A Message From

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon



I want to acknowledge that the COVID-19 crisis is a challenging time for many in Dufferin-Caledon. I know, as a community, we are trying our best to stay home and go out only when it is essential and that will make a difference.

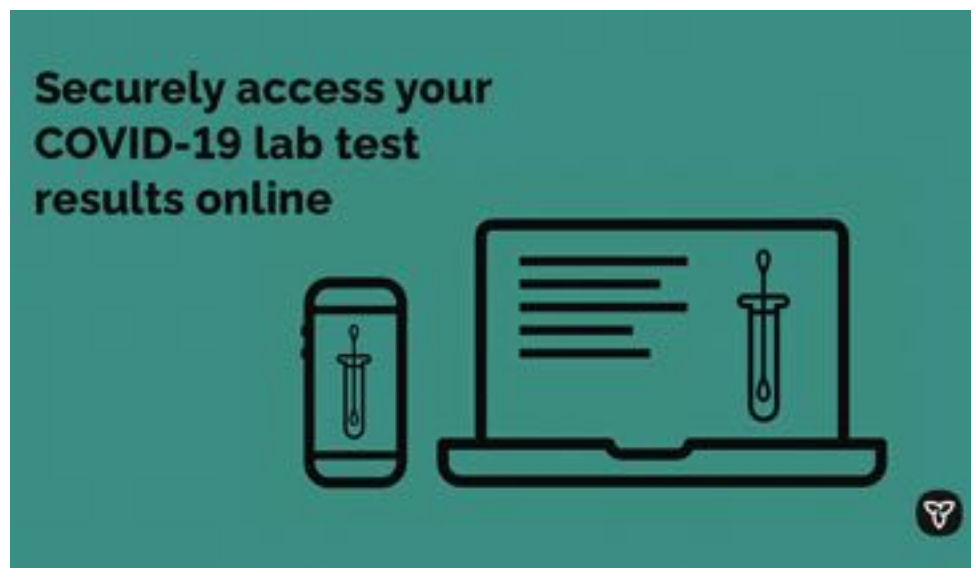
Thank you for taking care of yourself, your family and checking in with neighbours who may be struggling in these uncertain times.

The health and well-being of Dufferin-Caledon residents is my top priority. My office is here to help answer your questions. We are doing our very best to provide assistance to you remotely by phone and by email. My website is being updated regularly to reflect the latest information from the province. Please visit my website www.sylviajonesmpp.ca or Ontario's website: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus.

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The government is providing over $300 million in relief to parents across Ontario as part of Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19. Families can complete an online application to receive a one-time payment of $200 for each child aged 0 to 12, or $250 for children 21 years old or younger with special needs. More information and the application can be found at: www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families



Ontario has launched an online portal for the public to access their COVID-19 lab test results. https://covid-19.ontario.ca

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HARD AT WORK: The clinical staff at Bethell Hospice, Amita Patel, RN (left), Donna Spence, RPN (middle), Tiffany Stewart, RPN (right) continue to care directly to residents at Bethell Hospice, while taking appropriate measures to keep themselves and residents safe. For the full story, See Page A3.


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Several more cases of COVID-19 confirmed at Headwaters Health Care Centre

Written By MIKE BAKER

A total of 14 staff members and 10 inpatients had tested positive for COVID-19 at Headwaters Health Care Centre as of Wednesday morning (April 8).

The hospital started posting daily statistics on its website this week, highlighting that an additional 38 staff members were self-isolating, having potentially come into contact with an individual testing positive for coronavirus. Of the 10 confirmed inpatient cases, four of those individuals are currently receiving treatment at the local hospital.

"We are doing everything we can to keep our staff and patients safe during this exceptional time," Headwaters hospital spokesperson Jennifer Hamilton informed the Citizen on Tuesday (April 7).

Some of those additional measures include refusing access to the hospital to visitors, with the exception of maternity and palliative care, which require special arrangements to be made, reducing access to the hospital to two points of entry, with screening measures in place for everyone who enters, and cancelling many clinics, programs and services to reduce the number of people in the hospital.

All volunteer activities at the site have been suspended, with any member of staff who can work remotely encouraged to do so. The hospital has doubled down on its cleaning routines, and has made changes to various parts of the hospital, particularly to waiting areas, to promote social distancing.

"Most importantly right now is ensuring our staff have the right personal protective equipment for the right situations," Ms. Hamilton said.

The community has been particularly helpful on that front. The Rotary Club of Orangeville has donated $13,000 to the hospital to help pay for much-needed supplies, with several small businesses in the region stepping up to purchase items such as gloves and masks, and delivering them to the local facility.

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Ontario power companies donating PPE to frontline workers

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

On Monday (April 6), Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, alongside Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, announced the financial support they will be offering to families due to the closure of schools and daycares across the province.

The Ontario government have extended the closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools are expected to remain closed until early May. The decision to keep the schools closed beyond that, or to re-open them will be discussed as May creeps closer.

"We will do whatever it takes to keep students safe from COVID-19 - which is why we have extended the school closure period and why we have unveiled a teacher-led program that keeps students learning while at home," said Minister Lecce. "By providing clarity for parents, enhancing support for students and enabling the teacher-student relationship, we are ensuring our children continue to safely learn - providing some sense of stability and hope for them amid this difficulty."

The Support for Families initiative will offer a single payment of $200 per child up to the age of 12 in the household, $250 for those with special needs up to the age of 21.

Families can access the Support for Families initiative online, where they can complete an application to gain this one-time payment. Through the Support for Families initiative, $3 million is being provided to parents and families across Ontario as part of the Ontario's Action Plan.

