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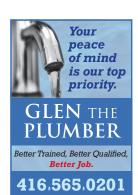
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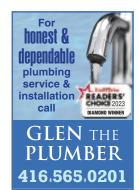


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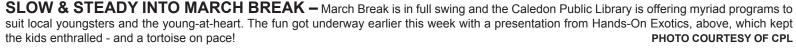
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## **Hockey success started in Caledon for** two childhood friends, now PWHL rookies in Ottawa

**BY JIM STEWART** 

Zoe Boyd and Kristin Della Rovere-childhood best friends who are now professional hockey players for PWHL Ottawa - have travelled together through many of the most significant stages of their young lives.

Born and raised in Caledon East, Della Rovere and Boyd played their formative years for the Caledon Hawks.

During our phone interview after their af-

dynamic duo reflected on the fond memories connected to playing rep hockey in Caledon.

Della Rovere noted, "Both of us grew up playing hockey for the boys' Hawks teams. We were the Captain and Assistant Captain of the boys' team and we were proud of that accomplishment, but one of my happiest memories of hockey in Caledon was when we won a Tri-County championship with all those guys. Our coach, Martin Brassard, taught us about hockey, but he emphasized to all of us the importance of character."

Boyd agreed with her teammate's insights about Coach Brassard's influence on their foundational years and added some pastoral imagery to our conversation.

"Coach Brassard played a huge role in our careers when we played for the Hawks and taught us how to play the game the right way, but my favorite childhood memory of growing up in Caledon was playing pond hockey in Palgrave."

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## Home and Lifestyle show puts green living, sustainability in the spotlight

BY BROCK WEIR

The countdown is on to Caledon's 2024 Home & Lifestyle Show, set for April 12 - 14at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

Built around the traditional themes of Renovate, Decorate, and Landscape, this year's event will feature everything you've come to love about the annual spring mainstay, but with a new and growing emphasis on sustainable and green living.

Among the features this year will be a Green

Living section presented by EcoCaledon, a chance to get up close and personal with electric vehicles through Electric Vehicle Evolution, presented by Fines Ford Lincoln, and the opportunity to explore a tiny home right there in the Community Centre, hosted by Caledon's Resort HQ.

This renewed focus on green and sustainable living was inspired by "huge feedback" from the public, says producer Liz Shaughnessy.

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#### "Being one of one isn't a good feeling"

## International Women's Day highlights women in "non-traditional" careers

BY BROCK WEIR

**EDITOR** LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Seeing herself as "one of one" wasn't the feeling Nicole Boreland anticipated when she decided to change careers after 20 years in childcare, but, as far as feelings go, it wasn't unfamiliar.

She had gotten used to being the only Black woman in the room, sometimes the only woman in the room full stop, but was always willing to speak up and advocate for herself. But making that jump to a career in construction exposed a new facet to that feeling.

"Being a woman in construction can unlock a new level of loneliness when you don't see a version of yourself on site," said Boreland on Thursday night at an event celebrating International Women's Day, one which put women in the trades and "non-traditional" jobs in the spot-

Hosted by Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill Leah Taylor Roy at the LiUNA Local 506 Training Centre in Richmond Hill, it was attended by representatives from across the Greater Toronto Area, including York and Peel Regions, Federal Minister for Women and Gender Equality & Youth Marci Ien, and Federal Minister of Labour and Seniors Seamus O'Regan.

Last week's gathering underscored this year's International Women's Day theme of "Invest in Women, Celebrate Progress."

"To honour this theme, we're focusing on the importance of women in labour and non-traditional careers across all sectors and the need to ensure equal opportunities for women," said Taylor Roy in welcoming remarks. "We continue to break barriers every day, but...I think some people sit back and think we're really there and we don't have to do anymore. I think some younger people still think that. Really, we still have a ways to go.

"We can't sit back and say we're there because some of us have been able to make it; and some of us can say, 'There's a woman who did it, therefore we're good. Everyone can do it.' It's not the case. Until we have true equality, there is



**CONSTRUCT'S EMMA WOOD** PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR

work to do."

The women who shared their experiences at last week's event drew a line under that sentiment. Representing careers as varied as policing, firefighting and in construction, each broke through a glass ceiling and remain willing to help others up and through.

On her first day at a construction site, Boreland said she was "overwhelmed by the stares, the very personal questions" she received from her male counterparts. They were "shocked" to see her, she recalled, and was initially only assigned tasks tailored to their own perceptions of what women could do.

"I am almost certain I was the subject of a 'toolbox talk' minutes before I arrived on that site," she said. "Luckily, with the support of Li-UNA (Laborers' International Union of North America) 506, we (women) were able to build a community of mentorship and a safe space to support each other. Along with the knowledge I obtained here at this training centre, I feel confident and prepared to be a woman in construction. I wasn't deterred by my first experience. In fact, it fuelled me. It encouraged me to show up every day ready to work, to speak up more about the skills and the [training] I have obtained and ask for help when needed.

"Within a few months, I was able to work on another site where my voice was heard, I wasn't isolated from my team, the bathrooms weren't tucked away in a dark or secluded corner and I was given the opportunity show what I was capable of – and also getting the chance to learn something new. Women in the trades are not only the future, we are embedded in the present."

trades was Construct, a social enterprise of Blue sibility. Door Shelters, serving York, Peel, Durham, and individuals looking to secure long-term well-pay- a curse for our first responder as it is a promise." ing careers in trades related to construction.

within six months of completing the program.

across Regions," she explained, noting that the Markham. program includes "all the things you need to get equipment like hard hats and steel-toed boots, job do, and the same way my mom did." interview training and more.

This includes food, transportation, psychothera- work of community safety and wellbeing."

py, child care, emergency assistance for the things that just pop up. If you want go into apprenticeship, we'll cover your CVs. The best part, at the end there is a completion bonus so you can celebrate your achievements.

"There is a need to tap into an untouched demographic of individuals to curtail rapid skills training and enter into the workforce to close this gap and there is no reason why these people can't be women. I might be biased, but I know women can be just as physically fit, determined, confident and capable of operating the same tools and machinery as their male counterparts and in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Construct is seeking not only to help meet the ongoing demand for skilled workers in the GTA, but to recruit women into participating in the program to jump-start their careers in the skilled trades."

Women being just as "physically fit, determined, and capable" was not lost on Amber Bowman, an active Captain with the Central York Fire Services (CYFS), a department serving Aurora and Newmarket.

Previously a high-performance athlete, particularly in hockey, Bowman was one of the first four women hired by the CYFS as late as 2011.

"I was about to sign my Division 1 full hockey scholarship with the Ohio State Buckeyes," she said. "After practice one day, I had a conversation with a male firefighter who is the dad to one of my teammates. He told my mother and I there was, 'no way I could tell your daughter to choose firefighting as a profession because of how dangerous it is, of what you see when responding to calls and the physical challenges the job entails.' But, being a high-ended athlete, I loved the profession of firefighting for the aspects of teamwork, community, dedication and the commitment to helping others and I was determined to prove him wrong."

"My biggest goal now is to lead and support my little people to conquer their dreams," she said of balancing her work with motherhood. "My hope is some of their barriers that I was a part of breaking down no longer exist for the future of our

A similar view was expressed by York Regional Police Inspector Sarah Riddell, a fellow mom, who said this year's International Women's Day theme was a "call to action and a reminder that gender equality is one of the most effective ways to build healthier, more prosperous and more inclusive communities."

"I was born in 1973. Wonder Woman was a real thing and I wanted to be just like her," she said. "As the oldest child of a single parent family, I was responsible for the safety of my little brother. This was a job I was happy to take on and diligently kept little Mikey safe - whether he liked it or not. (And those of us in the room of a certain vintage will get the 'Mikey likes it' joke!) Those early days shaped a personal values system that Also highlighting the power of women in the is based on loyalty, bravery, courage and respon-

"Through these 25 years I have been blessed beyond. Construct provides training and on-the- with an amazing career. The Chamberlain Curse, job work experience and supports to vulnerable 'May you live in interesting times,' is not so much

Those interesting times, she said, included Construct's Emma Wood said, since its found- "days without sleep, split-second decision-making in 2020, the enterprise has trained over 500 ing that affected people's life" and welcoming people, with 85 per cent securing employment her first daughter in 2003, another in 2009, and then, in 2013, becoming the primary caregiver "The way our training works is a bit different for her children while working as a detective in

There was, she said, "a very real fear of not beinto employment," including relevant certificates, ing able to manage at all, but I did. We do. Women

"If you find your north star and keep it in sight, "They are things that might seem just normal the decisions you make will always be sound," to us, but not everyone has had the opportunity to she included. "They may not be easy, they seldom work," she said. "What makes Construct unique are, but you will know in your heart you did the is its holistic approach to training with an em-right thing. I started in 1999 full of passion and phasis on participants' wellbeing. We recognize ready to defend those who couldn't defend themthat is not possible for vulnerable folks to take selves and speak to those who could not speak eight weeks off... so we pay our participants for for themselves. 25 years later, I am so fortunate their time in the program; wraparound supports to be able to support those who do the work on provided to further remove the barriers and allow the frontline, making sure they are well, that they for participants to enter and finish the program. have what they need in order to do that important









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## Long investigation ahead for crash that claimed the lives of King family



Rimma and Victor Dotsenko with their three children.

