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Kyle with his children at his Swearing-In Ceremony (November 20, 2019)



Kyle participating in the Bolton Santa Claus Parade (December 07, 2019)



Kyle attending the 10th Anniversary of the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (November 16, 2019)



Kyle participating in the Orangeville Santa Claus Parade (November 16, 2019)



Kyle joining Sylvia Jones, M.P.P. (Dufferin-Caledon) and Town of Orangeville Mayor, Sandy Brown, at the BIA's annual Moonlight Magic and Tractor Parade of Lights (November 15, 2019)



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CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE: The Town of Caledon hosted its 16th annual WinterFest celebration on Sunday (Jan. 5). More than 650 local residents were on hand at the Mayfield Recreation Complex to celebrate the new year. For more, see Page A7.


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Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback talks 'big plans' for local riding in 2020

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback looks back fondly on 2019, but is determined to provide local residents with the best representation possible in Ottawa as we move into the new year.

After securing 42 percent of the local vote in the Oct. 19 federal election, Mr. Seeback has been tasked with representing the Dufferin-Caledon riding in the nation's capital, and it's a responsibility he is not taking lightly.

In what will be his second stint on Parliament Hill, after previously representing the riding of Brampton West from 2011 to 2015, Mr. Seeback has promised to make a difference in Dufferin-Caledon, and plans to move forward with many of his campaign promises now we're into the new year.

We sat down with Seeback to discuss his thoughts on 2019, what was accomplished, and what we can look forward to in the new year.

When asked what he was most proud of during his successful election campaign, Seeback simply pointed towards the way he, and his opponents, conducted themselves during the entire process.

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St. Mike's students showing initiative with community service

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Caledon Community Services (CCS) hosts numerous programs for residents and members of the community of all ages, including high school students.

Students are obligated to complete a total of 40 hours a week of community service in order to graduate high school. This gives youth the opportunity to get out into the community, contribute and learn different life lessons. CCS gives students those opportunities.

"Youth are required to do 40 hours of community service for school. And a lot of them come to us either in panic when they need their hours last minute, or they have a hard time finding a good volunteer role that fits with their interest with their career aspirations, or even if they're a little bit lost in deciding what they want to do after school," explains Andrea Coles, Volunteer Resource Specialist for Caledon Community Services. "We really believe that it's important that they get out and volunteer, and try different things."

A group of high school students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School have formed a committee to volunteer and support CCS through several different initiatives. CCS created a pilot program with St. Michael's due to their strong relationship, as well as strong initiative from the students. CCS is currently only running this program with St. Michael's but hopes as the program grows, they will have the opportunity to partner with other schools in the area.

"We work really closely with St. Michael's, so we have a good relationship. We have a student who is leading the committee, as this is a student run initiative, who is already volunteering within our agency at Evolve Clothing. She was really eager to take on more, and to add some things to her resume for post-secondary applications," says Coles. "So, decided to try it out and asked if she would lead it."

Coles worked with the student to get the initiative off the ground, in which the student went out and gathered a group of friends and other students who wanted to participate, and be given the opportunity to give back to the community.

The first project they put together was the 'Closet Cleanup' clothing drive for Evolve Clothing. Students were initially drawn to working with Evolve Clothing and though what better way to support a clothing store, is by gathering donated clothes?

Evolve Clothing along with Evolve Lifestyle are retails store that sell new or used, but donated clothing, home décor, furniture, where proceeds to put back into the community.

"They were encouraging the faculty at the school, as well as their students, to bring donations of either brand new or lightly used clothing, so that we could donate it. We were able to bring the students in the store and explain to them the life cycle of a piece of clothing when it comes in. It gets sorted, and priced and tagged, then set out on the floor before it gets sold," explains Coles. "We're trying to give them these learning opportunities while they're also giving back to the community."

Students are learning responsibilities, they are figuring out different areas of work that they could pursue in the future, while working towards gaining their community hours required for graduation.

For more information about Caledon Community Services youth programs, visit ccs4u.org/life-4-youth.



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NEW YEAR'S BABY: Headwaters Health Care Centre welcomed its first baby of the decade early on New Year's Day. On Jan. 1, at approximately 1:15 a.m. Alichia and Matthew Hunter welcomed baby Aubrie Adele Mary Hunter to the world, weighing a health 6 pounds and 6 ounces. Big sister Lily and big brothers Ethan and Carter were excited to meet the family's newest addition.

There were over 800 deliveries at HHCC in 2019. On average, the local hospital's Obstetrical program is growing at a rate of about 10 percent each year. Headwaters now has four obstetricians, with clinics adjacent to the hospital at 140 Rolling Hills Drive.

Recently, the Obstetrical program received a new birthing bed and two wireless fetal heart rate monitors. The monitors provide real-time data while the mother is in labour.

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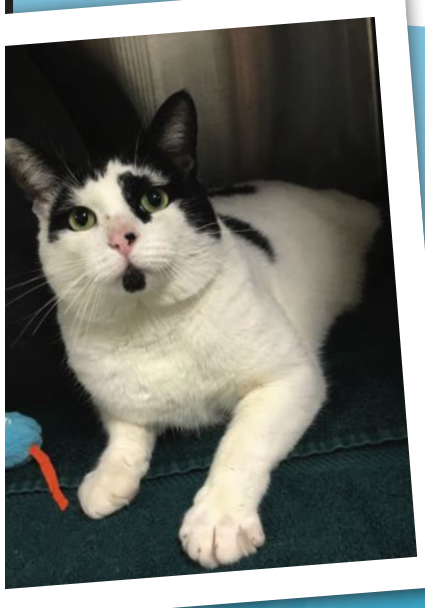


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16th annual WinterFest breaks record number for attendees

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

When snow comes, and the weather is crispy and cold, staying indoors and in the warmth is usually the way people tend to go. That is until events like WinterFest, bring the community out to enjoy the winter weather.

This annual event marks the 16th year of a day full of winter activities, hot food, music and a variety of different vendors.

Caledon broke their record number of attendees at this year's WinterFest. 650 residents of Caledon attended WinterFest for all their winter activities and community fun.

"We never quite broke the 500 mark so it was very good. It's the Mayor's basic levy and it's a way to get people out in the winter, bring them out, keep them active, swimming, skating, we had face-painting, edible crafts and regular crafts," says Alyson Monery, Recreation Coordinator at the Town of Caledon.

The even began at 1 p.m. and continued on through till 4 p.m. In previous years, the vendors that attended mainly came directly through the Mayor's office. But, this year new faces, and new vendors participated.

"This year, we had Special Olympics, Jason's Quest, who is a local Special Olympian in the community, the Caledon Public Library, the fire department, Peel Crime Stoppers for the first time, Caledon Parent Child Centre and the Early ON Years. The Caledon Trailway book that just launched, were giving out trail maps and selling the books, where $20 of each sold book goes back into the community, and into the trail system," says Monery, who has been hosting the WinterFest for the past seven years.



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EVENT GROWING: Caledon's 16th annual WinterFest was a rousing success this past weekend, with more than 650 local residents coming out to enjoy the festivities.

Several members of council attended including Mayor Allan Thompson, Wards 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis, Ward 2 Regional Councillor Johanna Downey, Ward 5 Area Councillor Tony Rosa and others.

Each year WinterFest grows and grows in quality and quantity of participation and attendees.

"The first year we did it, we might have had about 200 people. It has considerably grown from word advertisement, marketing and social media. When we first started, we didn't have any vendors. It was just face-painting, swimming, skating and a cake. Now we do a full desert table, hot dogs, cider, funnel cake fries," says Monery.

Through fun activities and free skating and swimming members of the community completely forgot about the chilly weather and got to start off the new year with a fresh and fun beginning.

For more information on upcoming events, visit caledon.ca.

Caledon Community Services takes you where you need to go

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Transit has been non-stop improving for Caledon residents. From the new Bolton Line that launched in November, to bus Route 38 sticking around for residents to get to where they need to go.

Caledon Community Services have unveiled a new transportation program to serve members of the community that require assistance with travelling to medical appointments, support groups, school, employment, volunteer programs ran by several member of staff as well as volunteers.

The service is aimed to residents of Caledon between the ages of eight and 59 years of age.

"It's great at connecting the various communities across Caledon, and connecting to existing bus routes and cross border points of connection," explains Donna Cragg, Director of Communications and Development. "It's really designed to help Caledon residents get around."

CCS provides two different transportation services. There is transit for seniors and those living with disabilities, as well as for those who attend Caledon Community Services events, programs and services. The transportation service for those aged 8 to 59 pick up and drop-offs was launched in Oct 2019.

"Because of the way funding flows through a municipality with a municipal partner, it took a while to get everything up and running. There's just so much going on in transportation across the Region," explains Cragg. "The nice thing about our transportation and the Towns transportation, we can extend theirs. Our transportation is Caledon-wide. And it's for pick up in Caledon but we can actually drop people off at border points and stuff like that, but the picks up are all within the borders of Caledon."