"During this extraordinary time, we're doing everything we can to support parents to keep everyone safe and ensure our children continue to learn and stay mentally active," said Premier Ford. "This one-time funding will allow parents to access additional tools for our kids to use while at home and studying remotely. I want to remind everyone to stay at home and only go out if absolutely necessary. It's the only way we are going to defeat this terrible virus."

The pandemic continues to grow every week, to every day, to every hour. Businesses continue to close down as the spread of the virus travels through the community. Frontline workers continue to put themselves at risk by keeping everyone safe and healthy.

On Sunday (April 5), a Peel Region paramedic tested positive for COVID-19 after being exposed on the job. The paramedic and their partner responded to a motor vehicle accident, where only one of the paramedics has tested positive and is showing symptoms. Both are in isolation.

"Thankfully, our paramedic is okay right now," said Peter Dundas, Chief of Peel Paramedics. "At the time of the call, the medical direction was to only use PPE on calls dispatched with a positive COVID-19 screen. Last week, we took extra steps to protect our teams and they now wear masks and eye protection, in addition to gloves, for all calls."

Only one day after this case, the Ontario government put through an emergency order for frontline workers including, police, firefighters and paramedics to gather COVID-19 positive status information about people before they make contact.

Enforcement of more strict protocols will take place to ensure the safety of those who are the first to make contact with positive cases of COVID-19.

"First responders put their lives on the line every day to protect Ontarians and they are at great risk of being directly exposed to COVID-19 as they fulfill their frontline duties. We must do everything in our power to ensure the health and well-being of those working on the frontlines and provide them with the tools they need to do their jobs and keep Ontarians safe," said a statement made by Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Christine Elliot.

The Peel Public Health have been consistently on top of providing updates, and protocols for residents and communities to keep them informed and aware of the spread in their area. But one error led to 16 residents within the Peel Region receiving a letter stating that their COVID-19 tests came back negative, only to later find out the tests were positive.

Peel Medical Officer of Health Lawrence C. Loh extended an apology to those 16 residents and explained the error that several positive test results were mixed in with the negatives from the labs. They only found their error after the letters were mailed.

"I know the relief those residents felt for a few moments has sadly been transformed into feelings of fear and uncertainty," announced Loh is a news release. "We have made changes to our process to ensure that this situation does not occur again in the future. On behalf of the Region of Peel, I extend apologies to those residents impacted by this error."

Frontline workers have faced constant struggles with taking specific precautions for themselves, but to also keep medical traffic in check. One key issue they have run into is running low on medical supplies; masks specifically.

Several developers have reached out to help.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) released a statement that they will be donating 500,000 surgical masks and 75,000 N95 masks to the Province of Ontario to address the issue.

"The world is facing an unprecedented health and economic crisis that requires the mobilization and participation of every individual and every business in this country," said Ken Hartwick, OPG President and CEO in a statement. "As the provinces' largest electricity generator, OPG has a responsibility to not only keep the lights on for families, hospitals and essential businesses during this critical time, but also a social responsibility to do everything we can to help meet our communities' most vital health care needs. Together we will power on."

A delivery of these masks is being coordinated with the Ministry of Health for distribution to hospitals, long-term care homes and other health providers for communities' who are in dire need.

Alongside OPG, Bruce Power, also an electricity company based in Bruce County, also announced on April 1, that they will be providing 600,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) to support front line workers during this crisis.

President and CEO of Bruce Power, Mike Rencheck, made the announcement during a conversation with Premier Doug Ford on a local radio show, in which Ford praised the company for their generous contribution and their hard work in the industry. Ford stated, "I want to thank all of Ontario's power workers, including the 4,000 hard-working employees at Bruce Power, who are keeping the lights on for Ontario families and businesses. I also want to thank Bruce Power for doing its part to fight COVID-19 by donating 600,000 pieces of PPE and producing the isotopes needed to sterilize medical equipment for our front-line workers. By working together, we can beat this virus and keep all Ontarians safe and healthy."

For more information about COVID-19, please visit Ontario.ca/coronavirus.



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Caledon Public Library announce winners of teen short story contest

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) recently celebrated the 17th anniversary of the Elizabeth Scavetta Memorial Teen Short Story Contest, announcing three winners from this year's competition.

Elizabeth Scavetta was a promising and gift young writer, as staff at CPL say, who won first place in the Caledon Public Library Teen Short Story Contest in 2003. Elizabeth unfortunately passed away in a car accident in 2004, so the library named the contest in member of her.

"The contest motivates teens to explore their creative sides and see a writing project through to completion," said Laurie Groe, Manager of CPL's Youth Services. "It provides them with an opportunity to have their creative writing evaluated in tandem with their peers' work and strive to produce the best writing they can. Hopefully their participation in the contest encourages them to continue with creative writing in the future.

The winner of this years' contest was-Saskia Coosa, who secured first place with her story 'Popular', about a high school girl overcoming the popular bullies and real friendship. Second place went to Neela Jalilian with 'A Fake Death Turned Real', with third place going to Lukas Coosa for 'The Writer'.

Teens submit their original stories to the library between March and December, and each story is read and ranked by three judges. One of the three judges include Cassandra Scavetta, who is the sister of Elizabeth Scavetta, who stands as an honorary judge among two other judges from the community who are involved with teens or the publishing sector of the library.

"We were thrilled to receive such creative submissions from our local teens," said Groe. "You never know who will become a best-selling author in the future."

CPL's writing contests don't stop there. A Flash Fiction Writing Contest for Adults and Teens will be closing on April 15. The contest is for two age categories including adults 19 years of age and older, and teens from 12 to 18 years of age. Winners will receive cash prizes as well as publication on the Caledon Public Library website and social media.

