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Former Olympic gold medal coach Barrie Shepley (inset, middle right) hosted a viewing party at the C3 James Dick Beach with mothers of the Canadian Women's Soccer Team. Melsadie Buchanan (inset, left) is the mother of Kadeisha Buchanan, Robin Prince (inset, middle right) is the mother of Nichelle Prince, and Tina Lawrence (right) is the mother of Caledon's own Ashley Lawrence. With a 10-foot TV on the beach, fans of women's soccer came to cheer on the Canadian women. Lawrence will be coming home to Caledon in the next week with her gold medal—she won bronze in 2012 in London, bronze in 2016 in Rio, and now has a gold from Tokyo.

Moms celebrate Canada's soccer Olympic Gold at James Dick Quarry

BY ROB PAUL

There are few things in life more impressive than bringing home a gold medal at the Olympics.

Canada brought home seven of them at the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, after the games were delayed by a year due to COVID.

Despite the Olympics going forward in late July and concluding August 8, the pandemic didn't leave them untouched. There were no fans, which meant families and loved ones were unable to be there when those who mean the most to them immortalized themselves in sports history.

One of the most memorable moments of the Olympics was when the Canadian women's soccer team shocked the world and brought home the gold medal.

Not only did they upset the U.S. 1-0 in the semi-finals, but they beat Sweden in penalty kicks to finish off the Cinderella story—Canada was a longshot to win gold at +2000.

Knowing how big this moment would be, Caledon's Barrie Shepley wanted to make it special, but he didn't realize how big his little idea would become.

Shepley—co-owner of Personal Best Health and Performance in Caledon and head coach for the Canadian Cross Training Club, located

at James Dick Quarry—is a decorated triathlon coach with Olympic experience himself, having been a coach for Canada in the 2000 Sydney Olympics when the men brought home gold.

When Shepley reached out to Tina Lawrence—mother of Canadian women's soccer team member Ashley Lawrence—about watching the gold medal match on the beach at James Dick Quarry, it snowballed into an event nobody will soon forget.

"It's one of those evolutionary things," he said. "Ashley Lawrence, who is a Caledon superstar soccer player from Mayfield, we've known each other now for probably eight or

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Former Caledon East dentist helps lead rally for Families of Flight PS752 Victims

BY ROB PAUL

The Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims organized a rally through downtown Toronto on August 5 to express the belief that "Justice is Not Negotiable."

Thousands of Torontonians attended and called for direct action from the Government of Canada and RCMP, including the continued ask to launch a domestic criminal investigation.

With pictures of the 176 victims of Flight PS752 being carried at the front end of the crowd, participants also carried slogans calling

on the Government of Canada to hold Iran to account, demanding truth and justice for the downing of the flight—the organizers took precautions to ensure social distancing and masking, considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Association has been advocating for over a year that the RCMP and Commissioner Lucki start a criminal investigation, as well as that the IRGC of Iran, the armed forces responsible for firing the missiles at the aircraft, be listed as a terrorist organization.

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Caledon is set for more connectivity with broadband infrastructure expansion

Mayor says Council won't stop until Town is "fully connected"

BY ROB PAUL

Construction of broadband infrastructure has begun in Dufferin County, which will soon connect more than 250 homes and businesses to fast, reliable internet service.

This will help create more economic and educational opportunities in rural, remote and underserved areas of the county.

The Governments of Canada and Ontario each committed more than \$470,000 to fund broadband expansion projects that will deliver fast, reliable internet service in the communities of Garaf-raxa Woods, Marsville, Orton, Prices Corner and Craigsholme.

"This critical investment in high-speed internet infrastructure ensures more people can connect, work, and study, especially during COVID-19," said Bryan May, Member of Parliament for Cambridge, on behalf of the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development.

"Thank you to Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) and the municipalities whose hard work will connect more than 250 homes in

Garaf-raxa Woods, Marsville, Orton, Prices Corner and Craigsholme with high-speed fibre optic internet. The internet is no longer a luxury so we must continue to connect rural communities and every family with broadband internet."

The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing more than \$63 million to SWIFT through the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component—Small Communities Fund of the Investing in Canada Plan.

"The pandemic has proven that access to high-speed internet is no longer a luxury but a necessity for all Ontarians," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "Families need internet to do their work and for school and businesses need broadband to stay connected and compete in a global marketplace. These projects in The Town of Caledon and Dufferin County are important steps forward in our government's plan to connect every community in Ontario to high-speed internet by 2025."

In addition to this construction progress, broadband expansion has now been completed in the communities of Mount Wolfe, Albion and Centrev-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ille Creek, where more than 270 residents and businesses are now able to access fast, reliable internet service.

This fibre-optic network will bring high-speed internet access to more than 840 homes and businesses in the Town of Caledon when construction is completed in March 2022.

"At a time when people are depending more on broadband to access the internet, our government is delivering on its commitments with SWIFT projects in Dufferin-Caledon," said Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon. "It's essential that we continue to expand access to broadband in our community as reliable high-speed internet has become a vital tool for use by residents and businesses on a daily basis."

The contracts to expand fibre-optic broadband services in the Town of Caledon and Dufferin County were awarded by SWIFT Inc., a not-for-profit corporation initiated by local municipalities to address connectivity in Southwestern Ontario.

To date, 5,700 households and businesses in Southwestern Ontario have received access to improved broadband through SWIFT.

"With construction now underway in Dufferin County and new fibre connections being made in Caledon, today's announcement marks yet another milestone for SWIFT and our partners as the program continues to drive forward with its regional broadband expansion plan," said Gary McNamara, SWIFT Board Chair. "We would like to thank the

federal and provincial governments for their ongoing support as we continue to work together to accelerate the expansion of broadband infrastructure across Southwestern Ontario."

Caledon has long dealt with connectivity issues for residents in more rural areas of the Town, which were only felt more throughout the pandemic, and Mayor Allan Thompson has made improvements a focal point since he took office.

"When we made access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet a Council priority in 2016 we knew, given the geographic size of Caledon, it would be a monumental task," he said. "Today, I am proud that that we made some critically important decisions early on that moved this forward sooner than anticipated. They included: a dedicated broadband levy, joining SWIFT and developing partnerships with service providers. There are still areas that are in need of fibre infrastructure, and we won't stop until we reach our goal of a fully connected Caledon."

Efforts continue to bridge the gaps in broadband access in Southwestern Ontario, as part of a combined public and private sector investment of more than \$255 million to bring fast, reliable, and affordable internet to thousands of homes and businesses. This will allow communities to attract new development, strengthen local economies, and create more well-paying jobs and opportunities in rural Ontario.

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Investments in school ventilation will help students return to normal: Ministry

BY BROCK WEIR

A further investment on improving ventilation in schools will support a safe return for students this fall, according to the Ministry of Education.

Education Minister Steven Lecce announced an investment of a further \$25 million towards upgrading school ventilation systems in an announcement made in York Region last week.

The focus of the investment will be to ensure "all occupied classrooms, gyms, libraries, and other instructional spaces without mechanical ventilation" will have standalone HEPA filters in place when classes resume.

"With yesterday's [Tuesday, August 4] release

of health and safety measures for schools, students have a safe path to return to a more normal in-person full-time learning environment, which is critical to their mental and physical health," said Lecce. "We are following the best expert advice by ensuring all schools have improved air ventilation, including deploying an additional 20,000 HEPA units, in total over 70,000 ventilation devices, to help ensure schools remain as safe as possible. With the work we have done, I am confident we will keep students and staff safe in our schools as we reopen for the 2021-2022 school year."

Standalone HEPA filter units, the Ministry said, have been identified by the Ontario Science Table, as a strategy for classrooms and spaces with ventilation challenges.

