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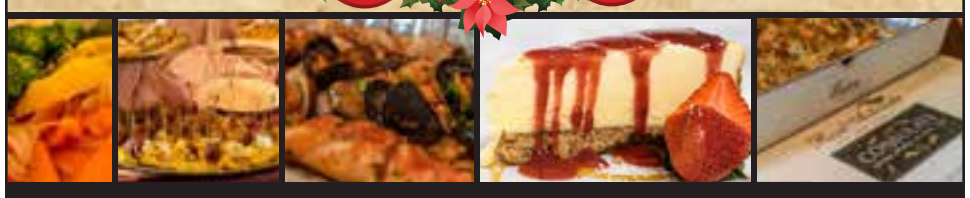


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6 **Use extension cords wisely.** Avoid overloading circuits with plugs and extension cords, as this can create overheating that could result in fire. Never put cords under rugs.

7 **Give space heaters space.** Keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

8 **Go flameless.** Avoid using real candles, opting instead for safer flameless candles. If you use real candles, remember to blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn.

9 **Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.** Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. If you smoke, have only one lighter or book of matches and keep it with you at all times.

10 **Watch what you heat.** Always stay in the kitchen and pay attention to your cooking - especially if using oil or high temperatures. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.

11 **Encourage smokers to smoke outside.** Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires. Encourage smokers to smoke outside and use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over. Make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.

12 **There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home.** With all the festive cheer this time of year, keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol is often a common factor in many fatal fires.





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MERRY CHRISTMAS!: Excited members of the community lined the streets along Highway 50 starting at Queensgate Blvd all the way to Centennial Rd to enjoy the annual Bolton Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. Local schools, programs and businesses who participated forgot about the chilly weather, and thoroughly enjoyed performing and participating in the annual parade. The Bolton Kin have organized the annual Bolton Santa Claus parade since the early 1970's, and love to bring the festive spirit to Bolton, and allowing Santa to visit the children of Bolton right before Christmas! For more, see Page A16.

Town of Caledon 'moving in the wrong direction' with its 2020 budget

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Taxpayers in Caledon may be on the cusp of an "uncomfortable" tax increase in 2020, with the current municipal budget calling for a 5.92 percent increase to the tax levy.

Several items were brought up for discussion during Tuesday night's meeting, held at Caledon Town Hall, which created something of a ripple on effect to overall expenses in the 2020 budget.

The previous 2020 Budget presentation, delivered to Council back on Nov 19, saw the municipality's overall costs sitting at $100.6 million next year, with an increase in spending of $4,442,103. At that time, the tax increase for the year sat at 4.34 percent for the Town portion of resident's tax bill.

"Since Nov 19 the budget open house was held to receive feedback from the public and to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss the budget with Council and senior management," explains Heather Hare, Treasurer of the Town of Caledon.

Tuesday's meeting was held to further discuss the proposed 2020 budget and bring forward any amendments that Council have put together.

"Going through the budget has been a lengthy process, but it's probably one of the best budgets that has been presented to council to work with. But, saying that, I know there is a couple deficiencies," stated Mayor Allan Thompson.

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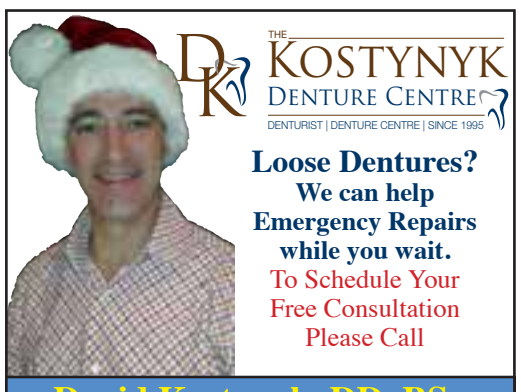
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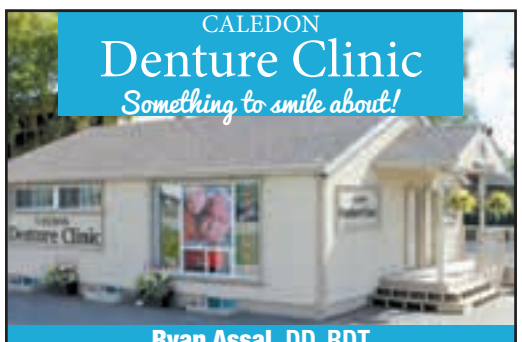
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IMPORTANT MILESTONE: Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury group marked its 10th anniversary in the community last week. The organization provides support to dozens of individuals from Dufferin County and Caledon each and every year.

Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury group marks 10th anniversary

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury group (HABI) is a local volunteer group under the umbrella of the Ontario Brain Injury Association, dedicated to supporting those living with acquired brain injuries who are residents of the Headwaters Region, but also for anyone who requires support.

HABI was established back in Oct. 2009. On Dec. 3 the group and its members got together to celebrate a decade of support in the local community.

"Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown attended the event, to honour the 10 years of our service to the community," explains Norman Phillips, HABI co-chair.

According to the HABI website, an acquired brain injury (ABI) is "any damage in the brain that occurs after birth and is not related to congenital disorder, a development disability or a process which progressively damages the brain. There are two main types of ABI: traumatic brain injuries to the brain caused by external force, such as an impact to the head during a motor vehicle accident. And non-traumatic brain caused by disease of oxygen deprivations."

HABI hosts monthly support groups on the first Tuesday of every month for mutual support and problem solving within the members. These meetings are held at 695 Riddell Rd. Unit 3 in Orangeville.

Mr. Phillips and his team of volunteers work hard to bring awareness and education to the community of Headwaters Region, but also those in surrounding areas. ABI survivors, or those living with ABI, come from all over to attend HABI support groups. With no application process, and no waiting list, HABI opens their doors and arms for anyone looking for support.

"We offer education about brain injuries, and that's usually done through guest speakers. We have professionals or experts come in and discuss brain injury, or related issues," says Mr. Phillips. "We offer those meetings, and we also do a lot of public awareness."

HABI has hosted parades, initiatives, different kinds of projects and variety of events to bring awareness to those in the community, but also to people who may not know that there is a support group of this topic.

The group relies solely on volunteers and donated funds to run its programming throughout the year.

"The key thing about our group is we have absolutely no funding. We don't have funding from other organizations, we're a grass roots support group that works solely on volunteerism and all of the money that we do raise, is raised through our own efforts," Mr. Phillips explained. "It's a bit of a unique approach to providing support and the public awareness and education about brain injury. We raise our owns funds, but we do work alongside several other support groups, which is excellent."

Regularly, they have around 30 people of different ages, from children all the way to seniors, attend their meetings on a monthly basis. They provide support for caregivers, and families who have someone in their family with ABI, and survivors as well.

With no application process and no waiting list, HABI invites you to come as you are and to get the support you need.

For more information about HABI and their services, visit headwatersabi.net.









Hills of Headwaters Collaborative secures Ontario Health Team status

Written By MIKE BAKER

A group of local health care professionals and service providers have been selected to help pioneer the provincial government's vision for a revamped health care system across Ontario.

In an announcement on Friday (Dec. 6), it was revealed that the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative has been successful with its application to become an Ontario Health Team. In attendance at the Dufferin County Paramedic Service base in Orangeville, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones noted the local Collaborative is one of the first 24 teams to be approved under the new model.

"I know how hard the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Health Team has worked towards the goal of becoming an OHT," Ms. Jones, currently Ontario's Solicitor General, said. "We began with an excellent foundation of collaboration in our community, between all the services who provide patient care, and we will continue to build on our experiences to improve patient outcomes."

In total, 36 different health care-related agencies as well as numerous local family physicians, have come together to form this new Collaborative. According to Ms. Jones, this new model will better connect patients and health care and service providers in our community. Through the new OHT model, she adds, patients will experience easier transitions from one provider to another.

The move was initiated by Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliott last February, when she announced plans to develop a new super-agency called Ontario Health, which will effectively consolidate the 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) operating across the province, as well as other provincial agencies such as Cancer Care Ontario, eHealth Ontario, and Trillium Gift of Life Network. While Minister Elliott stressed at the time that this move "is not a financial exercise", it is expected to save the Province approximately $200 million annually by 2021.

In her message to residents of the Hills of Headwaters region, Minister Elliott promised the formation of a local Ontario Health Team would be a game-changer for those who need to access health care services in the area.

"This is an exciting time for health care in Ontario as we finally break down the long-standing barriers that have prevented care providers from working directly with each other to support patients throughout their health care journey," Minister Elliott said. "Together, with our health care partners, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team will play an essential role in delivering on our commitment to end hallway health care, and building a connected and sustainable public health care system centred on the needs of patients."



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YOU'RE IN: Several local dignitaries and leaders involved in the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative, including Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson (right) give a thumbs up after it was announced, on Friday (Dec. 6), that the local team had been successful in securing Ontario Health Team status.

Minister Elliott believes the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative will create a local health care system that provides coordinated care for patients, reduces wait times and will lead to better health outcomes for patient.

"With our new Hills of Headwaters Collaborative OHT, patients will benefit from better integrated health care, with a seamless experience when moving between different health care services, providers and settings," Minister Elliott concluded.

Organizations such as Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), Dufferin Area Family Health Team, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, Caledon Community Services, Dufferin Child and Family Services, Bethell Hospice and the Canadian Mental Health Association of Peel Dufferin have come together to help form the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative.

Through the group's many meetings and discussions in recent months, three key priorities have been identified to help improve health care services in Dufferin and Caledon. Those include improving integration of mental health and addictions services to expand access across our community and improve care, creating an integrated palliative care team, and enhancing services and programs for individuals with complex health care needs, who are currently seeing and dealing with multiple organizations and agencies.

Addressing a group of approximately 50 individuals on Friday, co-chairs of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative, Kim Delahunt (President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre) and Lianne Barbour (Executive Director of the Dufferin Area Family Health Team) congratulated those in attendance for their work in helping our region secure OHT status.

"We really began this journey back in the spring, when Minister Elliott came out to meet with us, and we talked about new ways we could all work together, and new ways we could move forward," Ms. Barbour stated. "From there, we worked on developing a symposium that brought over 100 patients, physicians and service providers together in one room. It was the first of its kind here in Dufferin County and Caledon. It brought together folks to provide their input, and helped us create a shared vision for the future."

She added, "We talked honestly about what it would take to get to where we are today. Well, today, I'm proud to say that we did it. We are here. We will be blazing a new trail, and with that will come opportunities and challenges. We know we have a lot of work to do, as patients, families and health care professionals collaborate and co-design to best serve the needs of people in our area."

Work is already underway to develop a "year one plan", Ms. Delahunt said. She explained how the details within that plan will be formulated through input by all members and agencies involved in the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative. She credited the togetherness of that local group with helping Headwaters secure OHT status.