For more information on upcoming contests and how to enter, please visit Caledon.library.on.ca.

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Bethell Hospice working hard to provide excellent care for residents

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Bethell Hospice Care Team are dedicated to providing care and support to residents and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bethell Hospice staff members who are not directly involved with resident care, as well as all Bethell Hospice Foundation staff, are working remotely.

They are a dedicated team providing compassionate care in hopes to enhance the quality of the last bit of life for their residents, whether it's those in palliative care, or those facing a life altering illness. Located in Inglewood, Bethell Hospice runs 24 hours care within their residence, and also offers support to those residing in their own home as well. The pandemic has forced them to make several changes, but the heart is still there.

Several actions were taken to protect not only staff, but their residents. This involved restricting visitors, staff and volunteers, allowing only one visitor per resident, with the exception in the last hours of life. Staff are even bringing in what they call, 'compassionate cart' offering tea, coffee and cookies to the resident's visitor.

Volunteer efforts have been largely suspended, but a small group of reception, kitchen and facility volunteers continue to work to be able to support the team.

Bethell Hospice Foundation have many concerns in regard to financially funding the care Bethell Hospice provides for residents. With partial funding from the government, every year the Foundation works to raise $1 million a year to bridge the gap for programs for residents and their families. But with the COVID-19 outbreak, they have had to postpone or adjust plans for all fundraising events.

The Bethell Hospice Foundation released a message for the community in regard to their plan of action and what the community can do to help.

"In just a few short weeks, our world has changed. The impacts of COVID-19 have been swift and far-reaching. But this situation has also reminded us what is truly important. In simple terms, the most important gifts we can give others are compassion, respect, and genuine caring. That's what hospice care has always been about.

Our wonderful and dedicated Bethell Hospice Care Team continues to provide outstanding care to our residents and their families and has looked for additional ways to ensure the best possible support in these challenging times. Our Clinical Team facilitates Facetiming between residents and those unable to visit and brings around a 'compassionate care cart' of coffee, tea and cookies to visitors on a regular basis. Our Social Work Team is providing limited in-person support, but extensive virtual support to our residents and their families. The team has also created and distributed 'comfort kits' for our residents and visitors to offer activities, resources and extra support."

It continues, "Amid COVID-19, the health and safety of our residents, visitors, staff and volunteers has been our highest priority. So too is the health and safety of our event participants. In accordance with the best advice of our federal and provincial Medical Advisors of Health, we will unfortunately need to postpone our Hike for Bethell Hospice. Through the days and weeks ahead, we also anticipate further changes to our fundraising event schedule. We are, of course, concerned about the impact these changes will have on fundraising, but we know it is the only responsible course of action in response to the current global health crisis. For the latest updates on our event schedule, please visit our website at foundation.bethellhospice.org.

We look forward to brighter days ahead, and are confident that, together, we will weather this storm. We are incredibly grateful for your past support and your belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community, and we know you will be there for us in the future. Please know how grateful we are for your compassion and your generosity."

Executive Director Margaret Paan is incredibly proud of the team at Bethell, who are working hard to bring excellent care and service.

"I am so proud of our Bethell Team who have stepped up for our residents and our clients in this unprecedented time with compassion, courage and teamwork! The expert palliative care that Bethell Hospice provides is needed now more than ever, and we are ready to serve our community as a critical part of the health care system," she said. "Although this is unlike any challenge Bethell Hospice has seen before, we have the right team and expertise to play a critical role in supporting our community through this pandemic."

For more information on how you can help Bethell Hospice or to inquire their services, visit bethellhospice.org.

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What you need to know.

Residents are advised that there are no changes to waste collection for the Easter weekend in Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon.

All Community Recycling Centres are closed **Friday, April 10** and **Sunday, April 12**. They are open **Saturday, April 11** and return to regular schedules on **Monday, April 13** (except the Bolton location, which reopens on **Tuesday, April 14**).



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Cyclist located on Heart Lake Road with life-threatening injuries

On Wednesday, April 1, at approximately 6:12 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to an incident involving an injured cyclist located on the side of Heart Lake Road in the Town of Caledon.

The officers received information from several concerned motorists that the injured female cyclist was found on Heart Lake Road between Hawk Hill Way and Escarpment Side Road, as the motorists were driving through the area. The bystanders advised that they did not know how the cyclist sustained the injuries, and whether another vehicle was involved.

The cyclist was airlifted to a hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Heart Lake Road was closed for several hours for police investigation, and has since been re-opened.

Caledon OPP is appealing to the public for additional witnesses of this incident. Anyone with information, dash camera footage, or home security video from the area is asked to contact Caledon OPP detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

Street Crime Unit makes arrest

The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit made an arrest in relation to drug trafficking in the Town of Caledon.

On Friday, March 27, officers arrested a Caledon resident after an investigation related to drug trafficking. A subsequent search warrant was executed at a home in Caledon, during which psilocybin mushrooms and cocaine were seized.

As a result, Maxim Sheffield, 31, of Caledon, has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule III substance for the purpose of trafficking, and
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - cocaine.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 8 to answer to the charges.

OPP enforcement during COVID-19 pandemic

The OPP is encouraging businesses and individuals to voluntarily comply with the short-term restrictions introduced by the federal and provincial governments to combat the spread of COVID-19.

While education, awareness and compliance are preferred options, officers will apply discretion to lay charges under the provincial Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)

Enforcement actions can include offences relating to operation of non-essential businesses and gatherings of more than five people, with some exceptions

Additionally, police have the authority to arrest those in non-compliance of the federal Quarantine Act at the request of a screening or quarantine officer.