CCS Transportation Services provides well in access of 30,000 rides annually.

"It's really focusing on helping people get to employment, youth to get to after school opportunities, volunteer opportunities, community programs, really connecting the Caledon community, letting people take advantage of what is available across town," says Cragg.

Caledon Community Services Specialized Transportation service allows seniors, or those 16 years of age or older who unable to drive by themselves, run errands and get to where they need to be.

Both services are accessible and convenient, running seven days a week for residents.

Criteria to be eligible to access the new transportation program is as follows:

1. Ages 13 and 59 without a disability and can travel independently
2. Ages of 8 to 12 who do not require a car seat, without a disability and can travel with parent/guardian
3. Must be a Caledon resident
4. Registered in a Caledon Community Services program
5. Riders who are traveling outside of Caledon via cross boundary transfer stops
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BIG AGENDA: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has some big plans for 2020, including hosting town hall meetings with local residents

"We ran a very positive issue-based campaign. We were part of the Better Ballot initiative; all of us took that pledge in Dufferin-Caledon. So, we had a positive election, where all of the candidates just talked about the issues," says Seeback. "For me, that was really a big highlight. That and winning the election, and then being named the Deputy Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Immigration."

Seeback was announced the Deputy Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship on Dec 20, while also sitting on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

Starting Jan. 23 in Shelburne, MP Seeback will be living up to one of his election commitments locally by beginning Town Hall style meetings.

"The focus on the Town Hall is going to be on agriculture, because I know that we have some agricultural issues in the riding right now. But people can come and raise any issues they want. I always like to have a theme but it doesn't always mean that people can't ask other questions," explains Seeback.

Another exciting development Seeback is in the process of organizing is creating a mobile office to serve other parts of the Dufferin-Caledon community. Currently, the MP's office is located on Broadway in Orangeville, but he thought it would be better to come up with a portable service for residents, rather than open up a second location.

"I didn't think having a secondary office is fair to other parts of the Dufferin-Caledon community. Our first mobile office is going to be in Bolton on Jan 24, and it's going to be at the Caledon Centre for Wellness and Recreation," explains Seeback. "People who need services for federal government services, they can come and meet them in Bolton, and will rotate throughout the riding, in Bolton, Southfields, Grand Valley, Shelburne as well as Honeywood."

He added, "The idea for me, back in the day when doctors used to make house calls. We're going to move this office around, make sure we advertise it well to those communities where we are going to be, so that people can come and get services from my office in their own community."

During the campaign, Seeback pledged, and is currently organized, scheduled meetings with municipal counterparts to learn more and understand local issues in the Dufferin communities.

"I want to make sure I know what those local issues are. Whether it's in Caledon, or Shelburne or any part of Dufferin. I want to make sure I know the local municipal issues, what the funding needs are, so that I can make sure that the government know that these are municipal priorities in Dufferin-Caledon," comments Seeback.

With so many things on the go for the new year, Seeback is committing to his promises and commitments he made during the campaign. Seeback will be introducing a private members legislation.

"I'm excited to introduce some private member's legislation, which is something I'm working on right now. I made a commitment to introduce, during the campaign, a private member's bill on democratic reform with respect to committees," explains Seeback.

Looking recreationally, Seeback wants to lend from an idea launched by current Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown when he was an MPP in Simcoe North.

"My dream, which will take a lot of work, but it was started by Patrick Brown in Barrie, and he used to do Hockey Night in Barrie, and they would raise money for local charities. So, I'm looking to set up a first ever Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, and try to get some former NHL players or current NHL players to come and play an exhibition game and all the money that we raise will donated to three local charities," explains Seeback. "It's going to be a busy year, no doubt about it."

For more information on MP Kyle Seeback and to learn more about what's coming up in 2020 visit kyleseeback.com.

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Town of Caledon launches online tree seedling store

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

One way to give back to the environment and to help keep towns green is by planting trees.

According to Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) planting new trees improves the health and care for properties and communities by increasing value to properties, increasing forest cover, helps reduce greenhouse gasses, attracting and creating new spaces for wildlife, improves air and water quality and so much more.

The Town of Caledon has created an easy, and accessible platform to purchase tree seedlings by opening an online store.

The Town has formed a 2020 Tree Seedling online program to give back to the environment, with the help of the community. The program was initiated in 2002 and since an estimated 185,372 trees have been distributed and planted all across Caledon.

This program has partnered Forests Ontario and purchases through the Tree Seedling Program will to their 50 Million Tree Program.

Forests Ontario is a non-profit registered charity tree planting initiative that provide educational programs, and events that connect communities as well as the youth with an understanding the wellbeing of our environment and forestry.

"We are proud to be partnering with Forests Ontario to increase tree canopy in the Caledon area," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "This program offers the dual benefit of reducing the local impacts of climate change by absorbing carbon from the atmosphere, improving local air quality, and contributing to broader Provincial-wide goals."

The 50 Million Tree Program is an Ontario-wide program for land and property owners to work towards creating more forestry in Ontario.

"The 50 MTP is better and more accessible than ever," said Rob Keen, CEO of Forests Ontario on the Forests Ontario website. "The new, expanded criteria opens the program to more land and property owners, meaning more trees in the ground. It's a win-win for landowners, who save on tree planting costs, and for the environment."

The online store will have potted trees and bundled seedlings available including:

- Ten types of potted hardwood species which include: Red Oak, Silver Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Red/Silver Cross Maple, White Birch, Black Cherry, White Oak, Black Walnut and Bur Oak
- Three types of softwood seedling species which include: White Cedar, White Pine and White Spruce. The minimum order is one bundle which contains 10 seedlings.

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- *Staged and prepared homes for the market and/or stagers*
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- *Downsized and moved seniors closer to a family member*
- *Pre-move pack*
- *Move day – complete unpack*
- *MaxSold Online Auction– set up*
- *Downsized and moved seniors to a smaller home*
- *Full family move to new home (we don't just help seniors!)*

~ Brenda



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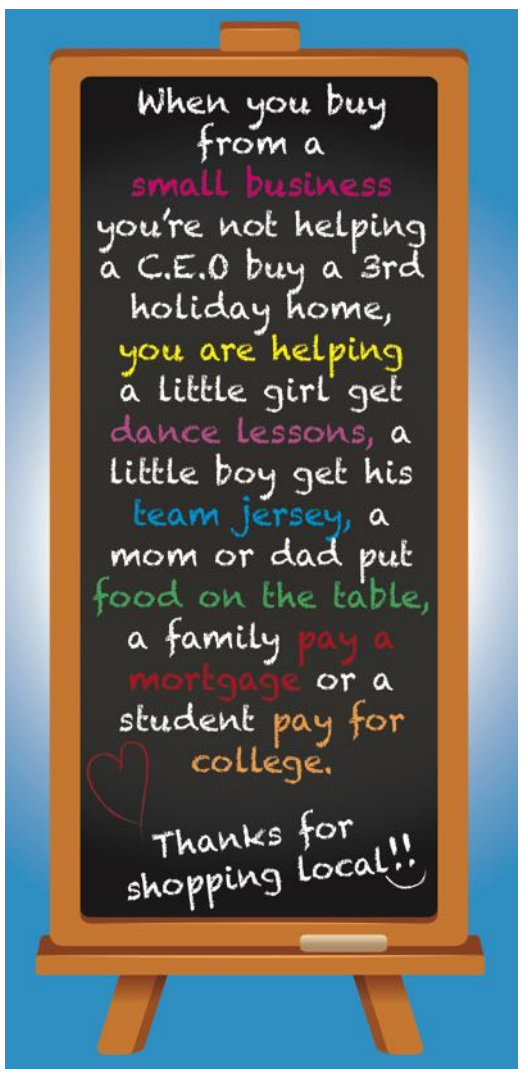
















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Dog, owners reunited following pet's two-week wilderness adventure

Written By MIKE BAKER

Christmas came eight days late for one Toronto-based family, who were finally reunited with a missing pet, two full weeks after it had escaped from a property just north of Shelburne.

"It sort of seemed like fate," Nick Giamblanco informed the Citizen, just hours after he was reintroduced to his beloved three-year-old dog Benji. "It means the world to have him back with us."

When Mr. Giamblanco, and his partner Jennifer Kou, dropped Benji, a Korean Jinto dog, off with family friends in Bowmanville before they traveled to British Columbia for the holidays, they had absolutely no idea what they were, inadvertently, setting themselves, and Benji, up for.

The first few nights went by without an issue. Benji was familiar with William and Sarah, the couple entrusted to look after him. It was only after the trio had traveled west to a property in Mulmur, to visit Sarah's sick father over the holidays, that trouble began to set in. Within 24 hours of arriving at the rural property on Prince of Wales Road, Benji escaped. The date was Dec. 19.