As the filters roll out, the province will provide school boards with a new reporting tool on ventilation improvements which are designed to communicate "school-level ventilation measures online to ensure that information is publicly available across the Province, including inspection, use of standalone HEPA filter units, use of higher-grade filters and more frequent filter changes

"We appreciate the Ontario government's evidence-based investment in ventilation and air filtration to help reduce COVID-19 transmission in schools," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "I have always maintained reopening schools is the utmost priority to support children's learning development and mental health. There is benefit to improving ventilation in indoor settings to enhance both overall indoor air quality and COVID-19 risk reduction in schools."

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Mayor Thompson was on hand to help welcome the Legendary Sikh Riders to Mono

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Legendary Sikh Riders welcomed on fundraising tour

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The sound of motorcycles filled the streets of Mono as the Legendary Sikh Riders, who travelled there from British Columbia, joined the Sikh Motorcycle Club of Ontario and Mandeep Singh Cheema Charitable Foundation for an evening fundraiser last on July 30.

The Legendary Sikh Riders, which is a motorcycle group based out of B.C., have been on a cross-Canada ride, starting in Victoria, B.C. and ending in Newfoundland, since mid-July to raise money for Make-A-Wish Foundation Canada.

The July 30 event in Mono managed to raise \$5,100 for the Ontario Chapter of the foundation and that money will directly support granting the wishes of children who are terminally ill across the province.

"We were able to make some wishes come true for the Ontario kids," said Navdeep Gill, who helped organize the event and covered the cost of it with the help of her husband.

Gill noted it was a collaborative effort between the Mandeep Singh Cheema Charitable Foundation and the Sikh Motorcycle Club of Ontario.

Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, Brampton Mayor

Patrick Brown, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and four other MPPs from Brampton were among the many dignitaries in attendance of the fundraising event. They enjoyed a dinner with the riders from the two Sikh motorcycle groups.

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Bolton's new Sherwin-Williams Paint Store is excited to make an impact in the community

BY ROB PAUL

Local businesses are the heart of a community, and that's clear in Caledon, but it hasn't been the easiest time during the pandemic. Now, imagine opening a new business during the lockdown. That's the situation the new Sherwin-Williams Paint Store in Bolton found itself in.

Now with the ability to have people back in the store, Bolton's Sherwin-Williams will host its official grand opening on Saturday, August 14 and the store's team couldn't be more excited.

Store Manager Dawson Merkley says it was a strange situation to be in trying to let the community know about them without physically being able to see them and transition to non-in-store services.

"We actually opened up at a really awkward time; we opened up on April 16—that was our first operational day," said Merkley. "It was the day that we were reverted back to lockdown measures due to COVID. It was funny because we opened, but we couldn't let anyone in the store. It was a difficult situation for us."

When they couldn't operate in a normal fashion, Merkley says they pivoted to curbside, but had to get creative with how they could help people pick the right paints.

"We provided curbside service, but it was a little more difficult because with paint everyone needs to come in to see the colours," he said. "One of the solutions I came up with was to provide people with Fandex to take home to look at the colours physically in person. It's a completely different world looking at a colour on a screen vs. actually seeing it in person. We prioritize customer service and not being able to actually view colours and having people buy paint and maybe not having it look the same way as it did on a screen is something we didn't want to have happen."

Not only has Sherwin-Williams been dealing with the effects of opening during the pandemic, but they're also still feeling an impact from a natural disaster that hit the paint industry hard.

"It's actually been a tough year for the industry because there's been a shortage on paint due to raw material constraint," he said. "One of the resin manufacturing plants in Texas—which is where most paint suppliers get their raw materials from—have had major product shortages due to...the winter storm [that] destroyed the facility and all the pipes burst due to ice damage. There's been crews working 24/7 to repair the facilities but it's caused major shortages for all the major paint suppliers."

Now that they're able to have in-store shop-



The team at Sherwin-Williams in Bolton (left to right: Shaheer Khan, business development representative, Dawson Merkley, market manager, and Freida He, assistant market manager) is hosting its grand opening on Saturday, August 14.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

ping again, and to operate a little closer to normal, Merkley and his team are thrilled to become recognizable faces in the community. The first step toward achieving that is with the grand opening Saturday in which they will kick-off their first initiative to give back to Caledon.

"I grew up in Caledon so to me it's always been about trying to make a difference in this community," he said. "Not only do we want to succeed as a new business, but we want to engage and give back to this community too. One of the initiatives I sought out was to get in contact with Caledon Community Services so that \$2 from every gallon we sell during the grand opening is going to be donated to Caledon Community Services."

Along with the donations to Caledon Community Services as part of the opening, Sherwin-Williams will also be having a sale — though they wish they could do more, says Merkley, but circumstances with the pandemic have limited them.

"We're doing a paint sale as part of the grand opening with all paints being 40 per cent off—that includes paints, stains, and primers," he said. "Normally we would be serving food too, but just with everything going on with COVID we're not going to be able to. But we're going to try and support food vendors in the area going forward. We actually had a contractors' grand opening last month where we bought the

contractors who visited food with \$15 credits to family-owned businesses that are next door to us. Normally we rent a food truck or get a local hockey or soccer team in the community to help us man a BBQ, but just with the chance of COVID we're focused on being safe. We're hopeful we can help save people some money with the sale though, we know a lot of people have been renovating homes during COVID."

To be a successful business in a tight knit community, Merkley believes the most important thing is to do as much outreach to help where possible to contribute to the nurturing of the community. That's why he's excited to continue to plan and execute initiatives in Caledon as the world begins to return to normal.

"In the future, during the wintertime, we're planning to run either a toy drive or a food drive; we're going to see which will be more impactful to the community," he said. "We want to do stuff like that all year round. Another thing we usually do is every year Sherwin-Williams has an initiative where they'll go and re-paint a homeless shelter or a camp, somewhere we can have a positive impact on the community. With COVID, we didn't do it this operational year, but that's something we're looking forward to continuing in the following year. We're excited to see what we can do in the community going forward."

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FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ministry of Labour are investigating a fatal accident that occurred in the work yard in the area of Airport Road and King Street in the Town of Caledon.

“On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at approximately 4:20 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP Detachment, along with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, responded to a call for service at a work yard,” say Police.

“An individual was located with vital signs absent and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Initial investigation indicated that the male victim had parked his pickup truck with a small trailer attached, and exited the vehicle. The truck rolled backward pinning the male between the vehicle and trailer.

“The victim’s identity is being withheld pending next of kin notification.”

Caledon OPP, with the assistance of the Central

Region Traffic Incident Management Efficiency (TIME) Team, attended to assist with the investigation. The Ministry of Labour continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Any person with information regarding this investigation should immediately contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477 (TIPS). You can also submit information online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. Being anonymous, you will not be required to testify in court and information you provide may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

“In August of 2021, as a result of the police investigation, a search warrant was executed at a residence in the Town of Caledon, which resulted in the seizure of multiple firearms and ammunition,” say Police. “A 32-year-old male from Caledon has been charged with Uttering Threats in relation to this investigation. The accused party is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charge.”

The charges have not been proven.

The name of the accused is being withheld to protect the identity of the victim.

GUNSHOTS INVESTIGATED

On Thursday, August 5, at approximately 1:46 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of gunshots in the rural area of Bramalea Road and Boston Mills Road.

Once on scene, the officers located shell casings on the roadway.

“The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit with the assistance of Forensic Identification Services (FIS),” say Police.

Bramalea Road was closed between Boston Mills and King Street for the investigation of the scene; Bramalea Road has since been re-opened.

The investigation has identified no public safety concerns.