The OPP will continue to provide public safety services to the communities we serve and support the efforts of federal, provincial and local health authorities during the current situation involving COVID-19. We appreciate the public's ongoing support of these measures. Stay home and avoid non-essential travel, practice good hygiene and follow the Ontario Ministry of Health's recommendations in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

If you wish to file a report regarding non-compliance under the Quarantine Act, contact Public Health Agency of Canada. For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. For all other police matters, including non-compliance to the EMPCA, please call your local police or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. For less serious incidents, report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

Additional COVID-19 information and resources can be found at Ontario.ca and the Government of Canada website. OPP-related information and updates can be found at opp.ca.

Caledon OPP write multiple tickets last weekend

Caledon OPP has taken a multi-level approach to address the issue of overcrowding in some of the most popular destinations in the Town of Caledon.

Over the last weekend, officers from the Caledon OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) have heavily patrolled the areas that are most visited in our community, concentrating on the issue of overcrowding, trespassing and traffic complaints.

During their patrols, the CRU officers had:

- Towed five vehicles;
- Issued 12 parking tickets;
- Trespassed three individuals;
- Issued a ticket under the Liquor Licence Act;
- Apprehended several speeding vehicles, including a stunt driver going 113 km/h in a 50 km/h zone,
- And responded to numerous traffic complaints.

As a result of one of the traffic complaints, a group of seven souped-up vehicles was intercepted by the officers - two of the vehicles had been towed due to violations under the Highway Traffic Act

The needs of our community are changing as the situation evolves in the Province. Our officers are dedicated to address any of the arising issues. More than ever before, we are engaged with our residents, and are responding to their concerns to ensure the continuous well-being of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Caledon OPP would like to remind everyone that all parks and conservations areas in the Town of Caledon are closed. Severe parking restrictions are in place to prevent mass gatherings

Limit travel to essential travel only - stay home, stay safe.

Police investigating tire theft

On Monday, April 6, officers from Caledon OPP responded to a reported theft of tires from a business located in the area of Highway 50 and Industrial Road in Bolton.

Information was received that approximately $200,000 worth of tires had been stolen from an auto parts store sometime between 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd and 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 6th, 2020.

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

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

Locals urged to stay home over Easter long weekend

For any Ontarians contemplating a trip to the cottage or other dwellings for family gatherings over the Easter Long Weekend, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding people to practice physical distancing and stay home.

"The OPP acknowledges that this is a very difficult time for people. While our officers typically expect large volumes of traffic ahead of the Easter Long Weekend, in light of the current situation, the OPP thanks in advance all Ontarians who do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by staying home," says OPP Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson, Provincial Commander, Highway Safety Division.

With roads now bare and warmer temperatures in store, drivers who do need to travel are being cautioned to not let the nicer weather negatively influence their driving behaviour and to obey all traffic laws.

Stunt driver arrested

On Tuesday, April 7 at approximately 9:12 p.m., Community Response Unit officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting speed enforcement in the area of Highway 10 and Mistywood Drive in the Town of Caledon.

The officers observed a vehicle travelling more than 50 km/h over the posted speed limit in the area. The officer conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver. The driver was asked to provide a sample of his breath into the approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further tests were conducted.

As a result, Vicente Delgado, 54, of Mississauga, has been charged with:

- Race a motor vehicle - excessive speed, and
- Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Exceeding 80 mgs.

The driver's vehicle was impounded for seven days and driver's licence suspended for 90 days.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 18 to answer to the charges.

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In just a few short weeks, our world has changed. The impacts of COVID-19 have been swift and far-reaching. But this situation has also reminded us what is truly important. In simple terms, the most important gifts we can give others are compassion, respect, and genuine caring. That's what hospice care has always been about.

Our wonderful and dedicated Bethell Hospice Care Team continues to provide outstanding care to our residents and their families, and has looked for additional ways to ensure the best possible support in these challenging times. Our Clinical Team facilitates Facetiming between residents and those unable to visit, and brings around a 'compassionate care cart' of coffee, tea and cookies to visitors on a regular basis. Our Social Work Team is providing limited in-person support, but extensive virtual support to our residents and their families. The team has also created and distributed 'comfort kits' for our residents and visitors to offer activities, resources and extra support.

Amid COVID-19, the health and safety of our residents, visitors, staff and volunteers has been our highest priority. So too is the health and safety of our event participants. In accordance with the best advice of our federal and provincial Medical Advisors of Health, we will unfortunately need to postpone our Hike for Bethell Hospice. Through the days and weeks ahead, we also anticipate further changes to our fundraising event schedule. We are, of course, concerned about the impact these changes will have on fundraising, but we know it is the only responsible course of action in response to the current global health crisis. For the latest updates on our event schedule, please visit our website at foundation.bethellhospice.org

We look forward to brighter days ahead, and are confident that, together, we will weather this storm. We are incredibly grateful for your past support and your belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community, and we know you will be there for us in the future. Please know how grateful we are for your compassion and your generosity.

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Columbia Way Improvements

Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

The Town of Caledon has identified a need for safety and operations improvements to Columbia Way between Highway 50 and Caledon King Townline. Subsequently, the Town has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for evaluating traffic safety enhancement, improvements to the road, intersection alternatives and lane reconfigurations, and drainage. Within the study limits, Columbia Way will retain the two general-purpose lanes, however various options will be evaluated to better accommodate all road users, safely and efficiently.



THE PROCESS

The purpose of the study is to identify a recommended design for Columbia Way that enhances road safety, improve traffic operations and connectivity for all users. In identifying the road improvements, the study will consider technical, aesthetic, and structural requirements; as well as socio-economic; cultural heritage, and natural environment factors.

