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FUNDRAISING EFFORT: 12-year-old resident, Marcus Melfi, of Bolton raised over $4,000 for Red Cross in order to support the Australia wildfire relief. Mayor Allan Thompson attended the cheque presentation at the Landmark Cinema earlier this month, to help present the cheque for $4,100 to Red Cross, along with pulling names for the raffle Marcus put together. Marcus organized two local events at the Landmark Cinema and Skyview Lanes to fundraise to donate to assist in helping the wildfires in Australia. "It is important to help Australia because of how devastating the fires have been and because of the numbers. Since over 1 billion animals have died, 20 adults and children have died and over 13 million acres of land has been lost I think it was very important that we helped Australia," he said.

Town of Caledon declares State of Emergency amid COVID-19 crisis

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Town of Caledon has activated it's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) due to the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak. A variety of public facilities have closed from March 14 to April 5 to protect the community of Caledon, and surrounding areas.

"My top priority, and that of our Council, is to ensure we are working hand-in-hand with the Region of Peel to monitor the situation and make decisions that are in the best interest of public safety for Caledon residents," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "Activating the EOC allows the Town to dedicate the Town's resources to effectively address this growing concern."

The Town of Caledon, alongside the rest of Peel Region, are keeping in close contact with Peel Public Health, who have taken leadership in relation to COVID-19, and are consistently getting updates with recent actions, and information.

The Town and staff have made the decision to declare a State of Emergency only a day after Premier Ford declared one for the province.

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WDG Public Health confirms first local case of COVID-19

Written By MIKE BAKER

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) has confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19 in our area.

A man in his 40s tested positive for the infection during a test administered at Headwaters Health Care Centre. He had recently returned from a trip to Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Nicole Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDGPH, noted all appropriate infection control precautions were followed during the testing period. The individual is now in self-isolation at home and his case is being followed by health authorities.

"This does not change our protocols around containment of the COVID-19 virus in our area," Dr. Mercer said. "We are following up with any contacts of the individual and ensuring the public is aware and protected from the spread of this virus. It is important to know that 80 percent of people with this virus will have mild to moderate symptoms."

She added, "Anyone who is concerned should phone their health care provider, call Telehealth or visit an assessment centre."

The World Health Organization last Wednesday declared the COVID-19 outbreak, which originated in China, has become a global pandemic. As of 2 p.m. on Wednesday (March 18) there are 213,557 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the globe, with 8,790 recorded deaths. In China, there are 80,894 confirmed cases and 3,237 deaths. World-wide, 84,314 of those infected have made full recoveries.

On Dec. 19, 2019 Chinese authorities identified a cluster of similar cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province. These cases were soon determined to be caused by a novel coronavirus, now referred to as COVID-19. According to WHO, coronaviruses are a group of viruses that are common in humans and are responsible for up to 30 percent of common colds. The danger with COVID-19 is that it is a virus that originated in animals, meaning humans have no immunity to it.

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>
> Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

There have been two previous outbreaks of these types of diseases caused by coronaviruses that originated in animals in recent history – SARS in 2003, which resulted in around 1,000 deaths worldwide, and MERS in 2012, which resulted in 862 deaths worldwide.

Aside from China, COVID-19 has brought many European and Middle Eastern nations to their knees. As of Wednesday, there have been 35,714 confirmed cases in Italy, with 2,978 deaths. Iran has 17,361 total cases, with 1,135 deaths. Elsewhere, Spain, South Korea, Germany and France all have more than 8,000 total cases, with the United States now ranked 8th in terms of total cases, with 7,687 cases recorded nationwide and 117 deaths. In total, 144 countries and territories across the world have recorded confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Here in Canada, we currently have 465 confirmed cases, with 24 new cases recorded in the past 24 hours. A British Columbia man in his 80s, with underlying health conditions, was the first recorded death last week, with four more individuals in the same North Vancouver nursing home passing since Monday evening, and an Ontario man in his 60s became the eighth Canadian to perish from a COVID-19-related cause.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Director of WHO, has implored health organizations the world over to ramp up tasting of patients showing symptoms of COVID-19.

"Countries must test. They can't fight this blindly. They need to find cases and isolate them," Dr. Adhanom said. "My message to the health ministers today (is) is to invest in testing. They must be able to test all suspected cases. We advise countries to stick to testing and continue to containment strategies, because we believe this virus is controllable if the right measures are taken."

Locally, to protect the health of the public and prevent community spread, WDG Public Health is investigating and following up with close contacts of the local man infected.

The best ways to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, are; to wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub, stay home if you're sick, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily, and call ahead of visiting your health care provider for infectious symptoms so they can plan to protect others from spread. Whenever possible, stay at least two metres away from anyone else.

The Ontario government has reacted swiftly in an attempt to prevent the spread of the disease. It was announced last Thursday (March 12) that all publicly funded schools would be closed until April 5. A total of 180 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 across Ontario, with more than 1,537 people currently under investigation for the virus. More than 8,460 people in Ontario have tested negative.

On Monday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced new travel restrictions for people looking to come into Canada.

"Over the past few days, we have seen COVID-19 spread around the world at an incredible pace. Canada is no different. We assured you, as the situation evolved, our response would evolve too," he said. "We have decided to take increasingly aggressive steps to keep you and your family safe."

Mr. Trudeau, who is in self-isolation while his wife Sophie deals with an infection received during a trip to Europe, revealed that Canada would immediately close its borders to anyone who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Canada or the United States. Canadians who are currently overseas and showing signs of COVID-19, will not be allowed back into the country until they have recovered.

Beginning on March 18, only four Canadian airports will accept international travel - Toronto Pearson Airport, Montreal-Trudeau International Airport, Vancouver International Airport and Calgary International Airport. Restrictions will apply only to people travelling and will not effect commerce and international trade.

"Exceptional circumstances call for exceptional measures. These measures will help to save lives," Mr. Trudeau said.

He went on to ask that Canadians avoid all non-essential travel, and called for those currently overseas to come home as soon as possible.

"If you're abroad, it's time to come back home. If you've been abroad, once you get home you must self-isolate for 14 days," he said. "Beyond that, all Canadians as much as possible should stay home. Staying home is an important step to protecting your community and protecting each other."

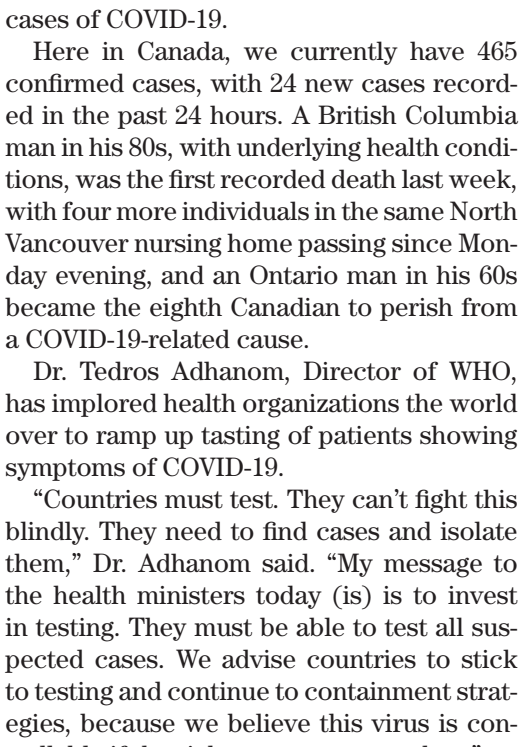
On Wednesday, he and U.S. President Donald Trump announced plans to close the Canada-U.S. border to all non-essential travelling.

Mr. Trudeau mentioned that measures would be implemented in the coming days to ensure Canadians who aren't working, and are isolating themselves at home, would have access to resources to ensure they can pay for things such as rent and groceries.

For local information, visit wdgpublichealth.ca/coronavirus.











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Town of Caledon declares State of Emergency amid COVID-19 crisis

"Our staff is already fully engaged in the COVID-19 response," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "This declaration gives us more flexibility to call on additional financial resources if needed. We want to ensure we have access to all the tools in our tool chest and that we can act with the utmost speed as circumstances warrant."

All publicly funded schools in Ontario are closed, and students are told to stay home as the situation grows more fierce. Schools will be closed beginning on March 14 until April 5.

Alongside school closures, Peter Joshua, the Director of Education released a list of other programs that will also be closed for the next three weeks, including: Full-day child care programs, before and after school programs, including March Break camps, Early On/Child and Family Learning Centres (CFLC), all co-op placements, dual credit programming, extracurricular activities, all evening and weekend permit in all school and board offices

"While these are significant steps that may seem alarming, I want to stress that the risk in Peel remains low at this time," said Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel in a recent news release. "These measures are pre-emptive to help protect our population in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we understand that these recommendations create challenges for families and for the broader community, now is the time to pull together and take collective action to reduce the risk for all."

Though the severity in Ontario has not quote reached high risk status as of yet, Peel Public Health is requesting that residents take specific precautions to protect themselves and their community. Peel Public Health has released steps residents should practice which include: stay home if you are ill, practice social distancing, wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose as much as possible, avoid contact with people who are ill and their items, cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or into your arm, maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a healthy diet, exercise and enough sleep, to enhance your body's immune system, get the flu shot

The Town of Caledon has issued their own closures to protect the community and residents from COVID-19. Recreation and community centres and all their programs will be closed and put off from March 14 to April 5. The Caledon Public Library branches will all be closed, as well as Town Hall and Provincial Offences Court, with all Council meetings cancelled. All Provincial Offences Act matters that are scheduled from March 16 to April 3 are to be rescheduled to a later date. The Town encourages residents to take advantage of their online services.

All remaining offices and buildings to the public have closed down, but staff plan to continue to work with the public through, phone, email and online services. Construction, by-law enforcement, road maintenance services will continue with minor restrictions.

"Our goal is to flatten the curve," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "Now is the time to act to contain the COVID-19 pandemic and protect the integrity of our health care system. Following the province's declaration of a state of emergency, we are acting out of an abundance of caution. And even though Town Hall will be closed to the public we will do our utmost to continue providing services to the public – by phone, by email, through online services – whatever it takes."

Peel Region are encouraging residents to take a self-assessment so those who are suffering from the COVID-19 symptoms are able to get treated quicker and more efficiently. Anyone who is not experiencing fever, cough and respiration issues or has no known exposure will not be tested.