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The shock was shared by members of the

Victor was piloting the Piper from Ontario en

According to the National Transportation Safe-

route to Florida for a family vacation, when the

crash occurred last Monday evening in Nashville.

ty Board (NTSB), the crash occurred at 7.45 p.m.

ET. The last point of departure for the airplane was

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. It was destined for John C.

Prior to completing a normal descent into the air-

port environment, it overflew the airport at about

2,500 feet. At an altitude of about 1,600 feet, the

pilot reported a loss of engine power to air traffic

control. ATC declared an emergency on behalf of

the pilot and cleared him to land at the airport. The

pilot indicated he could not make it to the airport.

The airplane crashed near Interstate 40 in a left-

wing, low orientation and came to rest about 60 feet

An NTSB investigator arrived at the accident site

Tuesday morning, documenting the scene. The air-

craft was recovered to a secure facility where it's

NTSB investigations involve three primary ar-

"Emma, Adam, and David Dotsenko were a fantastic part of our school and community. They

#### BY MARK PAVILONS

Investigators are looking into cause of a plane crash in the United States that claimed the lives of an entire King family.

The community is still mourning the loss of Victor Dotsenko, 43, his wife Rimma, 39, and their children David, 12, Adam, 10, and Emma, 7.

One of the first to publicly identify the victims was King Mayor Steve Pellegrini who posted the information and words of sympathy last Wednes-

"On behalf of King Township, I extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the Dotsenko family from our community who tragically lost their lives in the small plane crash in Nashville, Tennessee," he said. "This is a heartbreaking and devastating loss for our tight-knit community.

"We await further details from the ongoing investigation, our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the victims during this incredibly difficult time. We also extend our gratitude to the first responders and officials involved in the response and investigation.

"We stand together in mourning the loss of Rimma Dotsenko, her husband Victor and their three children, and offer our support to those affected by

"We are all devastated to hear of this tragedy impacting the Dotsenko family, including three children. On behalf of Ontario's Government, we extend our prayers to the family and the entire community for this profound loss," added King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

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eas: the pilot, the aircraft and the operating environment. As part of this process, investigators will gather the following information and records:

- Flight track data Recordings of any air traffic control communications;
- Aircraft maintenance records;
- Weather forecasts and actual weather and lighting conditions around the time of the accident;
- Pilot's licence, ratings and recency of flight experience;
- A 72-hour background of the pilot to determine if there were any issues that could have affected the pilot's ability to safety operate the flight;
- Witness statements;
- Electronic devices that could contain information relevant to the investigation;
- Any available surveillance video, including from doorbell cameras.

Witnesses to the accident or those who have surveillance video or other information that could be relevant to the investigation are asked to contact the NTSB at witness@ntsb.gov.

During the on-scene phase of the investigative process, the NTSB does not determine or speculate not be able to comment on the investigation."

about the cause of the accident.

Preliminary reports, they said, are usually available within 30 days of an accident. Once a publication date is set, it will appear on the following page: www.ntsb.gov/safety/data/Pages/daily-publication-dashboard.aspx. It will also be posted on NTSB Newsroom Twitter (https://twitter.com/ NTSB\_Newsroom).

The preliminary report will contain facts gathered during the initial phase of the investigation. A probable cause of the crash, along with any contributing factors, will be detailed in the final report, which is expected in 12-24 months.

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, pursuant to international agreements, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) appointed an accredited representative to participate in the investigation into the incident.

As per ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, information on the progress and the findings of the investigation cannot be publicly released without the express consent of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), who is leading the investigation.

"In keeping with this convention, the TSB will

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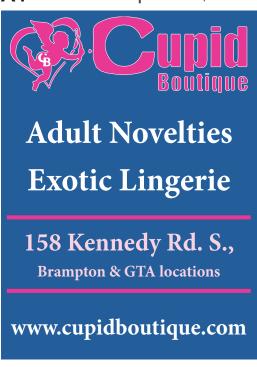


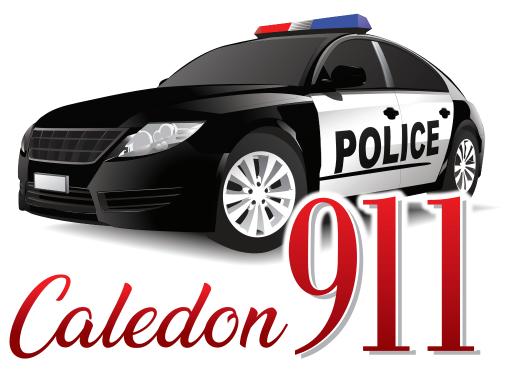
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#### **IMPAIRED CHARGES**

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Georgetown resident following a traffic stop.

"On March 4, 2024, shortly after 8:00 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment were patrolling the area of Highway 10 near Hurontario Street in the Town of Caledon, when a traffic stop was conducted upon a motor vehicle," say Police. "During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result, Abhilash Shaju, 25, of Georgetown, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 21, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

"On March 8, 2024, shortly after 10:30 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Old Church Road, near Centreville Creek Road in the Town of Caledon. No injuries were reported. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle hicles were also impounded for a period was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result, Aidan Spence, 21, of Bolton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol;
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven.

"Just hours later, on March 9, 2024, charged with: shortly after 2:00 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment were patrolling the area of Highway 50, near McEwan Drive East in the Town of Caledon, when a traffic stop was conducted upon a motor vehicle. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Following the investigation, Stephanie Faizy, 37, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol;
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Drive motor vehicle with cannabis

readily available.

The charges have not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on March 28, 2024, to answer to their charges. The veof seven days, and their driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days.

"On March 10, 2024, just after 1:00 a.m., officers from Dufferin OPP conducted a traffic stop on HWY 10 in the Town of Mono. Officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation."

Steven Engram, 37, from Mono has been

- Operation while impaired blood al-
- cohol concentration (80 plus); Operation while impaired - alcohol
- Speeding 1 49 Km/h over posted

Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available.

The charges have not been proven.

"On March 10, 2024, just after 6:00 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Buena Vista Drive in the Town of Orangeville. Officers were able to locate the vehicle in question and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation."

Paul Grottolo, 44, from Alton has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving while under suspension.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

"Drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol continue to pose a significant threat on Ontario roads. Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired

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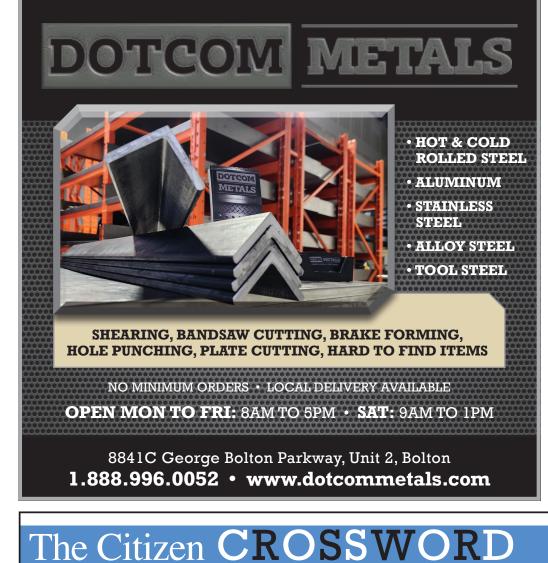
Members from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a break and enter to a fast-food business in the Town of Orangeville.

"On March 2, 2024, shortly after 11:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a call for service in the area of Alder Street in the Town of Orangeville," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers spoke with an employee who advised that someone had entered their workplace through the front door. No damage was caused to the front door at the time of entry.

"Security footage revealed just before 4:00 a.m., a lone suspect entered the business using a key which was securely stored in a key box outside of the business. The suspect cut open the box which allowed them to gain entry. Once inside the suspect took the cash tray along with the safe for the business. It would appear that just prior to the incident, a black minivan was observed in the area.

"The suspect can be described as a white male, wearing a black jacket with fur lining, dark coloured pants, red shoes and wearing a black/red baseball style cap."

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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



From left: Amrita Gujral, Manager of Pharmacy; Ann Itwaru, Manager of Surgical Services and MDRD; and Jacqueline Stokes, Project Management Lead.

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# Headwaters among first hospital in Canada to implement automated drug technology

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville's local hospital is leading the way in health care, becoming one of the first hospitals in Canada to implement new automation technology that will better help physicians administer drugs in the operating room.

Headwaters Health Care Centre has marked one year since implementing a BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station (PAS) and Condonics Safe Label System (SLS) in each of their operating rooms.

The BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station (PAS) gives anesthesia providers quick and secure access to a controlled substance for a patient while the Condonics Safe Label System (SLS) uses barcode technology to read information from a drug container and electronically verifies it against the hospital's pharmacy-approved database during the operation.