"The beauty of Dufferin-Caledon is in the relationships that people have with one another here. Everyone has the ability to pick up the phone and come up with solutions to complicated situations as they arise. Finding solutions starts with relationships, and the trust that has been built with all partners in this region," Ms. Delahunt told the Citizen. "We are fortunate to have 38 organizations, many physicians, and patient care providers as a part of our Collaborative. This number will grow as we move along this new health care journey. All in all, this is a very exciting time for us. The work that has been going on here, in all corners of the health and service sector, has been extraordinary."

Minister Jones reserved special praise for Stacey Daub, the former President and CEO at HHCC. Ms. Daub served as co-chair of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative from its creation in March up until her departure in early October. Ms. Jones says she was "pivotal" in bringing together all of the unique organizations in our region, and worked quickly and efficiently to put together a quality proposal, one that Minister Elliott couldn't really turn down.

As one of the family physicians who have been involved extensively with the local Collaboration throughout this entire process, Dr. Amy Catania offered her thoughts on the potential changes this new move will bring to our community.

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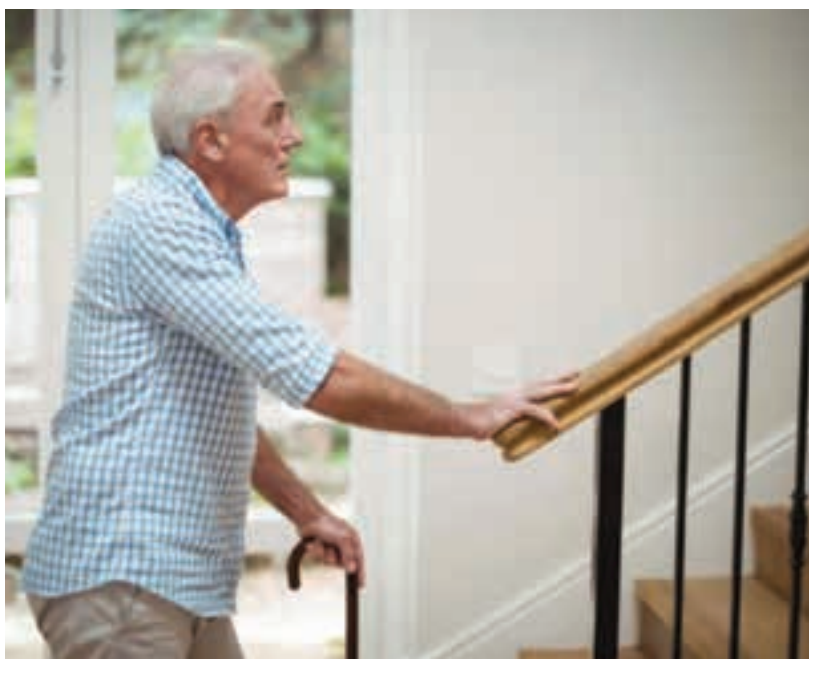
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Town welcoming volunteers to run John Clarkson Park skating track

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The skating track at John Clarkson Park has been ready for quite some time now, but has yet not been opened to the public due to the Town not dedicating any funds for a full-time employee to run and provide maintenance at the site.

10-year-old Sadie Bara from Southfields Village decided to begin her own research.

The Bara family, along with other members of the community have been looking into spreading awareness on the possibility of getting the skating track at John Clarkson Park, located on Dougall Ave, up and going so that families in the Southfields area can enjoy it.

Sadie's dad, Jay, couldn't be prouder of his daughter for showing her initiative and reaching out to local newspapers and even the Town for help.

"She emailed Allan Thompson, the Mayor of Caledon and he wrote back to her. He wrote her a nice email back saying that it was opened, and paved by the developer, but the money hasn't existed to operate it. It's built and the track's been built, but there just isn't the money to operate it, so it's just kind of sitting there," remarks Bara.

Town staff informed the Citizen that the Southfields Community Centre in Mayfield West is still undergoing construction and, once complete and with a full-time employee in place, further discussions will be able to take place on a Town-operated outdoor rink.

Mayor Allan Thompson also mentioned to Sadie that he was going to bring it up to council for the budget discussion for 2021.

Conversations arose about its current state and, if members of the community were willing to get together to take it over until the Town can get involved, a community volunteer group would be allowed to operate it as a part of the Town's Neighbourhood Ice Rink Program.

Under the Town's Neighbourhood Ice Rink Program, members would receive proper training on how to flood the track, and be providing with instructions on certain criteria on how to maintain it. It requires six members to create a community volunteer group. Members would need to fill out a required application in terms of location, primary contact person, a planned schedule and supervision.

Southfields Village community are looking forward to have an operating skating rink for the community to enjoy during the winter season, and are hopeful that further discussions and plans with take place in the near future.



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Town of Caledon 'moving in the wrong' direction with its 2020 budget

As a result of some of the requests from Council, the proposed tax levy increase for 2020 climbed 1.58 percent. It was noted that many of the additions were requests put forward by local residents during the open house process.

Many items were approved on the night and added to the 2020 budget, such as street lights to be installed on Cedar Mains Drive in Bolton for $50,000, A total of $476.838 set aside to form an illegal trucking task force, in which council felt strongly about implementing due to the ongoing issue of illegal trucking in the area. Around $145,000 was added for Poltawa Country lands to be zoned, and $7,500 to install swings at Beryl Bland park in Cheltenham. $20,000 was earmarked to upgrade the washrooms at Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena and $21,930 to make the current part-time role of adults 55+ coordinator into a full-time role.

Council decided to include $451,894 in the capital budget to include a library and pool into the detailed design of the Caledon Easy Community Complex Phase 4. That particular additon was proposed by Ward 3 and 4 Coun. Nick DeBoer and seconded by Ward 2 Coun. Johanna Downey.

"The intent here, is it would piggyback onto the design work that's happening right now in Phase 3, so we don't have to, in about three years' time, go back and redesign to Phase 4, which is the next term of Council project. The idea is to have one design done, to complete the facility next door, so we have a facility in the works with Phase 3 and 4 together," explains Coun. DeBoer.

Town staff remarks that Phase 3 has just been awarded, meaning if the detailed design of Phase 4 will be approved, staff must go back and cancel the current status, and put together a new plan to include the extra work, as installing a library branch and pool makes for a bigger project. The construction cost for Phase 4 currently sits at $18 million, with 7.5 percent of that earmarked for the detailed cost for design.

Members of Council began to feel discomfort as they watched the tax percentage increase rise as the meeting continued.

"We're going in the wrong direction," comments Coun. Tony Rosa.

Council will be gathering again at Town Hall on Tuesday Dec 17 to come to final deliberations and the approval of the 2020 Budget.

For more information about the 2020 Budget, please visit caledon.ca/budget.



Future Caledon wants to hear from locals

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Town of Caledon will be reviewing and building on currently policies to plan and organize for the next 20 plus years.

This launch gives the community the opportunity to share ideas, opinions and thoughts on what they would like to see Future Caledon become.

Official Plans are to be reviewed every five to 10 years under the Planning Act. The Town is working to organize a modernized and clear vision for Caledon full of growth and balance.

The Official Plan highlights five key areas for review: Climate Change, Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure, Growth, Settlement, Housing and Employment, Tourism, Heritage, Healthy Communities and Culture, and Natural Resources and Agriculture

The Town is requesting members of the public to come forward and have their say through public consultations and conversations.

"I feel strongly that Caledon should plan for Caledon" said Mayor Allan Thompson. "That's why Future Caledon, our Official Plan launch, and public consultations are so important. It's your opportunity to have your say on what Caledon should look like in the future."

There are several opportunities put in place for community involvement. The Town wants to hear residents' stories, to find out what they love about Caledon, and what they want to see improve. Community meetings, events, conversations and several online tools are provided for the community to speak with the Town.

This launch is a community-wide engagement process for the Town to listen and learn. They will rely on the input from seniors and older resident and Caledon, but look forward and hoping to here from the younger generations as well.

"We need a lot of experience from the seniors, but I realy need to make sure we get the youth engaged," says Mayor Allan Thompson. "A lot of young people have a lot at risk, and what they see in their next 20-25 years of being in business for the next generation. We really need their input, no matter if its business or agriculture, we really need that input."

According to the Future Caledon website, "Provincial and Regional government policies identify Caledon as a place for future growth. Our community is evolving and welcoming new residents and businesses. Our strong cultural heritage has created a proud legacy. A focused, coordinated approach is essential to guide the future we want to see."

The review process began on March 5. It will now move on to four different stages , including informing and visioning, idea development, policy development. The final stage, being the approval process, will take place in 2022.

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Local Collaborative secures OHT status

"The vision of an OHT is very exciting. There are so many redundancies, silos and many, many doors to our health care system. They are numerous, very complicated, and make it difficult for our patients to navigate," Dr. Catania said. "The commitment to one local team across Dufferin-Caledon, with one vision, working toward the same purpose to ensure we can collectively and seamlessly support the wellbeing of our patients throughout the entirety of their care journey, is the right commitment."

She added, "In the past, we were passively informed about the different changes and commitments (made by the provincial government). Over the course of the last weeks and months, we've been involved in parts of these changes that we weren't part of before. The most exciting part is to be so actively involved individually, and collectively (as family physicians) in a movement to change our community. We can really see how this commitment to change will lead to better care for our patients."

That was a sentiment shared by Dufferin County Paramedic Chief Tom Reid. Following an extensive, 30-plus-year career in Dufferin County, Mr. Reid noted the work he has seen take place, and he himself has been a part of, through this Hills of Headwaters Collaborative, has been unlike anything he had experienced before.

"Over my long tenure here, I've been involved in a lot of things in the health care sector for a long, long time. I've seen a lot of ideas, and a lot of strategies. I believe this community has always been successful, and will continue to be successful. We've been extremely resourceful, in the sense of getting things done in whatever way we needed to do it, and I think we're going to do that again," Mr. Reid said. "It doesn't matter whether it's caring hands, boots on the ground, health and service leaders, or the whole community. We understand the importance of this work and how the work we do is going to make a difference every day in supporting those who are vulnerable."



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Second annual Dunk Disposal Donation Drive runs this weekend

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Cameron Dunkerley was just looking for extra cash to put gas into his truck.

When he was in Grade 12 he bought his first truck. Driving to and from school every day was causing a bit of havoc on the wallet. So, he thought of a way to use his truck in his favour, and find a way for it make money for him.

Two years ago, Dunkerley was posting ads on Kijiji for anyone looking for a delivery service.

"I was getting a bunch of work, and I was just paying for my gas by doing jobs anytime I was in Brampton, or when I'd go to town in Orangeville, or anytime I was just kind of around Caledon. It just kind of got bigger and bigger," says Dunkerley.

Within those two years, Dunkerley has evolved his company, Dunk Delivery, Disposal and Demo from just a delivery service, to demolitions and removals.