Assessment centres have opened in Peel Region. Peel Public Health, Trillium Health Partners and William Osler Health System have partnered together for COVID-19 containment and testing. To visit an Assessment Centre at Trillium Health Partners people must go through their local Emergency Department or Public Health, but referrals are not required at William Osler Health System Assessment Centre.

Residents of Peel Region are able to contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 and 905-584-2216 in Caledon but ask for patience due to the large quantities of calls coming in. For specific information and updates visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus.



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Caledon OPP react to parents using police as 'scare tactic'

Earlier this week, officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a family dispute.

Parents informed the officers that their ten-year-old child became upset after a cell phone was taken away. The request was to have officers attend to put a scare in their child in hopes to correct the behaviour.

The officers attended the residence as requested and had a conversation with the youth about following the rules of the house and being respectful towards their parents. Parents were also informed that police attendance was not necessarily the best or productive way to deal with the issue.

Caledon OPP is proud to have School Resource Officers, as well as Community Response/Mental Health Officers, who are dedicated to delivering several outreach programs such as DARE, OPP KIDS, Youth Leadership, and other educational programs to youth in Caledon.

Using the police as a scare tactic is counter-productive to the proactive approach Caledon OPP strives to achieve with our youth. Officers are making great efforts in building strong and long-lasting relationships with our youngsters. We do not want children to be fearful of police officers, but to grow up knowing that officers are always there to help when needed.

Everyone experiences difficult times in their day to day lives. There are various agencies that offer support to families in the Caledon community such as the Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin (crisis line number 1-888-811-2222) or youth-specific resources at WhereToStart.ca (or by phone at 905-451-4655). We encourage families to consider reaching out to appropriate supports prior to making a call to police.

Vehicle stolen from local car dealership

On Monday, March 16, at approximately 12:44 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a car dealership located on Highway 9 and Kennedy Road in the town of Caledon.

Information was received that a suspect attended the car dealership and requested to test drive a pickup truck. The suspect proceeded to present a fraudulent driver's licence to a salesperson as a requirement for a test drive. Before the sales representative was able to get into the vehicle, the suspect drove off at a high rate of speed.

The responding officers observed the suspect vehicle after it had left the scene. The suspect proceeded to abandon the stolen car in the area of Airport Road and Old School Road and was arrested by uniformed members of Caledon OPP.

As a result, Alin Wohab, 19, of Mississauga, has been charged with the following offences

- Theft of a motor vehicle over $5000;
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle;
- Personation with intent - intent to obtain property;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000, and
- Possession of property obtained by crime under $5000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 28 to answer to the charges.

OPP reacts to COVID-19

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is taking action to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by restricting the access to its facilities, including detachments, across the province until further notice.

The OPP is committed to the health and safety of its members and the public. OPP facilities remain open during regular operating hours, with enhanced screening to ensure the health and safety of the public. Detachment phone numbers are available at opp.ca/detachments.

The OPP is limiting the processing of routine criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks. Checks will only be conducted if deemed to be necessary, or for emergency circumstances.

If you require any detachment-based service, including criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks, please contact your local detachment in advance.

In addition, the OPP has set up detachment-specific email addresses to deal with non-emergent services and inquiries. These email addresses are now also available at opp.ca/detachments.

For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. For all other police matters, please call 1-888-310-1122 or your local detachment. For less serious incidents, report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

The OPP thanks the public for helping us to keep our communities safe by using the means listed above to avoid unnecessary contact.

Orangeville man hit with drug trafficking charges

The Orangeville Police Service has arrested a 63-year-old woman in connection to an ongoing illicit drug investigation in the community.

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, at approximately 6:45 a.m., members of the Orangeville Police Service Criminal Investigation Bureau executed a search warrant at a Bythia Street residence.

The search warrant resulted in the seizure of cocaine, crack cocaine, various drug trafficking paraphernalia, a switchblade knife and $1200 in cash.

Debra Ann Neale, 63, of Orangeville, was arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine For The Purpose of Trafficking and Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon. The accused woman was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court in Orangeville on April 20, 2020 to answer to the allegations.

The Orangeville Police Service wishes to thank the Dufferin, Nottawasaga and Caledon OPP Street Crime Units for assisting with the incident.

The Orangeville Police are continuing their investigation regarding the use and trafficking of illicit drugs in the community. Anyone having information regarding illicit drug activity is encouraged to call the Orangeville Police Service at 519-941-2522 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestopperssdm.com.

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HALL OF FAME: In 2013, educational visionary Marilyn Field was inducted into the Caledon Walk of Fame along the Caledon Trailway for her dedication and commitment to support the youth through her charity, DAREarts.

LEAD program empowers youth to gain leadership and success

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

"LEAD sees every young person as having intrinsic, unstoppable potential to be a strong and empathetic leader. Their limitations are set only by the tools we give them," says Marilyn Field.

Field is an educator, a volunteer and a visionary who has made it her goal to help children become a better version of themselves and transform into leaders.

In 1994, Field founded a national charity called DAREarts which was dedicated to supporting and helping under served communities all across Canada. DAREarts supported over 200,000 children nationally, until Field's retirement in January 2019. With a career full of teaching and working hand-in-hand with children and youth, she was able to see first-hand what they needed and how they could thrive.

DAREarts encouraged youth to engage in all different categories of arts such as music, drama, dance visual arts, fashion and more. With these skills, youth ages nine to 19 built confidence, courage and leadership through the power of art.

Though Field retired in 2019, it didn't stop her from helping empower the youth. She is now advising different organizations nationally and internationally on a variety of arts and leadership programs such as the 2020 World Partnership for Underserved Young Leaders with 2020 World and Stratford Festival.

On top of all that, she has recently developed a program called LEAD which is an educational program for young people to develop authentic leadership skills and to drive for success.

"LEAD was born from the need for a new path for young people to follow and for teachers and arts-educators to bring to their students. Many of us share an experience of being treated unjustly in their past. We struggle through it and become stronger and even possibly more aware of how it feels to be someone who is marginalized. I can only see more empathy and compassion for others coming from that," remarked Field. "My creation of LEAD stems from that! We don't know what life will bring, but it's so important that we make a positive difference in others' lives around us to better our world. I can't wait to see what lies ahead! Our youth have great potential to make it great."

Listen. Emphasize. Act. Drive. The message Field teaches young people to practice. As a teacher, Field saw how children responded to art. She saw how music helped them get through their challenges with art and music, and that's what sparked the initiative to begin DAREarts. Following after this empowering organization, she compelled to continue her work.

"LEAD empowers young people, especially those who have experienced brutish or bullying behaviour, to manage and course-correct their situation. LEAD doesn't only lead; it connects. LEAD also empowers those who are 'alone in their own mind 'where anxiety and stress takes over everything, and they feel distant from everyone and everything around them," said Field. "LEAD sees every young person as having intrinsic, unstoppable potential to be a strong and empathetic leader. Their limitations are set only by the tools we give them."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting Cancellation

16054 and 16060 Airport Road
Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 19-07 and RZ 19-10
Related File Number(s): SPA 19-66

A Public Meeting that was scheduled to consider proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments on March 24, 2020 has now been **cancelled**. Further notice will be provided regarding rescheduling.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:
Applicant: Weston Consulting (c/o Michael Vani) on behalf of Ganni Properties Inc.

Location: 16054 and 16060 Airport Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:
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LEAD PLANNER:
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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BUSINESS in Caledon

New business brings fresh, organic microgreens to Bolton

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Local business, Caledon Roots, is providing local, and fresh microgreens for the residents of the community to order online to anywhere in Bolton.

Caledon Roots began in October of 2016 by Sarah Leslie and sister-in-law Natalie, who formed the idea and began growing her own microgreens in help further her career. Natalie works as a chef at a banquet hall.

"She's a big believer of consuming organic products and offering them to the guests at the banquet hall, as well so her and my brother, Eric. We went through the trial and error of learning how to grow and harvest them correctly without the use of pesticides and chemicals and the banquet hall is now our biggest client, ordering from us on a weekly basis," explained Leslie. "During this process, we realized how much potential there is for these products so they asked me to come on board to help with sales, marketing and the creation of our online ordering platform. Since our official online launch (earlier this month), we've been out delivering orders every day to local residents, banquet halls and restaurants."

Microgreens are the smaller versions of greens and vegetables and hold an immense share of nutrition. According to Leslie, the most nutritious part of greens and vegetables are the leaves and stems before they fully sprout. The larger they grow; the less nutrients are there.

"For example, we offer beet microgreens, so a customer will receive a miniature version of that before the actual beet grows. Our most popular product is pea shoots. They taste just like peas and are very sweet. All microgreens can be used in salads, sandwiches, smoothie, pesto's etc.," said Leslie.

Caledon Roots has an online shop where residents can order right off of their website, and it will be delivered right to their doorstep within that day.

"Since we have now perfected growing organic microgreens, we decided to open a home delivery program where local residents can order from us directly online and we'll deliver right to their door at a time that is convenient for them," Leslie explained. "Our ordering system is quite simple as we offer free same day deliveries if ordered before noon and our customers can choose a two-hour window upon checkout. Customers can also order a delivery for a future date as we have a calendar of available delivery dates and times listed on our checkout page."

She added, "Since our launch, we have been approached by local church groups, farms and community programs asking if we can offer our products to their memberships as well. We look forward to working with each and every one of them this year."

Living a healthy lifestyle with organic produce can be expensive and hard to find natural, and local for a decent price. For Caledon Roots, they find it important to be able to produce and sell their own grown microgreens for affordable prices that won't break the bank.

They source their seeds for their microgreens from British Columbia and Saskatchewan, and even packaging is made within Canada, priding themselves on supporting our country any way they see possible.

"What makes us stand out as growers compared to a supermarket is that we are harvesting our customer's orders the morning of their delivery. You simply can't get any fresher than that. Lately, we've been harvesting and packing orders 30 to 60 minutes before we head out to deliver because we want to make sure our customers are getting the best, every time," said Leslie. "When you purchase your microgreens from a super market, your products are being handled by multiple people before it even gets to you. We are growers and packers of our own product. We are the only ones handling them from seed to your front door."

Caledon Roots is currently holding a promotion for new customers to buy two microgreens and get one free when using code WELCOMETOCR on their website. They are continuing to grow new products and recommend the community to sign up for their email notifications to keep them informed. They are also offering 'Grow your Own' microgreen kits in the near future so customers have the opportunity to grow their own organic microgreens in the comfort of their own home.