Caledon OPP is asking the residents to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity on August 5, 2021 between 12:00 a.m. - 2 a.m. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this incident, please call the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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MOTORCYCLIST CHARGED AFTER DRIVING ON SIDEWALK

On Monday, August 9, 2021, at approximately 8:24 p.m., officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment were conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Mayfield Road and Dixie Road in the Town of Caledon.

“During these patrols, an officer observed a black motorcycle with obstructed plate travelling east-bound on Mayfield Road,” say Police. “The motorcycle was seen cutting across three lanes of traffic and continuing driving on the sidewalk nearly striking a pedestrian, and vehicle making a turn.

“The rider attempted to re-enter traffic on Mayfield Road, however, lost control of the motorcycle and was subsequently placed under arrest.”

As a result, Jordan Guida, 20, of Vaughan, has been charged with:

EXCAVATOR THEFT

On Monday, August 9, the Dufferin OPP Detachment responded to a reported theft of a Kubota excavator that occurred from an address on 15th Sideroad in Amaranth.

The complainant indicated that the excavator was stolen from a construction site sometime between Sunday, August 8 and Monday, August 9, 2021.

Excavator description: Kubota RX 503, teal in colour.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at ontario-crimestoppers.ca.

Community Library coming to Headwaters

In the Spring, Headwaters was approached by two Grade 11 students from Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS), Trinity and Victoria.

The dynamic duo is part of the Believe Leadership Club at their school. This program was created by Sarah Wells, an Olympic hurdler, and teaches the importance of leadership, entrepreneurship and mental wellness to high school students.

As part of the program, students are asked to create a passion project which is an initiative that has a goal to better the community.

Trinity and Victoria came up with the idea of creating libraries in our community to promote education and opportunity. With these libraries, a passerby can take a book and leave a book for others to read.

Headwaters hospital will be home to one of these libraries, which will be maintained and stocked regularly with appropriate books, by students at ODSS.

Currently in the building phase of the project, Trinity and Victoria, have constructed the little libraries, built entirely out of recycled wood they salvaged from old skids. The doors are made from plexiglass and the roof is shingled. They have completed painting and are now sealing the edges to protect the library from weather.

The location and date of installation is still being determined, but will be decided soon.

Question: I just purchased a property, and I was given a document that shows how much I owe the seller. I do not understand where these figures came from and why I have to pay for them.


Answer: Closing day is a big day for buyers because it signifies the end of their home purchase journey. However, there are certain prepaid costs (paid for by the sellers) that buyers would have to reimburse the sellers for on closing day that are listed in a “statement of adjustments”. A statement of adjustments is a document that details how much a buyer is to pay to the seller on closing before the property transaction is finalized. As a general rule, the seller is responsible for property taxes on the property until the closing day, while the buyer is responsible for the property taxes after closing day. Where the property taxes have already been prepaid by the seller, an amount would be added to the property purchase price so that the buyer can pay his share. A statement of adjustment therefore will contain the total amount owed to the seller, which could include property taxes, utilities, prepaid common expenses in a condominium unit, refilling a fuel or propane tank, prepaid rent on a lease, etc. The specific adjustments will depend on the property characteristics.

A statement of adjustments contains a debit column, for amounts already paid, and a credit column, for amounts that are payable to the seller.

An additional document that is relevant to buyers is the Trust Ledger Statement. This is a statement that gives an account of how money will be distributed on closing day. Usually, when the buyer has been able to determine how much is owed to the seller, this amount would then be moved to the buyer’s Trust Ledger Statement. Just like the statement of adjustments, the Trust Ledger Statement has a debit and credit column, this time, however, with the debit section showing how much must be paid on closing day, and the credit column showing the mortgage loan that has been advanced to the buyer by the mortgagee, if applicable.

It is important for buyers to understand these closing costs so that they do not come as an unwelcome surprise on closing day. If you have any questions about your statement of adjustments, please do not hesitate to reach out to Northview Law at 416-639-7639 or by email at dmcullen@northviewlaw.com.

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18. A tool to communicate
20. Crumbles away
22. Egg-like
23. Districts (abbr.)
24. Dressed
28. Small island (British)
29. Dialect of Chinese
30. Force unit
31. Borderlines
33. Norse gods
37. Morning
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Tell a story
41. Consumed
42. Atomic #58
43. About old Norse poems

44. Fencing swords
46. One-time Tigers third baseman
49. Southpaw (abbr.)
50. Neither
51. Conversations
55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
58. Cyprinids
59. Appropriate to a festival
60. Pearl Jam frontman
64. Wrath
65. Italian city
66. A way to get there
67. A nose or snout
68. German seaport
69. A horse for riding
70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Unhappy
2. Silk fabric
3. Unbroken view of a region
4. Middle Eastern territory

5. __ and Andy, TV show
6. Central processing unit
7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
9. Weapon
10. Delivered a speech
11. Probably going to happen
12. Midway between northeast and east
13. Danish krone
19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
21. Fall slowly in drops
24. Bestow an honor upon
25. Childishly silly
26. Related on the mother’s side
27. Populations of related plants
31. Coherent

32. Tribe of ancient Britons
34. Financial firm Goldman __
35. Stephen King thriller
36. Went in again
40. Commercial
41. Poking holes in the ground
45. Prisoners of war
47. Pursued pleasure
48. “Seinfeld” character
52. Body of water
53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
54. People who utilize
56. Nostrils
57. Inner mass of some fungi
59. Honor lavishly
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Turn down
62. Small round mark
63. Expected at a certain time

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

SPORTS

Double Dose of Victories for York United

BY ROBERT BELARDI

York United edged out a 1-0 victory against Forge FC and earned a stunning victory against HFX Wanderers this past week.

Their excellent week with adding six more points to their record all began with heading out on the road to Tim Hortons Field for a rematch against Forge FC.

Ahead of the game, York United got a huge boost. Dominick Zator’s red card against Forge FC at York Lions Stadium the game before was rescinded. He was eligible to play and head coach Jimmy Brennan didn’t hesitate to insert him into the starting 11.

In the first half, with Forge FC all over The Nine Stripes, midfielder Tristan Borges earned his club a penalty kick on the stroke of halftime. Borges stepped up to the plate, but Nathan Ingham guessed the right way and

York walked away unscathed.

Just nine minutes into the second half, York forward Alvaro Rivero juked Garven-Michee Metusala, charged into the box and put one past Tristan Henry to break the deadlock.

Ironically, just 10 minutes later and for the second consecutive game, York were awarded a red card.

Rivero stood in front of the ball when Forge FC had a free kick. The official didn’t like it and showed Rivero the red card.

With 10-men, The Nine Stripes held on to the narrow 1-0 victory.

“Obviously, our home opener we ended up losing the game. We wanted to come here and disrupt their party as well and take three points. I thought the boys put in a team effort all over the park. They defended with their lives and I thought we showed good character having a player sent off and sticking together the way that they did,” Brennan said after the game.

Added Zator: “Today was definitely a challenge. But the fight from all the boys was spectacular. Obviously, an injury with the goalie Nate (Ingham) played unbelievable first half and made a penalty save. Niko (Giantsopoulos) comes in to the job and does brilliantly. Subs coming in and doing their job. They knew we were under caution with the red. Taking three points away it’s just brilliant.”

The Nine Stripes then travelled over to Halifax for a date against the Wanderers on August 7 and this match surely didn’t disappoint.

In the 21st minute, a lob ball into the box saw Jake Ruby charge at it and make a diving header to give HFX the early lead.

In the 39th minute York United responded. A ball from Isaiah Johnston found Max Ferrari alone on the left side of the 18-yard-box and Ferrari smashed it into the top corner.

Frustratingly, less than 60 seconds later HFX recaptured the lead. Ruby found Joao Morelli unmarked at the top of the six-yard-box and Morelli tucked it home.