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IN A SAFE PLACE: Pictured above, three-year-old Korean Jinto Benji recuperating at Graham Animal Hospital in Hillsburgh.

William and Sarah spent the best part of four days frantically searching the bushy wilderness for Benji. They didn't so much as catch a glimpse of the "scared" animal. With, seemingly, nobody to turn to, the cavalry arrived on Dec. 23 in the form of France Lajeunesse and her Aid 4 Paws search and rescue group. Since launching her organization back in 2014, Ms. Lajeunesse has assisted in hundreds of searches across Ontario and Quebec. Boasting an 80 percent success rate in cases she, and her team, have been associated with, France's presence was a welcome one as Benji's trail went cold.

"First of all, we formed a core team, with some local volunteers and William and Sarah. Then we created 60 large neon signs that we installed outside, and printed off around 400 flyers that we delivered throughout the community," Ms. Lajeunesse told the Citizen. "Then we started with our tracking."

The first recorded sighting came on Christmas Day, in the evening. A homeowner spotted Benji on his property along County Road 17. A couple of days later, he was seen again, this time sprinting on the shoulder of County Road 124. Benji was almost struck on several occasions, weaving in and out of traffic before disappearing once again.

Being that Benji was an international rescue dog, France noted he was "rather elusive ". The team, made up of approximately 10 individuals, had to get creative with their potential recovery techniques. They set up several 'feeding stations' in the area, in the hopes that Benji would take the bait and show his face. In the early hours of Dec. 31, he did just that, showing up on one of France's cameras installed at a feeding station on a horse farm at Centre Road and 5 Side Road.

"When we saw Benji had been to this site, and eaten some of the food, we figured there was a strong chance he would come back. Unfortunately, that evening was New Year's Eve. With all the fireworks, parties etc. we completely lost sight of him," France said.

Hitting brick wall after brick wall, it was left to an Aid 4 Paws volunteer named Norma to make the breakthrough. Having been embroiled in what she described as a "devastating experience" two years prior when her then 10-month old poodle Sierra spent five lonely nights alone in the wilderness, Norma was eager to help reunite Benji with his owners Nick and Jessica. On Jan. 2, while searching the horse farm with another of her dogs, Du, Norma was successful in locating Benji.

She spent the better part of an hour calmly and quietly tailing him, hoping there would be an opportunity to retrieve. Eventually, Norma got within arm's reach and clasped onto Benji's collar. In the heat of the moment, frightened, Benji sunk his teeth into Norma's arm, but she didn't let go. Showing nothing but love and empathy, Norma was successful in calming Benji down. France was soon on the scene, and Benji was transported to Graham Animal Hospital in Hillsburgh.

There, it was revealed that Benji had lost a quarter of his body weight, sustained several serious scratches, endured a likely painful encounter with a porcupine, and was serving as a host to a single tick.

"The poor guy had quills all over his mouth. We think he encountered a porcupine fairly early on. He lost 10 pounds off his 40 pound weight, which meant he was at risk of something called Refeeding Syndrome," Ms. Lajeunesse said. "He had a few scratches, had the one tick latched onto him. When we found Benji, he was absolutely exhausted and dehydrated."

Going back to Mr. Giamblanco's earlier reference to fate, Nick was already scheduled to fly back to Toronto, from Vancouver, on Jan. 2. As he traveled to the airport out in B.C. he was being informed that Benji had been located, and that the team hoped to secure him that day.

"It was amazing when we heard he was safe," Nick said. "I was on the way to the airport, literally in the car, when I was getting messages saying they were going to try and capture Benji. It was just the best news. With all of this going on, I couldn't wait to get on the plane."

Benji was finally recovered while Nick was in the air. Upon landing at Pearson International Airport, he rented a car and made his way to Graham Animal Hospital to see Benji.

"I was so excited just to see him, hang out with him and have time with him. When I walked through the door and he saw me, he started to spin in circles, and cry a little bit. There was a lot of excitement," Nick said. "To be honest, it was a little difficult and gloomy seeing him in the condition he was in. He was very, very skinny. We've had to put him on a special diet, prescribed to us by the vet."

He added, "He had quite the adventure though. I guess it was Benji's two week vacation from us, and, well, everyone really. I just wish he were able to tell us about everything that happened to him – I'm sure he'd have some crazy stories."

While it's normal for dog owners to fear the worst after an escape, Ms. Lajeunesse stated that most dogs are, in fact, recovered.

"Every case is different. Some dogs aren't recovered because of the terrain – some dogs will fall through thin ice, some get hit by cars, or even trains. Some dogs are kept by other people," France said. "But, in the six years we've been doing this, we've found if people do the right things quickly, they have the best chance of recovering their animals."

Not one to rest, France is already working on her next case – a missing two-year-old Husky named Darce, who escaped from his owner's property in Melancthon on the same day that Benji was recovered, Jan. 2. As of press time, Aid 4 Paws were still actively working the case in the hopes of recovering Darce.

For more information on Aid 4 Paws, visit www.facebook.com/AID4PAWSsearchandrecovery.

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The purpose of the Seniors' Task Force is to assist with and advise on the implementation of the Town's Adults 55+ Strategic Plan and other initiatives regarding older adult matters within the municipality, as needed.

The Task Force meets once a month for three hours during the day. The resident member must have the capacity to attend meetings and participate in scheduled working groups. Working group time commitments are arranged by individual members on an as needed basis.

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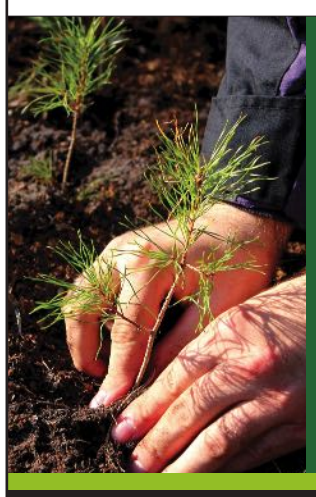
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Why do we do what we do on a daily basis?

by Mark Pavilons

Why?

Now there's the question for all of human existence.

But really, this is a question most of us should ask ourselves on a daily basis.

Why do we get up in the morning and go to work? Why do we worry and stress over things? Why are we here, and what are we hoping to achieve and leave behind?

Good questions, all, but not many of us are willing to have such a conversation with that person looking back at us in the mirror. Such a debate would require time, and perhaps a couple of snorts.

I truly believe that everyone who we meet is put in our path for a reason. Everything that we do has a ripple effect, and I'm a strong believer in fate. There are no accidents. If we're up to the challenge, we can all be teachers, if we're willing to listen and paying attention to all those lessons we've learned in life.

We also have to trust our own instincts, and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door.

Marla Gibbs once said that once she finishes one task, there's always something else she wants to accomplish. Good for her.

We all need goals and we need to be passionate about something. We need to feel useful. We need a purpose.

Now, finding that purpose may take a very long time, a lifetime even. Some people never do and for them, hopefully a purpose is revealed to them in the great beyond.

Michael J. Fox said one's purpose is something we're solely responsible for; it's not "divinely assigned."

Most of us are not prophets, or "chosen ones," but it would be really cool if we were.

Some, like Bryant H. McGill, believe a sense of purpose is directly linked to a sense of self.

And Pope John XXIII urged us to forget the past failures and concentrate on what's still possible to do.

There are, without a doubt, thousands of inspirational quotes on purpose and motivation. Some may even be hanging on your office or kitchen walls. You know the ones, and I'm not talking about the cats who are just "hanging in there." I've come across thousands in my career, and I've even penned a few myself.

As cliche and corny as they may be, there's a lot of truth to those little nuggets. We all have tidbits of wisdom to share from our personal experiences and I believe each and every one of us has something valuable to impart.

Sir Richard Branson shares a lot on his social media posts and he even looks to famous people and their inspirational quotes to guide him.

He's fond of Zig Ziglar's assertion that success is doing the best with what we have, and it's in the trying, not the triumph.

Inexperience can be an asset because it provides a lot to learn. We tend to set our own limits, and succumb to our own fears.

Regardless, we should heed Branson's recommendation that we should all "live life better."

Who doesn't want to be a better version of themselves?

I'm in the process of reworking this old framework, a contraption I've gotten quite used to over the decades. But like anything – a car, house or furniture – I need an upgrade and some repairs. I've fallen into a bit of disrepair and in order to keep my vows and become a better husband and father, I need to focus, set and achieve some concrete goals.

I'm trying, with baby steps, but I hope to pick up the pace in the coming weeks.

The other day a friend of mine provided his personal list of three things that motivate him.

His first "rule" in making each day a success is whether he loved. I imagine that can mean a lot of things, but loving friends, family and others is pretty neat. And loving oneself is also necessary. I've been told I need to do more of that in conjunction with my outpouring of affection.