"This allows us to have a high-level traceability of where medicines are used, when they're used and for what patients so that we can have a good audit trail," said Amita Gujral, Pharmacy Manager for Headwaters.

Prior to putting the new machines into practice in the operating rooms, open trays were placed in the rooms with medications and marked down manually.

According to the hospital, the combination of the BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station and Condonics Safe Label System in the operating room helps to eliminate preventable medication or labelling errors and simplifies workflows by reducing the time it would take to manually report dispensed drugs.

The new technology is also an aid in the hospital's focus on patient safety and quality care.

"It helps with making sure the correct medications are being used. Also, if there's an allergy associated, it could highlight there's an allergy to a medication for a specific patient," explained Ann Itwaru, Manager of Surgical Services and MDRD.

"It's a bit of a double check. Sometimes it's nice to have computer systems that prevent human error."

Another benefit of the new system has been its ability to monitor the drug inventory needed daily in the operating rooms, based on usage data collected.

"It's great because we aren't running out of medications mid-case, there's quite an abundance of supply in there. A lot of times, the nurses would have to get additional medications for the physicians halfway through the day. I think it's really eliminated that. It also lets us see our utilization of the medications to see which ones we can keep a lower supply of or increase our stock in, and keep track of our expiry dates so we're not wasting any medications as well," said Itwaru.

Headwaters nurses and physicians were educated on the equipment as well as directly involved in the organization of medications within the station.

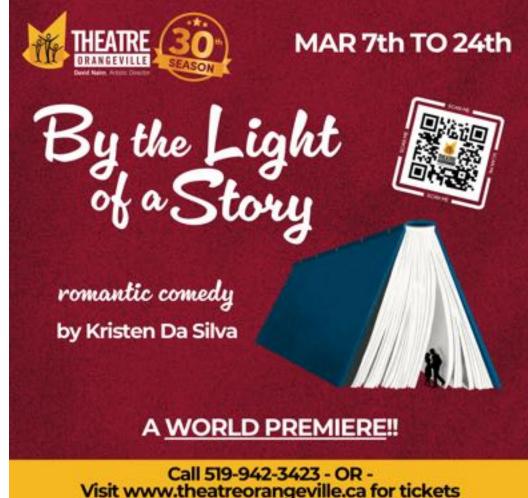
Alessandra Centofanti, a perioperative clinical nurse educator at Headwaters, has worked in the operating rooms with the new technology and spoke about its implementation.

"Being able to scan the medication and have the scanner also speak to Meditech to confirm makes you feel more secure. It's another check that we can make sure we're delivering the correct medication to the patient. It helps us provide the best care for our patients, making sure that we're safe, which is something that means a lot to us."

Since bringing the technology into their operating rooms, Gujral said that Headwaters has been contacted and visited by staff from other hospitals inquiring about the effectiveness of the technology.

"We have, in theory, become a sort of reference site to other hospitals by having this technology first in the vicinity," said Gujral.

The cost of the new system, which included 15 automated dispensing units, was funded through the Morningview Foundation.







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## Residents against allowing legal cannabis stores in Caledon are speaking out

Town staff are currently investigating feasibility of allowing legal cannabis stores

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Some Caledon residents do not want to see legal retail cannabis stores come to Caledon

Anthony Caputo, a Bolton resident and business owner, is against the idea. He said if Caledon does allow cannabis stores, it's unlikely they'll even survive and make a profit.

He said the stores will take up space other entrepreneurs can use to build a business that will survive.

Another concern of Caputo's is clustering

He said in neighbouring Tottenham, a community of around 10,000, there are five cannabis stores.

"What's the point? What good does it do to the community?" said Caputo. "I don't see any upside to it whatsoever."

He said he knows people will purchase cannabis if they want to, but he doesn't want to see it done within Caledon's borders.

"There's a lot of people who are con-

cerned about it... a lot of parents out there have a fear," said Caputo.

Caputo said he and other concerned parties have started to share their opposition to allowing cannabis stores to Caledon council

Cynthia Oudin, a Bolton resident of 19 years, is also opposed to allowing the stores.

"I am totally against this," said Oudin.
"My vote is no."

Ivana Robino is a Caledon parent who is against opening legal cannabis stores added her perspective.

"I strongly disagree with the opening of these shops in Caledon," said Robino.

Mary Balinov, a long-time Bolton resident and business owner, said she's heard from many people who are opposed to having cannabis stores in Caledon.

"I'm experienced in this community, I've lived here for 25 years. This is not the type of thing I would endorse, and I'm hoping that [Councillors] will see clearly and not proceed with this any further," said Balinov.

Town of Caledon staff are currently investigating the feasibility of allowing legal cannabis retail stores in town.

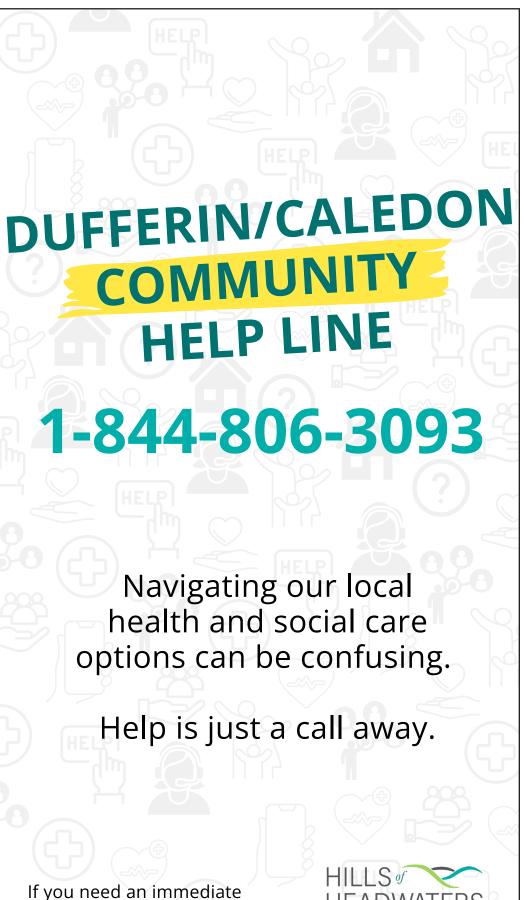
An open house was held on February 21 for residents to share their thoughts on the possibility.

A report from staff on the topic is expected to be brought to Council within the first quarter of this year.

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## Town seeking artists for community mural and new "Art in the Halls" program



ed in showcasing their work must apply to the program by visiting the following link: caledon.ca/art.

The first application window for the program closes on March 31 and artists selected for this intake will have their work displayed from May 1 to August 30.

Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services, Catherine McLean, said the Town is happy to be offering the two new artist opportunities.

"We are excited to launch these two new arts and culture initiatives, designed to not only showcase our local artists, but to bring the community together to appreciate their creations, and to also create one for the entire community to enjoy," said McLean. "Celebrating a 50th anniversary is an exciting event, and these two initiatives will help us celebrate Caledon's milestone birthday together as a community."

### Artists must submit applications by March 31

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has two new opportunities for local artists.

The first is a commission for an artist to design and illustrate an outline of a mural for a community painting event that will take place during Caledon Day on June 15.

"The chosen artist will design and illustrate the mural as a giant paint-by-numbers piece, so anyone in the community can help paint it," said Town Staff in a March 6 announcement. "This mural is a way for Caledon to celebrate our 50th anniversary during Caledon Day."

The artist selected to design the mural will be paid \$3,000.

The artist must be able to attend the Caledon Day event.

The Town expects the project as a whole

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will be finished by August 15, with a to-be-determined unveiling date set for September.

The mural will be approximately six by eight feet in size and completed on crezon MDO board.

Interested artists must email culture@ caledon.ca by March 31 with their full name, address, phone number, and images of previous public art or relevant projects. Artists must also provide a written or visual description of their proposed approach to the mural, and explain how Caledon's 50th anniversary will be celebrated in it.

The other opportunity the Town has for artists is its new "Art in the Halls" program.

The program will allow local artists to showcase their original artwork in Caledon's recreation and culture facilities.

"These exhibition spaces will provide a platform for professional and emerging artists, instructors and students in the community," said the Town in the statement. "Art will be displayed in three town facilities for a period of 12 weeks, with applications being accepted on a quarterly basis."

The theme for the first intake of art is "50 Years of Caledon" and artists interest-



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## Using what we have while we've got it

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then, when they find it, they either have no idea what it is – or what to do with it.

Looking back on my recent move, I should have kept a list of what fell into the latter cat-

For some of the seemingly random items I found sifting through my life, there was an instant spark of recognition, no matter how non-descript the object. Often this spark re-heated the sentimental value still carried by the object, followed by the difficult task of determining whether that sentiment was strong enough to carry it into the next chap-

Take, for instance, the humble VHS tape. As I don't personally have a working VCR or any other means of playing them, I got rid of the vast, vast majority of what I came to discover was an alarmingly vast, vast collection – but there were a couple of handfuls that I kept with me. Some, such as a trio of box sets, were imbued with that aforementioned sentiment and so many happy memories that came from unspooling them that donation to any number of organizations, or simply throwing them out, was completely out of the question. A few more I kept around just for the aesthetic value, potentially keeping a décor idea in the back of my head for another day because, quite simply, and at the risk of sounding like an old fart, they don't make cover art like they used to!