Heading into the second half, York United didn’t back down and the Nine Stripes were rewarded.

Ferrari returned the favour and found Johnston at the top of the 18-yard-box in the 54 minute and the young man slotted home his second goal of the season.

Then in the 90th minute, substitute Lowell Wright received a cross from Diyaeddine Abzi and the young forward pushed the ball through goalkeeper Christian Oxner for the game winner.

“We got a strong belief here we can get something out of games. We felt that if we push forward we will get opportunities. You know it was two silly mistakes that cost us two goals. It’s our own fault that cost us those two goals,” Brennan said afterwards.

“Once we started breaking lines, we started keeping the ball and our movement was better. We put Lowell we thought let’s go for this right now and we came away 3-2. It was a great overall performance by everybody. It wasn’t easy today by any means. They’re a good side.”

York United headed out on the road for the third straight match against Atletico Ottawa this past Wednesday and head home this Saturday to take on Masters Futbol in the Canadian Championship preliminary round.

Legendary Sikh Riders welcomed on tour

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The ceremony started with drumming from Dholi Kaur, a young Sikh woman who is quite popular in the Brampton community for her talented drumming performances, according to Gill.

She also noted that she sang a welcome song for the Legendary Sikh Riders, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

“We put so much personal effort to make them [the Legendary Sikh Riders] feel that even though you are away from home, we want to give you a taste of home for one day on your ride,” Gill explained.

In each province visited by the Riders they did stops where they fundraised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

“I have no words to express how well it was embraced by everybody and how well it went,” she enthused.

Gill told the Citizen all COVID-19 protocols were adhered to and she’s extremely grateful that the event generated over \$5,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

With many of the Legendary Sikh Riders being older, above 65, with grandkids of their own, Gill said the Make-A-Wish Foundation and other organizations that support children have a special place in their heart.

To donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in support of the Legendary Sikh Riders Cross Canada journey, visit: [makeawish.ca.donordrive.com/campaign/Ride-A-Cross-Canada](https://makeawish.ca/donordrive.com/campaign/Ride-A-Cross-Canada) and click the donate button.

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Mayor Allan Thompson was in attendance at the grand opening as he welcomed the team from F45 Bolton South to the Caledon community

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

F45 Bolton South hosts grand opening as they aim to make a healthy difference in the community

BY ROB PAUL

On Saturday, August 7, F45 Bolton South hosted their grand opening.

The fitness facility is brand new to Caledon—located at 14 McEwan Drive West in Bolton—and kicked off opening with a live DJ, fitness classes, and local vendors.

Mayor Allan Thompson paid a visit to the grand opening to show his support for both local businesses and the importance of health and fitness in the community.

“Supporting new and existing small businesses is a key priority for me as we journey down the road to post pandemic recovery and renewal,” said Thompson. “Businesses that focus on health and wellness are so important to residents and our community. I welcome F45 to the Town of Caledon.”

The plan to host a grand opening came when the team at F45 Bolton South wanted to show the community support and offer them a fun day while getting residents in the area excited about the new facility.

“We’ve been waiting to open our doors to the community for months,” said F45 Bolton South co-owner Aliya Dowlut. “It has been a very tough year and we are so happy to finally be able to open and celebrate.”

Showing the community that they care was a priority for the F45 Bolton South team both because they know how community-driven Caledon is, also because the fitness world is predicated on supporting one another.

“The team at F45 Bolton South thought it was a great idea to show our community spirit because, at F45, we are a fitness family, and we would love for everyone to have a safe and great fitness experience as a community,” Dowlut said. “We believe in providing a non-judgmental space for everyone to

train and feel comfortable.”

After the fitness world took a hit with the closures of gyms on and off throughout the pandemic, Dowlut says they were on cloud nine to finally be able to host the grand opening and they were proud to see support from the Mayor on their big day.

“The team at F45 Bolton South has worked hard on organizing the grand opening and connecting with the local community to sponsor our event,” she said. “F45 Bolton South values supporting and promoting other local businesses, and that is exactly what we set out to do for the event. It was a pleasure to have the Mayor involved and show his support for our business during one of the most challenging times in the fitness industry.”

After a long hiatus for gyms during the most recent lockdown, Ontario’s reopening is under way which means the fitness world and facilities like F45 Bolton South can start making a difference once again. Dowlut can’t wait to show Caledon what they have to offer with their unique workout program.

“The team is so excited to get back to making a positive impact on health in the lives of our members, build connections and motivate each other,” she said. “At F45 our motto is ‘Team Training, Life Changing,’ and this is exactly what we want to share with the community!”

The concept behind F45 is a 45-minute HIIT (high-intensity interval training) workout class that is a mix of circuit and HIIT-style workouts geared toward everyday movements. HIIT is based around putting the body into a fast-paced anaerobic exercise with short resting periods in between to keep the heart rate up which in turn burns more fat.

To learn more about F45 Bolton South, visit f45training.ca/boltonsouth/home.

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Robert's Rant: Canada winning gold for the first time is the reminder why women should not give up sport

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

When 20-year-old Julia Grosso stepped up to the spot to seal Olympic gold for Team Canada, I couldn't help but think about the 2006 World Cup.

Italy needed to score one more penalty against France to earn their fourth World Cup victory. A man and quite the Cinderella story throughout the tournament, Fabio Grosso, stepped up and scored the final penalty kick to bring Gli Azzurri victory.

So, when the Vancouver native rifled her penalty kick past Chelsea FC Women's goalkeeper and Swedish international

Hedvig Lindahl, it completely justified that anyone named Grosso is undoubtedly prepared to score a penalty.

Canada defeated Sweden on penalties 1-1 (3-2) to lift their first ever Olympic gold. It was a historical moment for all 4.4 million national television viewers in the country. Finally, the ultimate prize after coming up short in the past two Olympic Games. Finally, defeating the United States in the semi-finals to have the chance to win it all. It was also historical for Canadian defender Quinn, who became the first transgender athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

And better yet, it was a moment for two local players from neighbouring

areas to have the chance to bring this memory back to where they grew up.

King City native and Country Day School graduate Adrianna Leon, and Caledon East native Ashley Lawrence were those two local talents to have lifted the trophy along with legends Christine Sinclair, Kadeisha Buchanan, Janine Beckie and Jessie Fleming.

General Manager of Brams United Melanie Bradley said Lawrence, Leon and Buchanan were in their youth and she said the word spread fast on how talented they were.

"When I speak to these team officials and coaches and club members, they tell me they saw this talent at a young age

and their communities began to rally behind them," Bradley said.

"Representing your country on the world stage is not easy. Not as glorified as it may seem with all these social media posts. There's a lot of sacrifice and hard work that lead to these moments. When you look at players like Ashley Lawrence, Kadeisha Buchanan and Adrianna Leon, when you watch them all the field you can see that passion, the hunger and drive for what it takes to represent your country on the world stage."

All girls come back to Brams United to give back to their communities. She said they are leaders and nobody had any doubt they would be part of the national

team one day.

With Canada's victory, Bradley said she hopes this will shed some light on women in sport in Canada.

According to Canadian Women & Sport's Twitter page, one in four girls (aged 16-18) are not committed to returning to sport in Canada since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bradley also hopes that this victory is the gateway to opening a women's professional soccer league in Canada.

"A lot of us women, we're hopeful this game will open the door for a domestic women's professional league here in Canada. It's something that's been talked about for many years. We know it's

needed. But I think, this win is going to amplify it," Bradley said.

"We see people here waking up at 4 a.m. to cheer on a women's team. There's no doubt in my mind that a women's professional league will be successful here in Canada. This will hopefully impact that as well and that we can further those discussions."