For more information on Caledon Roots, please visit caledonroots.ca.

Gas prices hit a ten-year low, but that might not be a good thing for Ontarians

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Gas prices have hit a 10-year low in Ontario with prices plummeting as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Many residents in Ontario are in a state of shock by the dramatic decrease in gas prices this past week, even seeing as low as $0.77 per litre in Palgrave. The price drop is ideal for drivers, but the industry will be taking a big hit.

Dan McTeague, President of Canadians for Affordable Energy, spoke with us not too long ago about the history of fluctuation of gas prices from the past five to ten years.

"2005 to 2004 was probably a period best described as an energy super bubble. The assumption was that the world was running out of oil and that we wouldn't have enough to last more than 20 or 30 years," said McTeague. "Right up until 2013, oil remained at, well above, the $100 barrel range. So, 10 years ago was not so great, five years ago it was speaking against other energy resources and relatively speaking energy independence."

He goes on to explain that the price of oil is most important, for purposes here in Caledon and Toronto, depending on what happens at the New York Harbor spot price for gasoline. There's a specific market for gasoline and a large indicator for determining the price of gas is the Province, or region, and the value of the changing dollar. Canadian products are based upon the American dollar, and with the Canadian dollar being weaker, you end up paying more, this includes for gasoline.

"That's critical because a weak Canadian dollar, unbeknownst to most Canadians, you price all of your commodities that you take for granted each and every day in US terms. So, a weak Canadian dollar, ultimately, means a higher price for fuel," said McTeague.

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COVID-19

A message from Mayor and Council

By now you are well aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has hit our community.

There are families and children whose March Break has been cancelled. Schools have been closed. Grocery stores are scrambling to keep shelves stocked. Public health officials are working around the clock tracking cases, testing, caring for the ill, and keeping the public informed to minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

These are not normal times.

Based on the data and the advice of our public health experts, we took the necessary step of closing facilities and cancelling programs. We instructed staff who can work from home to do so. We upped our cleaning protocols and activated our Emergency Operations Centre to ensure our key personnel are fully engaged in the task.

Here in Caledon we are fortunate. As of writing this message, the local impact is minimal.

But this could change….and fast. That's why we need to remain vigilant.

Working with our regional partners we will continue to take whatever steps necessary to contain COVID-19.

At the same time we recognize how important Town programs and services are to you. We will do our utmost to keep core operations going to minimize inconvenience to you.

We've seen before how this community pulls together – be it a flood, a house explosion or an ice storm – and now is no different. We see neighbour helping neighbour. We all understand the need to be particularly careful around the elderly, the sick or those who may be more susceptible.

Let's continue to take those small actions – washing our hands, maintaining a safe distance, self-isolating if necessary, not going into work if you're sick – to prevent the spread of the virus.

Our commitment to you is that we will keep you informed. We will continue to coordinate our response with our partners. And we will resume normal operations as soon as it is safe to do so.

Until then, thank you for your patience and your cooperation.

#CaledonProud

Your Mayor and Council

What you can do

Everyone in the community can help protect themselves and others by following these steps:

- Stay home if you are ill.
- Practice social distancing: reduce physical contact with others to break the pathways COVID-19 uses to move between people, such as shaking hands and direct contact.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose as much as possible.
- Avoid contact with people who are ill and their items.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands. Wash hands after coughing and sneezing.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a healthy diet, exercise and enough sleep, to enhance your body's immune system.
- Get a flu shot. You are more likely to contract influenza than COVID-19 and being sick lowers your immunity to other germs.

Stay up to date

For public health information and updates about COVID-19 visit **peelregion.ca/coronavirus**, follow @regionofpeel on social media or call 905.584.2216.

For news and updates from the Town of Caledon, visit **caledon.ca**, follow @YourCaledon on social media or call Service Caledon at 905.584.2272 x.7750.

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Mixed emotions during family gatherings

by Mark Pavilons

Dear Mom, Dad and Sis;

It's been a long time since I thought about you guys. What can I say, I'm not the best at multi-tasking! Life is much more hectic since we last saw one another.

But recently I've taken time to pause, reflect and smile. Lexie brought out one of her albums to show family photos to her boyfriend and it was a weird stroll down memory lane.

On my way to work the other day, I scanned my brain for images of each one of you laughing and it brought a huge smile to my face. I felt calm, almost content.

As Kim and Liam blew out their birthday candles recently, we all pondered the small, and not so small, milestones in our lives.

There have been a few such celebrations in recent years, events you all missed through no fault of your own.

I haven't had much time to direct my thoughts to you recently – our three trouble-makers are a handful, and I only have two hands!

You are likely keeping an eye on us from your heavenly perch – hopefully, it's a massive garden in perpetual full bloom, or a reclining chair on an endless tropical beach.

In case you haven't had time to catch up, or simply weren't permitted by the Big Guy, I'll fill you in on a few things.

Lexie, our first-born, is set to graduate from university. Boy, how time flies. The past four years, with her being away in London, Ontario, has been interesting and challenging at times. It meant many long hauls, one or two late nights to tend to a sick child, armed with soup!

Lexie would squeeze the stuffings out of all of you if only she could. I knjow she would spend hours telling you about her travels and volunteer work around the world. I hope you're proud.

I know it's not practical, but please blow her a kiss from the clouds, and ease her stress and uncertainty as she enters the real world. Maybe you could merely dust off her shoulders.

Liam, our clan's only boy, extinguished 19 candles recently. OMG (that means Oh My God).

While he's stubborn and argumentive, he's filled with curiosity and questions about the past, future, life, death and the infinity of the universe. He loves to have fun, enjoys a good steak and wants to experience everything life has to offer.

When he laughs from the belly, the walls shake and I smile, even if I'm trying to get to sleep. Ah, the laugh of a child is pretty much unmatched by anything in the tangible world.

Perhaps his squeals of joy penetrate the Pearly Gates from time to time, turning heads! Feel free to tell the others he's related to you!

He's still trying to find his way in life and both Kim and I are doing our best to guide him in the right direction. Did I mention he was stubborn?

The other night I told him not to fret – he's loved, has food, shelter, friends, a loving family, part-time job and a car. His future will unfold as it should.

Dad, you never got a chance to see your only grandson. And it saddens me that you never got to know him. I know you'd be impressed by his tall stature and broad shoulders. He would have loved you for all your flaws.

He's likely missed that connection and if there's any celestial way possible, send him a sign or drop by for a visit, if only to look into his eyes for a few moments and see what's in his heart.

Kyleigh, our youngest prodigy, is a spunky child, with more moxie than the other two combined! We only wish she'd use her powers for good, not planting her feet firmly on the ground and placing her hands on her hips, taunting us to try to move her.

As the third born, she's likely heaping on the assertiveness to assume her rightful place in the family hierarchy and be noticed. Oh, she's noticed all right!

She's also a fast learner and has a passion for art and music. She wants to be a veterinarian, she likes bling and doesn't mind it all to be the centre of attention, and to be spoiled rotten.

Mom, she felt your departure profoundly for such a small child. It's been 10 years and she still thinks of you often and sheds a tear now and then, recalling the times you spent together. Last week, as Kim's dad was bouncing back from a minor stroke, the emotions and memories came flooding back. Fortunately, this scenario played out much better than what you had to endure, mom.

Kyleigh wonders why I don't break down or talk about you guys much. I suppose some more frequent talks about our family tree are warranted.

Mom and Dad, I hope your time on earth was well spent, and you're pleased with how some things have turned out.

While my life isn't as charmed as I would have hoped, I am trying and remain optimistic. Kim is our rock and I think we both have to let more roll off of our shoulders.

I have no shortage of intestinal fortitude, but outside stresses and frustrations take their toll from time to time.

Now that you're up there, you likely know that these things are unimportant in the grand scheme of things.

Mom and Dad, thanks for laying the groundwork for all that has unfolded around me. I may not be the Dr. Spock of child-rearing or fatherhood, or the Dr. Phil in the husband department, but perhaps my style will suffice.

Maybe you're both there, just beyond the scope of human vision, standing behind us, with hands firmly placed on our shoulders.

Thinking of you!

Editorial

How quickly things have changed

WHAT A DIFFERENCE a week makes.

While it's true that this time seven days ago, the World Health Organization had officially labelled the global COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, the far-reaching impacts of the contagious virus had yet to truly take form in Canada.

In the space of the week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has twice announced travel restrictions for people looking to come into Canada, essentially closing the border to all but Canadian citizens and permanent residents, called on all Canadians who are overseas to return home, and unveiled an $82 billion stimulus package designed to help families and small business owners through the tough times that are undoubtedly ahead of us.

That latest move was, perhaps, in part a response to Ontario Premier Doug Ford declaring a province-wide state of emergency on Tuesday. The announcement came hand-in-hand with a mandated closure of all dine-in facilities at restaurants across the province, movie theatres, bars, child care centres and recreation centres until at least the end of March. This followed another statement, last Thursday, when Ford directed all publicly funded schools to close until April 6.

If it wasn't already clear to you before, this COVID-19 outbreak is a big deal. More than 200,000 people have been infected worldwide, with over 8,200 recorded deaths as of press time. Originating in China at the end of 2019, the novel coronavirus has spread at an alarming rate. It has decimated large parts of Europe, which is now considered the global epicentre for COVID-19.

Just about everywhere, attempts to contain the virus have failed. And in a big way, too. Many European nations, notably Italy, reacted too late to early cases, allowing the virus to spread like wildfire throughout their populations. There is a fear that same failure will soon be identified on these shores.

While Canada's borders are now closed, and a shutdown of most non-essential services has been ordered in Ontario, they both come at a time when there are more than 500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 nationwide.

Here in Dufferin-Caledon, there's just one confirmed case thus far. Municipalities have reacted swiftly in recent days to close off public facilities, while all major events and gatherings have been postponed, or cancelled. The response may be a little late, but it's better than nothing.

The concern now for many people will be finding money to put food on the table, and keep a roof over their head. The federal government yesterday announced aid will be available to Canadians, but just how far that will go to support people who have lost their livelihoods in the past 72 hours remains to be seen.

These are stressful times. Many food stores have been pillaged to the point that even the most basic items, such as toilet paper, bread and milk, are, seemingly, on the verge of extinction. An exaggeration, to be sure, but you understand the point. Stock markets are tanking, people are losing their jobs. For all the worrying about health and safety, the state of the economy over the ensuing weeks and months may be even greater cause for concern.

