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Orange Shirt Day is in honour of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story. When Phyllis was 6 years old, her grandmother bought her a new orange shirt for her to wear to her new residential school. Phyllis was so excited to wear her new orange shirt, however when she arrived her orange shirt and other clothing were taken away from her. This had such an impact on her that for years after, the colour orange reminded Phyllis of that day and of her own experience of feeling that children within the Residential School system didn't matter, and no one cared about them.

Orange Shirt Day - **Every Child Matters**, will take place on September 30th. On this day, please take the time to acknowledge the intergenerational impacts the Residential School system (1831 - 1996), continues to have on Aboriginal, Métis and Inuit communities. We need to recognize the over 150,000 children who were removed from their homes and communities to attend residential schools. We must also remember the countless Aboriginal, Métis and Inuit children who never returned home from the residential schools across Canada.

Please remember to wear orange on Friday September 30th.

Please check out **www.angeshirtday.org**, to learn more about Orange Shirt Day, Phyllis' story and the history of the Residential School System in Canada.



The first member to email coville@cupe5167.org will win Phyllis' book and the children's book as well!!

Sam Lawrence Park is located on Concession St at the top of the Jolly Cut. There is a trail from the Wentworth St. stairs to Sam Lawrence Park, and it is one of the most used trails in Hamilton.



Prior to 1944 the land that Sam Lawrence Park is located on was part of the Webb Quarry. In February 1944, The City of Hamilton was given 3 acres of land for park use by Thomas Hambly Ross, MP of (Hamilton East). The park was originally named Ross Park, then renamed Patton Park in 1946, in honour of captain John MacMillan Stevenson Patton, a Hamiltonian who risked his life during World War II by detonating an unexploded bomb. **In 1960 the park was renamed to honour Sam Lawrence.**

Sam Lawrence was born in Somerset, England. He immigrated to Canada and settled in Hamilton with his family in 1912. He went to work in a quarry at the age of 12 and became a shop steward in the Operative Stonemasons' Union. At the age of 18 he joined the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America and found work as a stonemason. Sam became involved in the local labour movement and was elected to Hamilton's City Council as an Independent Labour Party alderman in 1922. He remained on city council and was elected to Hamilton's Board of Control in 1929, retaining his seat until 1934 when he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Hamilton East, the first Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) MLA ever elected in Ontario. He was elected Ontario CCF president in 1941 and served as Mayor of Hamilton from 1944 to 1949. After stepping down as mayor in 1949, Lawrence continued to serve on the Board of Control for six years until his retirement from politics and labour.



Plans are now underway for Hamilton's Sam Lawrence Park to get a new multiuse trail, better gardens, new signs and lighting, and a pedestrian footbridge over the Jolley Cut. **Did you know 5167 owns a table that once belonged to the long-time labour advocate Sam Lawrence?**



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SPORTS SCOOP!

with Andrew Swayze



I have continued to promise a deep dive on our **Ticats**. Full disclosure they have just not given me anything to write about! At the time of writing, we're staring down the barrel of a 3-8 record coming off a tough loss to the team we all hate and won't name...on Labour Day! So, we're going to kick the Ticat can down the road again. Punt it for now (if you will) and maybe next time we talk I'll have something positive to say.

Beyond the rough season at the The Donut Box there has been nothing but positivity and sunshine emanating from The First Ontario Centre. The FOC is the home of not one but two Champions this season: The Ontario Hockey League Champion Hamilton **Bulldogs** and The Canadian Elite Basketball League Champion Hamilton **Honey Badgers**.

If you were paying attention this summer the city's other Black & Gold brought us home the gold! On June 15th our Dogs won Game 7 of the OHL championship, winning 6-1 over Windsor. After a dominant season, the bulldogs overcame so much adversity! Playoff performance for the ages, #9 Logan Morrison took home the Wayne Gretzky '99' Award as Playoffs MVP. The 19-year-old registered 17 goals and 39 points in 19 postseason games and tallied at least one point in every playoff game.

Injured Team Captain Colton Kammerer who was seen pre-game on crutches, came out in full uniform to celebrate with his teammates and received the J. Ross Robertson Cup. It was Hamilton's second OHL championship and first since 2018.

Now if you aren't familiar with the CEBL now is the time grab some seats and head to see the

Honey Badgers. The Badgers were front runners all year, and steam rolled their way to the Championship weekend. The interesting thing about the CEBL is that they are the only professional basketball league in the world to have adopted the "Elam Ending". Developed by and named for Nick Elam, the Elam Ending is a format unlike traditional basketball rules, in which the game is played with 4 timed quarters, the teams end the game by playing to a target score. The Elam Ending received widespread attention in 2020 when it was chosen as the format for the NBA All star game.