On the other hand, for some things, there was no question that it was time purge.

Somewhere along the way, I came across three pieces of wood I glued together once upon a time. I knew in the back of my mind they were part of a project ultimately abandoned, but since I had no recollection what said project was, it was a piece of useless baggage that could be discarded. Another was an extensive cache of magazines from the early aughts that were squirreled away, presumably for a rainy day – but paper gets wet, so off to the donation piles there were placed. Maybe they made some decoupage enthusiast's day!

Most maddening of all, were those oh-so-familiar tiny pieces of perforated paper - numbered raffle tickets emblazoned with "KEEP THIS TICKET!" that outlived any memory of what I was supposed to keep them for. Reasonably sure none of these would lead to a significant financial windfall and early retirement, out they went... but, also maddeningly,

But some items, like those VHS tapes, have turned into resources in the new domestic configuration. As much as I kept them around purely for their looks, they've turned into lightweight and practical "bricks" on time," he said. "This is true both at the levwhich to house beloved items in the newest abode. They've doubled as small, make-shift shelves, display platforms, and even means to greatest strength. The Commonwealth repprop up other items which would otherwise resents a third of humanity, from all regions flop over – with a certain panache.

Had I realised what I had previously, I knowledge, and aspirations that this brings. would have dusted them off much sooner for deployment in this way, but necessity is the other's perspectives, including the inequalievergreen mother of invention.

really know that I had - and while, in this port each other to pursue solutions." instance, I'm speaking about objects, I think tage of.

Our libraries, for instance, are well-used and all around us.

It's often said that you don't know what and well-loved community resources, but, in my view, despite the efforts and creativity That is indeed true, as anyone with a rea- of staff to re-imagine these spaces for maksonable amount of time under their belt can er-spaces, creative hubs, and even perforattest; but it's also a two-way street. One mance venues, there is still, in many quarsometimes doesn't know what one has, and ters, the view that libraries are staid and quiet places to grab a book or study. They still are, of course, but they're so much more.

Similarly, local arts venues might have the perception that they're for certain groups of people, those who might identify themselves as "art patrons" or persons who are better heeled than others, rather than the reality of being spaces for all - and venues where everyone's horizons, regardless of their interests, can be broadened.

Even as I write this on March 11, Commonwealth Day, I think the same can be applied to this extensive global "family" of nations that are being celebrated this week.

The Commonwealth, to me, always seems to be a prime resource for many things that is available at our finger tips which we rarely really think to use to our full advantage.

Of course, in this day and age, a global organization that sprang out of the former British Empire and all the baggage that comes with that, can be seen as an outmoded institution that is losing its relevancy with each passing year. But, in my opinion, relevancy is only what you make of it.

For better or worse, the vast majority of Commonwealth member states have similar histories, backgrounds, and similar challenges as we collectively come to terms with that shared history. Our efforts here at home to walk the path of Truth & Reconciliation are not dissimilar to the paths currently being walked in Australia and New Zealand, for instance, or to the paths being experienced by scores of African and Caribbean member states. We can all learn from each other.

Nor, of course, are our collective efforts to combat the challenges that will come with Climate Change dissimilar. Should the direst predictions on this front come to pass, member nation Tuvalu, a country which shares our Head of State, will be one of the first to be submerged by water. As such, they have not only done the hard work of doing everything they can to mitigate the threat, but have laid the metaphorical groundwork of "recreating" their nation, and their culture, in a digital format. It might be an unthinkable outcome for many of us, but it is their lived reality and we can learn from it.

In a speech to mark the 75th anniversary of the Commonwealth this week, its head, King Charles, touched upon this sense of relation-

"Together and individually, we are strengthened by sharing perspectives and experiences and by offering and borrowing the myriad ways we have tackled the challenges of our el of nations and, indeed, at the local level. We recognize today that our diversity is our of the world, with different experiences,

"We must work together to understand each ties and injustices which still resonate to this In short, they were resources that I didn't day. We must find ways of healing and to sup-

Personally, I agree, but we can only do so there are resources all around us, physical or when we know how – and remember – to deotherwise, that we're not taking full advan- ploy this resource to our advantage and, of course, the resources that are closest to home





## Are we holding back the years, or letting loose?



Hindsight, they say, is 20/20 – perfect, invalu-

The only problem is, life has to be lived forward, not backward.

could handle the seasons her life, noting:

"But time makes you bolder

"And children get older "And I'm getting older too ..."

And wise Dr. Seuss once asked "How did get so late so soon?"

We all know, even at an early age, that our time is limited and we must spend every hour and day wisely. Some argue that even wasting time is not

We will all get to that proverbial finish line, some sooner than others. But we all have the same fate and will one day venture into what Peter Pan called the last, great adventure. Virgil, long before Pan arrived, said "time is flying never to return."

There are times when I (maybe many men) feel like that boy who refused to grow up. He stayed away from grown-up things, to remain free, filled with irreverent joy.

Some say that time doesn't change us, but "unfolds" us, allows us to expand to new levels. Time is like a dressmaker, according to Faith Baldwin, "specializing in alterations."

Being a Boomer, I have fond memories of my youth, times when life was a bit simpler, easier, more satisfying. We had less stress and pressure and weren't governed by the clock. We enjoyed lazy days of summer doing nothing. We explored.

If you think about it, much of our childhoods can be compared to Neverland, where time stopped, or at least slowed for a while. It didn't beckon us.

How many young people today plop themselves in a grassy field, chewing on a stalk, just looking at the clouds? How many ride their bikes down the dirt road just because?

Some say we're living in a time of anxiety and that we're pressured to use our time creatively.

We must achieve, accomplish, rise and accumu-

One would think that age and wisdom would be cherished in our society. If you want to learn something about the past, ask someone who was there. The past isn't just a tickle trunk filled with oddities and things like rotary phones and rabbit ears.

It's filled with adventures, experiences, knowledge. We Boomers have a badge, one earned through the school of hard knocks. We learned by doing. We learned from each other.

jocks, but if we flip through the pages of our high tree long ago.

#### by Mark Pavilons

school yearbooks, we realize we had respect, a shared brotherhood (or sisterhood) of sorts. Despite the hairstyles and large-rimmed glasses, we were the gatekeepers of a special time.

David and Goliath, Casey and Finnegan may be gone, but they taught us a lot. Their messages were

Most of my peers did well for themselves, but none drive Ferraris. Some still play in bands, go on road trips and love beer and BBQ.

If find it funny that the young think they know everything, when it's us, the older ones, who actually do. Maybe that was always the case, but in our day we did respect age, our elders, and the knowledge they accumulated.

I agree with Tom Stoppard that age is a high price to pay for maturity.

And ageism is alive and well in our society.

I remember when I was between jobs in my late Stevie Nicks once wondered whether she 40s and went for an interview at a creative design company in Toronto, housed in a converted ware-

> Cool place, open concept, lots of windows. The interview process included a round-table of about 12 of us, fielding questions. Of course, I was the oldest, and despite my wisdom, I received "those looks" from the 20-somethings in the room. It was obvious I wasn't seen as a good fit, despite my skills and potential to be a leader and mentor.

> There were dozens of applications, for entry level writing and proofreading jobs that failed to get a response. When I did interview, the hosts were in their 20s and perhaps my lack of regard for them was evident. I couldn't help myself!

I recently went to a hearing clinic and, alas, was told I could benefit from hearing aids. Great!

Why these tiny gizmos are so expensive is be-

We tend to link hearing loss, vision loss and dental issues with age. But in reality, these can occur at any stage of life.

In my youth, cancer was rare, and seldom affected young people. Today, we are all aware of the harsh reality of this disease. During my treatments, every floor of Princess Margaret was packed with people of all ages, from all walks of life. Sad.

I try to ignore the inevitable, and keep the demons looking over my shoulder at bay.

I love to laugh, even though I'm in that age bracket where I fell off the "humour cliff." A fouryear-old laughs roughly 300 times per day, but a 40-year-old doesn't laugh that many times in a week. From our early 20s onward, we laugh and

But I am intent on keeping those laugh creases in my face – I earned them all. I will trade barbs and jokes with my kids, more often just to get a rise out of them. I laugh and laugh and laugh. Juvenile humour is my forte, what can I say? Just like James Broughton observed, "I'm happy to report that my inner child is still ageless."

Simple things keep me young at heart - my model airplanes and the regular visits to the toy box at my dentist's office.

We should embrace the efforts and legacies of our "mature" citizens.

Let's not forget that we're sitting in the shade Our generation also had bookworms, geeks and today because someone had the wisdom to plant a

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## Digital Hawaiian pizza

Who doesn't like pizza?

It's round, easily transported, and has the

It's also one of the very few foods were you can mix and match ingredients at your plea- that showed how frozen pizzas are made in a

You can go with the standard pepperoand Italian sausage, as you like it.