"Doing something that matters" is another reason to get out of bed in the morning.

That doesn't mean we have to accomplish a monumental task, or earth-shattering achievement. Doing just one little thing that matters – that makes a difference in someone's life or daily routine – is an accomplishment.

His final modus operandi is to "do something useful." Most of us have some very useful and productive days, and others, not so much. But if we are somewhat productive each and every day, it will make a difference in the long run. We know where we've excelled and where we need improvement.

The beauty of being a human being is that we are all capable of self-diagnostics and we're all "upgradable." We attend to our smart phones and computers, installing the latest software and updates. We need to do the same with ourselves.

Nothing improves like trial and error. In it's the trying, as I mentioned earlier. It's in taking on something that may be daunting or challenging. Our ancestors were fond of telling their youngins that nothing teaches like failure and a few well earned cuts and bruises. Falling down is as easy as it looks. It's all a matter of getting up, brushing ourselves off and doing it again and again.

The world is judgy and harsh at times. There's no sense in trying to please society.

We have to be better examples of ourselves, in order to set better examples for others. Believe it or not, good behaviour and kindness tend to be contagious, especially this time of year. Try it, you'll like it, and you'll find others warming up to it as well.

With some regular fine-tuning, we all just might be able to tackle that ominous question of "why?"

If not, at least we will learn a lot about ourselves along the way. And that's always a good thing.

Editorial

Walking on eggshells

MOST WORLD LEADERS, it would appear, are walking on eggshells right now as the smoke, both figuratively and literally, starts to clear following U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to use a drone to kill a top-ranking Iranian military official last week.

While the act has, largely, been condemned by mainstream media across the globe, there appears to be a concerted effort by political leaders, particularly in Europe and Asia, to de-escalate the situation by not taking a side, and instead calling on both Iran and the U.S. to remain calm and refrain from taking any measures that would further aggravate tensions.

In the immediate aftermath of Qassem Soleimani's death last Friday, Iran's Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowed there would be "severe revenge" taken against those responsible for the attack. Soleimani was killed by missiles fired from American drones that targeted his convey near Baghdad International Airport. It was believed he was in Iraq to discuss de-escalating tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, although it has also been suggested the trip was designed to plan and coordinate attacks against the U.S.

The latter appears to be the official position of the White House. On the day of the attack, President Trump noted he had approved a move to kill "the number one terrorist anywhere in the world". He claimed Soleimani was responsible for attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad on Dec. 31, and was plotting further "imminent and sinister" attacks on U.S. military personnel.

White House officials said later that Soleimani had long been on America's radar, although former presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush had stopped short of taking action out of fear it could serve as the catalyst for a serious global conflict.

Relations between Iran and the U.S. have been tense ever since Mr. Trump announced in 2018 that he was withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, agreed upon in 2015.

That deal, also signed by the UK, Russia, France, China, Germany and the European Union, introduced framework that would see Iran redesign, convert and reduce its nuclear facilities, and accept inspections by international experts plus additional protocol to lift all nuclear-related economic sanctions, freeing up tens of billions of dollars in oil revenue and frozen assets for the middle eastern power.

Now, after ordering the killing of a seemingly beloved figure in Iran – tens of thousands took to the streets in cities across the country on Tuesday in commemoration of Soleimani's funeral – relations between the two nations have never been worse since the hostage taking in the U.S. embassy back in 1979.

While there were fears Iran would seek serious immediate retribution – perhaps cyberattacks against U.S. interests, it is likely that Tuesday's bombing of two Iraqi military bases used by U.S. forces will be the most serious measure taken to get even, so to speak.

President Trump acknowledged the attack, communicating via Twitter that "all is well", later noting there were no American casualties as a result of the strikes.

Paying credence to our suggestion, Iran's foreign minister suggested the missle strikes could be the beginning and end of Iran's retaliation for the drone attack.

"We do not seek escalation or war, but will defend ourselves against any aggression," Mr. Zarif posted on his personal Twitter account.

Outside of Iran, there doesn't appear to be a great deal of upset over Soleimani's death. By all accounts he was, as branded by both the U.S. and European Union, a terrorist. While it's not unusual for the U.S. to take measures and strike against individuals it deems to be a threat to national security, as in well-publicized attacks on Osama Bin Laden, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Anwar al-Awlaki, this is different. It's one thing to strike out against leaders of terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda and ISIS and another thing entirely to assassinate a top ranking military official of an adversary.

The move itself speaks to the arrogance, or strength, of Mr. Trump, depending on where you stand and which way you look at it. While Soleimani, undoubtedly, had a questionable background, we believe the POTUS saw this as an opportunity to turn attention away from his recent impeachment and, possibly, to rally the American public once again in an election year.

While it clearly isn't the best thing for the rest of the world, an ongoing conflict with Iran may be the best thing for a U.S. President seeking re-election.



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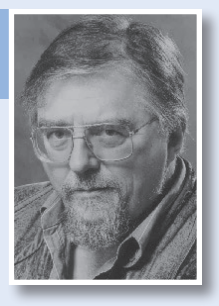
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The Soleimani killing

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



If the Iranians played the game the same way that Donald Trump does, then their revenge for the American assassination of Iran's leading general, Qassem Soleimani, would be a simple tit-for-tat. Just kill U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the man who actually organised the hit and then boasted about it.

If Pompeo was too hard to get at, the Iranians could get even by murdering any one or two of a hundred other senior U.S. officials. Probably two, because the U.S. drone that hit Soleimani's car coming out of Baghdad airport also killed Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the leader of Kata'ib Hezbollah, the most powerful pro-Iranian militia in Iraq. An eye for an eye, and so forth.

Tit-for-tat is clearly the game Trump thought he was playing. That's why he warned late on Saturday on Twitter that the U.S. has identified 52 Iranian sites, some "at a very high level & important to Iran & the Iranian culture", and warned they would be "HIT VERY FAST AND HARD" if Tehran retaliates for Soleimani's murder.

But that's not the game the Iranians are playing at all. It's a much longer game than tit-for-tat, and their targets are political, not personal.

Tehran's first response has been to announce that it will no longer respect any of the limits placed on its nuclear programmes by the 2015 nuclear treaty, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Donald Trump pulled the United States out of that treaty in 2018, and Iran has given up hope that the other signatories (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Germany) would defy the United States and go on trading with Iran. It signed the deal in order to end the sanctions, but all the sanctions are effectively still in place

Tehran didn't say that it is now going to start working on nuclear weapons, but it will resume producing enriched nuclear fuels in quantities that would make that possible. Iran knew that it was going to have to pull the plug on the JCPOA eventually, but Trump's assassination of Soleimani lets it do so with the open or unspoken sympathy of almost every other country in the world

And there's a second, less visible benefit for Iran from Soleimani's murder. It greatly strengthens Iran's political influence in Iraq, which has been deteriorating quite fast in recent months.

Ever since the U.S. invasion in 2003, Iraq has been the scene for intense competition for influence between the United States, which dominated the country militarily, and Iran, whose state religion, the Shia version of Islam, is also the faith of the majority of Iraqis.

There are still about 5,000 American troops in Iraq, but they are now vastly outnumbered by local pro-Iran Shia militias, who did the heavy lifting during the 2014-17 military campaign to crush Islamic State militants in northern Iraq. Lately, however, the pro-Iran faction has been losing ground.

When popular protests broke out in September against the huge corruption of Iraqi politicians and the impoverishment of the general population, the pro-Iran militias started killing the protesters. That was General Soleimani's idea, and a very serious mistake on his part: the street protests began to target Iranian influence as well.

But Soleimani's murder has largely erased that resentment: he is now yet another Shia martyr to the cause. The prime minister of Iraq showed up at his huge funeral procession in Baghdad on Saturday, and an extraordinary session of the Iraqi parliament on Sunday passed a resolution demanding the expulsion of U.S. troops from Iraq.

The Iraqi political elite may or may not carry through on that policy, but there is genuine outrage that the United States, technically an ally, would make an airstrike just outside Baghdad airport without telling Iraq. All the worse when it kills an invited guest of the Iraq government who is the second most important person in Iraq's other main ally, Iran. This is what contempt looks like, and it rankles.

In just one weekend Iran has had two big diplomatic wins thanks to Soleimani's assassination. The Iranians will certainly go on making deniable, pin-.p.rick attacks on US assets and allies in the Gulf in .etaliation for the U.S. sanctions that are strangling the country's economy, but they may feel that they have already had their revenge for Soleimani.

Iran doesn't want an all-out war with the United States. The U.S. could not win that war (unless it just nuked the whole country), but neither could Iran, and it would suffer huge damage if there were a flat-out American bombing campaign using only conventional bombs and warheads.