The project is being completed as a Schedule "B" project in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).*

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Several more cases of COVID-19 confirmed at Headwaters hospital



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

SPREADING: 14 staff members and 10 in-patients have tested positive for COVID-19 at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The number of COVID-19 cases locally, as is the case almost everywhere else around the world, has increased substantially over the past week. As of Wednesday morning, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has 114 confirmed cases, with 35 of those here in Dufferin County, and more than 30 in Caledon. Although at press time the Citizen was unable to obtain confirmation from either the health unit or Headwaters Health Care Centre, it has been learned from a reliable source that the first death in the area was indeed that of a 67-year old Orangeville man, who was presumably among those listed by the hospital as being treated.

Visits at our local COVID-19 Assessment Centre, situated at Headwaters hospital, are up again this week, with a total of 1,992 individuals processed and 774 tests administered as of press time.

Worldwide cases of coronavirus surpassed the 1.5 million mark on Wednesday afternoon. From that total, around 310,000 people have recovered from the virus, with 83,476 individuals dying. The United States is now recognized as the official epicentre of COVID-19, with 400,549 cases as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Spain, Italy, France and Germany round out the top five countries for total cases, with each recording more than 100,000 cases. Canada is now ranked 13th on that list, with 17,897 total cases as of end of day Tuesday.

Concerns have been escalating locally after two Shelburne retirement residences confirmed cases of COVID-19 this week. Dufferin Oaks was already on lockdown after two staff members tested positive for the virus last week. As of Wednesday, the County of Dufferin, owner-operator of the facility, confirmed a third staff member had contracted coronavirus, with two residents also infected. It was also revealed on Tuesday that Shelburne Residence Retirement and Nursing Home had its first resident test positive for COVID-19.

"Dufferin Oaks is continuing to follow all WDGPH directives. Infectious prevention continues to be the priority," a County release distributed on Monday reads. "Isolation measures are in place and staff in the impacted units are using full personal protective equipment – gowns, masks and gloves. Anyone that is experiencing symptoms is not able to work, and is to be tested at the an assessment centre."

In an open letter to the community, Dr. Peter Cino, Chief of Staff at Headwaters hospital, stated that everyone needed to work together to get through this crisis. He called on local residents to maintain a level of calmness as businesses and organizations implement measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our area.

"Every aspect of our lives has changed. Just think about the last time you went to the grocery store. You could get angry and frustrated waiting six feet apart outside, but I would encourage you to look beyond, and realize this inconvenience is an attempt to protect you, your family and your community in the best way possible."

He added, "Change is difficult. I understand why people are scared. Sir Winston Churchill said 'fear is a reaction, courage is a decision'. We need to have the courage to stand together and fight this virus together.

Dr. Cino went on to commend the staff at Headwaters, saying he would, literally, trust each and every one of the facility's physicians with his life during this troubling time.

"I have worked as a physician in this community for over 25 years. I have watched countless times as these physicians have had the courage to change their practice, with the goal of providing the best possible care given the local circumstances. Rest assured, they have acted in the best interest of patients and this community," Dr. Cino said.

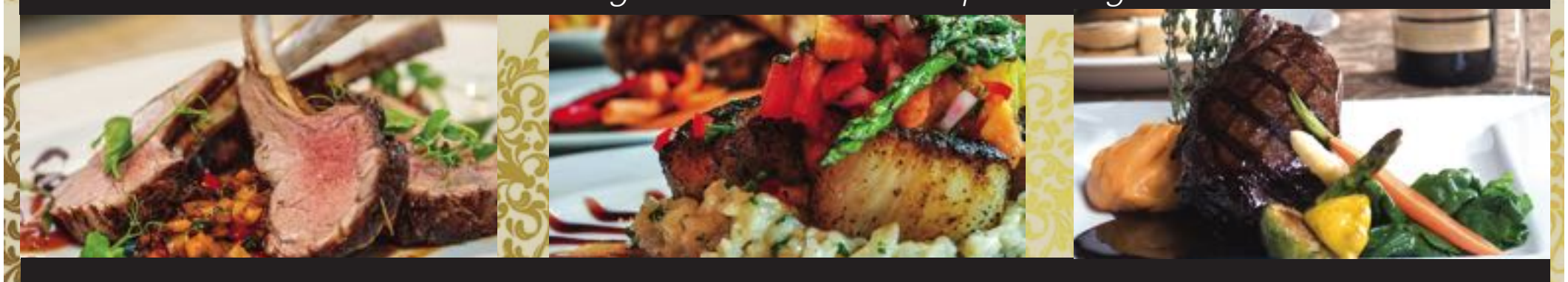
"Your local healthcare community, within the hospital, including nursing, midwifery and allied healthcare, as well as the family of physician offices in the community, realized many weeks ago that our best chance, our only chance, was for the medical staff to stand together, and we have done this," he concluded. "Thank you for the support you have shown us, as we lead you straight into this battle."