For the real adventurous, you can ask for anchovies. However, other than myself, I've the dough being flattened and shaped, to the there were any advances in technology, they never seen anyone else ever order anchovies spreading of cheese and adding toppings was were so slow to appear, and most people would such ways that only a few years ago would be

There is also the great debate whether pineapple is an acceptable topping. Some purists was made with mass production techniques one would ever come to your village to show claim pineapple on pizza is an abomination.

waiian pizza with bacon.

If you need to feed a group of people, there's kitchen. Just order pizza and everyone will be world dramatically. happy and well fed.

good the next day when you bring out the left- conducted, and new age of history began.

overs from the refrigerator.

I watched a "how it is made" type of video population. factory setting.

ni, cheese and tomato sauce, and add olives, kneading dough and throwing on toppings. plants. mushrooms, green peppers, bacon, tomato, The entire process from start to finish was au-

done by some kind of machine.

and not even touched by human hands is a you a new invention to make your life easier. However, I like it, and routinely order Ha- direct result of the Industrial Revolution that began around 250 years ago.

It was an age that saw an unprecedented leap

It's also one of the few foods that is just as work for you changed the way industry was

#### **BRIAN LOCKHART** FROM THE SECOND ROW

Not only were new methods of production While your local pizzeria makes pizzas to being put into use, allowing for more products making money and distinction of being probably the only hand- order, there is a huge industry that makes fro- to be made, the effect it had on the general living better than ever held food shaped like a triangle when you slice zen pizzas that are available in any grocery population was to raise the standard of living. before. That was followed by a massive growth in

> tion to be the most important event in human doing things that matched the progress of other It wasn't a whole slew of pizza makers history since the domestication of animals and industries.

> pretty much live your entire life and not see a now be living in an age that will go down in No one touched the pizzas. Everything from single change in the way things were done. If history as super important. never see it at all. You would spend your en- considered science-fiction. The fact that you can buy a frozen pizza that tire life doing the same repetitive things and no

> > boost with the first workable steam engines.

Every time an advancement was made, it no need to spend considerable time in the forward in human civilization and changed the caused a positive ripple effect. With more pro- work and live, and it is still relatively new. duction, there was a requirement for more raw Who knows what else it may change in the fu-The invention of new machines to do the materials. Materials had to get there, so ports ture? to take in ships would get busier as well. So did mining operations.

Once things got underway, it inspired

Historians consider the Industrial Revolu- other inventors to look for alternate ways of

There are few times in history that have had Prior to this period in history, you would such an impact on the world. I think we may

The digital age has transformed our world in

Digital technology has impacted everything from communications to military weapons. It has changed everything from music and the This age of enlightenment got an added arts, to children's entertainment and automo-

Digital technology has changed the way we

Years from now, I think the introduction of the digital age will be in the history books

## A bed by any other name...

In a not so surprising turn of events, the ing. Much like every other announcement that it! Remember those days? One of Ford's early for all those that require them? seems to emanate from Queen's Park these announcements during the pandemic when he days, the contents are dubious at best or what claimed he'd look after our seniors by placing a HOME.

was a home. You recall, I'm sure, in the Ford will be announcing "Welcome Home" to fuelled by our inability to think outside of the many a neighbourhood so using history as our pre-announcement days (mere days ago that all those who rely on a shelter bed in the mid- box and take advantage of infill spaces; build teacher, why not make them easier to build is) when a home was somewhere that typically dle of a snowstorm. a family (of all shapes and sizes) gathered, all under a roof that also had at least four walls, and an affront to the dignity of those who of- condos for the sole purposes of either resell- often a single-family dwelling might have a rentand more than likely said home also had a ten, through ill health or otherwise no fault of ing at a massive markup or making money on al unit contained within it, or many young adults kitchen, maybe a bathroom, perhaps even a their own, must rely on a long-term care facilliving room of sorts, no matter how small. ity for their care and keeping. The towns and housing supply. A home might be an apartment, a condo, a cities who used these statistics as part of their with pillars and pot lights galore.

## TALK CALEDON

You know what is NOT a home? A bed. "homes" count in the numbers that result in fees. Even the appar-Ford government is up to their usual shenani- Particularly a bed in a long-term care facili- some communities receiving huge payouts for ent refusal to look at gans again, putting a unique spin on yet anoth- ty, even a long-term care facility that might "meeting housing targets," shouldn't there ac- our past as a lens to er announcement, this time to do with hous- have once had an "iron-ring" placed around tually BE enough beds (oops, I mean homes) guide future planning

Asking for a friend.

I think we might all agree that we are indeed the post-war boom of some might consider downright flagrantly in- an iron-ring of protection around such facili- in the middle of a housing crisis. That young the 1950s and 60s, "catalogues" of home deaccurate. A rose might still smell like a rose ties? I don't recall him referring to LTC beds adults today, with good incomes pooled to-signs, with universal building standards, were even if called by any other name but a bed? A as "homes" at that time but now, suddenly, in gether, are still unable to purchase an afford- made available to builders and the permits bed is NOT, has never been and never will be the midst of an absolute housing crisis, a mea- able home is a problem. The problem is fuelled and approvals process was streamlined to ensly bed in a communal living space is some- by developers who insist on building massive courage new builds – at an affordable price. I harken back to days of yore when a home how considered "home." Next up? No doubt properties on tiny lots at ridiculous prices. It's "Cookie-cutter" homes are already plentiful in affordable housing that is actually affordable, and more affordable while you're at it? Calling a bed in an LTC facility is absurd or control the volume of investors who buy up the unit as an AirBnB instead of increasing the might still be living with their parents, two things

townhouse, semi-detached or a single-family "count" toward obtaining more government mits and approvals processes, and by Ford's them despite Ford's promise of millions of doldwelling – or as is increasingly the case here funding should be ashamed of themselves, downloading of the costs of development lars, and a bed is a bed, especially one in Caledon - a enormous castle like structure as of course, should Ford be. By the way, onto towns and cities while simultaneously in a long-term care facility. It will only ever be a if an LTC bed is indeed a "home" and these prohibiting them from collecting developer bed, nothing more and certainly not ever a home.

prohibits progress on the housing crisis. In

While our current housing crisis is such that remain true: affordable housing alternatives DO The problem is exacerbated by lengthy per- exist but there are insufficient incentives to build

## SHERALYN ROMAN

## Is technology accelerating the great divide in income?

Back in the 1980s, when Artificial Intelliand computers and automation were changing ical advances. the way we worked, a number of futurists and rising living standards.

cording to these experts, but incomes and living standards would rise due to the wealth AI becomes deeply rooted in the offices and these new technologies generated.

Clearly, it hasn't quite turned out the way – at least not for the majority of Canadians.

When I was CEO of Magna International back in the late 1980s – the time when robotics first began appearing on automotive production and assembly lines - I publicly raised while also accelerating income inequality. the issue of who would be the chief benefireplaced by robots.

It's hardly mentioned anymore nowadays, either been shuttered or offshored to countries where workers are still cheaper than robots.

But without a doubt, many jobs will disap-

In the decade ahead, everything from elder care robots will cause the loss of mil-Not only would we not need to work, ac- lions of jobs around the world. And that's not counting the job losses that will happen once workplaces of our country.

> A report published last week by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that AI - the most transformational new technology to emerge in our lifetimes – has the potential to increase incomes for high-income earners that will generate added wealth and increase

On the other hand, the IMF report also would happen to the assembly line jobs being of high-income workers performing white-collar jobs in finance, communications, and law.

But even if AI ends up wiping out a large in part because most of our manufacturing has number of jobs, we can't blame a technology for our society's growing income inequality. That's the fault of our system.

#### FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC **CHARTER OF RIGHTS**

The fact remains, Canada's economic fun- and unless they band gence (AI) was still the stuff of science fiction pear in the years ahead because of technolog- damentals are unsound and are not conducive together and become to fostering economic growth.

economists predicted "the end of work" and self-driving transport trucks and taxi cabs to coming wave of job losses that AI will inevitably unleash, then we need to once again start making things. We need to stop exporting our abundant raw materials and importing finished goods made elsewhere.

> We need to start turning our natural resources into value-added goods that the rest of the world wants to buy. And we need to unchain our entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can create the innovative new products the size of our economy.

If we created the right conditions for startciaries of these new technologies and what warned that AI could displace a large number ups and small businesses to thrive – by removing business income tax, for example - then we could spark an economic boom that would add hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

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## \$4,500 raised for Headwaters Arts from Alton Mill Arts Centre's Fire & Ice Festival

### Winner of annual festival photo competition announced

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An annual arts festival in Alton was a resounding success.

On March 7, Alton Mill Arts Centre marketing lead Bri Wilson announced the Centre's annual Fire & Ice Festival had raised \$4,500 for Headwaters Arts, a non-profit that's dedicated to supporting local artists.

The festival was held on January 27 and 28 this year.

Wilson said it was a dynamic celebra-

tion of creativity, community, and winter wonder. She thanked all the volunteers and sponsors who helped to make the event a

"[Volunteers'] hard work and dedication made Fire & Ice 2024 possible," said Wilson. "Their tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured that every aspect of the event ran smoothly, from setup to cleanup and everything in between."