Canadian women would have the opportunity just like the men's Canadian Premier League as a stepping stone for further opportunities. Keep an eye out for articles in the coming weeks on further information about the league. But for now, enjoy the Olympic gold. It's once in a lifetime.

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Brock’s Banter

How personal are “personal decisions” these days?

BY BROCK WEIR

Do you ever look back and try to pinpoint a single moment or decision that grabbed your life and took it in an unexpected and worthwhile direction?

For me, a simple coffee table book my grandmother kept on a table beside a chair in her bedroom, sparked something. Leafing through the tome every time we visited only served to stoke these early sparks into a flame and the fire has barely subsided. I never truly outgrew this particular interest and as I got older, my research into what captured my attention only went deeper. It helped me find an outlet for this passion, one of advocacy on my own time which continues to stand me in good stead to this day.

Another instance is a decision made on my behalf, shortly after I was born.

One of the very first television programs I was ever exposed to sparked another enduring passion. It is through this interest, which has only gone from strength to strength in each passing year, that I met so many of my closest friends. It also served as a springboard for so many other interests that I can’t imagine what my life would be like without my mother setting me in that very specific direction.

But the choice to fuel the passion, and everything that goes with it, over the last 35-odd years has been mine.

In my youth, there was one instance where I almost drove a teacher to distraction, but I maintain it was all for the greater good. The teacher, who hailed from South Africa, was involved in coordinating a small part of then-South African President Nelson Mandela’s official trip to Canada in the late 1990s.

As such, he managed to get a handful of tickets to one gathering for his students and I was damned if I was going to miss such a historic event. It wasn’t, of course, a ticket that was going to be handed out to anyone who asked. Certain projects were devised to essentially weed out, for lack of a better phrase, those who were truly interested in being a part of something historic or those just looking to get the afternoon off.

Those of us in the former category decided the work was worth it and that unforgettable afternoon in the presence of greatness – however far away that greatness turned out to be on the day in question – proved us right.

It was to be just over a decade before I was able to set foot in Africa, albeit significantly further north than the nation over which Mandela presided. In my last year of university, I had the chance to take part in the Rwanda Initiative, a partnership between Carleton University’s School of Journalism, the Government of Canada, and several media outlets in the cities of Kigali and Butare.

The benefits of working abroad were obvious to me, but less so to several loved ones who didn’t quite see the value, even for a very short period of time. Despite this, I made the decision to forge ahead, equipped with solid knowledge of the benefits and risks.

As far as decisions go, these are ultimately very personal ones. They were made with eyes wide open and with due consideration of what it would mean to me and those around me.

Try as I might, however, I simply can’t see the choice to forego a vaccine of COVID-19 as a “very personal decision” unless it is one

made in consideration of your own medical history and in consultation with a qualified medical doctor.

Before embarking on that trip to Rwanda, I – along with everyone else going there – was turned into a veritable pin cushion as we were vaccinated against all manner of dreadful-sounding maladies and had oral inoculations when a simple jab wouldn’t do the trick.

We took them not only to stay healthy while we were there, but also in due consideration of what we might bring into the country, or back to Canada where such health issues are mercifully rare – funnily enough thanks to thorough medical research – and to our families and other loved ones.

There was no question at the time that it was the right decision to make, but, then again, mass misinformation campaigns in 2007 were, by comparison to today, pretty embryonic.

There is no such thing in a Global Pandemic as a “very personal decision” when it comes to vaccines.

Most of us have done our part by getting at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, putting our trust in medical science over questionable YouTube “experts” and people on social media posting videos “the experts don’t want you to see” – more often than not, it seems, recorded from the driver’s seats of their cars and audio courtesy of a can and a string taped to the microphone of their cell.

In the fight against a still-invisible enemy that has wrought very visible havoc on our families, our health care system, our neighbourhoods and our businesses, every decision we make as individuals has very real consequences well beyond our bubbles.

Those who have been responsible in getting their double jabs have done so not only to protect their health and the health of those around them, but as citizens of a greater community, one that is collectively looking to get back to some degree of normalcy as soon as we possibly can and protect our most vulnerable from the Delta variant and others that are inevitably to come.

Those who haven’t, if they are indeed able to do so, have also made a conscious choice, but it is certainly not a personal one as it has a direct impact on anyone who crosses their path. It is a choice to put little value on the health, safety and lives of loved ones, neighbours and any stranger you might meet through the course of the day. It’s a choice to potentially get others sick, possibly very seriously, because it is somehow inconvenient to walk in off the street to get a shot.

It’s a choice to disregard the work our frontline workers – medical and otherwise – have been doing tirelessly for more than a year-and-a-half simply because...well, the reasons presented baffle me, so let’s just say “to make a point.”

And it is a “personal decision” the rest of us will be left on the hook for in one way or another.

Making difficult decisions is a very important rite of passage for each and every one of us. Some of them are very personal, others not so much, but each decision has a consequence whether immediately or somewhere down the line.

Consider what is well and truly a “personal decision” and make sure you don’t regret your choice.



Let’s remove “nothing” from our vocabulary

by Mark Pavilons



Nothing, rien, nada, nichts, niente, nekas.

It’s odd that every language, every culture has many synonyms for “nothing.”

An interesting word, defined as “not any thing,” or of “no interest, value or consequence.”

But we don’t have a handle on nothingness or a lack of something. In my opinion, there’s no such thing as nothing.

Show someone an empty box and they’re likely to say there’s nothing in it. But that’s not true. Inside this empty space is oxygen, nitrogen, dust particles, maybe some allergens, etc. That’s a lot of something, albeit on a very small scale.

What did you do today? Nothing. Really?

If you moved, or just sat there on the couch, breathing in oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide, then you actually did a lot of something. That whole respiratory process in the human body is filled with miracles and amazing biological functions. Not only that, plants use the CO2 we exhale in their life processes, too.

We have witnessed many amazing achievements at the Olympics this year – personal bests and world records. Ask any athlete if they reach a point where they have “nothing left to give.” They will tell you they reach even further, and find even more to give, to make it to the finish line. And I firmly believe that no athlete comes away from the Games with “nothing.” They leave with new experiences, new lessons, new personal insights. Medal or not, they have changed and become better people.

And you can say that about anything in life. Our daily routines may seem boring, mundane, even painful at times. But does a day go by where we learn absolutely “nothing?”

I’ve been in the journalism business for more than 30 years and I’m still learning.

I thought I had seen and heard it all, and yet, some weeks bring a flurry of unexpected, never-before-witnessed events, stories and achievements.

People never fail to surprise and impress me. They never fail to do or say something crazy, fascinating, off the wall, unbelievable and incredibly ground-breaking.

Of no interest or consequence? Not at all.

I also love the phrase about teaching an old dog new tricks. It’s quite true. Even this old, tired dog learns something new day in, and day out.

It’s not that I’m taking up skydiving, or learning fly fishing. New insights, revelations even life-altering emotions, come from all sorts of things. You don’t even have to be a willing participant; sometimes really cool things just fall into your lap. It’s

what you choose to do with it that matters.

My son has a passion for writing lyrics and singing rap music. I’ve been around more than half a century, so I’ve been exposed to a lot of music. I embraced hard rock and disco balls, and even smiled at punkers and moved my head to metal heads. But rap? My only recollections of old school rappers were Run-D.M.C. and Grandmaster Flash.

My son introduced me to Eminem and some newer artists.

While it’s not my cup of tea, I always keep an open mind and will try everything and anything. Our kids are also embracing our music – the hits of the 1970s and 1980s.

I believe there is art and beauty is almost everything.

Rap is no different. The lyrics – Liam’s lyrics – are genuine, emotional and he goes to great lengths to make sure the lines rhyme and mesh together.