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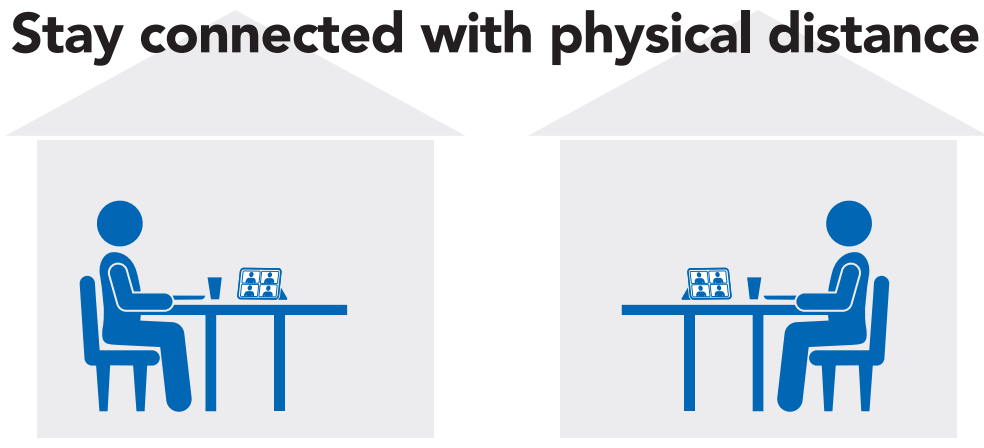
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FACILITIES

All Town of Caledon facilities, including Town Hall and all recreation facilities, are closed until further notice.

SERVICES

Despite these closures, the Town of Caledon continues to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic. For a full list of available services please visit **caledon.ca/coronavirus**.

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Is it time to wipe the slate clean again?

by Mark Pavilons

"And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good."

Yes it was.

Fast-forward several thousand years and here is God, holding his massive Etch A Sketch depicting his beautiful creation. Holding it in front of him, he gives it a massive shake, clearing the image.

He can now begin again.

Is the COVID-19 virus a precursor to a massive human "reset?"

Throughout history, seemingly advanced cultures, societies and cities have crumbled into obscurity. Others were mysteriously abandoned and many others pose mind-boggling questions.

Noah's Ark, Gobekli Tepe, the Olmec culture, Mayans, Anasazis and even the legendary lost city of Atlantis.

Legends, myths, ancient tales and actual archaeological discoveries all combine to reveal a litany of strange occurrences over the course of human history.

Many times in our past have our ancestors created technologically advanced societies, architecture and cities, only to perish or vanish. It was if some natural cycle determined it was time to wipe humankind from the face of the planet and start over.

Are we seeing signs of this now?

I have heard recent stories of locusts in parts of the world. East Africa has witnessed the worst outbreak in 70 years.

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

Coincidence?

Plagues are another sure sign we're in for a heap of trouble.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

Is a pandemic considered a plague?

Oxford published a paper last year on human extinction in the journal Scientific Reports. It found that people don't seem to see the loss of humanity as uniquely tragic.

In fact, they find the extinction of animal species worse.

Our species' extinction has been predicted for centuries. A study in 2008 resulted in a list of risk factors that may lead to our demise.

It speculated that we have a one in five chance of being wiped out before the year 2100.

The study cites nuclear weapons, nanotech weapons, AI running amok, and an engineered pandemic as likely causes of humankind's premature departure from terra firma.

Let's not forget natural disasters and a possible impact with an asteroid or comet.

Interestingly, those taking part in the study were asked to offer some recommendations to governments and policy-makers.

Several wanted nuclear disarmament, or at least lowering the number of weapons under the threshold for existential catastrophe, as well as reducing stocks of highly enriched uranium and making nuclear arsenals harder to accidentally launch.

One option was forming global biotech□related governance, legislation and enforcement, or even a global body like the UN to study and act on catastrophic risk. There was a lot of interest in developing defences against misuses of biotechnology, and a recognition for the need of unbiased early detection systems for a variety of risks.

Other suggestions included raising awareness of the problems, the need to build deeper societal resiliency, prepare for categories of disasters rather than individual types, building refuges and changing energy consumption patterns.

Let's not follow in these footsteps:

In February 1923, the 600 residents of the small Brazilian village of Hoer Verde simply vanished overnight, leaving their possessions and food behind. All around was a chilling silence. No birds, no insects, nothing.

The Anasazi tribe is regarded as one of the most sophisticated civilizations of the North American continent. Their civilization emerged around the 12th century BCE, and remains best known for stone and adobe structures built along cliff walls including Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park, the White House Ruins and Pueblo Bonito at the northern rim of Chaco Canyon.

They didn't necessarily vanish, but for some reason abandoned their homeland in the 12th and 13th centuries.

One of the most powerful empires of Southeast Asia, the Khmer civilization, spread from modern-day Cambodia into Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Malaysia. The empire dates back to 802 AD. Other than stone inscriptions, no written records survive, so what we know about them is pieced together from archaeological investigations, reliefs in temple walls and the reports of outsiders. The Khmers practiced both Hinduism and Buddhism and built intricate temples, towers and other structures. Their ultimate fate remains a mystery.

In south-central Mexico was once a grand Pre-Columbian civilization that constructed incredible colossal heads, invented the concept of the number zero and essentially laid the foundation for every Mesoamerican culture that was to follow. The Olmec civilization might even have been the first civilization in the western hemisphere to develop a writing system, and possibly invented the compass and the Mesoamerican calendar. Dating to around 1500 BCE, the Olmec civilization deteriorated and collapsed.

We can ponder the great pyramids of Egypt, Stonehenge and other marvels. I find it strange that if our species possessed great knowledge thousands of years ago, shouldn't we be further ahead in our evolution today?

It seems just as we were on the brink of greatness, a mysterious force sent us scattering into the wind, leaving behind only unanswered questions.

Fortunately, now that we're at the height of our technological smarts, we can leave behind mountains of data, information, and details of every aspect of our society.

Unlike our ancestors, we have the power to monitor, predict and fight against future disasters, if we all work together.

Maybe we should concentrate on leaving something truly remarkable behind.

Editorial

Sunshine List should be scrapped

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it's back.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring governments across the globe to its knees, the Ontario government, which itself has been impacted substantially by an outbreak of the virus on these shores, dedicated some amount of resources to releasing the 2019 Sunshine List in late March.