But truth be told, there's not really much we can do on that front right now. What we can do, as a community, is keep our composure and remember what it is to, well, be a community. That means we stop the hoarding. We stop the senseless panic buying. It's important that we help our neighbours during this time. Simply applying a 'me over everyone' mentality will only serve to fracture the feeling of togetherness the people of Caledon have worked to build up over several decades.

So, let us lend a helping hand, where we can, to the people who need it most. Let's remember what got us to where we are today. Let's remember what it means to be Canadian.



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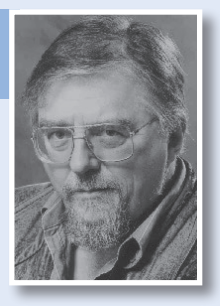
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British roulette

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



"I must level with the British public: many more families are going to lose their loved ones before their time."

– Prime Minister Boris Johnson, 11 March 2020

"Just stay calm. It will go away."

– President Donald Trump, 10 March 2020

The contrast between the two major populist leaders of the English-speaking world could not have been greater.

Trump, who spent two months dismissing the Covid-19 virus as a "hoax" cooked up by his opponents to crash the market and scupper his re-election chances, finally did an about-face on March 13 and declared a "National Emergency". But on Sunday he was still fantasising that "we have tremendous control" over the virus.

Johnson, on the other hand, assumed a grave manner as he delivered the bad news. It's serious, many people will die, but we do have a plan. The problem is that the plan would kill a great many Britons for nothing if he is wrong – which most experts think he is.

"When I heard about Britain's 'herd immunity' coronavirus plan, I thought it was satire," epidemiologist William Hanage of Harvard University told the Guardian on Sunday. But it is deadly serious. Boris Johnson, unlike Donald Trump, listens to scientists, but the ones he listens to most, chief scientific adviser Sir Patrick Vallance and chief medical adviser Chris Whitty, have a plan that most other experts think is crazy.

'Herd immunity' occurs when a large majority of the community has acquired immunity to a disease. That breaks the chain of transmission for the virus in question, and even those without immunity are fairly safe so long as their numbers stay low. So this is Boris's cunning plan.

Let the coronavirus spread until around 60 percent of the population has acquired and survived it. Then the dreaded 'second wave' of the epidemic will not happen, because herd immunity will protect everybody. Alas, there are a few flaws in this plan.

Sixty percent of the British population is about 40 million people. Only 0.2% of adults under 40 who contract Covid-19 die from it (and those under 10 don't get sick at all). The death rate goes up steeply for older age groups, but even for those in their 60s it's only 3.6%. So for all the under-70s it's only – hang on a minute, that's 445,000 deaths. More than British military deaths in World War Two.

That's assuming that Britain's National Health Service (NHS) can give intensive care to all the severe cases of Covid-19. If the UK follows the pattern in China, around one in five coronavirus patients will need intensive care to recover. One in five of 40 million people is eight million.

The number of beds in intensive care units (ICUs) in British hospitals is 4,300. Maybe the NHS can improvise 10,000 more, but it still wouldn't go far if up to 8 million severely ill patients need ICU beds this year, each for weeks at a time. Many more than 445,000 would die. The whole scheme is lunacy – and we still haven't got to the plan for the over-70s.

The death rate from Covid-19 for people in their 70s is 8%. For 80 and over, it's at least 15%. So while everybody under 70 takes their chances with the virus, all those over 70 must self-isolate for four months.

Now, it's possible that Boris Johnson's advisers are right and everybody else is wrong. Maybe there is a devastating 'second wave' coming next winter, and this bizarre plan is the only way to stop it. But we don't even know if Covid-19 will have a second wave. There wasn't with SARS, a similar coronavirus. As William Hanage said, "vulnerable people should not be exposed to a virus right now in the service of a hypothetical future."

Testing, contact tracing and social distancing may turn out to be ineffective: infections may pick up again in other countries when the rules are finally relaxed. (280 million Chinese went back to work on Monday after two months of lockdown). But that strategy is certainly worth a try, whereas Johnson, in the words of Richard Horton, editor-in-chief of leading British medical journal 'The Lancet', is "playing roulette with the public."

So not all that much difference between the mini-Trump and the real thing after all. And the 'herd immunity' nonsense won't last much longer. The British public is starting to realise what Johnson's government was actually planning, and he has begun his retreat back to sanity.

The world's gone mad, or has it?

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



What a difference a week makes. Heck, right now, what a difference a day makes! Last week we wrote seriously but with a side dish of sarcasm, about Co-Vid 19. This week, there's nothing funny about the virus and we're all facing at minimum, three weeks of isolation and that's if we're lucky. Who is not facing isolation? The helpers, those folks that we spoke about waaaay back in January, the ones who step forward in times of crisis while the rest of us take a step back. This time it's not just front line workers like paramedics and police but also perhaps, your son or daughter, your spouse or your best friend – folks who continue to provide other essential services like keeping grocery stores open and regularly stocked. We have a lot to be grateful and thankful for. Speaking of groceries……

Last week in the midst of all the bad news about hoarding and re-sellers taking advantage of this current health scare, we started to hear from some of the helpers in our community. We heard from folks who were offering their services and assistance to seniors. We read about neighbours helping neighbours when that last diaper had been used and there had been no time to restock. These were good news stories and offset the bad. It got us thinking about those in our community experiencing food insecurity; folks who cannot afford to "stockpile" essential items or might be facing difficult choices about which bills to pay because they are currently not able to work. It made sense to place a call to Caledon Community Services to see how we could help. The following notice was posted on as many social media challenges as we could and thankfully, may folks have since shared it widely:

Helping Us Help Others Through The Exchange

HI Everyone - with the current stockpiling of goods like canned goods and toilet paper and rising concerns over Corona Virus, the vulnerable, elderly and those experiencing food insecurity are potentially at risk. If you are able, we are starting a food drive in Caledon to support The Exchange, located in Bolton. I have been in contact with them and they have expressed a specific need for child friendly items (with kids being home from school) such as peanut butter, granola bars, cereal, canned meat, soups and other items like diapers - all sizes. Please remember, not everyone can go out and stockpile! If you can help here's how: Valleywood and Southfields residents, pm me and arrange to drop off or I can pick up items for donation and I will deliver to The Exchange in Bolton. Bolton residents, you can attend The Exchange directly, ring the bell at the back of their location and bring items to them. You can call ahead if you wish. And YES, they could probably even use some toilet paper if you can spare a roll or two. Please help us, help The Exchange. Together we will ALL work toward a healthy Caledon, a healthy community and reducing the risk of Corona Virus spread. This is your chance to help others through the same sense of panic and crisis we are all experiencing. THANK YOU!!!!!

This week, I would like to reiterate to all in Caledon that CCS and the Exchange could really use our help. We checked in with them again and have included here an updated list of what is most in demand right now: Canned proteins / tuna / ham / chicken etc., Granola Bars / Snacks / items like Goldfish, applesauce, graham crackers, Bear Paws, Peanut Butter, Diapers of all sizes., Toilet Paper, Cereal**/ Juice Boxes (**they need lots of cereal!), Canned Soups, Fresh fruit (that will last a bit longer) like apples and oranges, **Gift Cards**

Like us all, The Exchange is trying, where possible, to provide a little more than normal to families in order to help folks if this crisis continues for longer than currently anticipated. As well, CCS commented that there is an expectation that challenges might not only include food insecurity over the longer term, but also financial insecurity. If people are forced to stay home from work, become ill or face a shortage of work, already stretched finances will take a direct hit and then basic needs like utility and rent can't be met. With this in mind the community is also invited, if they are able to do so, to make a financial donation to CCS that will allow them to help manage and support these families over the longer term. You can do so with the simple click of a button on their website at www.ccs4u.org Finally, while CCS remains grateful for the outpouring of support they have seen so far, with everyone staying home there is currently a shortage of volunteers helping to sort food. It's a "good" problem to have but as a result, CCS is also accepting grocery store gift card donations to help meet them meet the needs of the community over the short term.

Persons who wish to visit The Exchange are asked to call their Care Co-Coordinator to make an appointment as all visits will now be scheduled in a bid to help minimize contact and any overall risk for all. Those able to donate items are asked to call ahead if possible and to use the rear door for drop offs. Folks in the south end of Caledon, including Inglewood, Cheltenham, Southfields and Valleywood are asked to contact me directly and I'll drive drop offs from these locations to The Exchange. Additionally, a huge shout out to Butter and Cup, located in Southfields for volunteering their location as a drop off spot for The Exchange food donations. As long as they remain open (and this may change with daily updates) Butter and Cup are happy to collect donations on our behalf and I will ensure they are delivered to The Exchange by week's end. As our Prime Minister said just a short time ago (at time of writing) let us "Act Now and Act Together." Let's focus on the helpers, the good news and support our fellow Canadians, and our fellow Caledon residents!

Reflections on a virus

LAURA CAMPBELL
MILLENNIAL MOTHERING: POLITICS & BLUEBERRY STAINS



Last Thursday evening, I felt a deep wave of dread and panic wash over me. I still managed to make a broccoli soup, but between dealing with the news cycle (especially word of what was happening in Italy) and the apocalyptic lineups in the grocery store, I didn't serve dinner until 9 p.m. My poor children.

I went to bed at 1 a.m. but woke up feeling some resolve. The terror of deciding to close our family restaurant had subsided, as I realized that public safety was more important. Our healthcare system and its capacity to care for my friends, family, neighbours, and fellow Ontarians, was the most important thing to consider. There was clear consensus between my husband and me. This was the right thing to do.

On Monday morning, we waited to hear from our Premier, and Prime Minister. We expected a clear call to close all non-essential businesses. We had done so voluntarily, but for it to be effective, other restaurants, bars and pubs would have to close, too. But to our dismay, both announcements were muddled directives to 'stay home if you can' and 'get home if you're abroad.' Since then, the measures from our governments have grown more substantial, and both the Premier and the Prime Minister are doing everything they can to get this crisis under control (and I commend them both for making all of these difficult decisions). Such developments are a testament to how quickly the situation has evolved.

I don't think it's too early to say that all of us will now divide our lives into two distinct periods: before the pandemic … after the pandemic. Writing these words is an out-of-body experience. But what this crisis has crystalized for me is that we are now, at long last, faced with the realities of how terribly distorted our "forever-growth, consumer-debt-fueled" economy has been, for decades. This economy was never designed to weather a storm like this.

