

He accused the CBC of "tokenism masquerading as diversity, problematic political coverage protocols and the erosion of editorial independence." The workplace culture, he said, was marked by "retaliation, exclusion and psychological harm."

Days later, he posted on X: "When the time is right, I'll pull the curtain back. I'll share everything... I'll tell you what is really happening inside the walls of your CBC."

One can only imagine the fits this caused behind closed doors at the Toronto Broadcast Centre—ground zero for the Laurentian elite.

If Dhanraj's message reads like a legal claim, that may be intentional. His lawyer says he plans to file a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission and possibly sue.

Kathryn Marshall, who represents Dhanraj, also alleged that CBC executives assumed he held a "liberal world view" because of his skin colour, and were disappointed when he didn't conform to their expectations.

These allegations remain untested, and without a trial, the facts may never come to light. If there's an out-of-court settlement, the full story might never be heard.

The CBC, meanwhile, "categorically rejects" the allegations. Spokesperson Kerry Kelly said the corporation is limited in what it can say due to "privacy and confidentiality considerations."

Critics of the CBC have shown no such restraint.

"Dhanraj's grievance speaks to something existential about the CBC's news organization—something conservatives have always believed. It's not 'for Canadians'; it's for certain kinds of Canadians," wrote Chris Selley in the National Post, concluding that CBC News "needs to be torn down to the studs and rebuilt."

Selley has a point about the clubbish nature of the CBC. Though I consider myself progressive, I've grown uneasy with the dismissive tone CBC often uses when covering conservative politicians. It's not in keeping with the Canadian way, and risks fuelling the same toxic us-versus-them divide that has poisoned U.S. media. Fox versus CNN. Truth Social versus MSNBC.

CBC also seems increasingly reliant on quoting its own journalists as subject matter experts rather than seeking outside voices. Whatever happened to its mandate to "pro-

vide a wide range of programming that informs, enlightens, and entertains"?

This isn't an attack on the many ethical, hard-working journalists at the CBC. It's a challenge to those at the top who shape the culture and call the shots.

Prime Minister Mark Carney has styled himself as a bold reformer ready to rebuild Canada. His promises focus on the economy, but the same commitment is needed in our cultural and information institutions. The federal government's \$150-million funding boost for the CBC isn't necessarily a bad thing, but without serious reform, it won't fix the deeper malaise.

There is something fundamentally wrong with CBC's news division—from editorial decisions to the tone of its reporting. If Dhanraj's claims hold even a shred of truth, the corporation's future depends on meaningful change.

Carney—and the rest of us—must demand it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Revolving door justice system must end now

On July 5, 2025, a young man from Bolton, Gabriel Arshad, was left with life-threatening injuries after a horrific four-vehicle crash, caused by a five-time convicted drunk driver who was out on bail.

The man behind the wheel had already been convicted five times for impaired driving. He was under three lifetime driving bans. He should never have been on the road, but he was. And now he's been released on bail.

Again.

A young man from our community is now facing long-term, life-altering injuries — because the justice system failed.

This wasn't just preventable. It was predictable. And it's the direct result of a broken bail system that puts repeat offenders back on the streets instead of behind bars.

For years, Conservatives have been pushing for real bail reform. We've introduced

legislation. We've called on the Liberal government to fix the dangerous loopholes they created. But they keep saying no.

As your Member of Parliament, I'm not just going to talk about it — I'm taking action. I will be raising this case directly in Ottawa and will keep fighting until repeat violent offenders are denied bail. I'll continue to push for tougher, common-sense changes that protect our community, and I won't stop until the

system is fixed.

If you believe our justice system should protect victims, not criminals, join me. Speak out. Write to the Minister of Justice. Demand change. Because no more families in our community should suffer like this. Sign my petition now at kyleseeback.ca/jailnotbail

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Don't forget Fido: Ontario SPCA issues safety warning for pets during long weekend

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

With the long weekend around the corner, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society are issuing a safety message to pet owners. The SPCA is urging pet parents to plan ahead before taking a trip to keep their animals safe.

Whether it's a trip to the cottage, a backyard barbecue, or hitting the road, it's important to ensure pets are well taken care of.

"Hot temperatures and busy holiday activities can be overwhelming, or even dangerous, for our furry friends," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society in a statement on July 30.

"As part of its annual No Hot Pets campaign, the Ontario SPCA is urging everyone to take precautions and visit nohotpets.ca to pledge to keep animals safe in hot weather.

Shannon Bury, community outreach coordinator for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre, stressed the importance of planning ahead during the heat of summer.

"Long weekends are a time to unwind, but we can't forget about the needs of our animals," said Bury. "With a bit of planning, you can help your furry companions stay safe, cool and comfortable all weekend long."

The Ontario SPCA has five tips to help pets stay safe through the August Long Weekend.

- When travelling, never leave animals unattended in a vehicle, even for a quick stop. Cars can become dangerously hot in minutes, even if they are parked in the shade with the windows down. Plan pet-friendly stops when bringing an animal, or leave them at home where they are safe and comfortable. Pet-friendly businesses can download a sign welcoming pets at nohotpets.ca
- During a camping trip, it's important to remember to keep furry friends leashed at a campsite. Provide constant access to water and shade, and never leave pets alone in a tent, camper, or vehicle.
- Pet owners who are boating need to fit

their animal with a lifejacket and ensure they stay hydrated and cool. Watch for signs of overheating, like excessive panting or drooling. If your boat doesn't have a top or cabin where an animal can seek shade, leave them at home.