"I started it out as a delivery company and ever since then it's kind of evolved as times changed, and the market was kind of telling me where to go and where I was getting more work. Now I'm more of a removal and demolition company, it's changed from more delivery to removal and demolition," explains Dunkerley.

Now, Dunk Disposal is holding its second annual donation drive. They've partnered with the Salvation Army, and are asking members of the community in Caledon and surrounding areas to reach out if they would like to donate.

While last year's inaugural event was considered to be a huge success, Cameron is hoping to do even better this year, and is calling on local residents to lend a helping hand and donate toys and food to benefit some of the community's most vulnerable residents over the Christmas period.

Cameron and his team have developed a route for those who would like to donate and personally visit residents' homes to pick them up.

On Sunday Dec 15, Cameron will be driving around Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville picking up donations of unwrapped toys and non-perishable foods. You can call Cameron at 519-217-7149, send him an email at dunkdelivery@gmail.com, or visit his Facebook page 'Dunk Delivery, Disposal and Demo' if you would like to donate.

For more information, visit dunkdisposal.ca



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GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS: Cameron Dunkerley will be driving around Caledon, Orangeville and Brampton on Dec. 15 to pick up food and toys as a part of his second annual Dunk Disposal Donation Drive, in benefit of the Salvation Army.

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Now is your chance to nominate a Caledon resident for recognition at the annual Community Recognition Night.

Submit a nomination before January 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 7 P.M.

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Applications for funding from the proceeds of the Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament (CCCGT) are now open. Grants will be provided to organizations for projects or programs that showcase the Town of Caledon.

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Consumers share the blame for climate change

by Mark Pavilons

Human beings are experts at turning a blind eye to really important issues.

We're quite proficient at ignoring facts, twisting truths, spinning and even altering our own perception.

Climate change is nothing new and yet we're still not frantically ringing the alarm bells. Or is that we're just not listening?

Maybe average citizens – consumers – are just too self-centred and concentrated on living pay cheque to pay cheque. Maybe we're fixated on modern conveniences, smart tech, automobiles and Black Friday sales.

As one of the strongest collective forces on the planet, consumers are also quite good at filling their needs, despite the costs. With such economic might at our fingertips, why is that consumers haven't done anything about climate change?

With a click of a mouse, or tap of our cards, we can use our collective muscle to sway public spending power away from carbon wasting, polluting products and companies. But our selfish need is overwhelming.

King is known for its knowledge and advocacy for the environment. Council, like many others, declared a climate emergency and have set some targets to reduce power consumption at municipal facilities and embrace environmentally friendly methods.

Council was chastized for fiddling with the target numbers recently, but the intent and political seems to be there.

That's all well and good, but the public – all of the public – has to run with the solar-powered football. We have to make the final touchdown or all of these efforts are in vain.

How can we save the world when a significant portion of our population ignores the science, with their ears jammed by airbuds?

We also need to lead by example. We can't espouse conservation, protection and reduction if we're driving around in massive gas-guzzling SUVs or European sports cars. There are more Maseratis in King than there are Teslas. We can't criticize the Township for its reduction goals when we're enjoying our heated garages and indoor swimming pools.

A grim report released by the United Nations Environment Program revealed that our current pace of global greenhouse gas emission has us reaching as much of a global temperature increase of 3.9 degrees Celsius (almost 7 degrees Fahrenheit) by 2100.

The report states that global greenhouse gas emissions would have to be cut by 7.6 per cent annually for the next decade to meet the 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warming goal set by the Paris Climate Accord.

"Every year of delay beyond 2020 brings a need for faster cuts, which become increasingly expensive, unlikely and impractical," the report's authors state. "Delays will also quickly put the 1.5C goal out of reach."

Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane released into the atmosphere (through the production and transport of fossil fuels) trap heat in Earth's atmosphere and dramatically change our climate. In the last decade, global greenhouse gas emissions have risen by about 1.5 per cent each year on average.

Are we listening as we head to the overcrowded shopping malls and spend like drunken sailors?

For anyone over 40, they should be fully aware that grim signs have been before us for decades.

King's own Dr. Hans Martin worked with the Canadian government on analyzing "acid rain" back in the 1980s. I remember when it made all the headlines and like today, people talked about it for years. Did we think this was a one-off or a fluke?

Acidic precipitation has elevated levels of hydrogen ions (low pH). It can have harmful effects on plants, aquatic animals and infrastructure. Acid rain is caused by emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, which react with the water molecules in the atmosphere to produce acids.

Some governments have made efforts since the 1970s to reduce the release of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere with positive results. Acid rain has been shown to have adverse impacts on forests, freshwaters and soils, killing insect and aquatic life-forms, causing paint to peel, corrosion of steel structures such as bridges, and weathering of stone buildings and statues as well as having impacts on human health.

More than century ago, Robert Angus Smith in 1852 was the first to show the relationship between acid rain and atmospheric pollution in England.

In the late 1960s scientists began widely observing and studying the phenomenon.

How about that infamous hole in the ozone layer that made the news in the late '70s and early '80s? Should we be concerned?

The main cause of ozone depletion and the "hole" is manufactured chemicals, especially manufactured halocarbon refrigerants, solvents, propellants and foam-blowing agents (chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), HCFCs, halons), referred to as ozone-depleting substances (ODS).

Ozone depletion and the ozone hole have generated worldwide concern over increased cancer risks and other negative effects. The ozone layer prevents most harmful UV wavelengths of ultraviolet light (UV light) from passing through the Earth's atmosphere. These wavelengths cause skin cancer, sunburn and cataracts, which were projected to increase dramatically as a result of thinning ozone, as well as harming plants and animals. These concerns led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, which bans the production of CFCs, halons and other ozone-depleting chemicals.

The ban came into effect in 1989 and ozone levels stabilized by the mid-1990s and began to recover in the 2000s. Recovery is projected to continue over the next century, and the ozone hole is expected to reach pre-1980 levels by around 2075. The Montreal Protocol is considered the most successful international environmental agreement to date.

The bottom line is there's no denying we've destroyed much of our environment through our own selfishness. The pursuit of the all-mighty dollar has led us down this path.

We're a smart bunch, we humans. Smart enough to rally around a problem and offer concrete solutions.

So where are the throngs of concerned consumers?

Editorial

Why not follow Alberta's lead?

PREMIER DOUG FORD has rejected a warning by Ontario's Auditor-General that his government's policies on climate change won't meet Ontario's 2030 emission reduction targets and are riddled with errors and omissions.

In her report released last week, Auditor General Bonny Lysyk said the Progressive Conservative government calculated some reductions based on green policies it scrapped when it came to power last year, double-counted other savings, and failed to properly estimate costs for more than half of the initiatives in its Made-in-Ontario environment plan.

"Our audit concluded that the emission-reduction estimates in the plan are not based on sound evidence or sufficient detail," Ms. Lysyk said in her 2019 annual report.

Without producing much in the way of supportive expert evidence, the premier has contended that killing the previous government's 'cap and trade' program, cancelling hundreds of green energy contracts and effectively barring any new wind or solar farms were all appropriate.

It seems the Ford government is echoing the beliefs of the Trump administration that governments need only rely on polluters to clean up their own acts.

Accordingly, Ontario is going to spend untold millions of taxpayers' dollars taking its constitutional challenge of the federal carbon tax to the Supreme Court of Canada despite having lost in the lower courts.

And thus far we've seen no hint that the Ford troops are at all interested in a tactic employed by their Alberta cousins, Jason Kenney's United Conservative Party, in devising a different type of carbon tax that has passed muster with Ottawa, meaning that province's consumers won't be paying the federal tax.

In October, the Alberta government announced that it will maintain a $30-per-tonne carbon tax on large industrial facilities that's designed to align the government's plan with the federal climate law and stave off possible intervention from Ottawa.

Already accepted by the Trudeau government, Alberta's industrial carbon tax is the centrepiece of Premier Kenney's climate strategy and, on Jan 1, 2020, will replace a similar system introduced by his New Democratic predecessor. The tax could increase in future years to keep pace with the federal government's climate plan for industry.

Much of the oil sands will be covered by the industrial tax, introduced a week after the federal election highlighted regional divisions in the country, particularly over climate change.

The industry tax is being set at a higher level per tonne than Mr. Kenney promised during Alberta's election last spring, $30 instead of $20, in a move to ensure that the provincial government's plan would comply with the federal climate law. Due to the size of Alberta's industrial base, especially the province's large oil and gas industry, the expected reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the plan will contribute significantly to meeting national targets.

So why not a similar approach in Ontario? Is it just because it would require ripping off the anti=carbon-tax labels on the province's petrol pumps?

The Auditor General's report says the environment ministry's own calculations from last November would only get the province's globe-warming emissions to 160.9 megatonnes (Mt) by 2030. That is well short of the 143.3 Mt target it would need hit to achieve a 30 per cent reduction in emissions from 2005 levels by 2030, its stated policy goal.

And in August the AG also asked the environment ministry to recalculate its forecast to account for new data, and in response the ministry lowered its projections to say it expected to emit 163.6 Mt in 2030, even further from a target critics say is not ambitious enough.

The Lysyk report did not estimate the cost to Ontario of dealing with the effects of climate change, which include more severe and more frequent flooding and other extreme weather that is putting a heavy strain on the insurance industry.

However, global economic losses from climate-related extreme events were estimated at around $10 billion a year in the 1970s and since 2010 have exceeded $100 billion (at constant 2012 currency values), according to a 2015 report commissioned by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Perhaps Mr. Ford needs to have another chat with Mr. Kenney.



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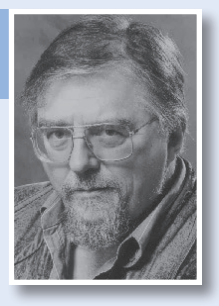
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Faint hope in Yemen

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Some wars end in victory, but just as many sputter out in exhaustion. The war in Yemen, now coming up on five years old, always looked likely to end up in the second category, and the time may be quite soon.

It would be not a moment too soon, as the war has already killed at least 100,000 Yemenis and 80% of the country's 30 million people need humanitarian aid. Last week the Saudi-led coalition whose bombs have devastated the country said it would free 200 Houthi rebel prisoners and let injured civilians fly out of Sana'a, the rebel-held capital, for medical care abroad.

The Saudis are making these overtures because they are actually managing, very slowly, to lose the war. They have a monopoly of air power, so they can bomb anything that moves (including an improbable number of wedding parties). Their coalition of Arab dictatorships and monarchies, from Egypt to the United Arab Emirates, gives them ample troops on the ground. And still they cannot win.

Saudi Arabia generally avoids committing its own troops to ground combat, but the Houthis are now taking the war to Saudi territory. Their claim to have killed 500 Saudi troops and captured a further 2,000 in a raid into southwestern Saudi Arabia may be exaggerated, but something big of that sort clearly did happen in late September.