Wilson said the Alton Mill Arts Centre also wants to thank everyone who attended

"Your enthusiastic participation and support made the event truly memorable, and we are grateful for your commitment to the arts and our community," said Wilson.

Each year, the Alton Mill Arts Centre hosts a photo competition. Wilson said it's amazing to see the festival through



Artist Paul Morin's fire sculpture burns at the 2024 Fire & Ice Festival in Alton. PHOTO BY FRED HUNSBERGER

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spirit," said Wilson. "Together, we accomplished something truly remarkable, and we look forward to continuing to support and celebrate the arts in our community next year on January 25 and 26, 2025."



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"Education can change everything"

## The Learning Place to host fundraising gala

Peel non-profit supports adult learning in areas like English, mathematics and digital literacy

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Peel non-profit is looking to expand its service to the community with funds raised from an upcoming gala.

On May 31, The Learning Place will host its fourth annual fundraising gala with a theme of "A Night Under the Stars".

The gala is from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Garden Banquet and Convention Centre in Brampton. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online on Eventbrite.

Sandy Sadsad, Executive Director of The Learning Place, explained the non-profit organization, which serves individuals in Peel ages 18 and up, has been around for over 40 years.

"We've always had a huge passion for... adult education because adults tend to fall through the cracks when they've got barriers they're dealing with," said Sadsad.

She explained The Learning Place focuses a lot on basic skills in English, mathematics and digital literacy, adding that everyone in Canada deserves to have access to these skills. For higher-level learners, the non-profit also provides employment readiness workshops in areas like leadertion. These classes are free to participants with help from funding from the Ministry of Labour Training & Skills Development.

"Our goal is to restore confidence, upgrade skills that sometimes people may the years," said Sadsad.

The Learning Place often supports individuals from underrepresented groups such as newcomers to Canada, women, and people with different sexual orientations and gender identities.

"Disadvantaged groups... general service offerings are not necessarily geared towards them, and we take into account some of the sensitivities these groups may be facing," said Sadsad. "To identify as having challenges with literacy can have a huge impact on people's self-esteem... we approach that in a very sensitive way."

Sadsad said the work The Learning Place does is all about building equity in a world that's inequitable.

"Education can change everything," said Sadsad. "We always try to change someone's life and send them back out into the world better than when they first saw us."

In addition to the free educational offerings mentioned above, The Learning Place also offers a paid educational program called "Pathways to Growth" for adults with developmental disabilities. The program was trialed in 2019 to resounding success, with The Learning Place discovering there was significant demand for it.

Sadsad said this is partly due to the fact that once individuals with developmental disabilities are 18 or above, there's a lack

ship, management, and office administra- of programming available to them.

"They're very capable, they're very smart, they just fit into the world a little bit differently than people are used to," said Sadsad.

Sadsad said there's a few main goals The have not had an opportunity to learn over Learning Place would like to achieve with the money raised from its gala.

> "One of the big goals is we really want to set up computer labs for Pathways to Growth because our tech for success workshop is one of our most popular workshops," she said.

The labs would include assistive technol-

ogy so everyone would be able to use them.

Another goal is to develop a new and updated curriculum for The Learning Place's language and basic skills programming.

A third goal is to create professionally-done educational videos and post them to YouTube so learners can review content at home at their own pace, to bolster learning even when they are not in the classroom.

For more about The Learning Place or to reach out about the upcoming gala, information can be found online at the following link: thelearningplace.ca.

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing admin@caledoncitizen.com if you wish to have an announcement published.

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## **Credit Valley Conservation** issues caution when near waterways

#### BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Credit Valley Conservation is reminding residents of the dangers that exist near rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes this time of year and is urging people to keep their families and pets away from the edge of all water-

There has been lower-than-normal snowfall this year, in addition to periods of warm temperatures in January and February that resulted in an early snowmelt.

River Watershed is saturated in many places.

During periods of intense rain, there could be higher amounts of runoff, creating slippery, unstable streambanks, and extremely cold water temperatures.

This can lead to hazardous conto snowmelt and erosion. ditions close to all water bodies.

CVC is offering the following tips to stay safe near the water.

Keep family and pets away from the edges of all bodies of Avoid all recreational activities

near ice-covered watercourses and waterbodies. Do not attempt to walk on ice-covered water or drive

through flooded roads or

in or around water, especially

fast-moving water. If you live close to water, move The ground within the Credit objects such as chairs or benches away from the water's edge to avoid losing them during poten-

> Avoid walking close to or over ice-covered water to prevent falling through. River banks can become unstable in the spring due

tial spring-high water.

If you see a person fall into a

body of water or through the ice, call 9-1-1 for help immediately. Rescuing another person or pet from icy water is dangerous and could result in the rescuer also getting in trouble.

Credit Valley Conservation operates a flood forecasting and warning program to reduce loss of life and risk of property damage from flooding.

When flooding is possible, or about to occur, Credit Valley Conservation issues flood messages to municipal emergency management officials, emergency medical services, school boards, police, and the media.

Municipal officials will then take action to warn local residents and respond in emergency situations.





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## Agriculture industry to honour reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow

An afternoon to honour Mel Karpenko, the reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow is being organized by the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association.

"Our local association has quite an amazing history and we are thrilled that Mel and her success has added a new chapter to our organization's legacy," says Colin French, President of the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association.

The first Ontario Queen of the Furrow was crowned in 1960 and Karpenko is the eighth local representative to win the provincial honours.

She was crowned Ontario Queen of the Furrow in a celebratory evening finale as part of the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) held last September in Bowling Green, Dufferin County where the top-plowmen from across the five-day event were also named. That same night Karpenko was named Miss

Friendship by her fellow competitors and placed second in the plowing competition.

Karpenko is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Human Kinetics degree, she has worked with Corteva Agriscience and BASF Canada and is currently in her final year at Western University in the nursing program. She plans to work locally as a Registered Nurse upon graduation.

Raised in Caledon, Karpenko currently lives on a dairy goat farm in Dufferin County.

Since her crowning, Karpenko has been travelling across the province acting as an ambassador for the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA)—the parent host of the IPM—and Ontario agriculture, attending events to promote the next IPM which is being held this fall in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes, from Tuesday, October 1 through Saturday, October 5.

It is customary for the local association

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of the reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow to hold a celebration event and French says local organizers are looking forward to welcoming Karpenko's family, friends and industry supporters for the afternoon in her honour.

The event is being held Sunday, April 14, at the Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 Side Road 5, Mono from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and presentations will begin at 2 p.m.

Pre-registration is encouraged by visiting the online portal: tinyurl.com/4b-

For more information, contact: pdplow-

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The Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association is the local association within the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA). This year they will host their 97th Annual Plowing Match. They are the only association in Canada to produce two World Plowing Champions, James Eccles in 1953 and William Dixon in 1961. The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) has been held within the association borders on three separate occasions: twice in Peel (1924 in Brampton and 1963 in Caledon) and most recently in Bowling Green, Dufferin County in 2023.



## Theatre Orangeville presents "By the Light of a Story": A Review

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

As the light comes up on the set for "By the Light of a Story" we are immediately welcomed into a home. To one side is an office chair and a vintage desk on which lie piles of notebooks; beside it is a couch with a duvet. Past the interior of the kitchen with a table in front are steps going down, and on the wall hang posters of book covers.

Designed by Theatre Orangeville's production manager Beckie Morris, this charming set was built and finished by Theatre Orangeville's creative team, technical director Lisa Lahue and scenic artist Candice Jeromkin. It cradles the action with everything it needs to spin the story.

It is the story of a famous author, Rhys Holland, who died three years ago; his still grieving wife, who sleeps on the couch and the man whom the publisher has hired as a ghostwriter to finish Rhys' work. Dashing in and out of this is the author's sister, Tammy, determined to bring his widow, Madeline, back into the world.

"By the Light of a Story" is on now at Theatre Orangeville and running until March 24.

Early on, Madeline, played well by Daniela Vlaskalic, tells Tammy that her husband's pub-

lisher has hired a ghostwriter to complete his book series and also, that someone is coming to rent the coach house at the back of the property.

Rhys was an established fantasy novelist with a large fan base and it turns out his publisher is anxious for the third book of his trilogy to be finished.

Jane Spence plays Tammy, lively and funny. Tammy is a motorcycle mechanic and she comes on with a biker's flair, studded leather jacket, humour – the works.

A knock on the door – it's the man who has called to rent the coach house. Enter Noah, performed by Mark Crawford, who tells Madeline, "I go by Noah."

He is the ghostwriter Rhys' publishers have hired to finish the series.

This is the first time Mark Crawford has acted on Theatre Orangeville's main stage, although several of the plays he has written have been produced here.

Noah is a huge fan of Rhys Holland, regarding him as something of a writer hero. He reveres Rhys' writing and then suddenly, here was the chance to step in for him. Thrilling.

But...not so much for Madeline who can hardly help from trying to hinder him; refusing to in-

terpret Rhys' handwriting and objecting to his even touching Rhys' things, all the while Noah endeavours to read and discern Rhys' notes.