As some of our readers will no doubt recall, we wrote a piece following the rollout of last year's list, calling on the Province to scrap what has become an outdated practice. Released every year at the beginning of spring, the Sunshine List highlights public sector employees across Ontario who earn $100,000 or more annually. Introduced by the Mike Harris-led Conservative government in 1996, the list was, apparently, designed to provide accountability on behalf of public employees and transparency to the taxpayer.

While the Sunshine List may have accomplished that more than two decades ago, today it serves as nothing more than a publicity stunt that feeds into one of the most dangerous personality trains a human being possesses – jealousy.

All the list has ever really accomplished is embarrassing those who names are inscribed within its pages year after year. At its very core, the Sunshine List is an incredible invasion of privacy. It always has been, and will remain one until the day it is cancelled.

It seems absurd that, with resources stretched so thin at the government level right now, that any time at all would be set aside to deal with compiling the information necessary to publish the list. Perhaps even more absurd was the decision to actually release it at a time when thousands upon thousands of people are losing their jobs. There will likely be more envious eyes than ever before judging those who made the list. For a second, remember they are community members just like us. Neighbours. Friends.

While there are those, undoubtedly, who look forward to the Sunshine List's publication each year, one has to ask the question – why? What exactly does the Sunshine List accomplish? Knowing how much money an individual at Town Hall makes has absolutely no bearing on any of our lives. It may, however, have a significant bearing on theirs. Something that was, apparently, designed to improve accountability and, presumably, productivity, today likely has the complete opposite effect.

Disagree? Then answer us this. How many of you would be happy to have your name and earnings plastered in newspapers and around social media for all to see, simply because you earn a good living? Not many, we would assume.

And emphasis should be placed on that last point. A good living. Because that's what $100,000 a year is now.

Back in 1996, the very first Sunshine List contained 4,501 names. The recently released 2020 Sunshine List, which includes data for earnings in 2019, boasted a mammoth 166,977 individual entries. That's approximately a 3,600 percent increase on the number of people included in that very first list, and a 10 percent rise from last year's total. Extraordinarily, despite inflation rising by around 60 percent since 1996, the cut off point for the Sunshine List remains the same.

For argument's sake, $100,000 from 1996, when the list was first released, would be worth $164,868 today. Looking at some other avenues, the average price of a home in Toronto was approximately $198,150 back in 1996. Today, that average has ballooned to an eye watering $843,637. Grocery prices have increased dramatically, as has the price to purchase a new car. You'd be hard pressed to find anything that doesn't cost substantially more today than it did 24 years ago.

So, with everything else on the uppity up, why has the Sunshine List remained at that $100,000 threshold? That question has yet to be answered at Queen's Park.

More than 200 Dufferin County and Caledon residents suffered the ignominy of having their position and earnings called into question last week. As we said last year, and will continue to preach, likely, for years to come - the practice is wrong and should be halted immediately.



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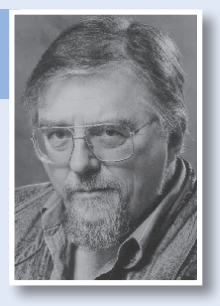
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Hungary: the first casualty?

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OUR WORLD TODAY



"Hello, dictator!" said Jean-Claude Juncker cheerily to Hungary's leader, Victor Orbán, at a European Union summit meeting a couple of years ago. The president of the European Commission was only joking, of course, but it was gallows humour. Dictatorship was clearly where Orbán was heading – and now he has arrived.

Last week the Hungarian parliament passed a new law, allegedly to deal with the coronavirus crisis. It declares a state of emergency and allows Orbán to rule by decree for the duration of the crisis – but it doesn't say when that state of emergency will end. That will be decided by the man who has just been granted supreme power.

'Never waste the opportunity offered by a good crisis,' as Machiavelli allegedly said 500 years ago. So is what we are seeing in Hungary now the tip of the iceberg? Will governments in other democracies whose leaders have dictatorial ambitions use the coronavirus crisis as an excuse to give themselves absolute powers?

Will Rodrigo Duterte take 'emergency' powers to get around the one-term Filipino presidential limit that obliges him to quit in two years' time? Will Narendra Modi copy Indira Gandhi's 1975 'Emergency' and set up as the 'temporary' dictator of India? Will Recep Tayyip Erdoğan destroy what remains of Turkey's democracy to save himself if his popularity declines further?

For that matter, will Donald Trump use the great wave of American coronavirus deaths in the coming months and an alleged threat of mass disorder as an excuse for postponing the November election, especially if his prospects for re-election are not looking bright?

It's a toss-up with Duterte, who is responsible for so many murders that he can never safely retire. But for the rest, the answer is almost certainly no.

Both Modi and Erdoğan have created solid blocs of religious supporters who practically guarantee their political futures (at great cost to the unity and future prospects of their respective countries). They don't need to destroy democracy to survive.

As for Trump, whose 'base' is too narrow to assure him a political victory in November if other elements of his victorious 2016 coalition defect, he doesn't really have the option of cancelling the election. Americans' loyalty to their ancient constitution is still too strong to let that happen.

Which leaves us, then, with the question of why Orbán is going to such political extremes when he already had all the power he could possibly want. He has already fiddled the constitution so that his party can win a two-thirds majority of the seats in parliament on only 44% of the votes.

Hungary is effectively a one-party state, and the media and the judges both serve Orbán's Fidesz Party, not the general public. He even had a 'state of emergency' in place already, declared in 2016 during the great refugee flood of that year (though none of the refugees came to Hungary), and he has never rescinded it.