That followed an extraordinarily successful attack by cruise missiles and armed drones on Saudi Arabia's two largest oil-processing facilities in mid-September. Riyadh tried to blame Iran, as usual, because it's just too humiliating to be bested by poor, ragtag Yemenis, but it probably was the Houthis who did it.

And the Saudi-led 'coalition', such as it was, is falling apart. The United Arab Emirates, which was responsible for operations in the south of Yemen, has now transferred its loyaty from the Saudi-backed, 'internationally recognised' government of Abdradduh Mansur Hadi to the Southern Transition Council (STC), a separatist group that wants to recreate the old independent state of South Yemen.

So this squalid, stupid war may finally be heading for a long-term ceasefire. There probably won't be an actual peace settlement, because Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, will want to disguise his defeat (for it was his 'war of choice'). But it would still be a great boon for the Yemeni people.

The horrors of the past five years came to pass because the Saudis exploited the overthrow of long-ruling Yemeni dictator Ali Abdullah Saleh in 2012 to maneuvre their own man, Abdradduh Mansur Hadi, into power as the transitional president. Why?

Yemen, Saudi Arabia's southern neighbour, has about the same population, but it has little oil and is extremely poor. Saudis have therefore always been very nervous about the possibility of radicalism in Yemen, and consistently meddled in the country's politics (with some success, because money talks).

Their man Hadi started out in 2012 with a two-year mandate, to be followed (in theory) by a democratic election. Instead, he stayed in power after his mandate expired and promoted a new constitution that would 'decentralise' the country and cut the more heavily populated northern part of Yemen out of any share of the oil revenues.

Hadi's game was simply to redirect the flow of oil revenues to himself and his cronies, but it also served Saudi Arabia's purposes because it would deprive northern Yemen of this revenue. Most northern Yemenis, and particularly the Houthi tribes, are Shias, and Sunni Saudi Arabia always suspects them of being in cahoots with its great rival across the Gulf, Shia-ruled Iran.

It has now become clear that Saudi Arabia is never going to win. After five years of war the Houthis still control three-quarters of the population, they probably have majority popular support, and the anti-Houthi coalition is breaking up. The winners are clear, and it's time to stop the war.

The tricky bit will be finding a way for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman to walk away without being openly humiliated. That may take some time – and some more deaths, of course.

Families first

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Traditionally this is the time of year when our hearts are filled with "peace and goodwill towards our fellow man" and if we're lucky – also with happy, family-filled, traditional holiday celebrations. We may even start thinking about the new year ahead and what changes we'd like to make in our future. Getting healthy (or healthier,) reconnecting with friends and family, perhaps a career change or a commitment to look after your own mental well-being. However you celebrate at this time of year, more than anything I believe it to be a time where we should be focussed on keeping the mantra of "family first" always at the forefront. Whatever your family dynamic is and whomever you consider family - don't forget that these people are the reason for the holiday season. There's a lot going on at this time of year. Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle that you forget why you're hustling!

It hasn't been a stellar year in my house. A series of "one thing after another," events, some small but annoying and others very large and all-consuming, have me waiting not so patiently to kick 2019 to the curb. It's a "Sayonara, and don't let the door hit you on the way out" kind of feeling. I am so done with 2019 that for me, the start of a new year will be my true Christmas present, one that I can't wait to unwrap hoping it is filled with positivity, less stress, better health and frankly – far fewer dramas. With that said, I am acutely aware that there are many families wishing for so much more: a cure for cancer, not a career change but simply a chance at employment, perhaps even something as simple as a friendly visit from one of our local Caledon Meals on Wheels volunteer members delivering a hot, nutritious meal. I'm sure some are wishing for a Christmas miracle. I've been following two stories recently, one local and one from Ohio, where children are fighting for their very survival and for those families, I'm sure the ONLY thing on their holiday wish list is the health of their children. #goreesego #emmastrong That these two young people are fighting for their lives and surrounded by a family and community who support, pray, provide meals and kindness, and attempt to bolster their spirits, are true examples of how we should all choose to behave at this time of year.

When you are out there shopping, whether it's for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwaanza or other holidays that take place just before or after those mentioned, think kindly of your fellow shoppers. Remember we are all out there with the same goal in mind; to find that perfect something to share with a loved one, to purchase food to create a lovely holiday meal celebrated with our family and friends. If you wander in to every jam-packed mall or grocery store thinking thoughts full of positive intention, the hustle and bustle somehow seems less overwhelming. Choosing to put a smile on your face truly impacts others and you may find more people smiling back at you. If you are lucky enough to score an excellent deal on a coveted item your child/spouse/friend really wants – buy two and donate one. Our local community service agencies like Caledon Community Services, Family Transition Place, Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army and others will thank you. It's not just our own families we need to think about at this time of year – it's all families.

Remember too amongst all the noise to listen for the noise that matters most. All my young adult children plus an extra addition to our family this year were all home at the same time this past weekend. If you're a mother I am sure you can appreciate how rare an occurrence this is. We spent some time watching a holiday movie and we even cut down a tree for the first time in years. I enjoyed every minute of it. What I enjoyed most however, was that one time I was working away in the kitchen, listening to the ebb and flow of the conversation taking place two rooms away. I couldn't hear what was being said and I'm glad. What I could hear was the tone of voice, the inflection, the animation and the occasional quiet whispering of three young adults who were spending some much needed time together and without a parent listening in, interfering or asking for help setting the table. I was happy and content just to hear them talking. It occurred to me that times change so much over the years. When they are babies, sometimes you just want the crying to stop. As toddlers, the tantrums drive you to drink! The teen years make you question your sanity and perhaps even why you ever had kids in the first place. Then, bridging the gap between teen and adulthood – you start to appreciate the little things – like a conversation amongst family, the kind of "noise" that matters most.

Do something good for your fellow Caledon citizens. Large or small doesn't matter it's the gesture that counts. Keep your family first and foremost in your mind. Time spent with family is more valuable than any present and many a person will tell you their favourite memories of the holiday season often don't involve what was under the tree but rather, the memory of the outing when you all went together to pick it out from the garden centre or to cut it down from a tree farm. They remember the time you all got in to an overly exuberant and raucous game which resulted in small grape throwing incident, the grape landing firmly (in a once in a lifetime shot) between Great Grandma's glasses and her eye* These are the things of which memories are made. It's not always easy, and the holidays are stressful to be sure, but a "family-first" attitude (at home and in our community) might just help get you through it. Focus on what really matters and Reese – I haven't met you - but you and your family are pretty darn inspiring. #goreesego

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SATURDAY, November 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Broadway Pentecostal Church, 556 Broadway, Orangeville.
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Tickets are available at BookLore, Orangeville 519-942-3830 or from Fay at 519 927-5370.
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Stroll through a Magical Christmas Forest inside St. John's hall,3907 Hwy. 9, 3 km east of Hwy 10. Fri. Dec.6th, 7-9 pm, Sat. Dec.7th, 10-6, or Sun. Dec.8th, 10-4. Bring a new toy or an item for the food bank as admission. Pics with kids and pets with Santa. Craft table, hot chocolate and cookies.

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Take a picture of kids or pets with Santa

Caledon Village Tree Lighting Event - Raeburn's Corner parkette and Knox United Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 4 p.m.
Santa arrives at 4:15 p.m so bring your letter for the Santa mail box, put your tickets in the jars for your free draw, sing carols, and at 5:15 p.m. the count down to the tree lighting. Magic show commences at 6 p.m. Silent Auction with three different golf packages, introductory flight, family ski pass, gift certificates for dinner and much, much more. Home made chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookies, timbits, will be served starting at 4 p.m. . Bring an unwrapped gift for the Firefighter's Toy Drive.
Sponsored by the Caledon Village Association, Caledon Optimists and Caledon Lions Club.

The Star of Bethlehem, fact or fiction? Did it really happen? What astronomical phenomena could have caused it? Why did the Wise Man interpret it as signifying the birth of Jesus?
These questions are addressed in an illustrated talk show presented by Space Exploration Engineer Howard Jones at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.
All are welcome.

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) Seniors Social and Wellness Programs (55+) is an interactive, fun and educational program held weekly at no charge: Monday at 35 Victoria Crescent, Mono Mills 1:00 – 3:00, Wednesday at the Cheltenham Baptist Church, 14520 Creditview Road, Cheltenham 10:00 - 12:00, Friday at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Avenue, Palgrave, 9:30 – 11:30.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

An evening of euchre is held the first and third Friday of the month at Terra Cotta Community Hall. Play will start at 7 p.m. sharp. The cost is $3 per person, and proceeds raised will go to the operation of the hall. For more information, contact John or Cheryl at 289-344-0033.

Cardball will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 10 a.m. to noon.
Darts will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 951-9376.

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Caledon OPP continue to investigate December home invasion in Bolton

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment and Major Crime Unit are investigating a home invasion that occurred last week in Bolton.

On Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at approximately 6:56 a.m., officers responded to a 911 call for the report of possible break and enter on Cedargrove Road.

Investigation revealed that unknown suspects gained entry into the home where a confrontation occurred between the home owner and the suspects.

As a result, the home owner sustained serious injuries and was transported to a hospital.

The suspect vehicle involved in the incident is described as a white Dodge pickup truck with extended cab. It was last seen traveling on Cedargrove Road towards Harvest Moon Drive.

Three male suspects were seen in the vehicle - two of them were wearing all black, and one was wearing an orange top.

Caledon OPP is asking the residents to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity on Thursday, December 5th, between 6:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this incident, please call the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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

Impaired driver attempts to flee RIDE stop in caledon

On Monday, December 9th, 2019, at about 10:23 p.m., uniformed officers from the Caledon OPP were conducting a RIDE spot check in the area Kennedy Road and Bonneiglen Farm Boulevard.

Officers stopped a vehicle during the RIDE initiative, and while speaking to the driver they determined that the driver consumed alcohol, and that further investigation was required. The driver suddenly sped up and fled the RIDE spot check travelling at a high rate of speed northbound on Kennedy Road.

The officers followed the suspect to McLaughlin Road and King Street, where the suspect abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The officers continued following the suspect on foot; the suspect was successfully apprehended by the officers and placed under arrest.

As a result, Chris Persad, 28, of Brampton was charged with:

- Operation while impaired;
- Refusal to comply with demand;
- Flight from peace officer;
- Operation while prohibited;
- Dangerous Driving;
- Fail to comply with recognizance X four counts;
- Fail to comply with conditions of undertaking given by Officer in Charge;
- Driving while under suspension;
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor;
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available;
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle;
- Fail to have insurance card, and
- Enter premises when entry prohibited.

The accused was held for a bail hearing at the Orangeville Court of Justice.