Apocalyptic outcomes to this confrontation are possible, but they're not very likely. The Iranians will probably just chug along as before, staying within the letter of the law most of the time, cultivating their allies in the Arab world, and waiting for Trump to make his next mistake in their favour.

He's reliable in that, if in nothing else.

2020: Predictions & prognostications

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



It's that time of year when folks spend a whole bunch of time navel gazing and trying to look like they are engaged in deep, meaningful thought. Those of us with ample time and a license to print ponder such life-altering questions as: "Why do ketchup chips exist?" (They're gross) and "Who dressed the stars at the Golden Globes this year?" (I guarantee there are some unemployed stylists in Hollywood this week!) Presumably we do this for the edification and enjoyment of our readers and to foster discussion around the water cooler. Whether or not said reader actually wishes to be subjected to such navel gazing is an entirely different matter! That said, why should I be any different from anybody else? Therefore, without further preamble here are my thoughts on 2020.

Prediction #1: Teachers will have no choice but to go out on strike to obtain what's fair and right. I don't care what the other pundits say – this is not about the money and even if it was, a cost of living increase is reasonable. Rather, it's about class size and resources. If integration and accommodation of students is a good thing (and it is) then we must also provide the necessary support for integration and accommodation to be successful. It's that simple and the majority of parents understand this too. Mr. Ford and Mr. Lackey (oops, I mean Lecce,) you could make this a whole lot easier by simply clawing back some of that 14% wage increase you gave your cronies and applying it to school budgets instead.

Prognostication #1: About 90% of the privileged Western world will vow to lose weight, eat healthier, purchase a gym membership, walk more, take up a new hobby etc. etc. etc. Immediately after vowing to do so (or within 2-3 weeks at best) 90% of that 90% will walk to their car, head to their local source for coffee, go through the drive thru and order an extra large, extra hot, Caramel Calorie Dense Mocha Hot Chocolate with extra whipped cream. Meanwhile some folks would be happy simply to be able to walk and others are thankful that places like The Exchange exist.

Prediction #2: Similar to my December Christmas wish list column, file this under the category of "some things never change." Canadian drivers will NOT remember how to drive in the snow, nor even how to clear their cars of the white stuff, every – single – time – it – snows – this – winter.

Prognostication #2: Doug Ford will have to look up the meaning of this word. The rest of us won't.

Prediction #3: As a failsafe, some of us might enlist Google, the font of all knowledge, to confirm the meaning of prognostication. It basically means the same as prediction – "the action of foretelling or prophesying future events."

Prognostication #3: You might be predicting that someone gifted me a dictionary or a thesaurus during the holiday season, such is my delight at occasionally employing "unnecessarily prodigious script when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression would satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity." You would be wrong. I'm basically just a word nerd. (For the record, "Never use a big word when a small one will suffice.")

Prediction #4: This one is not so much a prediction as it is an acknowledgement. An acknowledgment that no matter what we all think of President Dumb Dumb, have you noticed how no one is talking about impeachment anymore? It's funny how dropping a bomb on someone will divert the attention of your critics.

Prognostication #4: The Federal leadership race for the Progressive Conservatives has a chance to make history and to drag a major political party kicking and screaming, in to the 21st century, simply by electing a woman to the role. Yes I know the race hasn't officially begun, nor have more than three candidates officially declared their candidacy but there are some strong potential contenders from the gender that identifies as a female. Don't worry – I'm predicting they won't make history. Sigh……

Go ahead. Talk amongst yourselves, gather round the water cooler and debate the potential for accuracy of these timely, relevant and important prognostifications. (Yes that's a word too.) I predict you'll take to Facebook, sharing lovely comments on how prodigiously prescient I am. I'm a regular Nostradamus. Or perhaps not. Predictions are silly and so is this column. Happy New Year!



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Driver sustains fatal injuries in collision on Healey Road

On Thursday, June 13, 2019, at approximately 5:10 p.m., officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment received a call of a two-vehicle collision on Healey Road, east of Innis Lake Road, in the Town of Caledon.

The driver of one of the involved vehicles, Lucilia Defatima Duarte Santo, 48-years-old, of Brampton sustained fatal injuries in the collision and had been identified as the deceased.

Three other involved persons were transported to a hospital with injuries varying from serious to life-threatening.

As a result of the police investigation, the driver of the pickup truck, Mitchell Linton, 27, of Brampton, was charged with following offences under the Criminal Code of Canada:

- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, and
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm X two counts.

The accused party is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 2nd, 2020, to answer to the charges.

Caledon OPP major crime unit makes an arrest in robbery investigation

On Friday, December 20th, 2019, at approximately 12:38 a.m. officers from Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a reported gunpoint robbery in the area of McCreary Trail and Landsbridge Street in Bolton.

Information was received that the victim was confronted by a known suspect, threatened with a gun, and stole the victim's watch and necklace. The suspect was seen getting into a silver vehicle and fleeing the area.

Officers located the suspect vehicle with a female driver inside. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen from Toronto earlier.

As a result, a young person, 17, of Brampton was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 13th, 2020 to answer to the charge.

Following a police investigation involving Caledon Major Crime Unit, the outstanding suspect was identified as Dyllan Ali, 19, of Brampton.

On Tuesday, December 31st, 2019, ALI was arrested by Peel Regional Police Service and charged by Caledon OPP with the following offences:

- Robbery using firearm;
- Fail to comply with recognizance X two counts;
- Fail to comply with sentence;
- Pointing a firearm;
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, and
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charges.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2000 upon an arrest.

Three youths arrested and stolen vehicle recovered after traffic complaint

Members of the Caledon and Dufferin OPP Detachments with the assistance of the Orangeville Police Service were able to recover a stolen vehicle and arrest three youths in Orangeville.

At approximately 1:15pm police were called due to an erratic driving motor vehicle. Officers were able to intercept this vehicle and followed it into Orangeville where officers stopped the vehicle in the area of Town Line and Alexander Street.

One occupant was arrested at scene while two other occupants fled and were eventually arrested in the area a short time later.

A 17 year old from Aurora has been charged with:

- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Fail to Comply with Recognizance x 2
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Possession of Break In Instruments
- Driving a vehicle with no license

A 17 year old from Aurora has been charged with:

- Fail to Comply with Recognizance x 2
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Possession of Break In Instruments

A 16 year old from Newmarket has been charged with:

- Fail to Comply with Recognizance x 4
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Possession of Break In Instruments

All accused have been held for a bail hearing and will appear in Brampton Provincial Court on January 4, 2020.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at (905) 584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

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Caledon Festive RIDE and impaired driving results for 2019

The Festive RIDE campaign is a highly effective road safety initiative that has taken numerous impaired drivers off Caledon roadways, and educated the public about the dangers of driving impaired - by alcohol or drugs. This year's OPP Festive RIDE Campaign ran from November 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020.

The officers from the Caledon Detachment OPP have:

- participated in 133 RIDE events;
- charged 18 drivers with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and
- issued 15 warn-range (3, 7 or 30-day) driver's licence suspensions.

In 2019, 144 impaired drivers were charged with 226 impaired driving related offenses by Caledon OPP.

The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired drivers.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen ***editor@caledoncitizen.com****, call* ***(905) 857-6626*** *or* ***1-888-557-6626*** *if you wish to have an announcement published.*

Caledon Agricultural Society AGM
Saturday, January 11, 2020
Pot luck lunch to begin at noon, with meeting to follow
Event taking place at Caledon Village Place

Jason's Quest First Gala
In Support of Single Parent Families with children with special needs
February 28th Caesar's Centre Bolton
$75 a ticket
Please contact Jason Scorch for more information at jason.scorch@hotmail.com or 647-688-0023

The Electric Vehicle Society "Caledon" Chapter is holding their inaugural meeting on Wednesday January 29th 2020 at 7:00PM. Location is the Town of Caledon Parks & Recreation SouthFields Village Storefront, 12550 Kennedy Road, Bldg. A-Unit 5 in SouthFields Village, Caledon.
We are a non-profit group advocating for electric mobility. Whether you're new to EVs or you've owned one for years, we welcome you! We invite anyone to come out for our free meeting and learn more about the Electric Vehicle Society and the world of electric cars!
For more info, you can check out our National Website at www.evsociety.ca.

Bolton and District PROBUS Club, presents information about Sorrento Retirement Residence on King St., and also RPAS (drones) on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 9:45 a.m. Albion-Bolton Community Centre main auditorium, Hwy 50 in Bolton. All are welcome, refreshments are provided.

Traditional Robbie Burns Supper,
Saturday, January 25, 2020. Doors open at 5:00pm
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hillsburgh. $35.00 per person
Festivities begin with the piping in of the haggis at 6:00pm followed by a traditional Scottish meal of cock-a-leekie soup, beef & sausage pie with 'neaps & tatties' and decadent sticky toffee pudding!
After the meal, we'll enjoy a little Scottish entertainment.
Contact Helen / Ted (519) 855-6597 to order tickets.
Or email Standrewshillsburgh@outlook.com
Call today, seating is limited.