Backyard barbecues can pose a danger to pets. Remember to keep animals away from the grill and human food, especially foods that are toxic to animals, like onions, grapes, and alcohol. Set up a shady, quiet space for them to retreat from noise and crowds.

During cottage time, ensure furry family members have up-to-date ID tags or a microchip in case they wander off. Keep an eye on them around the water, and provide a cool, shaded area where they can relax.

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is encouraging animal owners to take the No Hot Pets pledge today at nohotpets.ca for a chance to win a YETI summer prize pack! Entrants also get access to hot weather safety resources, a downloadable toolkit, and tips to help spread the message of pet safety.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress needs to take action. Call the government's Provincial Animal Welfare Services at 1-833-9ANIMAL or your local police. In an emergency, call 911.

"Let's make this long weekend safe and enjoyable for everyone — including our furry family members," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.



KEEPING FURRY FRIENDS SAFE: The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is reminding the public about the importance of looking after their pets during the long weekend to ensure they don't overheat.



SHOWING THE COLOURS: The Orangeville Outlaws U14 A team are champions after winning the final game in the Ontario Summer Football League Summer Cup. The Outlaws are rebuilding their club after losing numbers during COVID and this win signals a turnaround for the organization. The Outlaws won the final game 52-44 over the Brantford Bisons on July 20 at Bison Alumni Stadium in Brantford.

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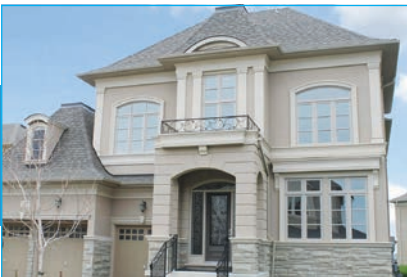
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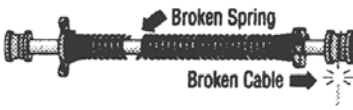
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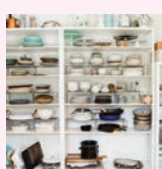
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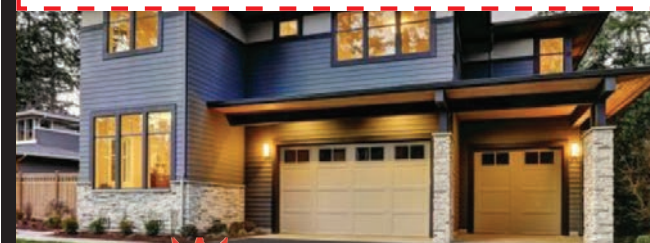
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Clark was a lawyer, judge, entrepreneur, father, grandfather, author, skier, pilot, cottager, gentleman farmer, and world traveller. Born on April 29, 1932, in Long Branch, Ontario, he graduated from the University of Toronto's Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) and subsequently from Osgoode Hall Law School. He moved to Orangeville, Ontario in 1962 and practiced law for over 30 years. A passionate contributor to his community, Clark served on many local organizations, including the Rotary Club, and was Chair of the Dufferin County School Board. He was appointed Queen's Counsel and was honoured by the Law Society of Upper Canada with the Bicentennial Award of Merit for Public Service.

A lifelong optimist, Clark had the perfect temperament to be a devoted Toronto Maple Leaf fan. His sharp wit, dry humour, and deep love of music were well known. He had a beautiful singing voice—performing in musicals in his youth—and continued to sing nightly alongside Jane at the piano, even at 93.

Clark led by example, modelling kindness, humility, and unconditional love. He was a devoted father and grandfather, never missing a game, recital, or milestone, and always beaming with pride at his family's accomplishments. He lived a remarkable life, but his greatest legacy is the strong and loving family he built.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel, 21 First Street, Orangeville, on Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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\$33,912 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

@ 5.49% O.A.C C.O.B \$6,951

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

2021 BUICK ENCLAVE PREMIUM AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12534 • 95,322 KM • 3.6L V6, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, NAVIGATION, DUAL SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE, HANDS-FREE POWER LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, 7-PASSENGER, REAR CAMERA, PARK ASSIST, 20 INCH POLISHED ALLOYS, CHROME GRILLE, TOW PACKAGE!

\$129 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$38,812 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

@ 5.49% O.A.C C.O.B \$7,955

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!

\$145 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$43,712 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

@ 5.49% O.A.C C.O.B \$8,959

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!

\$176 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$53,012 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

@ 5.49% O.A.C C.O.B \$10,865

2022 CHEVROLET EQUINOX RS AWD



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

STK# B12611 • 62,608 KM • 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC, CHEVROLET INFOTAINMENT 3, NAVIGATION, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, 19 INCH ALLOYS, REMOTE START, REAR CAMERA, BOSE, HID HEADLIGHTS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE, ADVANCED SAFETY PACKAGE, 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 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!

\$144 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$43,312 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

@ 5.49% O.A.C C.O.B \$8,877

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