Two more impaired driving charges laid

Two more impaired drivers were taken off Caledon roads by the officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

On Tuesday, December 10th, 2019, at about 6:47 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP Community Response Unit were conducting a Festive RIDE spot check in the area of Winston Churchill Boulevard in the town of Caledon.

While speaking to one of the drivers, officers determined that the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was then asked to provide a sample of his breath into the approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was transported to the Caledon Detachment OPP, where further tests were conducted.

As a result, Robert Woodward, 52, of Guelph, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Equal to or Exceeding 80 mgs; Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor, and Possess unmarked fine cut tobacco.

Later that evening, at approximately 9:44 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 9 and Highway 50. The officers attended the area and were able to locate the vehicle in question.

As a result of the investigation, the driver was placed under arrest and transported to Caledon Detachment OPP for further breath tests.

Sean Fewer, 55, of Scugog Township, was charged with the following: Operation while impaired, and Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Equal to or Exceeding 80 mgs.

Both accused parties are expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on December 19, 2019, to answer to the charges.



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Younger, youngest Little Women enjoying their first engagement

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Alex Ugolini and Kiara-Lynn McKenna are the youngest members of the cast currently performing in Little Women at Theatre Orangeville until December 22.

Respectively, 17 and 12 years old, they come to the show with plenty of chances to have been on a stage in other shows but, for both of them, this is their first professional engagement.

Kiara has participated in several productions with Orangeville Music Theatre (OMT): "I was Alice in Alice in Wonderland," she told the Citizen. "I did a bunch of shows with OMT and then, I came to Young Company and I was Matilda in Matilda this summer. Now, this is my first professional show – I'm really excited to buy Christmas presents myself for my family instead of my mom buying them for me."

Kiara attends Caledon Central Public School, a middle school in Caledon Village, where she is in grade seven.

While Alex also went to Caledon Central, her early years at school were spent at the Alton Public School, an arts-inclusive school well known for the stunning young artists and actors who come from there.

"When I was going to Alton, there was no community theatre or school shows but Alton was more demanding. Chunks of our days were spent rehearsing and it was close to my house. It was a small school. My dad was really involved with the school."

Alex was going to Alton Public School when students were still attending the original four-room school, built in 1874. At a time during the mid 20th Century, there was talk of closing it but the community came together to resist and it was decided to make it an arts school and keep it going. Until 2013, it was one of the very few pioneer schools still in use. However, a new school was finally built right beside it, with no intention to tear the old one down.

"I did the roles of Dorthy and Wendy when I was going to Alton," she told us. "I took two courses during the summer after because I wanted to be in the drama section of Mayfield [Secondary School]"

Mayfield is also an arts school, where Alex is currently enrolled in grade 12.

"I couldn't be in the Christmas show at school this year," she remarked, "since I'm in this show. And I'm part time at school too, right now while we're doing this."

Outside of school, Kiara informed us, "I'm taking vocal lessons from TriTone [Music Studio]."

"And I teach at PS Studio [Pamela Scott, Demetriou]," Alec added.

For Kiara, "Theatre as a whole, my favourite part of the whole experience is the people. I went to the volunteers party [the evening before this interview].

"I started in the theatre because I wasn't doing anything after school. I liked it a lot and, so, we just kept going and it led us here."

There were definite differences between community theatre and the demands of professional theatre at Theatre Orangeville.

"In the community theatre, there were also many little kids but it was not as difficult and demanding. Here I'm surrounded by nice people." Not only that but - "And I get paid real money."

Alex's plans for her future are mixed: "I'm interested in continuing with acting but more toward film," she speculated. "My parents like the theatre. My dad is on the Board of Directors for Theatre Orangeville. He's very supportive. I don't know if I would totally distance myself from live performance. Totally, you have to be on your toes."

At this stage of her life, Kiara is convinced, "I love the theatre – I'm not specially interested in anything else. When the Alton class moved to Caledon Central, there was only one boy," she observed. "All girls and just one boy – it was funny."

She added, "If you mess up in film, they can do a re-take. There are moments in the theatre, when things happen and you have to fix it on the stage. It's nice to feel your character a lot."

For the immediate future in Alex's life, she told us, "I've applied to university to study psychology."

Little Women at Theatre Orangeville, adapted as a musical, was scripted by Nancy Early, with the songs, music and lyrics, by Jim Betts. This adaptation is a fresh approach to the well loved tale by Louisa May Alcott that keeps true to the feeling and flow of the book. The musical's story takes place during a year in the lives of the sisters, their mother and venerable great Aunt of the March family, with their father away ministering to the soldiers in the Civil War.

Across from their house, the cast is completed with their wealthy neighbour, Mr. Laurence, his grandson and the young man's tutor. It is filled with songs you might find yourself singing later, heartbreak and great love.

Little Women runs until December 22.

For tickets and information, go to the Box Office, 87 Broadway or the Information Centre at Buena Vista Drive at Highway 10; telephone 519-942-3423 or online atwww.theatreorangeville.ca



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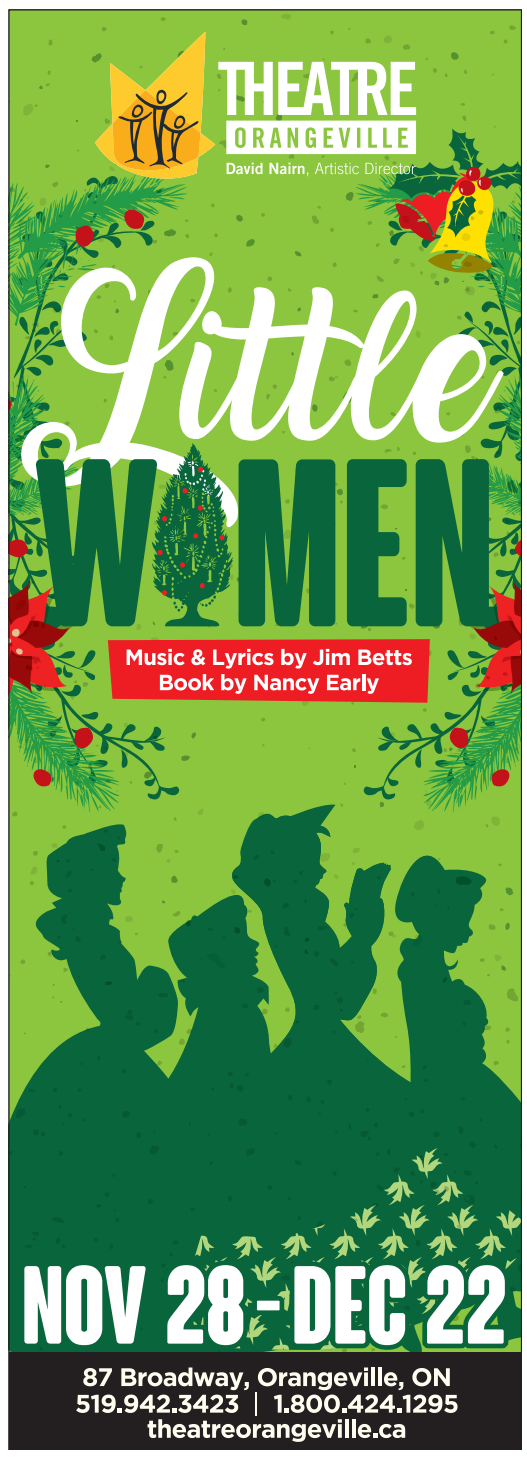
STEPPING UP ON STAGE: Caledon youngsters Alex Ugolini (left) and Kiara-Lynn McKenna (right) have been enjoying their roles in the Theatre Orangeville production of Little Women.

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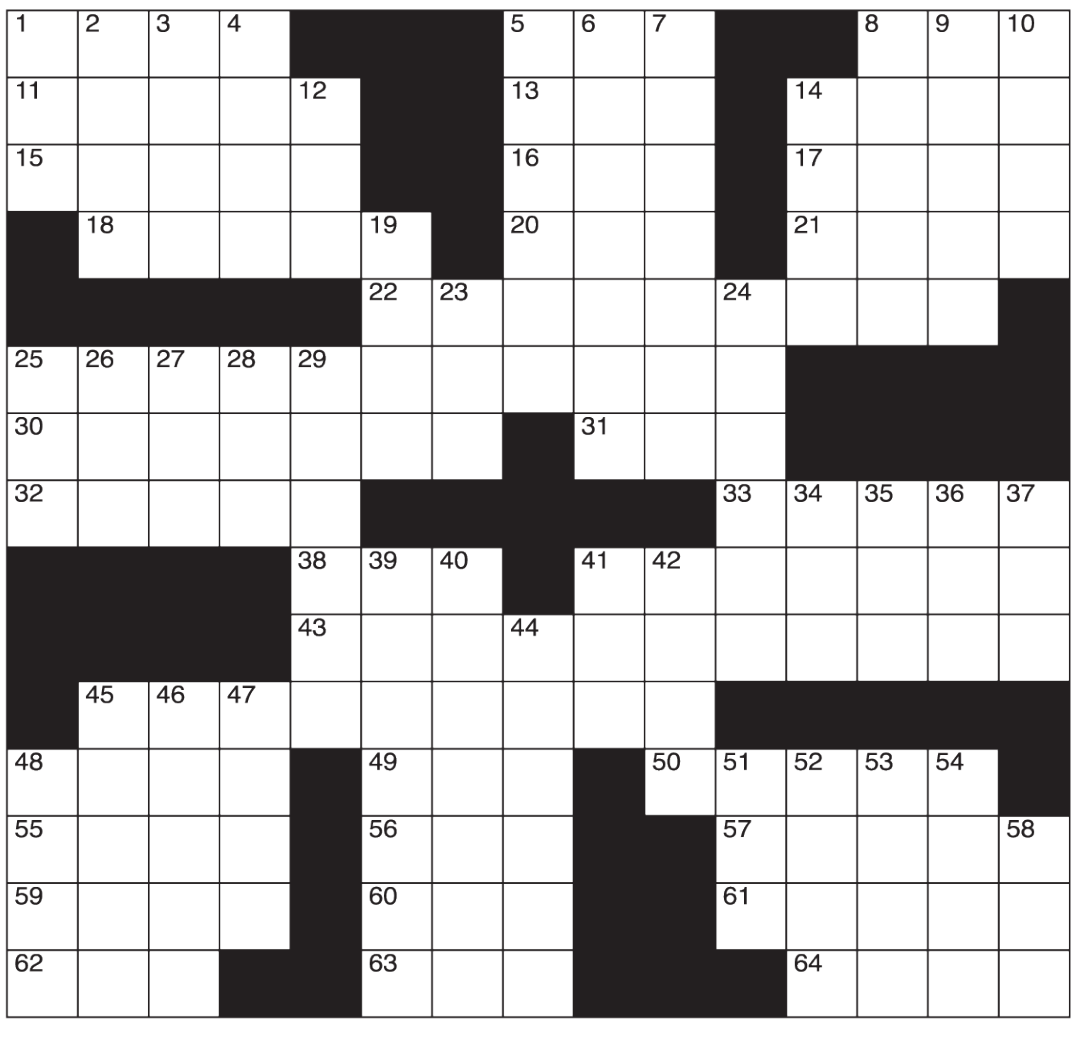
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1. Egyptian bull-god
5. America
8. Type of field (abbr.)
11. Reagan's Deputy AG
13. Negative
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
16. In shape
17. Oh my goodness!
18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
20. A form of "to be"
21. Succulent plant
22. Estranges
25. Honest
30. Showing conviction
31. High schoolers' test
32. Implant
33. Acknowledgment
38. Cash dispenser
41. Transferred to another
43. Superhero group
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe __
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN
1. Type of degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard
4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV's used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won't eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercials
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Criticize

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

Two friends celebrate Christmas with 60-year tradition

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Sending and receiving Christmas cards is a time-honoured way of letting family and friends know you are thinking about them during the holiday season.