Caledon East & District Historical Society
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.
St. James Church, Caledon East
Speaker: Mattison Innis
The History of the Innis Family Farm
Visitors $5. All 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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton Real Life. Real People. We're a non-profit group which meets weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-in is from 6:30PM followed by a meeting at 7:00PM. The annual fee incl. a semi-monthly magazine is $48 and monthly dues are only $15. What do you have to lose? Get started now! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at Cheltenham Baptist Church 14520 Creditview Rd. Wednesday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 10 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments following. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

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Caledon Golden Hawks lose two out of three this week

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Golden Hawks crushed the Schomberg Cougars 5-2, before falling to Midland and Orillia at the beginning of the new year.

The Golden Hawks snapped a rakish, three-game losing skid at home, with a quality performance on December 29th against the Cougars.

The Golden Hawks also welcomed back former Cougar, Vito Sica to the lineup from a six-game suspension and captain Darius Kondrotas who was absent, due to injury. Both players had an assist in this contest.

Sica was traded to the Golden Hawks from the Cougars earlier in the year for Kory Lund and Cameron Clewes.

The Golden Hawks got on the board early thanks to a nice effort from Wesley Weir. The forward's first of the year, energized the team.

Cougars forward Connor Childerhose came back the other way a few minutes later on the breakaway, only to be denied by Goaltender Aidan Spooner, who saved 39 of 41 shots that evening.

With just over six minutes to play in the first, Alex Rasonen sprung free into the zone and fired a nice wrister from the hashmarks passed Curtis Boothe to give the Golden Hawks a 2-0 lead.

In response, the Cougars continued to press, earning two more breakaways that were turned aside from Spooner.

In the 2nd period, the Golden Hawks added another goal. Off the faceoff the puck was thrown to the net by the Golden Hawks. Boothe spilled the rebound and there to clean up the mess was Keegan Hoover for a three-goal lead.

The last time the Golden Hawks had a three-goal lead was against the Alliston Hornets two days before. The Golden Hawks ended up losing.

"Yeah, I kept telling them they gotta keep working hard. The game was turning a little bit there, Schomberg started taking it to us a little bit," said head coach Stan Kondrotas, when asked if the 3-0 lead against Alliston crept into his thoughts when his team was up 3-0.

With just over three minutes to play in the second period Connor Childerhose finally found the back of the net on the power play and the Cougars cut the deficit to two.

In the third period the Golden Hawks placed this one far out of reach thanks to Mark Bottero and Daniel Butt. Cougars forward Spencer Ripley added the team's second goal afterwards.

Spooner denied many of Cougars' chances in the third to preserve the victory and Ethan Lajeunesse was voted player of the game by the boys in locker room. Lajeunesse filled in as a defenceman in the game when he is normally recognized for playing centre.

Head Coach Stan Kondrotas was elated with the team's performance post game. He praised the goaltending from Aidan Spooner, was very satisfied having most of his normal team back in the lineup and believes the division is wide open moving forward into this new year.

"I think we have an opportunity like anybody else. I don't think there is one team, you can't say is out," said Kondrotas.

Following an impressive performance, the Golden Hawks travelled to Midland on January 3rd, falling 4-1 on the road. The boys returned home on Sunday to take on rival Orillia Terriers, losing 4-1.

Not for a lack of effort or skillful play on the ice, the Golden Hawks couldn't seem to find the back of the net.

The Hawks also lose their third straight bout against the Terriers.



PHOTO: ROBERT BELARDI

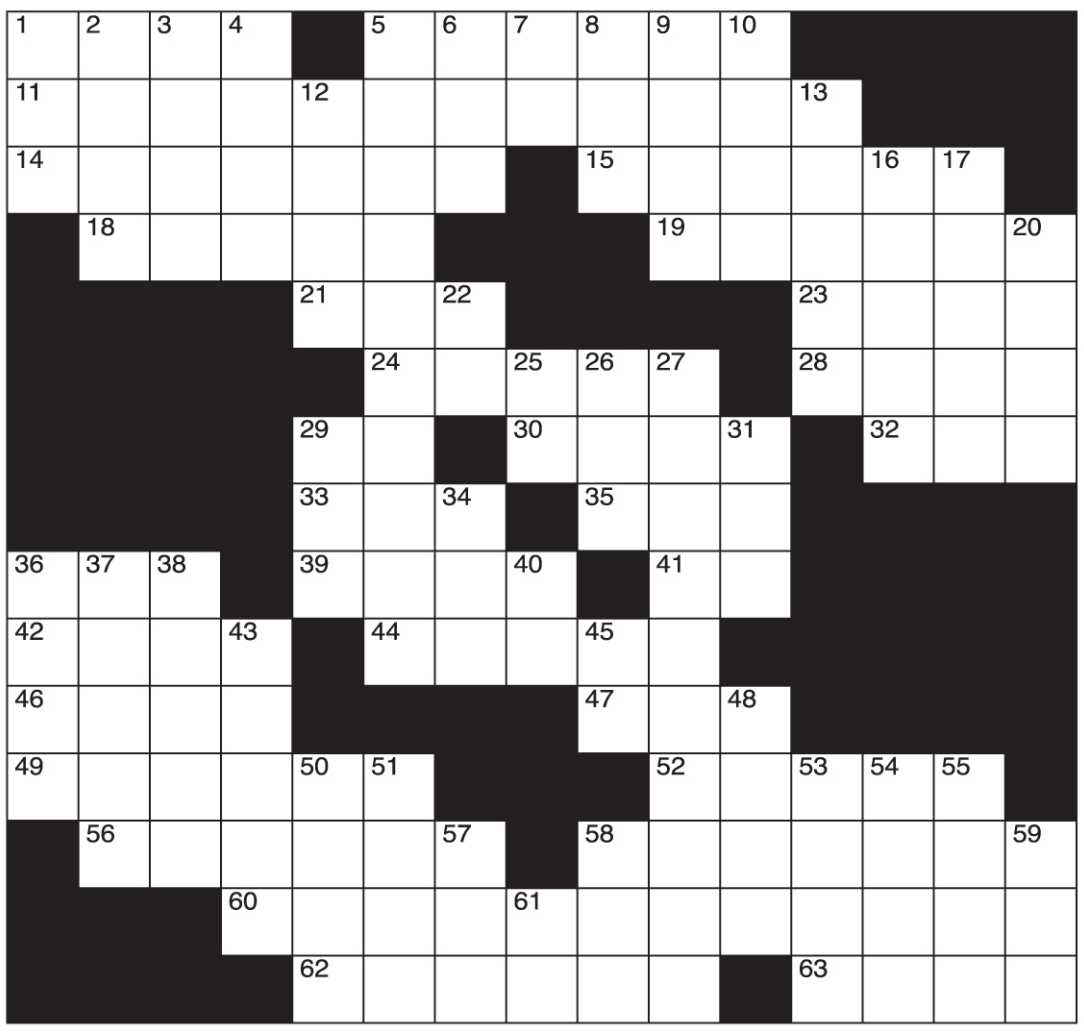
TOPSY TURVY WEEKEND: Keegan Hoover scores off a rebound in the 2nd period adding to the Golden Hawks lead in their 5-2 victory over the Schomberg Cougars on Dec. 29.

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5. Popular FOX TV show
11. Recurring from time to time
14. Criticized severely
15. Musician
18. German urban center
19. Quenched
21. Human gene
23. Indian music
24. Accumulate
28. One who graduated
29. Atomic #109
30. Semitic fertility god
32. Sportscaster Patrick
33. Child's dining accessory
35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist's tool
39. Dabbling ducks
41. Commercial
42. Style someone's hair
44. Biu-Mandara language
46. Actress Spelling
47. Large hole in the ground
49. One-masted sailboats
52. Tropical Asian plant
56. Concurs
58. Latin term for charity
60. The number below the line in a fraction
62. Reddish browns
63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

1. Belong to he
2. One time only
3. Parent-teacher groups
4. Puts in place
5. Editing
6. In the course of
7. Helps injured people (abbr.)
8. OJ trial judge
9. Resist authority (slang)
10. Formerly alkenols
12. "Cheers" actress Perlman
13. Jewelled headdress
16. Viking Age poet
17. Vanuatu island
20. Wish harm upon
22. Unit of length
25. Blood type
26. Drain
27. Do-gooders
29. Advanced degree
31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling
36. Performs on stage
37. Slang for money
38. Large Russian pie
40. The Mount Rushmore State
43. Narrow inlet
45. News organization (abbr.)
48. Scarlett's home
50. Micturates
51. Monetary unit
53. Any customary observance or practice
54. Sons of Poseidon
55. Facilitates grocery shopping
57. Standard operating procedure
58. Former OSS
59. Midway between south and southeast
61. The Wolverine State

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

Family Transition Place offers hope for victims of abuse

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**



FILE PHOTO

HERE TO HELP: The need for services at Family Transition Place continues to grow, says the organization's Executive Director Norah Kennedy. The local women's shelter provides services to those in need in Dufferin County and Caledon.