There is no question that this virus could lead to a recession (many indicators show that this will likely happen, even if consumer spending remains robust – especially as the price of oil falls). But then again, everyone could stay home, save their money, and pay off their credit cards? This could help avoid a credit crisis. Maybe. All of it is mostly impossible to predict. Markets hate that. Unfortunately there's more to this financial crunch than the official economic consequences, like the GDP and so on: there are many terrifying potential outcomes for small and medium-sized businesses and the individuals who rely on them for their livelihood. While the Federal government seems to have a plan to tackle this crisis ($25 billion), there is not real clarity (yet) on what those measures include.

But for individual families, this time at home and without a steady income could mean that they learn to enjoy the very simple pleasures that the 21st Century has allowed us to forget. Board games, outdoor play, planting seeds, reading books, cleaning, learning new recipes, writing letters to friends, quiet time, movie nights, and so on. All of it forces us to practise mindfulness but without much of a price tag. You see, my generation is constantly working (as much as some pundits like to say millenials don't know the value of a hard day's work). We call it 'hustling': our work follows us home, into our evenings, into our bedrooms- as we answer emails from our ipads at 1AM. All of the patched-together gigs, or massive workloads at our 9-5, rob us of the time we need to learn not only mindfulness, but also the skills of survival.

I know a few folks in their 80s who scoff at the young men and women who can't start a fire, who can't bake a loaf of bread, who can't replace a spark plug on a lawn mower, who can't fix a toilet, or build a shelf, or knit a sweater, or mend a sock. Are we lazy, entitled, disconnected? Or maybe we just don't have the time. If this crisis affords us anything, perhaps staying home will mean that we can become more resilient human beings. Perhaps we can master systems of food preparation that avoid colossal waste? Maybe we will learn to enjoy our local hiking trails instead of seeking vacations in far-off places that contribute to the warming of our planet? Maybe we can figure out how to save money on things we don't need, and invest instead in solar panel systems for our rooftops? Or maybe we can turn front lawns into vegetable gardens?

At this point, while we mourn the loss of many of the world's elders who are dying and continue to die from this scourge of a virus, we must also find the small opportunity to make our world a better place. This is a painful cleansing of western culture. May we all take pause to learn the lessons, as there are many to go around, for me, for my friends, for my parents, and for our leaders (here's looking at you, Premier Ford).

We must take care of one another.

Patience, time will mend it

CHRISTINE IBBOTSON
ASK THE MONEY LADY



Dear Money Lady

My employer is closing our office because of the Coronavirus and suggesting we all work from home. I am now starting to really panic about everything and I am worried about not making my payments on my mortgage if my employer decides to lay us off. Is there anything I can do?

Bill

Dear Bothered Bill!

It is not hard to get swept up in the COVID-19 panic these days when you go into any grocery store and see empty shelves. It makes you want to begin filling up your grocery cart with things you normally would never have purchased. Information keeps changing by the hour. We are being inundated with more and more closures, not to mention the feelings of trepidation when it comes to our finances.

The governments today have ensured us that all will be fine and that they will make monetary allowances to those that need it most. We have been told that job protection and security is paramount to our government and that they will be supporting all businesses impacted by this pandemic. That being said, what does that mean for the average person who is wondering what to do about their mortgage payment due this month? Here are a couple of things to keep in mind.

The Bank of Canada has already cut rates and we predict that they may considering cutting another 50 basis points before the next meeting on April 15. In an effort to mitigate the continued risk that COVID-19 has on our economy, the banks are considering lower lending rates again. There is an implied expectation of an additional rate cut and this may be a great time to consider refinancing your mortgage or consolidating debt.

If you are concerned about your cashflow, there are a couple of options that you can utilize at your bank to make it easier. All conventional mortgages usually have a "skip-a-payment" option. This allows those mortgages that are in good standing to skip one mortgage payment per calendar year. All the large Tier-One Banks also have embedded cash accounts on their conventional mortgages that clients can access to either skip payments or withdraw funds in times of need.

Why not talk to your bank and see if you can get a line of credit, a lower rate on a re-structured loan or mortgage or even an overdraft on your bank account to tie you over until things recover in the coming weeks. This is not to be viewed as a financial weakness or a plan to get into more debt; but rather good financial planning to ensure you are equipped for future uncertainties and ensure the stability of your monthly cash flow.

I have received so many emails from readers who have told me stories and experiences of true kindness towards neighbours, friends, family and even strangers. I wish you could read them all Bill. It is inspiring to me to see how truly wonderful we all can be to one another. Patience and time will mend this pandemic. Why not use this opportunity of a low rate banking environment to revisit your portfolio – perhaps change your mortgage or restructure your debt. It could be a good thing!

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

Money Lady

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ARTS & Entertainment

COVID-19 forcing Alton Mill management to think outside the box

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD



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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: Management at Alton Mill Arts Centre admit they are going to have to be creative moving forward with the facility no longer permitted to host large events due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak

It began with a frantic telephone call: "You know, after a couple of months, we won't able to pay our mortgage. The government talks about helping out the little guy and small businesses, but big business is sucking up millions. What d'you think'll be left for anybody else. My concerts are cancelled and my wife's classes are cancelled..."

Pretty scary.

There has been a lot of talk about working people being out of work in every sort of business, not just the arts, naturally. The businesses themselves are not welcoming customers any more than they are bringing their workers back, so, how will they pay their bills either?

A number of $82 Billion has been named as the compensator for all this loss, but the machinations of obtaining any may well be complicated. How does one count the ways of proven lost income or will the giving be so open handed that scoundrels will have a field day, like the people who decided to "scalp" toilet paper on Kijiji?

The fact is that the money being handed out to us in order to save our skins is still money borrowed on the tax payers dollars but the good news is that our tax dollar borrowing is coming back to benefit us in this emergency.

An artist with a studio at the Alton Mill Arts Centre said, "I can't think what I'll do – I'm just in shock with this situation. It all happened so quickly. The Mill closed but even if it wasn't, we would have to be."

The CBC reported musicians are losing the money they depend on for the year, disappearing in lost tours as venues everywhere close.

A conversation by telephone with Jeremy Grant, co-owner of the Alton Mill, revealed the struggle and ideas for dealing with the many aspects this pandemic is presenting.

Said Mr. Grant, "We've arranged our own internal phone call about how we're going to manage the financial aspect. I don't really want to get into that at this time. We don't have much to say because we haven't had the conversation yet."

He told us, with some sadness, "Monday was the day we had to make the call about how we're going to do this. To be honest, we, as in the owners and the tenants, everybody has to grapple with this in their own way.

"The artists are free to use their studios or have a workshop with one or two people. They all have access to their own spaces. A lot of artists don't need the studios to have work shops,. They have those at home and just use their studios to sell their art. "

He said, "At the end of the day, of course, we have to monitor every situation to see what needs to be done.

"We're just trying to get our heads around it," he continued, ready to speculate with us, "We could keep the arts going the virtual ways; I'm thinking about having a cyber Spring Open House. I'm not sure how that would work.

"It goes beyond the idea of just selling art," he said, coming into what makes him the defender of art that he is, "This is about our mental well being. I have to find ways: we'll have to come through with the internet, to provide ways for people to do something more than just watching TV and worrying about the virus."

We spoke about the suggestion in the Mill's announcement email, reminding people to go outside and enjoy the tails around the mill and the properties.

He elucidated, "Obviously, not just the mill trails. The Public Health officer in B.C. [Dr. Bonnie Henry] has been all the news. She's the one who I heard say go out and be outdoors.

"On Monday," Mr. Grant recalled, "when the call was made to close the mIll, there wasn't a state of emergency. Two days ago, I was still thinking we could stay open. Now it's bordering on ludicrous to think we could."

He went to consider the online options, "I think the idea of some sort of online art activities – art festival – collective, we could see how to make that happen ."

Meanwhile, the original studio of the mill, Gallery Gemma, is open

Located on the ground floor, owner, Anne Marie Warburton, said, "We're open. I have my own entrance."

Her subsequent email notice to her customers and others, explained that they are there doing custom work and repairs at the gallery and, so, decided to keep their doors open. With respect to social distancing, etc, they do note that there are never "crowds" attending Gallery Gemma.

Staff at the gallery we spoke to said, "We're open 'til Sunday and then, we'll re-evaluate."

Artists are encouraged to boost their on line presence for the duration of the shut down, to take it on as artists that our purpose in life is, in part, to lighten and enrich the lives of others with our vision.

A recent call from Xplornet to one person's household was to say that they are increasing data use – no doubt other servers will do as much.

Along with the all the diversions on line – get some exercise.

Bolton resident exciting for upcoming release of new book, Good Enough From Here

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Glenn Carley has always dreamed of becoming a writer. Forming words into stories just waiting to be shared is a passion that resided within him through his entire career as a social worker. Eventually, his passion took over and Glenn released his first book, Polenta at Midnight on Oct 17, 2007.

In 2011, Carley began his second literary adventure in the High Arctic at Canadian Forces Station Alert, then in North West Territories. Nine years later, it's ready for release.

"When you look at the stage of the Arctic at Canadian Forces Station Alert, it's a perimeter and it's all orange. It's men, and it's military and it's set in the expanse of the High Arctic. Mountains all around you, monochrome, no sound; it's like a desert," explained Carley. "You go up there and you're unformed as a young man, needing to get out of a small town called Trenton. You find yourself hurdled on an arctic stage."

He added, "I think the seeds for much of my formation, certainly the roots of leadership came from my experience there."

Carley spent two summers at ALERT when he was in his early twenties as part of an environmental clean-up crew on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island in the 1970's. In his second book, 'Good Enough from Here' you travel through the journey and experiences of a young man posted in the High Arctic and the raw and powerful moments through isolation and travelling through the different seasons.

"You have a profound coming of age experience in a defined setting that's incredibly unique. Not everybody gets up there. You have such profound changes, and you watch other young men change, some for the best, some for the worst. Guys get lovesick, homesick," said Carley. "Another big theme in 'Good Enough from Here' is at the right time, a young man escapes his hometown, finds himself in a military culture and really comes to terms with the impact of his father."

Carley grew up along side Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton where his father worked as a chief inspection officer as a civilian. With that experience of being surrounded by military culture at a young age, he was able to grab a hold of a deeper understanding of the work his father did, and about the military in a whole, as he grew up and was coming of age in the High Arctic.