Usually those cards are hung or placed on the mantle for a few weeks, then tossed away.

But for two Mono residents, an exchange of Christmas cards has turned into a six-decade-long tradition – with the same cards.

Philip Brett and Earl Dodds have been mailing each other the same Christmas cards since 1959.

They both attended high school in Orangeville and the tradition started during Christmas of that year.

Initially, as single men, they signed the card with their own name. However both eventually married so their wives' names were included.

Then as children were born, more names were added to the card.

As the years passed the children grew up and moved away, so the cards are back to two names but the tradition has continued.

"Philip sent a card to Earl and then next year Earl sent it back to him," Betty Brett, Philip's wife, explained. "Maybe he didn't like that card so he sent it back to me , Earl said, just joking. So that's how it started. The next year Philip sent him another card and Earl sent it back so then they had two cards going. They kept doing it. Eventually we had our children's names on in. Of course it's gone all the way through and now we're back to two names."

After 60 years the cards are still in pretty good shape with just typical wear and tear.

"Of course when we send the card we always put a modern day card in there with it," Betty explained. "The little square card isn't too bad, but the long one, we had to fold it up to get it into an envelope some years."

Both men have spent their lives in the area and have remained friends.

On top of that, both couples Betty and Philip and Earl and Grace winter in Texas, and by coincidence, stay at locations only a few minutes away from each other.

It's a 60-year tradition that really embraces the Christmas season.



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BACK AND FORTH: In a tradition that has lasted 60 years, friends Earl Dodds and Philip Brett have exchanged the same Christmas cards since their high school days. The cards are still in pretty good shape after six decades and the names on the cards reflect the years as their families grew over the

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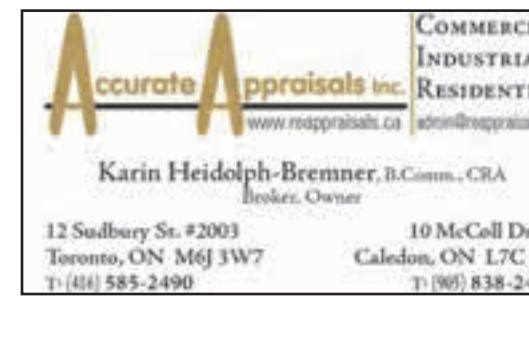












Annual art exhibition at CPL showcases local student's work

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Albion Bolton Community Library branch was packed with families, students and faculty, to host their annual Art Exhibition this past Tuesday.

Mayfield Visual Art students scattered their art work around the upper level of the library. The Caledon Public Library (CPL) has partnered with the Parents' Council for over 20 years to bring the annual at exhibition to the library.

"From November through December, the students ranging from grade 9 all the way through grade 12 get to showcase their art, and of course we don't charge for space," explains Laurie Groe, Manager of Youth Services. "It really gives students a first taste to have their work out on display. This is such a delightful partnership that we have, and we're thrilled. We're excited to have the artwork and our patrons love it."

From self-portraits, to landscapes and abstract paintings, the Mayfield Visual Art students presented a high level of talent. A wall was covered in self-portraits sketched in pencil, that captured not only the physical look of each students, but it represented their personalities as well.

The Caledon Public Library are big advocates of art work and are thrilled to be able to give aspiring artists the opportunity to share their work. They connect with not only high school art students, but with local artists in the area as well.

"Arts and Culture is very important to us. And we have our Artful Caledon initiative, and we have art in all of our branches. We are thrilled that we get to be the purveyors of this beautiful artwork and we have professional artists that go on display as well," says Groe.

CPL and Mayfield Secondary School had held an extensive partnership and look forward to working alongside each other each year. They have built not only a partnership, but a friendship.

"We're grateful to have them. We have Humberview who comes in, and a little exhibit by Ellwood. We reach out to all of the local schools, elementary and high school, but traditionally Mayfield, is a given. We're always thrilled at this time of year, because we know we have Mayfield here," says Groe.



PHOTO: ALYSSA PARKHILL

COMMUNITY ART: The Albion Bolton Community Library hosted their annual art exhibition on Tuesday (Dec. 10), with work from several Mayfield Secondary School students featured in various different displays.

'Evolve' with Caledon and pick up on thrifting culture

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Evolve Clothing and Lifestyle wasn't always known by that name.

Caledon Community Services changed the brand in 2017, to bring a new, refreshing movement to Caledon.

"Evolve Clothing and Evolve Lifestyle stores are both deeply rooted in Caledon's past. When Caledon Community Services opened Chez Thrift in the bottom of a Barber Shop in 1982 its sole purpose was to raise funds to better serve the residents of Caledon. The opening of the ReUstore followed in 1998 never wavering from the original mandate," explains Catherine Adair, Manager of Retail Operations.

Today Evolve Clothing and Evolve Lifestyle has two stores located here in Bolton. Evolve Clothing retails brand name clothing, accessories, home décor and furniture and little Knick knacks. But, Evolve Clothing doesn't work like a regular clothing store. "Thrifting" is a new way to environmentally shop for name brands and designer clothing, for half the price.

"The stores were brought to life with the idea that they could help raise funds needed to assist with operating the various programs CCS provides residents, while also bolstering the Town of Caledon's green standing by diverting thousands of tons from landfill each year," says Adair.

She added, "We have definitely seen an increase in thrift savvy youth coming through the doors at both locations including from many areas outside of Caledon. Thrift is definitely becoming 'on trend."

All proceeds from Evolve Clothing goes right back into community services and programs.

"Serving Caledon since 1971 – the stores net proceeds help ensure we can continue to respond to the needs as they grow and change over time. We help residents in the areas of Health and Wellness, Jobs and Training, Life and Community," explains Adair. "These include senior programs that help them live independently, fresh nutritious food, care coordination and support, language training welcoming newcomers to Caledon, programs that bridge the difficulties youth can experience in the job market and getting established in meaningful careers and so much more."

But, it doesn't stop there.

Old trends have become the new trends. Meaning, vintage aesthetic and style have made a comeback in the newest and latest trends. More people are beginning to shop used, as opposed to shopping at new stores and spending more. Especially when it comes to vintage and simplistic collectible items. Evolve Lifestyle is where those who enjoy collecting, or simply want unique vintage items can be found.

Evolve Lifestyle sells a variety of different items such as vinyl records, furniture such as dresses, chairs and lamps, serving sets and tea cups and different kinds of art.

Both stores accept all clothing, accessories, shoes and different kinds of linens that are gently used and able to be resold, but they do still accept items that are considered not resalable as it still diverts from landfill. There are guidelines that do come into play when accepting household items such as furniture, but they present detailed information on the proper criteria to meet when donating, on their website.

Evolve Clothing and Evolve Lifestyle strive to give members of the community an exciting and fresh way of shopping used, and are constantly engaging with the community.

"We are always looking at ways to engage community champions and influencers and make shopping at Evolve fun. You can see by the design of the space, both interior and exterior, it's a fun place to shop," says Adair. "We are constantly looking at new strategies to engage potential donors and shoppers as they are vital to our success and we strive to keep abreast of the trends in thrift to ensure we are always providing a top-notch experience to our shoppers."

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FTP memorial ceremony marks 30th anniversary of Montreal Massacre

Written By MIKE BAKER

Representatives of Family Transition Place (FTP) joined with members of the local community last week to commemorate the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in Canadian history.

This past Friday (Dec. 6) marked the 30th anniversary of the infamous Montreal Massacre, where lone gunman Marc Lepine murdered 14 women, and injured 14 more, during an attack at an engineering school affiliated with the University of Montreal. Many have characterized the massacre as an anti-feminist attack representative of wider societal violence against women, with several witnesses claiming to have heard Mr. Lepine stating he was "fighting feminism" throughout the attack.

Two years following the attack, the federal government designated Dec. 6 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. As such, a memorial has been held in Orangeville ever since. Speaking to the Citizen, Norah Kennedy, Executive Director at FTP, explained why the event is so important to those working at our local women's shelter.



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REMEMBERING THE 14: Family Transition Place held its annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women memorial at Town Hall on Friday (Dec. 6).

"For us, the action part of the day is just as important as the commemoration and memorial part. This is a two-piece, two-pronged issue. First, we want to take the time to remember that horrific day in 1989, because it was such a blatant demonstration of misogyny and hatred against women. It was violence against women at its very crux," Ms. Kennedy said. "We want to honour and remember those women, who were so young, and who lost their lives because they were women. But we also want to use it as a day to remember all the other women who have been killed because of violence throughout the years."

In recent years, the vigil has been held outside the FTP office on Bredin Parkway in Orangeville, but, with this being something of a milestone anniversary, Ms. Kennedy wanted to open the memorial up to the wider community and bring more awareness to the event. As such, the memorial was held, this year, outside Orangeville Town Hall.

"That was a very deliberate move," Ms. Kennedy explained. "For many years, we've held the vigil on the doorsteps of FTP. This year, we wanted to do things a little differently. We chose to have it at Town Hall because we wanted to increase (the presence of the event), but we also wanted to make the point that the issue of violence against women does not belong to the women living at our shelter, and it does not belong to the women and men who dedicate their lives to working in the field. It belongs to all of us."

She added, "The awareness and education needs to start at places like our seats of power. Our Town Halls, our education system, our health care system, our policing services. This is all of our issue to deal with. It's not just a women's issue, and it's certainly not just an issue that belongs to the women who have experienced it, or are working in it every day."

Thus far in 2019, 37 women in Ontario have lost their lives as a result of femicide – the act of a man killing a woman on account of her gender.

While there were no deaths recorded in Dufferin County or Caledon this year, Ms. Kennedy noted fatalities had been recorded in Brampton, Markham and Collingwood. These instances, she says, are happening "close to home".