At one point, Tammy finally persuades Madeline to go to a "Weiner Festival," something about little dogs, just to get her out of the house, out of her own sadness.

The repartee between Madeline and Noah can be very funny as are the many moments of clever physical humour throughout the play.

Daniela Vlaskalic handles the heat and cool from which Madeline suffers; the turmoil she endures with a stranger in her beloved but late husband's chair and desk. How is she to forgive him for being the interloper she sees him as but the friend he would be to her?

Noah is readily portrayed by Crawford, who must be strong in the creativity he admires so much about the author and whose shoes he is keen to fill, but somehow still sensitive to that man's widow. She is so obstructive as to stretch his patience but he must cater more to her angst than his own frustration.

Between them and sure to keep the pain at bay and a better time to come, Jane Spence is lovely and spot-on as the ever-caring Tammy. If Madeline can return to a full life, it will be

Tammy who shows her the way.

In many ways, one might agree with the audience member who observed this as a "post-pandemic awakening play."

As always in "your favourite theatre," the lighting, designed by Jeff Johnston Collins, wakens and relaxes in all the right places, providing the mood setting, and keeping pace with the action.

Alex Amini is the costume designer who can fulfill any needs and sees to Tammy's leathers and the dress that provides a very funny muddle.

Stage manager Jory McLean herds the cats as only firm diplomacy and a sense of humour can.

David Nairn, directing, forever claims the best way to direct is to stay out of the way, still shows his hand at how neatly the light of this story pans out. He delivers the misunderstandings and cross purposes of this comedy to its touching finale.

Be sure to go and see "By the Light of a Story" from now until March 24. For tickets and to purchase your five or three show subscriptions, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the box office at 519-942-3423.





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## Tips to keep your pets healthy, happy when traveling over **March Break**

#### BY SAM ODROWSKI

Ontario SCPCA and Human Society have some tips to keep pets happy and healthy during an increased time of travel.

Over the March Break, as pet owners go on vacations, their furry friends are often left with a close friend, pet sitter or boarding kennel.

If choosing a pet sitter, make sure you ask about what training the sitter has and if they have insurance.

It's important to also think about if they have a backup, in case they become ill.

"Ask for references and talk to past clients. It's also important for the pet sitter to meet your furry friend beforehand to make sure they're a good fit," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society in a press re-

When searching for a boarding facility, it's best to first ask a friend, your veterinarian, or dog trainer for a recommenda-

"Visit the kennel and pay attention to whether it looks and smells clean and if it has been designed with your furry friend's comfort in mind," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "Ask about the animal to staff ratio, staff training and if animals are monitored after hours. Find out what a day in the life there would look like for your pet – ask about feeding schedules, exercise, enrichment and wellness checks.

What vaccinations are required? Be sure to ask about protocols and available veter-March Break is nearing its end, but the inary care in the event of a health concern or emergency."

> Whether you're asking a friend to stay in your home, or seeking professional pet sitting or boarding services, the Ontario SCPCA and Human Society recommends you always have a written contract spelling out services and fees.

> "Be sure to tell your pet's caregiver about your animal's likes, dislikes, fears, habits, medical conditions, medications, and routines. Outline feeding and care instructions and be sure to leave contact information for your veterinarian, as well as an alternative emergency contact who can make decisions about your pet's health if you can't be reached," said the Ontario SCPCA and Human Society.

> Safeguarding your pet before heading off for vacation is important as well.

> "Ensure your pet is up to date on vaccinations and your microchip address is up to date. If your pet isn't microchipped, this is a simple and effective way to help ensure you are reunited with your pet if they become lost. Now is also a great time to consider pet insurance to help cover those unforeseen veterinary bills and help your furry friends stay healthy," said the Ontario SCPCA and Human Society.

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## Home and Lifestyle show puts green living and sustainability in the spotlight

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"People often ask me what our objective is in producing the show," she says. "The one rule of thumb you learn when you have done this many shows for this many decades is quality exhibitors attract quality visitors. People who come to the Home & Lifestyle Show are coming because they have the intention to do something with their home, inside or out. This show has curated its exhibitors and curated them under the categories of Renovate, Decorate, Landscape. Visitors want to know more about home maintenance certainly today more so than ever.

"The home is a huge asset that needs to be protected. Home maintenance updates with eco-friendly options and energy savings is on everybody's minds and we have found exhibitors who speak to that directly. A lot of people are saying, 'Okay, my home is now worth more than 300 per cent what I paid for it ten years ago; I'm prepared to do the interior facelift it needs.' Whether it is taking the basement and making it into a home theatre, taking one of the bedrooms you don't need and making it into a remote office, people are willing to invest in their houses now because it is such an important financial asset and probably increasing more in value than their stock portfolio!"

With that in mind, Shaughnessy says keeping an eye on things like energy efficiency - whether through the installation of new windows and doors, and heat pumps - is a win-win for all.

"Showcasing a tiny home on the show floor courtesy of Resorts HQ is very exciting," she says. "I have personally visited their homes and they're exquisite. These homes are so beautifully done and fully-furnished that you could just pack your clothes and dishes and basically just move in. There's a tremendous amount of interest in this for a lot of reasons: an aging generation, a younger generation that can't afford the down-payment much less the mortgage, and people are using it as a second cottage - but it is turnkey, like having a condo in a resort area.... It's a lifestyle consideration; some people are downsizing and these tiny homes are becoming popular."

Your vehicle is also a lifestyle consideration, she adds, and it's important to consider all the options, including electric vehicles (EVs).





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at this show who support that [element] because half the exhibitors of the show are the solution to green living. It wasn't deliberate, it just happened – it all comes down to windows, doors, roof, insulation, geothermal heating, heat pumps – and all those exhibitors are on the show floor, which can make each household decrease their carbon footprint, and if they choose to sell, it makes their home more valuable.

"We, as residents and homeowners, can take responsibility [in sustainability] by making changes in our homes inside and out. As consumers, we're not aware enough on what we can do to minimize our own carbon footprint and support Canada's Climate Action Plan."

The 2024 Home & Lifestyle Show will fill "Your car is part of your lifestyle and if the Albion Bolton Community Centre (150 you choose to go EV, you have some con- Queen Street South, Bolton) throughout the siderations to make," she says. "I'm also April 12 – 14 weekend and will feature an excited about the Green Living compo- array of events throughout the run, including awareness, build their volunteer base, all in under is free. The venue is pet-friendly and offers nent. I'm excited about having exhibitors the popular Ask the Experts stage, which will "aid of our mission of providing nutritious free parking.

take place April 13 and April 14 from 11 a.m.

All, notes Shaughnessy, has been organized with a keen focus on local business.

"The quality and diversity of the exhibitors on the show floor is more exceptional than it has ever been. We work very adamantly to support local businesses – that's the first objective. We vigorously sought out quality exhibitors within a local market. That doesn't mean every exhibitor is from Caledon, because that wouldn't be possible, but we go when there is no exhibitor that fits roofing, for example, we'll go to King, Vaughan and Orangeville. We heavily source local, buy local."

This year's event will once again support Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Caledon Meals on Wheels Executive Director Kim Rodrigues says the last seven years of support from the Home & Lifestyle Show has allowed the organization to raise funds, meals to those most in need in our commu-

"The platform offered by the Home and Lifestyle Show has not only allowed us to spotlight the essential services we provide but has also facilitated meaningful connections with attendees who have transformed into vital supporters – be it as donors, volunteers or advocates. Moreover, the generosity of providing us with complimentary space at the event holds immense significance for our small non-profit, alleviating the financial burden associated with participation and enabling us to allocate more resources toward our cause."

For more information about the upcoming event, visit homeandlifestyleshow.ca. While there, subscribe to their mailing list for free admission to the show. Tickets will also be available at the door, cash only, for \$5. Admission for kids 12 and

## **SMH** issues update on redevelopment progress

#### BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Stevenson Memorial Hospital has issued an update on the progress being made with the facility's redevelopment.

The hospital is continuing to prepare its property for expansion, to make way for the new building with expected construction to start in 2025.

As part of the Early Works projects, the hospital is required to clear a section of trees behind the facility.

Many factors have been considered in this property preparation including the requirements of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, which is why the project is taking place at this time to meet the March 31, deadline.

In addition to the safe relocation of Pileated Woodpecker nests, four bat boxes will be installed on the property. All necessary approvals have been granted by the local municipality and conservation authorities.

The hospital has worked closely with the landscape consultant, the environmental consultant, and the municipality to ensure it follow all best practices and bylaws for the reforestation of the site.

Green space and reforestation, including landscaping is an important element and vision of the redevelopment plans.

SMH will be actively replanting 400 trees as part of the hospital's redevelopment plan, including native species to the area.

## **Public Notice**



#### **Expropriations Act** NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate lands being:

#### **Permanent Drainage Easement**

Part of PIN 14348-0010 (LT)

Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40620

Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, enlarging and repairing storm water sewers, culverts, headwalls and related appurtenances, and side-slopes and grading appurtenant to road improvements on Airport Road, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of growth of same ("Permanent Drainage Easement").