"What's really joyful for me, is as a young man to throw yourself up there, I'm not just taking a hard look at my dad, but I'm actually experiencing as a participant in a military culture, a better understanding of the work he chose to do. I found that insight powerful," he said. "I liked what I became."

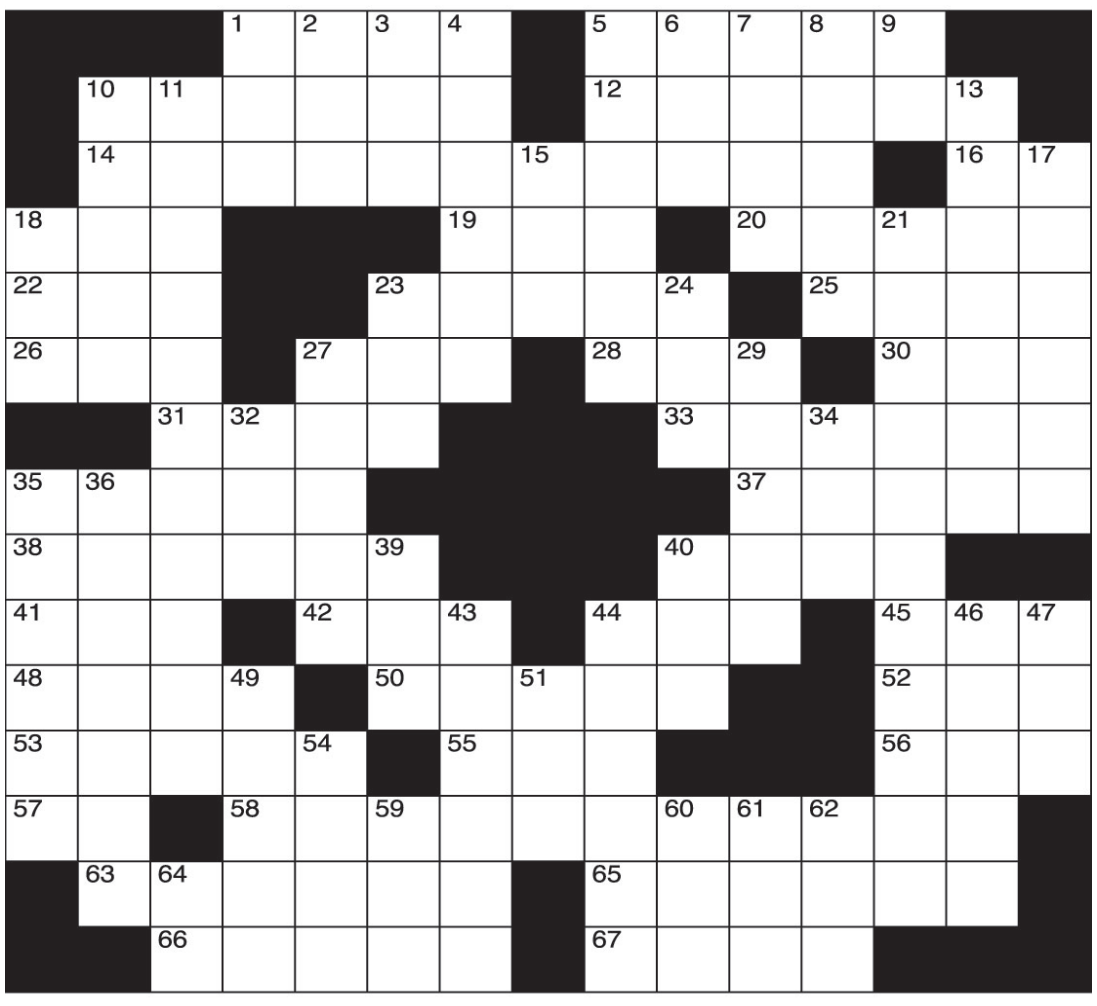
What was a really moving part for Carley when he got to the marketing portion of the production of 'Good Enough from Here' was getting endorsed by an old friend, and retired Major, Scott Munn, who has experienced Canadian Forces Station Alert.

A part of the endorsement which is written on the back of the book reads, "Good Enough from Here, about a young man's summer in Alert, hit home as authentic. It resonated with my experience at Alert and while visiting other northern radar sites and construction camps. I invite military readers, all those who served at Alert, their families, and all those who have heard of Alert or are interested in one young man's northern adventure to read this book." GEFH will also have appeal to a broad readership interested in understanding the journeys of youthful minds.

Carley plans on holding an official book launch later on in the year, but in the meantime 'Good Enough from Here' is available at Forster's Book Garden at 266 Queen Street South, as well as off Amazon or directly from the publisher at Rock Mill's Press.

The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea
5. Avert something bad
10. Sounds
12. Immediate dangers
14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
16. Californium
18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
19. Coastal Scottish town
20. Triangular lower back bones
22. Trouble
23. A way to smile
25. Something that is not what it seems
26. Of she
27. Temporary living quarters
28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
30. Indicates near
31. Spiritual leader
33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island
37. No longer fashionable
38. Peaks
40. Alabama football team
41. __ King Cole
42. Digital audiotape
44. Open trough
45. The woman
48. Cools down
50. Turkic language
52. Body part
53. Pulse steadily
55. Embedded computer hardware company
56. Indicates shape
57. Thou (plural)
58. Odd and remarkable
63. An evening party
65. National capital of Zambia
66. Tantalizes
67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing
2. Exclamation of pain
3. Polynesian garland of flowers
4. Surrounded by water
5. Church towers
6. Hot beverage
7. Body parts
8. Travel documents
9. Railway
10. Gradually wear away
11. Measuring instrument
13. Minor dust-ups
15. Strongly alkaline solution
17. Extreme scarcity of food
18. Dash
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Popular lager __ Adams
24. Snitch
27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire
32. Take to the limit
34. Cool!
35. Sound mental health
36. Native American group
39. Test for high schoolers
40. Rocky peak
43. Preferences
44. Bother
46. Call attention to (slang)
47. Snake-like fish
49. Bulgarian capital
51. Don't know when yet
54. Italian Seaport
59. Brooklyn hoopster
60. Where to bathe
61. Equal, prefix
62. Beverage container
64. Denotes openness

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

Screening site for COVID-19 virus opening today at Headwaters hospital

Written By MIKE BAKER

A drive-thru assessment clinic is being launched at Headwaters Health Care Centre today (March 19) as the local medical community reacts to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The service will be available seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m, and will be manned by local family physicians, team members from home and community care providers, and hospital staff.

"It will be a dedicated drive-thru clinic that assesses people in the community with possible symptoms of COVID-19. There will also be a walk-up option for people," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of the hospital. "We will have two lanes, which means, if we are fully staffed, we would be able to assess two vehicles at once."

Assessments will take less than 15 minutes, Ms. Delahunt says. Upon arrival, individuals will be asked to fill out a 'screening sheet', which staff will then use to determine whether they need to be tested. Should a individual require testing, they will be asked to register and pull into one of the drive-thru tents. A member of the care team will then assess them while they remain in their vehicle. Depending on the outcome of the assessment, and the severity of symptoms, individuals will be told to self-isolate, or visit the emergency department while they await test results.

The hospital itself, Ms. Delahunt says, has taken a number of steps in response to the global COVID-19 crisis.

"We have activated a Headwaters-wide Emergency Operations Centre and we are moving swiftly to respond. We are prioritizing the work required for management of COVID-19 as we continue to deliver care to patients and families," Ms. Delahunt said. "We have taken several steps over the past week to maintain the safety and security of our staff, physicians, patients and visitors to reduce traffic flow in our hospital and maintain appropriate social distancing."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

NEW TEST CENTRE: Headwaters Health Care Centre has set up a new drive-thru assessment centre that members of the public can use to be tested for COVID-19. The facility is located on the hospital grounds.

These measures include shutting down student and volunteer programs at the hospital, removing onsite vendors affiliated specifically with the Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary, restricting access to visitors from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with only one person allowed per patient. Visitors under the age of 16, or over 75, generally are not permitted. This does not include patients of paediatric patients, palliative care visitors, or support people for obstetric patients.

Individuals can now only access the hospital from two entry points – at the emergency department and ambulatory care centre. Anyone who enters the hospital, including staff and patients, will be screened.

"We are also postponing non-urgent, elective activity such as procedures, surgeries, appointments and tests. To everyone whose procedures, tests and appointments are postponed, I apologize. I appreciate you may have waited a long time for your appointment, but our singular focus now is on our COVID-19 response," Ms. Delahunt said.

She added, "These are not decisions we take lightly. We know these decisions will have a significant impact on a number of people who require health services at Headwaters, but it is necessary and we need to act now. If you do not need to be at the hospital, please stay away. For those that have to come to the hospital, your patience is greatly appreciated. It may take longer to enter the hospital due to our screening process. Please remember to be kind to one another."

Ms. Delahunt went on record to thank the entire workforce at Headwaters, stating "now, more than ever, we have a critically important job to do" to assist the local community.

In a final message to local residents, she called on the community to come together and show a united front in the face of the hugely contagious COVID-19, which has brought the world to its knees in recent weeks.

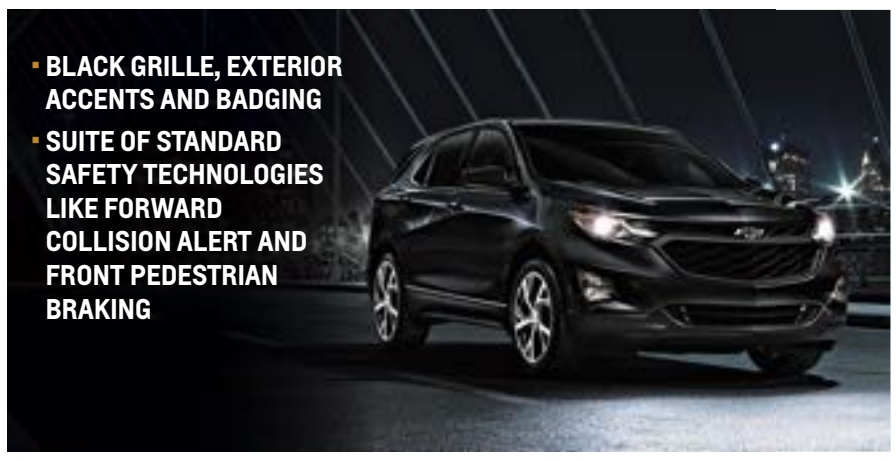
"Please look out for one another. This is a pivotal time for us all. We need as many people as possible to remain healthy at home so our hospital and family physicians can focus on our response to COVID-19," Ms. Delahunt said. "Our team and our partners are unwavering in our commitments to care for you – we are one community, caring together."