"It's terrifying. The thing that strikes me most, is that when women are killed, the vast majority of the time it's by somebody they know, they trust and they love. A family member, partner, spouse… When we're talking about our day of action, it's not enough to just talk about policing and dealing with crime, because this starts at the heart of our relationships and our connections with other people."

With that said, Ms. Kennedy introduced a 'Courageous Conversations' component to the day, which encouraged individuals to talk about the issues that may be contributing factors to incidents of violence against women in our community.

The session lasted for approximately one hour, and was "extremely powerful", according to Ms. Kennedy. Approximately 55 individuals participated in brief sessions that centred around topics such as the local housing crisis, access to health care and social services, and the shelter model currently in place at FTP.

"Each table had a designated conversation starter and facilitator. One of those sessions was surrounding housing, and the conversation start was that the FTP shelter is always full, and one of the reasons it's always full is because we can't move women on, because there's nowhere for them to move on to. They can't afford houses in this community, and there aren't any apartments that are affordable, so they're here for longer periods of time, which creates a backlog at our front door," Ms. Kennedy said. "For the women who need to get in here, who may be at risk, we're having to problem-solve and find other solutions because they can't get into the shelter, because the shelter is full."

The problem, it would appear, isn't getting any better here in Dufferin County and Caledon. Ms. Kennedy noted FTP currently has extensive wait lists for counselling services, and she doesn't recall the last time there was an open room at their shelter. From April 2018 to April 2019, the organization housed 73 women and 45 children at its emergency shelter, and placed an additional 11 women and 9 children in second-stage housing. More than 3,200 calls were answered through the organization's 24-hour support line, while 343 women received woman abuse counselling over the course of the year.

Ms. Kennedy talked about the vicious circles some of the women who reach out to FTP for assistance find themselves in. Because of the lack of affordable housing in the community, many women find themselves returning to a potentially dangerous environment, while others turn to drugs and alcohol as a form of release from their everyday struggles. No matter the issue, Norah admits it's an ongoing struggle at FTP to narrow down exactly what kind of supports an individual may require.

"I would say the major trends in our community – some of the biggest challenges are centred around our housing issue, trauma, and formed services for mental health and addictions. The issue we're facing is having the capacity to deal with the complex needs of the women coming to us," she said. "Because they've dealt with some awful things in their lives, they will cope in different ways. Some turn to substance abuse, and the things we've heard about happening definitely take a toll on one's mental health."

She added, "For us, it's about having the capacity to support women where they're at in their journey, be compassionate and be able to give them the supports they need to heal."

When asked what it will take to make an impact here in Dufferin-Caledon, and to potentially see a decrease in the demand for services at FTP, Ms. Kennedy concluded that it starts, and ends, with education.

Last year, FTP presented its youth education program to 1,663 students in the region. The organization has been offering its programming, designed for students between Grades 5 and 8, to both public and catholic schools in the region for almost 15 years.

"At the end of the day, it all starts with awareness and education. It all boils down to having respect for one another, and being kind," Ms. Kennedy said.

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UofT professor shares history of Jokers Hill

Written By KIM SILLCOX

The King Township Historical Society's (KTHS) second speaker of the year was Professor Art Weis of the University of Toronto, who shared the history of Jokers Hill to a sold-out audience at Hogan's Inn in November.

Among the attendees was Moffat Dunlap, who contributed invaluable history and photos to Art for his presentation, as well as past members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club and Pony Clubs.

Known today as the University of Toronto's Koffler Scientific Reserve, Jokers Hill has a rich history stretching back nearly 150 years.

Situated between Bathurst and Keele Streets north of the 19th Sideroad, this property was acquired in the early 1950s by the late General Churchill Mann and his wife Billie (nee McLaughlin), the daughter of Col. Sam McLaughlin, founder of General Motors, Canada. As members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club, the Manns had a passion for horses and ultimately created a premier equestrian facility at Jokers Hill where Canadian Olympic hopefuls trained on a cross-country course that General Mann personally helped build, including a 12-mile cross-country course and 50 miles of groomed trails.

Billie Mann named the 889-acre property Jokers Hill after her hunter horse Joker, who Billie said would run up to the highest point of the property (1,100 feet above sea level) where they eventually built their home, and overlook the surrounding countryside.

The Manns were extremely generous with Jokers Hill and regularly hosted the Toronto and North York Hunt Club, as well as aspiring members of the Canadian Equestrian team, for hunts, training and steeplechases.

According to Brian Herbinson, who won bronze in the three-day event alongside teammates Jim Elder and John Rumble at the 1956 Olympics, the Canadian team would not have had the success it did were it not for the Manns' generosity.

In the early 1960s, the Manns parcelled off their property east of Dufferin and eventually sold the remaining property between Keele and Dufferin to Brian and Nancy Benitz of Toronto in 1964. The Benitz family owned the property for about 10 years before selling it to Murray and Marvelle Koffler, the founders of Shoppers Drug Mart.

The Kofflers were members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club and purchased it as a weekend retreat.

Among the many refurbishments the Kofflers made to the main house and property, was a stunning glass gazebo adjacent to the larger of the two ponds on the property designed by well-known architect, Ray Moriyama.

Over the years, guests to Jokers Hill included Prince Philip and Princess Margaret, Pierre and Margaret Trudeau, as well as other eminent leaders from the Canadian business and arts world.

In 1995, Murray and Marvelle spontaneously decided to gift Jokers Hill to the University of Toronto while hosting a party with U of T's President Robert Prichard. It was the largest-ever land gift to a Canadian university and made U of T one of the largest landowners on the Oak Ridges Moraine – and steward of a site of regional, provincial and national significance.

According to Dr. Weis, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor and former Director of U of T's Koffler Scientific Reserve, this land is special not only for its rich history but its breadth of biological diversity.

"From my point of view it's a jewel because while it's only 880 acres, Jokers Hil contains patches of just about every habitat type in southern Ontario," explained Dr. Weis. "It is a rather biologically diverse area including everything from recently cultivated fields going back to nature, to old growth forest that has never been cut since the last glacier. This has got to be the largest old growth forest left in southern Ontario."

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FTP marks 30th anniversary of Montreal Massacre

She added, "One of our presenters shared a story recently. He was in downtown Toronto to see a play and a young man, maybe in his 20s, approached him and asked if he was the guy from FTP that talked about equality. This man said he still looks back on those days and remembers those teachings, so it shows that we are making a difference. This is where change begins – through our youth."

Further to that point, Norah called on any member of the local community to put a stop to the type of things that can perpetuate violence against women.

"It's about standing up and saying it's not appropriate when you hear a misogynistic comment, or a sexist joke being told. People may not realize that those type of things fall on the spectrum (of discrimination against women)," Ms. Kennedy stated. "Often, they're not intended as anything, but it creates an impression that people around you, especially youth, can take on. It can create an impression that women are not as valuable as men, and that's the key piece that needs to start changing.

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2019 BOLTON Santa Claus Parade











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BOLTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE: Excited members of the community lined the streets along Highway 50 starting at Queensgate Blvd all the way to Centennial Rd to enjoy the annual Bolton Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. Local schools, programs and businesses who participated forgot about the chilly weather, and thoroughly enjoyed performing and participating in the annual parade. The Bolton Kin have organized the annual Bolton Santa Claus parade since the early 1970's, and love to bring the festive spirit to Bolton, and allowing Santa to visit the children of Bolton right before Christmas!









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HAWKS LOSE: The Caledon Golden Hawks take on the Alliston Hornets at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, December 6. The Hawks tied the game in the third period but Alliston got the go-ahead goal and left he ice with a 3-1 win.

Golden Hawks take one goal loss in tight game with Alliston

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a fast paced game with plenty of opportunities to score when the Caledon Golden Hawks went on the road to take on the Alliston Hornets at the New Tecumseth Recreation Complex in Alliston on Friday, December 7.

Good goaltending on both ends of the ice kept the scoring to a minimum in all three periods.

It didn't take long for the scoreboard to light up when the Hornets scored the opening goal at 3:50 into the first period.

That was followed up with a second Alliston goal just 34 seconds later to make it a 2 – 0 game.

The Hawks pulled it together and played a solid first period.

The second frame again saw a fast pace game with lots of end to end action.

Caledon's Aidan Jones got the only second period goal when he hit the back of the Alliston net at 3:07 into the period.

It was a tied game early in the third period when Chris Thistel took the feed from Nathaniel Mott and scored.

The tie was broken just over three minutes later when the Hornets got the go-ahead goal on an unassisted effort to make it a 3 -2 game with almost 14 minutes left to play.

The Hawks put out a good effort in the final minutes trying to even things up, but that's all they could do for the night and they had to settle for a loss.

It was a clean game with the Hawks taking only four minutes in minor penalties for the night and a first period misconduct.

The Alliston squad spent six minutes in the box on minors.

Hawks goalie, Jason Cumbo took 37 shots on net making 34 saves for the night. Alliston took 36 shots on net making it a pretty even night.

At the midway mark in the season, the Alliston Hornets are leading the North Carruthers Division of the PJHL with a 19 – 5 record including two overtime losses, and 41 points.

The Stayner Siskins are in second place with an 18 – 7 record and 36 points.

They are followed by the Schomberg Cougars with 31 points and the Orillia Terriers with 29 points.

The Golden Hawks are in fifth place after the weekend with a 10 – 14 – 1 record including two overtime losses.

The Golden Hawks will be back on home ice this Sunday, December 15, when they will host the Alliston Hornets at the Caledon East arena.

Game time is 7:00 p.m.

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NDACT seeks to document crusade against mega-quarry

Written By MARNI WALSH

As one of its goals for 2020, The North Dufferin Agriculture and Community Taskforce (NDACT) seeks to record its founding and iconic battle to protect North Dufferin from environmental disaster.

"Our project in the New Year," says NDACT Chair Karren Wallace, "is to document the story of the Stop the Mega Quarry campaign and we are all very excited." Already having taken the first steps in the project, she says the organization is "putting together a promo video to shop around.

"Hopefully we will get someone interested in doing a documentary. It is truly an amazing story with remarkable everyday people who did the impossible."

Reviewing 2019, Ms. Wallace says 2019 "has been a very busy year for NDACT."

"With the change of government in 2018, there has been a rapid pace of legislation that has been introduced with opportunities to provide input. It is almost like playing whack a mole with the various Bills and the pace."

For example, "In late 2018 the government introduced Bill 66 'To restore Ontario's Competitiveness Act'."

"While NDACT is supportive of the goal of streamlining and reducing red tape for businesses to operate in Ontario the Bill was disturbing in that it proposed to take away the notifications to citizens of specific planning applications. NDACT's submission urged the government to revise the Bill to ensure democratic rights are not stripped and that the legislation in place to protect health food and water was not undermined. To support opposition of this Bill we attended an Environmental Defence working session, a Gravel Watch meeting and we formed a deputation to all lower tier municipalities in Dufferin County."