I also look at it this way – I may not totally “get it,” but it’s something I can’t do so I appreciate the skill and passion from someone who can.

We toss around the word “nothing” way too frivolously. What’s that over there? Nothing! What you hiding? Nothing! What’s in the package you ordered from eBay? Nothing!

Lies, all lies.

I think we should rid our world of “nothing,” and make sure every day is filled with “something.”

It’s not that hard and it’s fun for all ages.

Every day we rise and shine, climb out of a bed and face the day, we need to do something. We should be active, mentally or physically. We should strive to accomplish just one thing.

I know many motivators suggest creating a visual to do-list so we can stay on track, and monitor our progress.

It’s so easy for us to fall into disrepair, and allow our routines to take over and smother us. It’s easy to give in to the gremlins in our minds. It’s not easy to spring into action, and try to be “spectacular” each and every day.

I’m reminded of a Seinfeld episode where George figures out that everything he does is wrong, so he decides to do the opposite of what his intuition tells him. Hmmm. Doing the opposite of what you previously thought. Maybe there’s merit in that.

Another cliché is something to the effect of be a better version of yourself each day.

Improve. Do better.

Again, we have to be motivated, or find something that motivates. Our spouses, family networks, friends and co-workers can all be sources of a certain amount of spark. The rest is up to us.

Toss out “nothing” in favour of “some indeterminate or unspecified thing.” Let’s aim to find something of consequence.

We can learn, or reprogram ourselves and our loved ones.

Think about how encouraged we feel as our young child or new puppy dart around the house in search of adventure. Sure, they will bump into things and even get turned around. They may get preoccupied by a sock or renegade Cheerio, but discovery is a delightful process.

There is always “something” waiting to challenge, confuse, perplex and thrill us.

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Toothbrushes and other assorted stuff

I was reading an interesting post the other day someone had put on Facebook.

It was about a younger girl chiding an older woman for asking for a plastic bag for her groceries.

The girl explained that the woman should be more conscience of the environment and that plastic bags were bad.

The older woman then went on to explain a whole lot of environmental issues to the girl and pretty much shut down her argument – and a lot of arguments that many environmental activists use but don’t consider or practice in daily life.

The post didn’t say how old the woman was, but she had obviously lived through the 50s when things were done differently.

Plastic bags themselves are of a least concern to the environment if used properly. As one expert explained, you could take thousands and thousands of those bags, and they can be compressed into a small cube less than a square foot in size.

The problem with plastic bags is people don’t dispose of them properly. When you see them blowing in the wind across fields or caught in a branch on the side of the road, it’s because someone tossed them out of a car window or was too careless to properly

use them.

Plastic bottles are a big issue. The big beverage companies used to have a system where pop was sold in glass bottles that could be returned for your deposit back and the bottle reused.

According to Greenpeace, the Coca-Cola company alone, produced 100 billion plastic bottles in 2016 – and they are just one company. Most of those are never recycled.

On top of that, drinking water from plastic bottles adds to the problem. Your tap water is just as safe as bottle water despite the clever marketing campaigns by water companies to convince you that their H2O is somehow better.

A news story from a couple of years ago revealed that a well-known water bottling company’s “safer” drinking water, came from the public tap in Mississauga. They just put it in a bottle, gave it a fancy name and sold it to consumers who paid for the same water they got from the home faucet.

That’s pretty clever marketing.

I was at a baseball game the other day. The ground in a local park was littered with garbage and plastic water bottles left over from spectators.

I’ll bet almost everyone who left a bottle behind

claims to “protect the environment” by bringing their own bags to the grocery store.

How many “environmentalists” use disposal diapers for their babies?

Disposable diapers may be convenient, but they are not environmentally friendly – at all. If you could see a mountain of disposable diapers that are tossed away in a single year, you would be astonished.

I’ll bet you didn’t have a single environmental friend that used reusable cloth diapers.

I was in a home recently owned by a guy who is part of a local environmental group. He’s a nice guy and well intentioned, however I did notice there were at least four television sets, and that was just on the first floor. I wasn’t going to point out that modern TV sets only last a handful of years and probably will just end up in the landfill.

If someone really is that concerned about the environment, wouldn’t a single television or maybe two be enough?

Here’s one you may not have thought of – toothbrushes. This was actually pointed out to me the other day by a woman who makes and sells environmentally safe tooth brushes.

Pretty much everyone has at least one toothbrush.

In North America alone, that’s over 592 million tooth brushes perched in their little holder in the bathroom at one time - and most likely you buy several each year.

All those plastic handles have to go somewhere. According to my tooth brush friend who did her homework – thus the environmentally friendly model – there are millions of them floating in the world’s oceans.

On the same note, consider disposable razors, of which again, there are millions and millions. Once that tiny little blade is finished, you toss the entire razor, including the plastic handle in the garbage, where it will remain for around 50,000 years.

I’m not claiming to be the most environmentally perfect guy – far from it. Just the other day I was at an outdoor event in the blazing sun and a vendor offered me a bottle of water from his cooler, which I accepted. I was really, really thirsty.

I’m just saying the older lady in the above-mentioned story did make a few good points.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The Stunning Sound of Silence

Last summer, and rightly so, many citizens across our country, across America and even around the world loudly protested the treatment of Black, Indigenous and Persons of Colour.

The horrifying truths of George Floyd’s murder in broad daylight by Derek Chauvin – then a Minneapolis police officer, highlighted the long-standing inequities in the treatment of Black Americans that exists there. It’s not just south of the border however, but here in Canada too. By comparison, this summer, as we learn the true extent and horror of a genocide that has been taking place for close to a century – we have been met instead, for the most part, with the stunning sound of silence.

When it was first announced that the shallow, unmarked graves of 215 children were discovered on the grounds of a residential school, we howled. We shook our heads and with much wringing of hands we demanded flags be lowered and Canada Day not be celebrated. We put teddy bears on our front porches and said “Every Child Matters.”

Do they though? Because at last count, the most recent published numbers suggest an alternative figure, that anywhere between 1308 and 1412 children have been found since the original discovery and I challenge you to find a recent news story about this.

Alternatively, social media reports suggest the numbers are as high as 5,000+ unmarked graves having been discovered.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report

acknowledges that 3,200 lives were lost but also states that these numbers are likely not only incorrect but could number in the tens of thousands. Because the “general Indian Affairs policy was to hold the schools responsible for burial expenses when a student died (and) generally determined the location and nature of that burial” it is likely we will never know the true extent of this tragedy.

Additionally, even when deaths were acknowledged to have taken place at the schools, “Parental requests to have children’s bodies returned home for burial were generally refused as being too costly.” Imagine sending your child to school and never seeing them again, literally ever, without even a gravesite to visit and mourn. Where is the continued anger and outrage now? I ask if you have seen a single protest in the streets or, more importantly, if you have seen evidence of a single person, religious institution or government agency being held accountable for these crimes against humanity?

I’m left wondering why such alarming numbers haven’t garnered more interest? Is it because this summer there is more freedom of movement than last summer? People have more “interesting” things to do now that we aren’t in lockdown? Is it because we don’t care at all about the plight of long dead indigenous children – or indeed the Indigenous population at all?

Why, despite an extensive search, did I have trouble even finding accurate numbers to include in this article? I’m just sad. There really isn’t a better word to describe these feelings of impotence. Why aren’t more

eloquent minds than mine continuing to write about these stories and bring continued national attention to the issue and pressuring our government to do more? Where are the continued calls for a National Day of Mourning? Over 320,000 people have signed a petition calling for one but let’s face it – we need more, and louder, calls from our elected representatives, from the media and from us, the community at large, to make this happen.