"We're full all of the time," said Norah Kennedy, executive director of Family Transition Place (FTP) executive director, regarding the demand for services at the local shelter for women and children in Orangeville.

The shelter serves the entire Dufferin/Caledon area.

With FTP currently in its 35th year of operation, the fact that the shelter is always full speaks volumes about the hidden abuse that takes place in our society. Not every victim of abuse makes it known to family or friends.

However, sometimes a situation becomes so dire a person will reach out for immediate help and Family Transition Place is there to offer support by finding shelter and providing counseling.

The Bredin Parkway location is divided into two sections. One wing houses the emergency shelter for women and children. The other section is for administrative staff as well as social services and counseling services.

"We have the emergency shelter where most nights we have 24 women and children living with us," Ms. Kennedy explained. "On the community counselling agency side we have counselling services for sexual assault for both women and men. There is abuse counseling, services for woman with substance misuse issues, we have supportive housing programs, and we also have a rural response program based out of Shelburne and youth education programs."

While the shelter serves to help people in need, stopping abuse before it ever starts is part of FTP's mandate.

"Our youth education programs are held in the schools," Ms. Kennedy said. "They are an eight-week curriculum. We go from grade five to grade eight with age appropriate programs. We work with the kids on self esteem and healthy relationships and good communications skills. We try to prepare them for healthy, violence-free relationships for the rest of their lives."

The shelter is constantly filled to capacity. This is due in part to the fact that there is a shortage of available and affordable housing in the community.

"What used to be possibly a six-week stay in the shelter while they were getting themselves set up and on their feet is now turning into months because there's nowhere available in our community and if it is available it's not affordable. That is one of our biggest challenges right now. The bottleneck is at the front door. We've got women calling and needing a safe place to go and we don't have a bed available. Sometimes a woman is ready and able to move on an it's safe for her to do so but she can't because there's no where for her to go."

She said that although the shelter is usually full, FTP will find alternative places for a woman to stay and does not turn anyone away.

The shelter works with other agencies in the region to ensure clients are helped and are safe.

We are very closely tied to our community and all of our community resources," Ms. Kennedy explained. "We have some amazing partners in the community and really good relationships with pretty much everyone in town. Our counselors are very knowledgeable. If this isn't the right service here, we will find someone to connect you to,"

There is no typical person that needs the shelter's help.

"Domestic violence affects people from all socio-economic classes. It affects people from all races. If there is a woman in a violent situation at home and it's not safe for her to be there, she may come by herself or with her kids. She may be brought here by the police. She may have been referred from another service or the hospital or another shelter in another community. We also take in women who are homeless. Quite often we find that is someone is homeless there's also violence in their history."

The shelter is a secure facility with controlled access. They have a very good relationships with local police to ensure the safety of their guests.

However, the location is not hidden.

They want to be visible to the community.

"We want people to know where we are when they need us."



Bolton Brewers getting set for start of upcoming baseball season

Written By **ROBERT BELARDI**

It's time to reach out and get ready for baseball, with the Bolton Brewers will begin training at the end of this month in Newmarket.

True North Fieldhouse will be the set location for workouts with an open invitation to those who wish to give the Brewers a call and come out.

There is no age limit in the Senior Division in the North Dufferin Baseball League. Everyone is welcome to play. Brewers player Stephen Warden is 42 years-old and shows no signs of slowing down.

Heading into his 16th season as head coach of the Brewers, Mike Wallace, also participates in games. He led the team with five home runs last year.

For this upcoming season there is a lot to be excited about the Brewers. The team finished second in the league last season, losing in the finals to the New Lowell Knights.

Wallace shares what he is most excited about for this upcoming season.

"This year I would say, our hitting. We're kinda, amongst the top of the league in hitting. Definitely, the fact that we have a lot of young guys coming up on the team. Each year they're getting a little bit better and better. It will be nice to see them take another step forward," said Wallace.

Players such as outfielder Chris Fafalios, Brett Chater and catcher Carter Burnside are amongst the upper echelon of hitters on the roster. These players will be returning to maintain the team's offensive prowess.

Chater led the team last season with 84 plate appearances and 38 hits.

With great offensive statistics, Wallace is excited about two of his pitchers returning from injury.

Pitcher Brendan Lyons is returning from his knee injury he sustained last season and Trent Barwick will be returning as well after suffering an injury late in the year last year.

In three games played for Lyons, he pitched for seven innings and recorded eight strikeouts.

As for Barwick, he played seven games, pitching for 31 innings and recording 21 strikeouts.

Returning this season is ace pitcher Andrew White according to Wallace. White was undefeated last season in seven starts.

"Whitey, he'll be back. He has been our most consistent pitcher over the course of last season. It's been him and Trent that have logged the most innings over the past few seasons for us. But yeah, he's back and he's ready to rock," explained Wallace.

One player Wallace hopes that will be ready to rock at the start of the year is Daniel Accardo, who tore is meniscus. He is one of the young players here that Wallace is intrigued to see how he develops under his wing.

With a 25-man roster set to be named in May, there is plenty of time for players to make their mark on the squad and for new players to be a part of the system.

For more information ahead of training at the beginning of the month, contact Mike Wallace at (416)-735-6111.

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BUSINESS in Caledon

Self-care is key when nurturing a successful business

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Julie Adamo Cass, CEO and owner of The Positive Change Group asks, what do you want? Really think about what you want. It's a difficult question to answer, but not impossible. That's where The Positive Change Group can help.

With 20 years of life and work experience in hospitality and in the health and wellness industry, it didn't take long for Julie Cass to know what she wanted to do with her life - to help others.

"Growing up and being active as a kid and playing sports, in leadership positions in school was transferred into career choices, and actually getting involved in the spa business in the early 2000's, was really my first initial dive deep into health and wellness. That lead me into opening a spa, leading a full team of employees," Cass said. "I then became a yoga instructor, and just kept learning modalities around self-care."

She added, "From there I cofounded a spa consulting business for salons and spa owners, helping grow their business and working with different therapists. I just really believed in helping and empowering people to become the best version of themselves and I think you can do that through self-care, which led me to continue and go on to become a certified health coach and a certified transformational coach as well."

The Positive Change Group is a consulting company that focuses on helping business owners, individuals and leaders strive in all aspects of their lives in order to be successful in their business, but also in life.

According to the website, Cass explains, "As a health and business coach, I teach and train individuals and teams to create balance in their life. The results are miraculous because you can thrive in all areas of your life; Health, Relationships, Home life, Career, Wealth, and the Connection to that which is greater."

In addition to helping people discover and fulfill their dreams in career and in life, Cass had dreams of her own. Her passion on uniting a community with health and self-care through workshops, events and visioning sessions.

"When we opened up our office location in Inglewood, one of my dreams was to do community events. I'm really passionate about bringing people together in the community," says Cass. "I'm really excited about a half day workshop we have coming in the Spring, which is called 'Power your life', and that is really about just being able to achieve whatever it is, whatever your desires are, and helping people discover and actually dig deep to really discover what their true self and true desires are."

She added, "We're also doing a spring detox which helps people hit the reset button, kind of like changing the fuel in your car, you need to do that a couple times a year, so we're going to do a group detox for people who are interested."

The Positive Change Group partnered with Mums in Business Association (MIBA) to host a discussion and workshop on Jan 7.

MIBA is a network association that allows mothers from all over the world to connect and learn from each other. MIBA has only just come to Canada, which Caledon-Dufferin being one of the first associations to open in Canada.

"The Mums in Business Association was founded in the UK, two years ago by two sisters who really were entrepreneurial in their mindset in their businesses of their own and found that despite there being numerous working opportunities and groups in their area, none specifically targeted moms or provided what they needed at the time which would be for a day time event and able to bring their children," explains Danielle MacLean-Gové, Caledon-Dufferin Coordinator for MIBA, and also local business owner herself, of Simply Au Natural.

She added, "In today's world, there's so many women that work from home, and that are trying to find what the association has to offer, that it caught like wildfire. They have just taken off and have over 200 locations worldwide, where these meetings and connections have been established. It just started this Fall in Canada, and there are about five locations, Caledon-Dufferin being one of the initial starting points in Canada."

To build a successful business, and to fulfill those desires that one has, its begins with caring from yourself. Cass explains how if you skip past that major aspect of self-care and creating a happy balance within yourself, the motivation and strive won't be the same in creating it with your business.