Several Provincial policy concerns kept NDACT busy commenting on various Acts as well, including the Aggregate Resources Act, the Provincial Policy Statement review and most recently Bill 132. "The common theme seems to be less oversight by provincial ministries or regulation and giving more power to developers." NDACT calls this "very concerning."

A grant from the Friends of the Greenbelt in 2018, allowed NDACT to hold two information sessions. "The first was held in Shelburne with Darren White, Mayor of Melancthon, and Dr. Philip Loring of Guelph University discussing how development impacts municipalities and how the Greenbelt impacts development," Ms. Wallace said. "The second was held at the Arboretum in Guelph with speakers Victor Doyle and (Green Party) MPP Mike Schreiner."

She said the second pillar of the Greenbelt grant "is to partner with major food and industry sectors to promote preserving and protecting our prime farmland and source water-more details to follow throughout the year. Our greenbelt grant project is an opportunity for those in any of the agriculture sectors to broaden the partnership."

In addition, 2019 saw NDACT strengthened their partnership with AWARE Simcoe and welcomed a new NDACT Board member, Len Guchardi of Shelburne.

Heading into 2020, "NDACT anticipates more rapid fire legislation from this government, that, for lack of a better analogy, looks like it was written by developers and industry insiders."

She reminded NDACT members and all Ontariians that the winning strategy in the battle against the Mega Quarry was "working with partners and key stakeholders as the key to opposing ill conceived legislation." This formula is, undoubtedly, the key to success moving forward into new battles for food and source water protection across the country. As NDACT has witnessed, "There is strength in numbers," said Ms.Wallace.



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GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: Fun was had by all who attended The Royal Ambassador's group holiday party on Saturday (Dec. 7). This was the hall's fifth annual holiday party, with 141 people in attendance this year. The unique event offers a chance for small companies who are not large enough to host their own Christmas party, to celebrate with other like-minded local businesses

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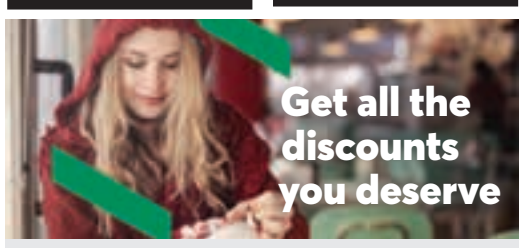
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BARCLAY, Lois Florence (nee Thompson)

Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of Donald Barclay. Dear mother of Jeff, Jamie (Melony) and Tara Jenkins (Philip). Cherished grandmother of Malcolm, Gillian and Ray. Remembered by her siblings Bill (Jean), Kay Blais (Noel), Lloyd (Barb) and Phyllis Harris (Geoff). Predeceased by her sister Anne Borden. Lois will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.
A Celebration of Lois's life will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St. Orangeville on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society or Matthews House hospice Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Lois in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

DAHL, Eileen Elizabeth



Peacefully on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the age of 50 beloved wife of Brent Chin, dear mother of Abbey and step-mother of Maddy and Gabe passed away. Eileen will also be forever missed by other relatives and many friends. As a spiritual care professional her work focused on the well-being of patients, caregivers and health care providers. Her constant volunteer work impacted her faith community, Orangeville and surrounding communities. She was recently awarded the Headwater Health Care Centre Chair's Award for community service.
Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel and Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service will be held at Compass Community Church (246289 Hockley Rd., Mono, ON L9W 6K4) on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
Memorial donations to Hospice Dufferin would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Eileen in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
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IN MEMORIAM | IN MEMORIAM

LARGE, Jean Elizabeth (Dec. 11, 1989)

LARGE, Victor Ernest (Feb. 26, 2014)

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I am not there, I do not sleep,
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I am the gentle autumn's rain
When you awaken in
The mornings hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that
Shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
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Rev. Robert Charles McLellan - Pastor Bob



Sept. 23, 1949 - Dec. 6, 2019

Bob passed into the presence of his Lord and Saviour on Dec. 6, 2019. Predeceased by his father Fred McLellan, survived by his loving mother, Hazel McLellan, wife Maxine, children Andrea, Andrew (Lianne) and grandchildren Noah, Ethan and Ella. Pastor Bob will be remembered as a light in the darkness by those in the 3 congregations he lead during 45.5 years and by people around the world through his online ministry, books and seminars, and organizations and nursing homes he volunteered with. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Bob´s life will take place Sat. Dec. 14, New Horizons room at the Dufferin Oaks Seniors Home, Door F, 151 Centre St., Shelburne, ON. All are welcome. Visitation begins at 10:30, service at 12 followed by light lunch. In lieu of flowers, Bob has requested donations to Grace Church of the Nazarene in Shelburne.
Online condolences and donations may be made at www.imfunerals.com.
In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the McLellan family.

LOKKER, John

October 13,1943 - December 4, 2019.

With a heavy heart my beloved Teddy passed. We only found out about Cancer 3 weeks ago and it was Stage 4 Melanoma. Extremely aggressive. Too fast and oh so very heartbreaking. John passed peacefully with Marilyn by his side. Marilyn and John have been together since 1985 and married in 1990. Immediate family~raising Jordan Manley (12), Lettey Aguiar (7), Jaxson Aguiar (6), and son Jaco, Patricia and Kees (John's amazing son, beautiful wife and son Kees). John leave behinds daughters Cynthia and family, Yvette and family and Nicky and family; Sons Robbie and family and Shawn. Other family, Dad, Cecil, Sharon, Bruce, Teresa, Tanya, Clay, Audrey, Larry, Steven and Antoinette and our NTS family.
John Lokker had trucking in his blood. He ran Consolidated FastFrate for the Sahi Interests and helped leverage the trucking assets into a major element of. Federal Industries. He followed Sahi to Acklands where he presided over the integration of many industrial distributors and automotive aftermarket companies culminating in the eventual sale of a much larger Acklands to WW Grainger of Chicago. The substantial profit from this sale formed the underpinnings of Morguard Corp one of the largest most successful integrated real estate companies in Canada.
John found time along the way to superintendent the operations of the newly acquired Yukon and White Pass Route Railroad dealing assiduously with US environmental and other regulatory issues eventually merging it with the operations of Clublink where he became. CFO, Audit Committee chair and finally a Director at his passing.
He maintained his interest in trucking to the end in the successful operation of NTS Systems a freight audit company run in partnership with his wife, Marilyn. John leaves behind a church family at Good Friends Fellowship, Orangeville and our Caledon, Orangeville, Aruba community.
A very big thank you to Pastor Kerry Duffield
Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. Memorial donations to Melanoma Network of Canada would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of John in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m
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SMITH, Harold Bruce



Nov. 16, 1922 - Dec. 05, 2019

It is with sadness that we say farewell to our much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, but take comfort that he wanted to leave this world behind as is finally at peace. After a long and full life of 97 years, Bruce completed his life's journey as he had lived, peacefully and quietly on December 5, 2019 at his beloved farm. Bruce was a quiet and humble man and will always be remembered for his strong work ethic, his remarkable memory, his great sense of humour, quick wit and his abiding love of the land where he was born. He enjoyed the simple things in life: family gatherings, country fall fairs, music, dancing with his sweetheart, Marion, and riding his beloved blue Ford tractor. He was predeceased by his best friend and love, his wife of 69 years, Marion (2016). His life will be fondly remembered by his children: Diane (Ron) Little, Gordon Smith and Brian Smith (Mary). Cherished grandpa to Shawn (Jill) Little, Krista (Peter) Sweeney, Jennifer Little, Michael (Ashley) Smith, Leanne (Chris) Menchenton. Loving great-grandchildren: Ryan and Jenna Little, Paige, James and Claire Sweeney, Lincoln, Vanessa and Xander Smith, Cole, Logan and Camron Smith, all of whom could bring a smile to his face. Survived by his youngest sister, Mary Spooner and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his sisters, Ruby McCauley and Floretta Early. Losing dad is the end of an era for our family, but we're all better for having his shining example of hard work, love and humour.
Special thanks to Dr. Reta French, the palliative care team and PSW's whose helpful and caring efforts allowed dad to have his final days at home.
Bruce's wishes for cremation has taken place.
Relatives and friends are invited to join Bruce's family for a Celebration of Life to be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, January 11, 2020 with visitation from 1:30 and Service to follow at 2:30 p.m.
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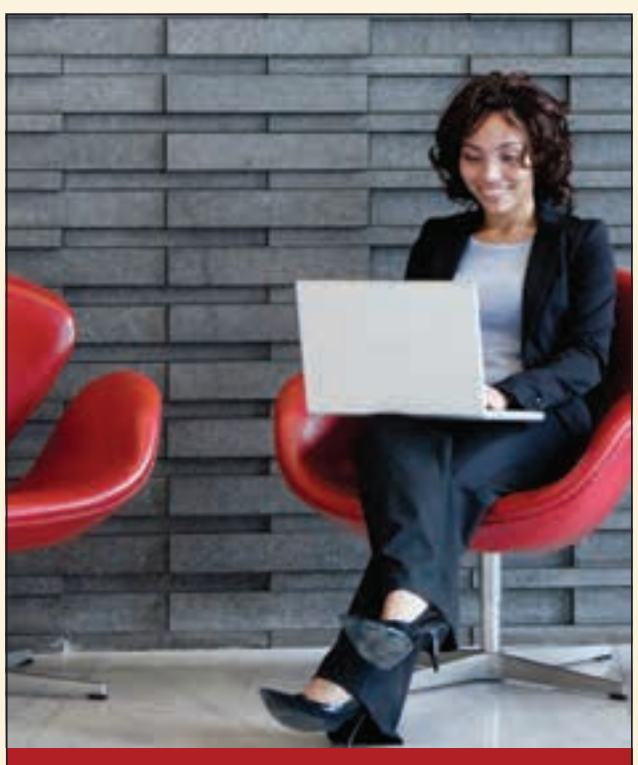
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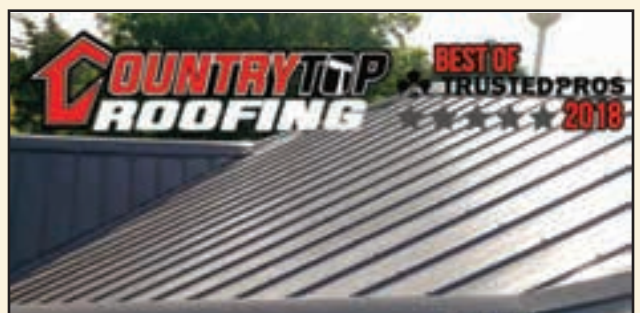


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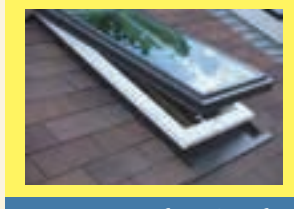
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