For the municipal purpose of facilitating the widening and improving of Airport Road from Perdue Court to 100 metres north of King Street together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described hereinbefore.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;
- b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

#### The approving authority is:

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

#### The expropriating authority is:

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## Hockey success started in Caledon for two childhood friends, now PWHL rookies in Ottawa

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Although they both loved those pond hockey games in Palgrave and played on the same rep hockey teams, Della Rovere and Boyd attended different high schools-Della Rovere graduated from The Hill Academy and Boyd graduated from Humberview Secondary School.

However, the best friends shared similar post-secondary aspirations: to play NCAA hockey.

They both earned scholarships to prestigious US Colleges in the highly-competitive Eastern College Athletic Conference—Della Rovere starred for the Harvard University Crimson in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Boyd starred for the Quinnipiac University Bobcats in Hamden, Connecticut.

The 12-team ECAC is also home to some of the most famous universities in the USA including Brown, Clarkson, Colgate, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Union, and Yale.

Starring on the Bobcats' blue line for four seasons, Boyd scored nine goals and earned 41 assists in 135 games with Quinnipiac from 2018-2023.

In her senior year in Connecticut, she was the Assistant Captain of the Bobcats, set career highs in assists, accrued an impressive +11 plus/minus, and blocked 46 shots on her way to ECAC Third Team All-League honors.

Boyd appreciated the opportunities that came with playing for Quinnipiac: "We were fortunate to travel to a new country which can be pretty scary for many Canadians, but we were welcomed into a family setting. I'd consider my career at Quinnipiac to be the best years of my life."

Della Rovere spoke in a similar manner about her years in the ECAC. A high-scoring forward for the Crimson from 2018-23, Della Rovere tallied 56 goals and 64 assists for 120 points in 125

She was named Captain of Harvard's team in her senior year and led the NCAA with 529 faceoff wins. Della Rovere earned ECAC First Team All-League and All-Ivy First Team recognition in 2021-22 after a 40-point season in her junior year in Massachusetts.

Della Rovere's happiest moments at Harvard were delineated with a mix of pride and joy: "In my junior year, we won a few championships and I got to celebrate with teammates and the coaching staff. On the ice or off the ice, it was a

fun four years for me." After completing stellar four-year NCAA hockey careers, the lives of Della Rovere and Boyd converged once again, courtesy of the PWHL Ottawa franchise that selected both Cale-

Both Boyd and Della Rovere expressed their gratitude and appreciation about playing pro hockey in Ottawa.

don-born players in the new league's 2023 Draft.

Boyd pointed out the best part about playing for the PWHL franchise: "We definitely have an amazing fan base. The 67's have been very welcoming, too, but our fans are my favorite part. Our fans are beyond compare."

Della Rovere's assessment was equally warm. "It's a combination of things. We've been welcomed into the facility. All our practices are in one arena which makes TD Place feel like home. But it's more than the great facility—we can't thank the fans enough for the huge welcome they have given us."

Boyd and Della Rovere shared their best moments about being professional hockey players in the PWHL's first season. Della Rovere was moved by "The feeling and atmosphere of the home opener. I think I blacked out during the first shift. It was so loud. A few weeks ago, a little boy ran up to us in the arena and asked for our autographs. Having a young male feel the same excitement and experience that our young female fans have expressed to us was very eye-opening in terms of the overall impact our team is having on Ottawa."

Boyd echoed her best friend's sentiments about Opening Night in Ottawa: "The first game we played was my best moment, too, especially playing in front of a full house. Our fans were in the arena and cheering for us even in our warm up. They were so loud and proud and that was just our warmup. My other big moment this year was when Kristin scored her first PWHL goal—it was a special moment when she scored that goal against Boston."

Both Boyd and Della Rovere also marveled at the international flavor of PWHL Ottawa's inaugural roster which features players from six countries: Canada, United States, Japan, Hungary, Czechia, and Germany.

Della Rovere loves the international makeup

"It's really cool. It's allowed the European girls to thrive in the league, especially when most of the focus is on the US and Canada in most international competitions. It's special to see the talents from around the world. We've learned some Japanese and other languages this season,

Boyd echoes her teammate's insights into the rich culture created by so many nations of origin: "All the different countries have different styles of play and emphasize different elements. It makes our team stronger. We're lucky to have this range of cultures in the dressing room, on the bench, and on the ice."

impressed by how the PWHL has captured the imaginations of hockey fans in its first season of

it would gain so much popularity so soon."

Boyd attributed some of the league's popularity to the determination and the entertaining quality of the players.

"We had many conversations as a team about putting on a show for the new fans. It has been spectacular to be playing in full arenas—in many cases, two to three times as many fans as we had in the stands in College—and our fans are here

Boyd and Della Rovere are also pleased with the recent success of their team as PWHL Ottawa is steadily improving after a rough and unlucky start to the season.

Recent wins over Boston and New York -with whom Ottawa is in a dog fight for the last playoff spot in the 6-team league--left the rookies excited by the team's improving fortunes. Boyd noted that "Winning against New York at home in front all our fans was one of the best moments of the season" and Della Rovere added that "It's amazing that after all the work we put in-to finally get some wins and start moving in the standings--makes the second half of the season very exciting for our team and our fans."

The sky is the limit for PWHL Ottawa as it is for Boyd and Della Rovere as rookie professionals in the fledgling league. The graduates of the Caledon Hawks hockey program have progressed through high school to brilliant NCAA hockey careers as student-athletes at Quinnepac and Harvard to their current lives at the apex of professional women's hockey.

Their suggestions for young women in Caledon currently contemplating a similar career path were helpful and genuine.

Della Rovere recommended to the youngsters to "Have fun and love the game. It's important





THEN AND NOW - Zoe Boyd and Kristin Della Rovere.

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS** 

The former Caledon Hawks have also been to trust the process of becoming a better hockey player and to realize that there's more than one path to get there."

Boyd also focused on the importance of en-Della Rovere has been taken aback by the joying hockey: "Never lose sight about having league's immediate success: "I didn't expect it fun—it's the most important ingredient. If you're would be this successful, given how rushed it having fun, you'll work harder and play better. was to get things going, but so many people are It's a privilege to play rep hockey so it's importwatching in the arenas and on tv. I never thought ant to appreciate the opportunities that come along with it.

> Zoe Boyd and Kristin Della Rovere have skated themselves to the Promised Land of Professional

The PWHL currently features the best 138 female hockey players in the world. To be included in that elite group of athletes is a credit to their families, their coaches along the way, and, most importantly, their own determination to do what prior generations of female hockey players could only dream of doing.

The congenial duo owe much to the trailblazers who came before them, but it's apparent that Boyd and Della Rovere are blazing trails of their own for others to emulate—whether those impressionable, hard-working youngsters reside in Caledon, or Peel Region, or Ontario, and anywhere else in Canada.



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#### **SUSAN MERIE PEAVOY** May 10, 1951 - March 1, 2024

**OBITUARIES** 

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Susan Merie Peavoy on March 1, 2024.

Beloved wife and best friend of Jim Peavoy for over 50 years.

Susan will be forever missed by her children Jamie (Laura) and Darrell, grandchildren Ali, Maya, Dayron and Jamie.

Susan is survived by her parents Betty and Fred Curran. Also survived by her siblings Rick (Audrey), Katherine, Laura (Alec-predeceased), Margaret (Terry), Sylvia

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June is survived by her children; Francis (Lorna), Jacqueline (John Tonetti), Victoria (Russell Phillips). Grandchildren, Jennifer (Michael Craven), Christopher (Alli), Emma and Michael. Greatgrandchildren, Eli, Blayke and Madelyn. June was predeceased by her husband Dr. Alfred Ronald and daughter Penny.

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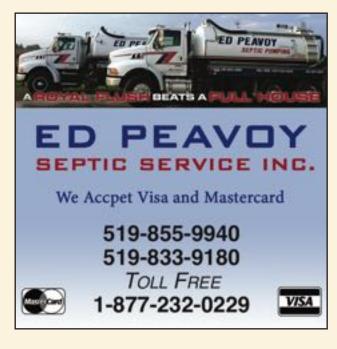




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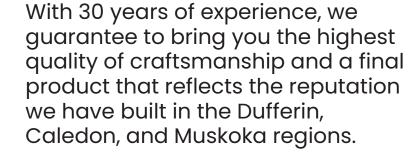
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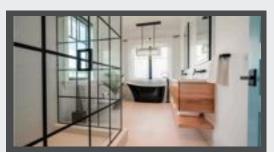












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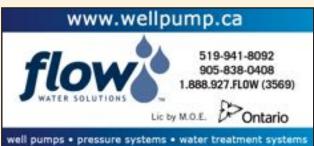
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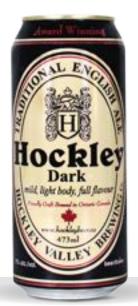
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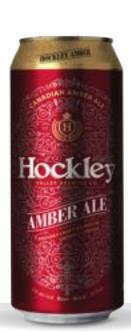


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