"One of the most important things, I think, is when you look at the generation. I am a big believer and this is one of my mottos, is the most important relationship is the one that you have with yourself. I think that's not necessarily something that was taught or modelled to most of us, and especially as women, we tend serve others first thinking that it's a very selfless act. But then the problem with that, is it starts to show up and manifest in ways such as anxiety, stress and ultimately people have we see that more now than ever, with the push and pull of technology and demand and overstimulation," says Cass.

She emphasizes the importance on creating that self-love and self-confidence brings contagious positivity that those around you can't help but gravitate towards.

"The relationship with yourself has become the most important, so when you can go inward and cultivate elf-love, and make small changes in your life and nourish yourself, makes you actually self-less because you show up in a better way and have more to give and offer other people around you," says Cass. "In the workplace, that is so important, if we can set a positive work environment and start from that example, others will follow."



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THINK POSITIVE: CEO and owner of The Positive Change Group helps individuals, leaders and business succeed in all aspects of life.

She added, "I find accountability a big thing for people when they want to create positive change, hence the name of my company, it's really about helping people connect to a community that wants to inspire and grow, make those changes. The vision for our local workshops is really health and wellness and the community connection, empowerment and motivation."

For more information about The Positive Change Group and upcoming events and workshops, please visit thepositivechange.ca. To learn more about Mums in Business Association, check out mumsinbusinessassociation.com.

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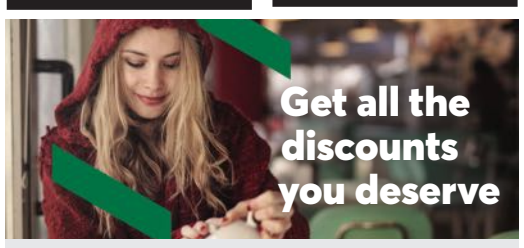


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JAMES, Marion Eleanor R.N.
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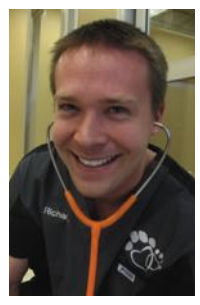
Peacefully passed away after a valiant struggle with Alzheimer's disease at Brampton Extendicare on Monday, December 30, 2019 at the age of 85. Beloved bride of the late William (Bill) James. Dear mother of Beth James (Bruce Hough), Brenda Price (John) and Wendy Blagdon (Jacques). Cherished grandmother of Andrew, Valerie, Laurel, Jeffery, Carolyn and Sean. Predeceased by her sister Lois and survived by her brother Gary and his wife Marsha. Marion will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.
Funeral Service will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer Society, Ontario or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Marion 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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LYONS, Ralph Ernest
Passed peacefully at South Bruce Grey Hospital, Chesley on Saturday January 4, 2020. Formerly of Markdale in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Helen(2018). Loving father of Dean and Denise of Irish Lake. Loved and remembered by grandsons Colton and Ashley of Texas and Tyler and Katlin of Mitchell. Adoring great grandfather of Jaxon. Ralph will be greatly missed by sister Shirley Pollard of Courtice and sister-in-law Sharon Lyons of Innisfil. Predeceased by siblings Marian Holmes, Harvey Lyons, Ruth Clarke and Zella Jacobi.
Born March 2, 1933 in Proton Township to Ernest and Gertrude Lyons. Ralph worked on the Canadian Pacific Railroad for approximately 20 years before moving to Northern electric in 1968 where he worked for 25 years before retiring in 1993. Ralph married Helen McCutcheon on October 2, 1954 in Wareham. After raising their family in Orangeville, they retired and moved to the Irish Lake cottage where Ralph enjoyed looking after his woodlot and spending time outdoors. Ralph was part of the Markdale COHL League Champion in the early 1950's, winning 3 years in a row. Over the last couple of years his favourite past time was following his favourite sports teams.
The family will receive friends at Fawcett Funeral Cremation Reception on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 4-6pm and Thursday from 1pm until the time of service in the chapel at 2pm. Interment at the Flesherton Cemetery Columbarium in the spring, date to be announced. Donations to the Centre Grey Hospital Foundation or charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Online condolences and donations available at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca

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Richard was a fun loving kind young man who loved nature and animals. He touched many people in his short life and will be missed by all.
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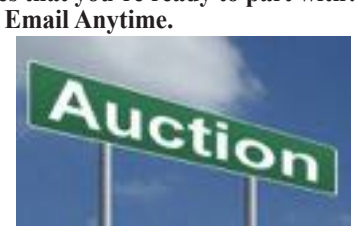
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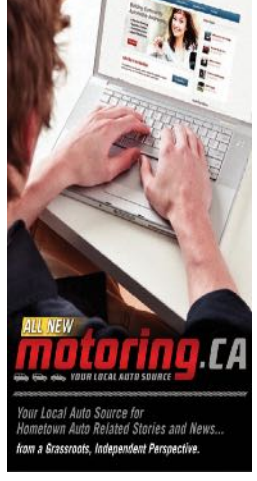
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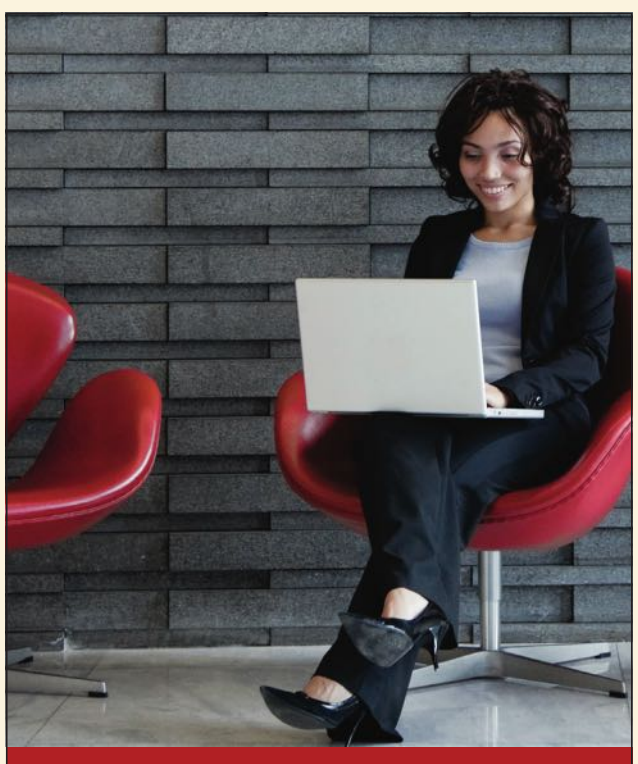
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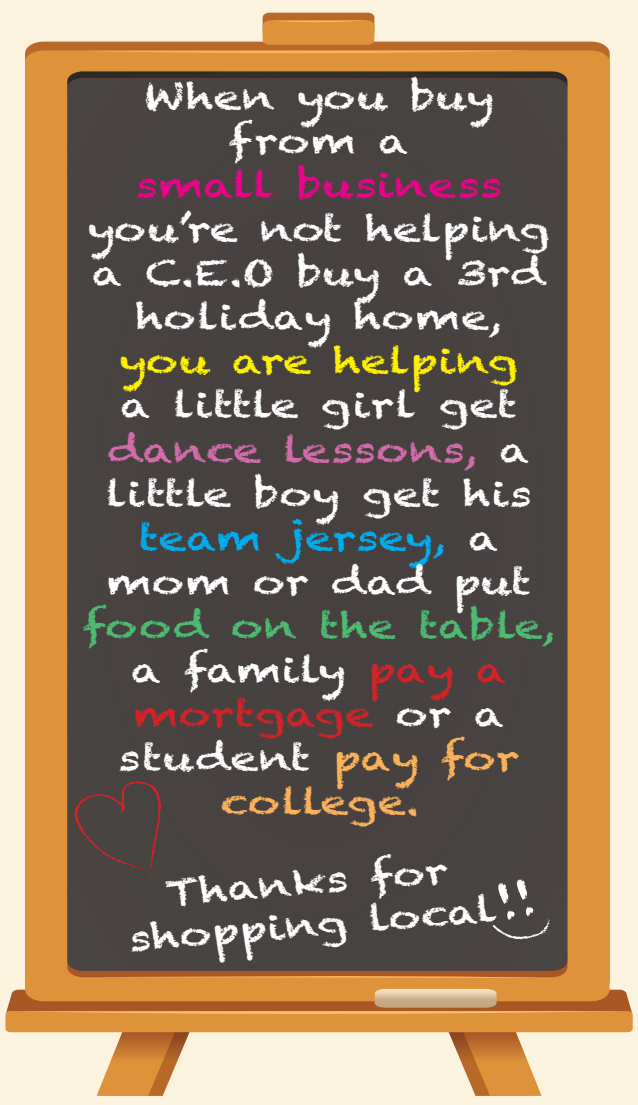
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