In the final game of championship weekend with Hamilton leading by 18 89-17 needing just one point to lock up the Elam Ending target of 90 points and the championship, the Scarborough Shooting Stars went on a 17-0 making the game 89-88.

Then Hamilton's Caleb Agada was fouled and sealed Hamilton's first ever CEBL title at the line with a foul shot. The play was so



controversial that even rap superstar Drake commented via Instagram that Hamilton was Lucky to win that game. I think Hamilton deserved to "Take Care" of Drake's favourite team! (Take Care was the name of Drake's first studio album, sorry for the corny joke).

So, if you're a Hamilton Sports fan and you're feeling down about the way the season is going for the boys on Balsam Avenue just queue up some Queen and remember Hamilton has so much other gold. We Are The Champions! My friends!

Oskee Wee Wee, Andrew

Hamilton is called the city of waterfalls, but it might also be called the city of murals! Some of these murals are out in the open, some hidden down alleyways, some even on underpasses going up the escarpment. These murals are transforming locations from concrete and drab to colourful interesting works of art.

The murals are a result of the Concrete Canvas Fest. The first Concrete Canvas Fest ran in 1994 as a way to showcase graffiti art in the city. The festival ran until 2002. The festival was revived in 2019 but the pandemic put it on hold. This year, July 18-24 the Concrete Canvas Fest came back to Hamilton. Artists from all around the world were in Hamilton to participate.

I took a trip around the city to see some of these fabulous pieces of art that are decorating our city. First up, the large mural located at the corner of Charlton Ave and Locke St. South, outside the Donut Monster. The mural is hand painted by artist Vermillion Sands, who has had their work featured in National Geographic!



Why not take your own trip out to view the spectacular murals. You can get the full list of murals as well as a map at this site www.concretecanvasfest.com



The mural in Corktown at 134 Jackson St. E, by Hamilton artist Lester Coloma. It is 120 feet wide and represents the history of Corktown.

The mural at 26 Hess St. S. was created by artist Alexander Bacon who is a world-renowned graffiti artist. Many of their pieces are created as a way to raise awareness of endangered animals.

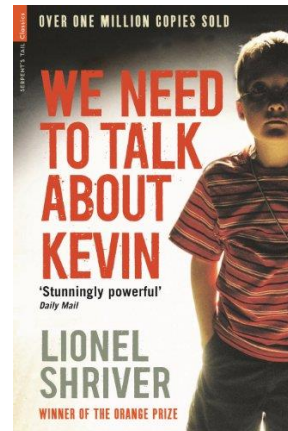
The mural is entitled Helping Hands.





We Need To Talk About Kevin

This Novel is an Orange Prize winner. While the author herself is not a parent she takes on the nature versus nurture debate head on, with no apologies. Through letters written to her husband the main character takes a journey through her life



as a mother. From the new relationship stance that a child is loud, messy, and constraining to the romantic notion that being a mother will bring her happily to the next page in her marriage. Eva and her son Kevin quietly bring this novel to life with heart pounding emotions. Eva a free spirit traveler does not bond with her newborn. From birth Kevin seems on an island alone, a bright child yet cold and unapproachable. Kevin's youth read like "a boys will be boys" story with teasing friends, siblings and supported by a father who only sees the good nature in all of his antics. Eva is stuck in a cycle of only seeing the bad seed side of Kevin. Over time she begins to unravel as she learns to eventually love her son while seeking the answer to the question that haunts the novel. Why did you do it? I felt that I could hear Eva's voice while reading this story, yet it is a whisper, just loud enough to hear my heartbeat and my mind to question; Have I been enough for my own family?



I rate this 8.5 out of 10 cookies.