Why do we need a National Day of Mourning? Apart from the obvious, more than anything I believe we need education. I grew up in a generation that never heard a damn thing about residential schools. We learned very little about Indigenous history at all save for a brief blurb on Louis Riel.

The mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was to document, inform and educate ALL Canadians about what happened in the residential school system. The commission completed its work in 2015. It’s now 2021 and long past the time we acknowledged the truth of our past relationship with the Indigenous community and what better way to do so than through a National Day of Mourning where the focus is on education?

I envision something where ceremonies take place in schools, where Elders are invited to share Indigenous history and where we can gather together to learn, respect and honour the lives of these children and in doing so, learn how to do better moving forward. Land Acknowledgements are not enough. It’s time we ac-

knowledgeed this cultural genocide for exactly what it was – the murder of innocents – and with such continued education and attention, learn how to prevent history from ever repeating itself again and how best we can support the efforts of the Indigenous community in healing.

As I write this, for inspiration I am burning a candle of traditional healing scents purchased at a market this past weekend supporting and raising funds for local Indigenous communities.

Organized by Lynn Giambattista, and as reported on by our own Rob Paul, the pop-up market was specifically organized to continue raising awareness and funds to support Indigenous communities. Vendor costs were donated directly to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and individual vendors were also donating a portion of sales to various Indigenous led charities, including the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund.

In her words, Lynn states: “Everybody has got to step up and do something, anything to help.” If only such efforts were more widespread, more newsworthy articles than this one were being written and more focussed demands for a call to acknowledge and address our past through a National Day of Mourning were being made instead of what we are “hearing” – the stunning sound of silence.

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OBITUARIES

MONTGOMERY,

Gerald Albert Hartley

74 years old, passed away on May 7, 2021, in Calgary Alberta. Gerald resided in Kentucky for many years and moved to Calgary, Alberta in 2018 to be with his forever love, Joan.

Gerald started his career working for Canadian Tire for 15 years and transitioned into a successful businessman owning his own auto care business.

Gerald was born in Grand Valley, Ontario on December 3, 1946, to Albert and Irene Montgomery (nee Dickson). Gerald was predeceased by his parents and siblings Bill and Bonnie. Married to Wenda Montgomery 1972 – 1974 and married to Marcia Vonderschmidt for 38 years until her passing in 2016. Survived and missed so much by his partner, Joan Murphy of Calgary, and her 3 children, Ben and partner Charlene, Cory, Christine, and 3 grandchildren. Survived by his daughter Sarah Short-McDougall and grandchildren, Emily, and Wyatt. Also survived by nieces and nephews, Erin, Jeff, Shelly, Tara Jane, Shawna, Andrew, Nicolas, Jacob, Julie, 10 great nieces and nephews and 2 great-great nieces and 1 great-great nephew. Gerald had a wonderful sense of humour and a passion for food, travel, animals, and the odd shot of bourbon. He enjoyed people, everywhere he went he would talk to people and ask questions and engage them in conversation. He was very inquisitive and interested in learning what he didn't know. He was a thinker. He is sadly missed.

A celebration will take place in Grand Valley on August 21, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

There will be a graveside service at the Union Cemetery in Grand Valley followed by refreshments and social time at In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gerald's memory to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com

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OBITUARIES

MR. JAMES THOMAS DONALLY ARMSTRONG "JIM" OF BEAR LAKE AND FORMERLY OF CALEDON EAST AND BRAMPTON

August 7, 1943 - August 6, 2021

Peacefully at Algonquin Grace Hospice in Huntsville on Friday August 6, 2021. Jim Armstrong, beloved husband of Carol, was in his 78th year.

Dear father of Jamie Armstrong (Dana), Christine Armstrong-Brochu (Gilles) and Jeff Armstrong (Jennifer).

Very proud grandfather of Trenten, Taylor, Timothy, Aviana, Evan, Everson and predeceased by grandson Shane.

He is survived by his sister Joan MacDonald

and predeceased by his brother Ron Armstrong (Joan). Jim will be fondly remembered by all his nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

The family will receive visitors outdoors at the Opatovsky Funeral Home-Dempster Chapel lawn, 210 Ontario Street in Burk's Falls, on the north side of the building on Saturday August 21, 2021 from 2 to 3p.m.

A service to celebrate Jim's life will follow at 3p.m. with Rev. Catherine Murkin officiating.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Algonquin Grace Hospice would be sincerely appreciated by the family.



PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required to attend the service. To register please RSVP on the obituary page at www.opatovskfuneralhome.com or call the funeral home at 705-382-3222. As per the directive of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario attendance numbers will be restricted for social distancing capacity (65 attendees). COVID-19 protocols are in place and masks are mandatory while indoors.

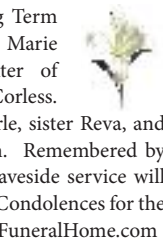
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CORLESS, MARIE FRANCES

MAY 13, 1922 – AUGUST 5, 2021

Peacefully at Bradford Valley Long Term Care on Friday, August 5, 2021, Marie Frances Corless, beloved daughter of the late Alma and Edward Corless.

Predeceased by her twin sister Merle, sister Reva, and brothers Murray, Arthur, and John. Remembered by many family members. Private graveside service will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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OBITUARIES

LAUNSPACH, Dick 1952-2021

On the afternoon of Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 4:14, Dick Launspach peacefully passed away surrounded by his family, at the age of 68. He was a loving husband to Deborah (nee King) for 48 years, and father to Marcus, Jennifer (Mike Kupfer) and Robin-Lynn (Kevin Cornelius). He will be missed and forever loved by his grandkids: Matthew and Justin Launspach; Macey, Benjamin, Aleigha, Kyle, Ryan and Andrew Kupfer; Tyler, Avery-Anna and Carter Cornelius. Dick was very proud of his family. He will also be missed by his large extended family and, of course, all our pets.

Dick was born in Amsterdam on November 10, 1952 and came to Canada with his parents, Dirk and Joanna, and his brother John, May 31, 1958, when he was five years old. His family settled in Brampton. While growing up, Dick enjoyed playing bass guitar in a band, competing in square dancing, and participating in Scouts. He was a Scout, Venture and Rover before becoming Leader with 3rd Brampton and 1st Mono Mills.

Dick and Deb first met in Grade 1. But it wasn't until the end of high school that they began their relationship, which lasted over 50 years. Once married, in 1973, they moved between Brampton and Acton before settling in Mono Mills. They travelled around the world exploring places, including Holland, Florida, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, the Azores, Italy, France, England, Brazil and places across Canada.

Dick began working as a surveyor and started Rymark Surveys Ltd. with his brother in 1975. He also worked for Pilen Construction as an estimator for sewer and water mains. Eventually, he and a few partners went on to establish their own companies, first Pentad Construction, then Trillium Infrastructure Ltd. He was looking forward to retiring at the end of this year.

Dick loved his job and all the people who became an extended family to him. He listened to people's problems and issues, and helped if he could. He loved the stories that everyone shared. Dick loved racing and was owner of a Limited Late Model race car that won the Championship in 2011 at Sunset Speedway. His team also won the OSCAR Super Late Model Championship in 2015. Cheers to #17!! Dick's heart was not well. This issue affected his liver, lungs and kidneys. For all you people out there that don't go to the doctor for one reason or another, let this be a wake-up call for you. Don't smoke and make sure your body gets the nourishment it needs daily.