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SAVING MONEY AT THE PUMPS: Canadians have COVID-19 to thank as gas prices hit ten-year low, with some local stations dropping below 80 cents per litre this week.

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Gas prices hit ten-year low thanks to COVID-19

He added, "Taxes are pretty significant and, depending on where you are in the country, they're high and going even higher."

The recent gas price drop is the lowest they've been since 2009, which occured due to a collapse in demand.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a drastic change in the oil industry, and though we may be grateful for filling up ofor such a low price, the drop will be hurting the economy.

With several countries, one including China ,who is high on the list in demand for oil, on lockdown, gasoline is not in high demand in the country, hurting the industry there, thus far hurting the industry here.

Patrick DeHaan, Head of Petroleum Analysis at GasBuddy explains in a recent article, that prices are dropping due to, "supply and demand. The demand for oil has dropped tremendously week-over-week, while supply remains high. There is a big imbalance between supply, (high) and demand (low)."

Adding, "The coronavirus has caused countries to be in lockdown, limiting driving, flying and overall movement in order to contain the spread. This means very little need, or demand, for oil. The lockdowns started first with China, the second largest consumer of oil behind the United States, and now lockdowns are being imposed in multiple developed countries."

Two of the largest oil-producing countries, Saudi Arabia and Russia, recently held discussions regarding slowing down production and how to balance supply and demand but weren't able to come to an agreement, stated De Haan.

"There is a pre-coronavirus level for oil demand, and a post-coronavirus level of demand. Demand for oil will be at multi-decade lows for the better part of 2020, which means gas prices will be some of the lowest we've experienced in a while," he stated online. "What could reverse the drop-in oil prices lies with Saudi Arabia and Russia. If they meet an agreement to cut back oil production, balancing global oil supply to coronavirus-reduced demand, we could see gas prices start leveling out but nonetheless, gas prices will be at a new norm."

So, what happens now?

"As the spread of the coronavirus induces panic on markets, oil prices have been walloped and motorists should avoid filling up as the plummet in oil prices starts showing up at their local gas station in the days ahead," said DeHaan. "Nearly every village, town and city will see gas prices dropping- the pace may vary, of course- but over the next week gas prices will move lower solidly, barring any dramatic improvement in the spread of the virus. The drop in oil is little comfort to those who've been watching the stock market fall, but gas stations have plenty of room to drop prices. My advice for motorists is delay buying gasoline and expect noticeable drops for the time being as the world obsesses over the spread of COVID-19."

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Caledon native Brendan Jacome wins pretigious Randy Gregg Award

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

There is a famous saying - expect the unexpected. But, what if you don't? What if you don't even know what to expect?

Caledon native Brendan Jacome recently won the prestigious Randy Gregg award on March 6th, representing the Ontario University Athletic's East Division in hockey with the University of Ottawa.

"To be honest, I wasn't even aware of the award before this year," the Gee-Gees forward said.

"Obviously when I found out I won it I was doing a lot more research into it. You know, it's quite an honour.

To win this award, a player must be recognized in their academic scores, community service and on ice play.

The three-time academic all Canadian has maintained a GPA of 8.5 over the course of this year in his Bachelor's of Commerce and Finance program and ranks third amongst the team with 22 points on the season.

He has been contributing with the community, supporting Hockey Gives Blood, Do It For Daron in the mental health community and Pride Night activities.

Most recently, Jacome raised $7,500 throughout his Movember campaign in support of third-year defenceman Jean Robin Mantha. Mantha was diagnosed with testicular cancer in his second year and has made a full recovery.

With an outstanding track record, there was no surprise to see Jacome take home the Randy Gregg award for all of his efforts, in his graduating year. He is now in the running for the national USports, Randy Gregg Award to be announced at a later date.

"As proud parents, we are really proud. He's just a hard-worker, in all aspects. In fact, in hockey, school and the community. We're just super proud of him," said his mother, Angela Jacome.

Jacome has returned back home safely, to Caledon this past week, following the cancellation of the U Sports University Cup due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The University of Ottawa won the East division before taking on Guelph in the OUA Queen's Cup Finals. The Gee-Gee's fell to the Gryphons, falling in triple-overtime 2-1.

As his time is coming to an end at the University this year, Jacome shared some of the best memories he has experienced over the course of his four-year tenure.

"I think one of them is, definitely our team trip to Germany at the beginning of the year. We went over in August, we went to Germany and played some exhibition games against a couple of pro teams," Jacome said.

He says that roughly 18 players have been there since freshman year.

"Just being with the same group of guys for four years, we made some incredible memories together just doing, bowling on a week night. Any little thing, I've made friends that will last me a lifetime."

Jacome grew up playing with the Caledon Hawks and idolized players that wore the iconic number 19 jersey. Joe Sakic, Joe Thornton and Steve Yzerman were players Jacome looked up to during his young hockey career.

After juggling between the Halton Hurricanes and the Brampton hockey association, Jacome landed with the Georgetown Raiders Junior A team. In the 2015-2016 season, Jacome along with his brother Jack, dominated team statistics.

Jacome says the coach placed himself and his brother midway through the year and two began lighting up the stat sheet.

He went on to say, that playing with Jack; who is now on a scholarship at Clarkson University in New York, is something you can say down the road when looking back at your hockey career.

Although the Gee-Gee's did not bring home the big trophy, Brendan Jacome walks away a champion on and off the ice and sets a precedent in the hockey program for years to come.



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HUGE AWARD: Caledon's Brendan Jacome receives the prestigous Randy Gregg Award on the ice, while representing the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees earlier this month.

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Bolton youngster keen to forge a career in the beautiful game

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

From Bolton, all the way to the University of South Florida, 18-year-old defender Salvatore Mazzaferro has had quite the soccer story.

The Caledon native recently returned back to Canada from the Sunshine State on Friday, explaining that he will be self-isolating himself voluntarily for precautionary purposes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the phone with the Citizen, Mazzaferro described that he is an avid supporter of Serie A giants Juventus and the Italian national team. He began as a defender and his favourite player is 35-year-old stalwart, Giorgio Chiellini from the Bianconeri.

His story begins at the local club, which eventually lead him to an NCAA scholarship.

"I started off with Bolton, maybe around the age of five or six, I began with the select team. Which then, went into the rep team. That was probably around U8, U9," Mazzaferro explained.

A job opportunity presented itself for his father, Cosimo Mazzaferro, and the family left Bolton for London, Ontario.

In the city, Mazzaferro and his father approached one of the top clubs in Canada at the time; FC London.

His father spoke with the coach, who could not comply with the family's request to join the top tier team. The club could only accommodate that Mazzaferro join the B or the C team, in which he was prepared to do.

When he was asked to attend his first training session, the second-tier team took on the top-flight club in London. It was the B team versus the A team for practice.

"Within the first five minutes, I was defending the best player on FC London."



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GOING PLACES: Salvatore Mazzaferro signs his letter of intent with the University of South Florida back in 2019. The soccer star was one of the standouts on his team during an impressive freshman NCAA season.

"I absolutely, threw him to the ground," Mazzaferro exclaimed.

Mazzaferro said the coach, pleaded to his mother, that he had a spot on the A-team.

For a few seasons, he excelled and won MVP as a midfielder and striker, a year above his age group.

When the time came to move back to the Greater Toronto Area, Mazzaferro joined the Brampton system for a few seasons, leading the club as its captain.

Atletico Toronto called him to join the best players from all clubs in the area to form one team in this academy. He began playing there in grade seven and grade eight. The team won the Canadian National Championship in his grade nine year.

"From that moment, I got scouted by TFC."

Mazzaferro travelled to Europe as a member of Toronto FC, and has remained a part of the academy team ever since. He excelled as a defender and has grown immensely as both a player and person.

Amidst the young man's success, offers from division one school's in the United States were piling up at his doorstep. After travelling all across the country, visiting campuses and meeting coaches, the final stop in South Florida sold him the most.

It was the weather. The campus. The training facility. Can you blame him? How could you reject the University of South Florida?

"The team and the coaching staff, were another huge factor. I couldn't play with a coach I didn't agree with or I didn't get along with. And the players. I had to feel comfortable with the players on the team. Given there is a lot of international players, they were going through the same thing that I was going through," Mazzaferro explained.

Adjusting to the climate while competing in this sport at such a high level was challenging and adjusting to Florida cuisine versus home-style cooking wasn't easy either.

It is his first time on his own, in a new country, a new place and a new style of soccer. He says the American version of the sport is physical; every coach promotes weight lifting.

The Bulls finished the year 10-7-1. Mazzaferro started all 18 matches this year, logging 1,637 minutes on the pitch; the most minutes played on the roster.

Although Mazzaferro says he may not return to the campus until July (depending on what transcends with the coronavirus), he does not foresee himself finishing all four years at the school.

He believes he is ready to take the next step into the professional level. It's where he wants to be and what he loves to do.

"I don't see myself being there for the entire four years. I believe, at the rate that I'm going, I just won the freshman award over there, I had an excellent season," Mazzaferro insisted.

"I believe next season too, I hopefully will have a great season. The sophomore season is usually a huge factor for the draft and developing a Generation Adidas contract, which is a contract with an MLS team maybe."

His aplomb for developing will always remain. We'll see what transpires once the sophomore season is finished.

York9 offers two women a supports' group, announces two new signings

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

York9 FC have announced the launch of Dames of York, as well as, two final international signings in the past few weeks.

Although the club is at its beginning, this stage is the most vulnerable. Vulnerable to, scripting a well-written history. It has been primordial for any organization. If it's tainted? Well, we'll get to that later.

On International Women's Day, the nine stripes cemented their first volitions' act in club history to care for a group of "soccer-supporting" women.

The Dames of York is a female driven supporters association, founded by Stefanie Morra and Marcella Hatmanu. These ladies formed this group, when York9 launched their new Macron home kit back on February 27th.

The mission is simple. It is to provide women the same support system in the sport as it is for men. A mission, York9 FC was rapt to act on.