Browned Butter Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

- 14 Tablespoons of Butter
- ¼ cup of white sugar
- 2 cups packed dk brown sugar
- 2 cups flour plus 2 tablespoons
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Heat 10 tablespoons butter in a 10-inch stainless steel (not non-stick) skillet or small, uncoated saucepan over medium heat until melted, about 2 minutes.
3. Continue to cook, swirling pan constantly until butter is dark golden brown and has nutty aroma, 1-3 minutes. Be careful not to let it burn!
4. Remove the skillet from the heat and transfer the browned butter to a large heatproof bowl. Stir the remaining 4 tablespoons of butter into the hot butter to melt; set aside for 15 minutes.
5. In a shallow baking dish or pie plate, mix the granulated sugar and 1/4 cup packed brown sugar; set aside.
6. Whisk the flour, baking soda, and baking powder together in a medium bowl; set aside.
7. Add the remaining 1 3/4 cups brown sugar along with the salt to the cooled butter and mix until no sugar lumps remain, about 30 seconds.
8. add the egg, egg yolk, and vanilla and mix until fully incorporated, about 30 seconds.
9. Add the flour mixture and mix until just combined, about 1 minute. stir well ensure that no flour pockets remain, and the ingredients are evenly distributed.
10. Form the dough into 1 1/2-inch balls and roll them in the sugar mixture to coat. Place them on the prepared baking sheets, about 2 inches apart.
11. Bake until cookies are browned and still puffy and edges have begun to set but the centers are still soft, 8-10 minutes. Do not over bake!
12. Cool for 1-2 minutes on the baking sheets and then remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Freeze well if they last.



When your beloved pet crosses the Rainbow Bridge

Recently, I lost a valued member of my family. She was such a loved soul. I miss her terribly. For those of you who don't know me, my beautiful Holly, my King Charles Cavalier Spaniel/ Beagle crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

She was a member of our family for 13 years. She was so loving, smart and had quite the character.

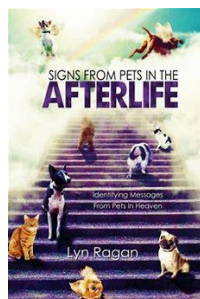
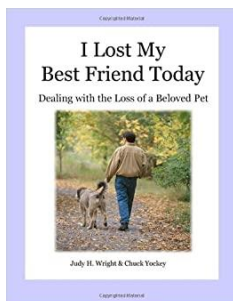
Losing a pet is like losing a family member, well, that's because they are family members.

Through my grief I've learned of several support groups and contacts are out there to help us heal.

Grief Support

- Ontario Veterinary College Pet Loss Support Hotline - (519) 824-4120
- Ontario Pet Loss Support Group - <https://ontariopetloss.org/>
- Pet Loss Support Group Ottawa - www.ottawapetloss.com
- Pawsway Pet Loss Support Group - www.pawsway.ca
- Vive la Vita Therapies-Pet - www.vivelavitatherapies.ca/

I have also found there are many books written also to help with the loss of our pets. Here are a couple that may help you.



My name is Ed Thomas, and I am a retired 5167 City Outside member. I struggled throughout public school and dropped out at age 15 with a grade six education. I have grappled with spelling and vocabulary all my adult life. To address these issues, I enrolled in the 'Literacy in the Workplace Program' provided by the Workers Education Centre and the Hamilton and District Labour Council. This choice to tackle my literacy issues changed my life and made it possible for me to become an Author. I must point out that I would not have been able to accomplish as much as I have without the literacy in the workplace program; it was instrumental in changing the course of my life.

I wrote *The Crest of the Mountain – the Rise of Local Five in Hamilton*. This was not an easy task - so I created a tool to help other union members write their unions history entitled, *A Worker's Guide to doing a Local Union's History*. My latest book, *Dead but not Forgotten – Monuments to Workers*, is dedicated to workers who have been killed or injured on the job. I am now working on three more books.

I have been interviewed on CBC Radio on two different occasions. I have been featured three times in the Hamilton Spectator in regard to my books. Articles have also been written about me in the Canadian Post Office Magazine, Our Times Magazine and the Edmonton Journal. I have also been written about in numerous union newsletters. And as you know I am a faithful contributor to 'The SCOOP'!

In 2001, I won the Canada Post Literacy Award. In the spring of 2004, I won the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Municipal Workplace Literacy Achievements Award. I won the CUPE National Literacy Award in 2008. In 2012, I was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II 60th Diamond Jubilee Medal. In addition, CUPE Local 5167 named a room in the hall called: The William 'Fast Eddie' Thomas Literacy Room. Why do they call me 'Fast Eddie'? Well, that's a story for another day!



I am a literacy advocate. Our history is important and to participate, I needed to deal with my literacy. I was a key person in getting the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre (WAHC) to be located in Hamilton. I was on their executive for 18 years.

Literacy empowers our members; it makes them more inclusive and provides them with the confidence and the opportunity to fully participate in the activities of the union.

Literacy will make us stronger as a union.