Thank you to the staff at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Etobicoke General and especially to the amazing nurses and doctors at Toronto General Hospital in the CICU. Donations, in memory of Dick, can be made to the Orangeville Salvation Army, Orangeville SPCA or Headwaters Health Care Centre.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the *Dods and McNair Funeral Home* in Orangeville, on Friday, August 20, 2021 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

BEATON, John Hartley

Also known as Hon, Dad and Grampa, at the age of 77, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. John was the son of John and Gladys Beaton, he was born on January 7, 1944. John was originally from Sudbury, but lived most of his life in Orangeville. John was an educator, volunteer, mentor, colleague, neighbour and friend, but his most cherished roles were that of a husband, father and grandfather. He prioritized his time on the things that were most important to him, loving others, loving God, and loving and empowering his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed, but is currently dwelling in the House of our Lord, waiting for his family to join him, when God calls them home.

John is survived by his best friend and wife of 56 years, Mary (nee McLean); his children Carolyn (Dean) Dyer, Jennifer (Bindu) George, John (Anna-Marie) Beaton and Heather (Justin) Zachariah; his grandchildren Britni (Davey) Hooper, Brianna Dyer; Kieran and Rohan George; Mariana, Johnny, and Joey Beaton; Sathya, Noah, Christian and Emma Zachariah. He is also survived by his two sisters Johnneen (Fred) Rennie, Nancy (Doug) Foreman; brother-in-law Archie McLean; many nieces and nephews; and many people who he considered adopted children and grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville. Due to Covid restrictions, the funeral service will be private, but can be attended by all virtually at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to: St. Michael's Hospital, Headwaters Health Care Centre, Trillium Health Partners-Mississauga Hospital.

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A tree will be planted in memory of John in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

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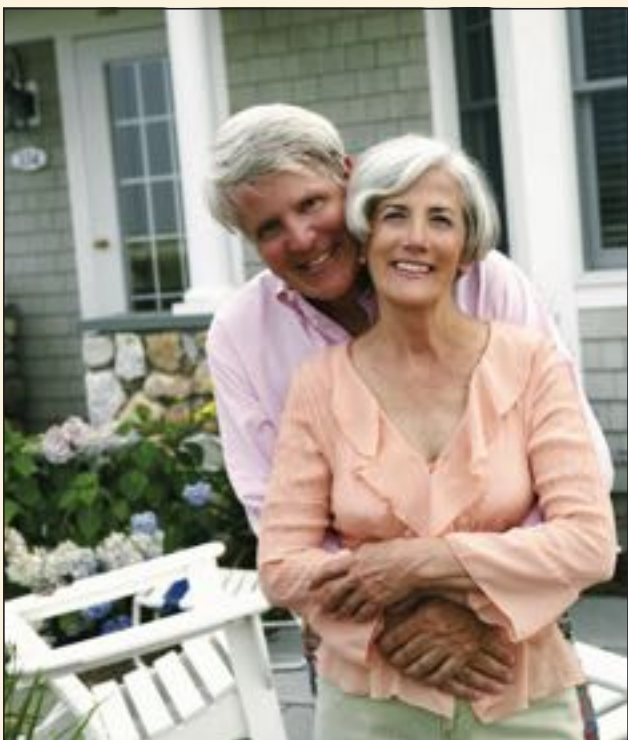
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Moms celebrate Canada's soccer Olympic Gold at James Dick Quarry

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nine years. She's been involved with some of our functions and has come to paddle at the quarry, and her mum and brother are members. As a supporter of Caledon-based athletes who don't always get the recognition they deserve, I've always felt the need to reach out and get Canadian athletes from Caledon more recognition.

"When Tina couldn't go to Tokyo, I could feel the empathy of all these parents who wouldn't get to be part of the journey with their daughters the same way they might have been able to in Rio. So, I wanted to do something as a club to help celebrate the women and as I watched the team knock off team after team, they made it into the medal round. That's when Tina told me how nervous she was, and I asked her where she was going to view it and it was going to be her and some family in the basement. Well, we have a big screen TV at the quarry with streaming possibilities. We'd already been streaming various events throughout the Olympics to show our members what excellence looks like. So, I told her to bring her house party to the quarry and my coaches and athletes know Ashley so we could all grab some lawn chairs and watch together."

It started out with Ashley Lawrence's family, but when the game was moved, it led to both Nichelle Prince's family and Kadeisha Buchanan's family joining the party.

"The game was originally supposed to be Thursday night, so we were going to have about 10 of us on the beach to watch it," said Shepley. "Then with T-minus 12 hours it got pushed from midnight until the next morning. And a couple of the other moms called Tina to ask what she was doing. She asked me if the Buchanan and Prince family and their groups could come and the answer was, of course, yes. Then the Brampton soccer club came out to watch—which many of the girls played for at some point.

"So, by the time we got to the big match, there were 150 people at the beach socially distanced. Tim Horton's was even great enough to get involved and supply some good nutrition. Late on the Thursday night I even got in-touch with a colleague from the CBC (Shepley is a triathlon analyst for CBC) about getting a live camera to come out because they could win this whole thing for the first time ever with three of the moms all watching together. That really grew it."

Not being able to be with their daughters when they won gold wasn't ideal, but

Shepley's goal was to ensure they still have the crowd and support around them when their daughter's made history.

"All of the moms would have preferred to be in Tokyo watching their daughter's win their historic gold medal, but with the pandemic, C3 decided to try to host them for a fun, inspiring day and we were very lucky we ended up getting a perfect day," he said. "Even some of the young girls brought roses for the moms. There were so many young women watching and I kidded that they'll be the age to represent Canada by the time the Olympics roll around in 2032 for Brisbane. You can't ever underestimate the power of young athletes experiencing that kind of moment and joy. The intention now is to have the women back to have a gold medal party with the medals."

The moment was perfect by Shepley's estimation, Canadian history was made in the most dramatic fashion and will leave its mark on everybody who was at the beach that day.

"We felt very blessed to watch history being made in the way that we did," said Shepley. "In my estimation that is one of those Joe Carter home run in '93 or Sydney Crosby's overtime goal moments or Kawhi Leonard's Game 7 shot with half a second. It's not often one thing ends an

entire tournament for a gold. It's one of those things we'll look back on 30 years from now and every single person on that beach will not have to think of where they were when history was made by these young women.

"It was a wonderful day to have everyone there and getting to see the families experience this. Everyone was six feet off the ground. My wife had predicted that the women would win in penalty kicks, and I didn't quite believe her and then when we got down to the second last penalty kick and we missed, it looked a little grim. But those kinds of magical moments you remember for a reason because they come down to one strike of a ball or one hit of a bat. The three moms were squeezing their hands so hard because a ball in was a win and a ball missed could be a loss."

The way the day and the moment played out is like something from a fairytale, but Shepley says there's plenty of reasons it went on without a hitch and credits many of Caledon's own residents and businesses for their contributions.

"You can plan these things for 17 years and it pours rain, and nobody comes, and this was basically 36 hours from the inception to having a perfect day and a gold medal with crazy energy on the

beach," he said. "None of this happens without support. C3 want to thank Tony Sena and his Bolton Bell Store, Tim Horton's, James Dick, Benson Steel, Royal Containers, Nuvo Iron and Kinetico for helping make a memorable day for the Olympic moms. The moms were blown away because they anticipated watching at home and then this all came together, and they got to experience all the energy on the beach. Then the pinnacle being their daughters getting the job done under tremendous stress."

Not only did the women win a gold for Canada, but Lawrence also won one for the Town of Caledon. Shepley thinks the impact that will have on future athletes in Caledon is immeasurable.

"This whole thing was happening on a little beach in Caledon. I was getting calls from across the country from former Caledon people who were watching too," he said. "Watching and knowing Ashley had grown up in Caledon and played soccer here and her mom still lives here was special. It's really important to me as a coach for young athletes to see someone who eats at the Freshii in Bolton can be at the Olympic Games and win a gold. For kids in Caledon to see a kid who went to Mayfield High School have a gold medal forever is special."

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