"When I met Stefanie and Marcella at the home kit launch and they explained what they were looking to do, supporting them in launching the Dames of York became a priority," rejoindered, Managing Consultant Angus McNab in York9's press conference.

"We gave them assistance in creating a logo/brand for women to unite behind in their support of the club but that's only the first step. It is critical we help them grow the group's membership as we have for the Green Lions. Everyone is at the club is delighted to welcome the Dames of York and recognize them as an official Supporters Group as we have with Generation IX and the Green Lions," McNab exclaimed.

Accommodating such a historic motive might pay dividends in the long run. It might even begin a trend that will come into fruition league wide and York9 has the bragging rights. York will host "Women's Football Night" at the match vs Atletico Ottawa on July 24th.

This, all occurring after York9 signed their final international players in early March.

The nine stripes added their second Brazilian international. The 24-year-old, forward Jaco, joins the cavalry of offensive firepower up front and compatriot Gabriel Vasconcelos.

Formally known as Carlos Alberto Guimaraes Filho, Jaco has spent the past two seasons on loan from Brazilian club Goias.

A day later after Jaco's signing, York9 bring on South American talent Brian Lopez, who became the seventh and final international to join the nine stripes.

The 20-year-old Argentine midfielder comes out of the Cuarta division squad at Racing; the senior team from the youth academy. Lopez has chosen to leave a prestigious youth system to joing the Canadian Premier League to develop further.

Lopez joins Jaco, Vasoncelos, Fugo Segawa, Nicholas Hamilton, Adrian Uggarizza and Wataru Murofoshi as York9's international signing class of 2020.

It was also announced last Friday, the Canadian Premier League will shut down, effective immediately over the growing concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic. Clubs will put a hold on their preseason preparations for 14 days. More information will be provided closer to the beginning of the season on April 11th.



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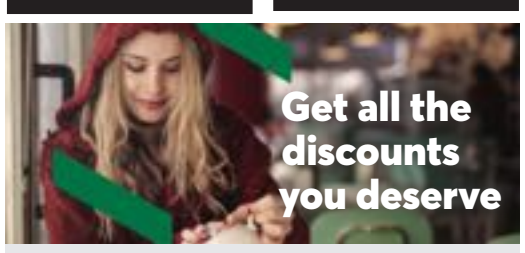
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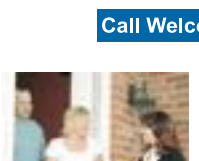
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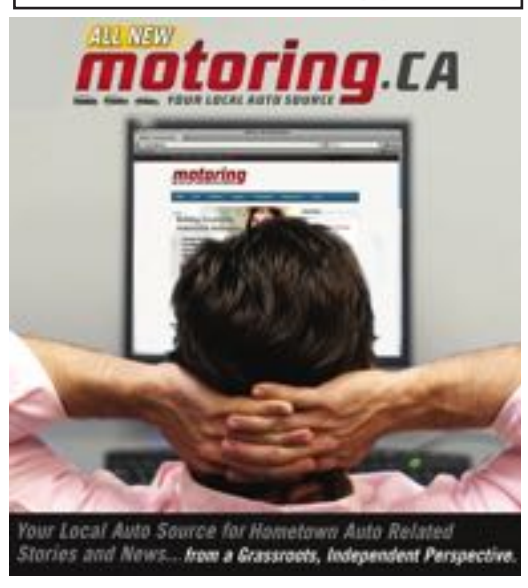
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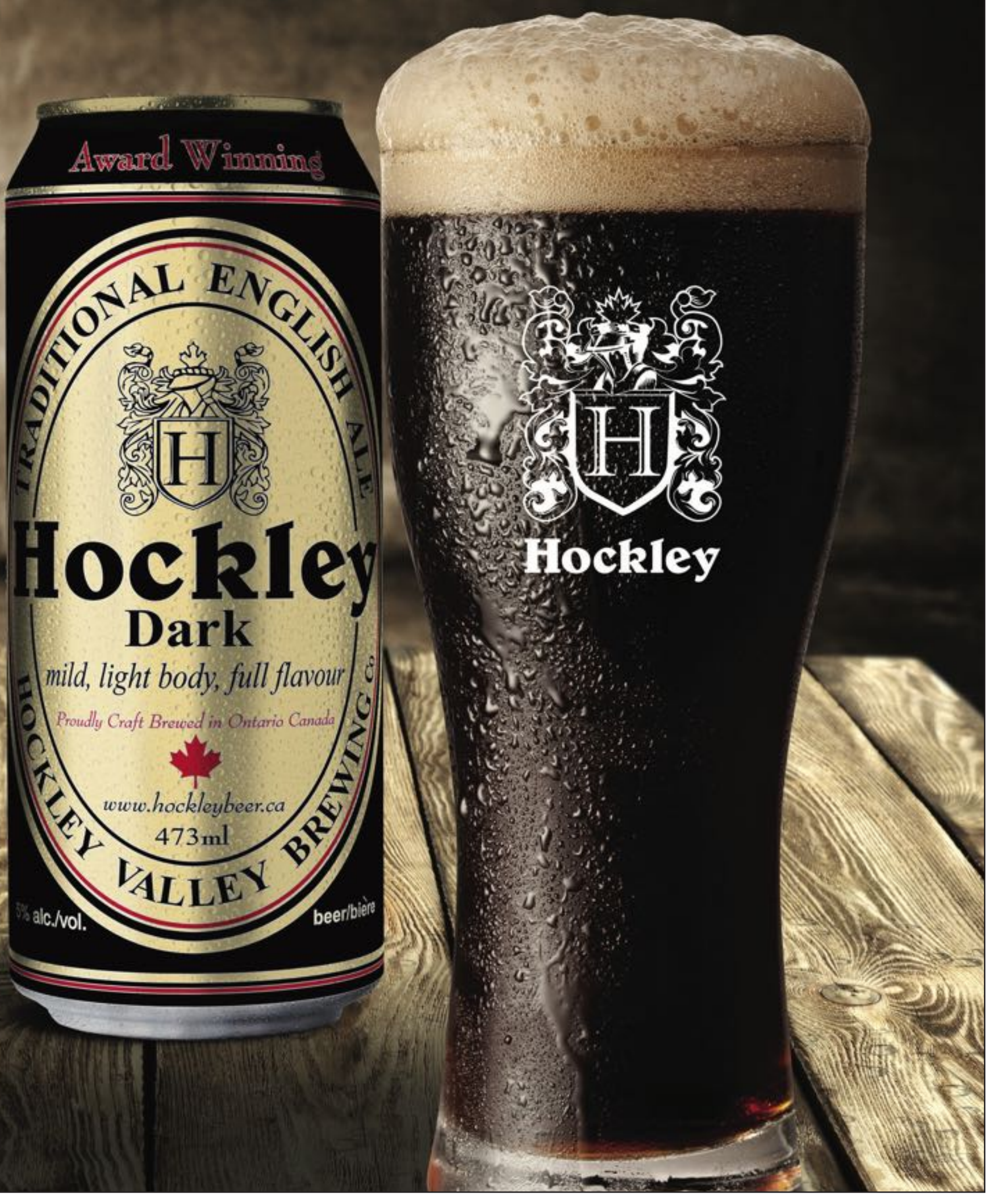
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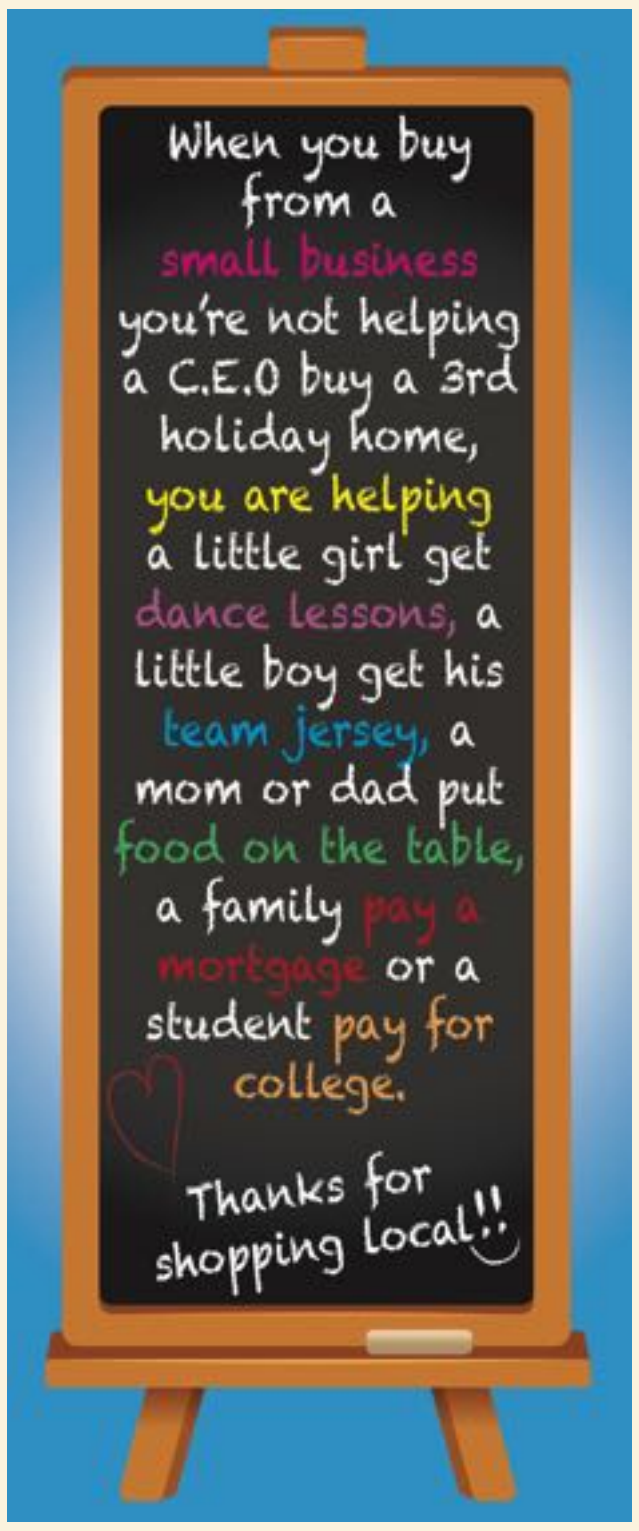
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