True, he can now hand out five-year prison sentences to Hungarians who spread "false" information, but the courts were already giving his critics multiple shorter sentences if they got too noisy. Why go to this extra trouble when it might even tip the EU into expelling Hungary as a non-democratic country (although I wouldn't hold my breath on that one)?

I once spent a day with Orbán in Budapest, when we were both much younger men. He was a student leader who had just got famous for defying the Communists with a fiery nAationalist speech, and I had spent the summer in the Soviet Union interviewing the emerging democratic opposition. (We were introduced by Hungarian-born philanthropist George Soros, then Orbán's mentor and later a prime target of his rabid anti-Semitism.)

We had much to talk about, and I enjoyed his company. What struck me, though, was that he really thought like a lawyer. Maybe a radical one, and certainly later a corrupt one, but a lawyer by character and by training.

So maybe what he's doing now is just tidying up the law. Hungary was already a dictatorship in practice. Now it's also one in theory.

Reflections

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



In the midst of a pandemic it's important, now more than ever, that we take some time to reflect on the good in our world rather than all the bad news we're bombarded with every day. It's important too however, that we forgive ourselves for the occasional wallowing in despair. These are the darkest times many of us have ever faced and there is absolutely no comparison to anything we have ever experienced before. Some will rise to the occasion and some will let their anger, fear, and frustration get the better of them. What strikes me as most important during this time is something that every major world religion suggests in one form or another, which is "judge not, lest ye be judged." During this time, we must all try to focus on the positive.

Let's start with some good news. Stories are emerging of young adults who are taking this time away from school to do some pretty amazing things. They're setting an example for the adults around them about how to handle a crisis. What do you do? You dive right in, ask how you can help, then set about doing something of service to the community. There is Fiona Welch-St John, who we learned about from Tony Rosa, Ward 5 Councillor. She's in Grade 10 at St. Michael's in Bolton and she is putting her sewing skills to good use making masks for health care professionals. She's using her own personal stash of material, taking all necessary precautions while creating them and then setting them out, sanitized and ready for a safe porch pick up for those in need. Visit Councillor Rosa's facebook page to find out more about how to get in touch with Fiona. Thank you Fiona!

In another shining example, there is a young man in Caledon Village who is also doing his part to contribute, making ear guards for the health care professionals who have to wear masks day in and day out for 12 hours shifts and who are starting to feel the pain of doing so. Inspired by a facebook post, 14 year old Josh Bamford began making ear guards using his 3-D printer and offering them to local health care providers. He did the research online to find the design and began production immediately. Josh is offering these ear guards free of charge and, like Fiona, has created a sanitized and safe porch pick up option. To date, he's had requests from as far away as Meaford where he recently shipped 10 to ER nurses working there. Josh isn't looking for recognition, donations or anything else other than the opportunity to use his experience to encourage anyone with a 3D printer to consider doing the same. You have to see a picture to truly appreciate how this product works – no more constant chafing behind the ears! Visit the Caledon Village Community Group facebook page and use messenger to connect with Angie Hopkins if you'd like to place an order.

On a less positive note, we continue to witness and hear stories of folks who are taking out their frustrations on grocery store staff. I'd like to remind everyone that throughout this crisis, it isn't only the Doctors, Nurses and other health care professionals who are providing an essential service, it's your local cashier, stockperson and store management too. Some of these folks are part time students who are now juggling online learning, dealing with the public while managing their own fears around this pandemic and whether part time or full time – these are the folks who are keeping your family fed! Be nice to them! It costs you nothing to say a simple thank you at the end of your checkout experience. Thank them for showing up to work each day so you could feed your family. Unlike front line workers like paramedics and firefighters, these folks didn't "sign up for this." They are simply supporting their own families or working hard to save money for their future. Please everyone, enough with the griping, complaining and downright mean spirited comments. I'm frankly appalled at some of what I have heard.

The same comments apply to those keyboard warriors who sit in safety, at home, posting comments on social media about a local businesses they drove past once, saw an "Open" sign and assumed the worst. Immediately passing judgement based only on a glimpse is harmful and unnecessary and goes against the spirit of what I know Caledon truly stands for. Perhaps these companies have curbside delivery, perhaps they aren't open at all but merely a shopkeeper working on their accounts in the backroom or simply checking on their store. "Judge not lest ye be judged" has never been truer than now. These are difficult times for small business owners and they need our support, not condemnation. Don't assume anything. We're all in this together and only by uniting our efforts toward this common enemy will we be successful.

Finally, for both Christians and Jewish families around the world and here at home, this is a sacred time of year. It's a time when many families would normally gather in worship and to enjoy a meal together. It's also a time for our little ones to celebrate, as many might be expecting a visit from the Easter Bunny. I implore you all to remember the rules of physical distancing while still embracing this opportunity to put thoughts of the pandemic on hold for a day or two. Attend religious services virtually. "Visit" with family through Zoom or facetime or other social media tools that facilitate a safe way to gather. Help your little ones to enjoy this special occasion, even if it might look a little different from any other year. They're coping with a lot too. No school routines, no friends to hang out with and parks are off limits. The Easter Bunny has thankfully been declared an essential service – so do the best you can to continue whatever time honoured traditions you follow in your house, knowing that the best you can is good enough in a time where these traditions will look a little different this year. No one should be judging.

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ARTS & Entertainment

Mag Pherson brings 'A Touch of Class' to her business

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD



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MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEAM: Local artist Mag Pherson (left) pictured alongside her daughter, Kristen. The pair work together at Mag's store, A Touch of Class, which is temporarily closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Officially closed, A Touch of Class by Mag, located at 83 Broadway in Orangeville and owned by Margaret Pherson ("call me Mag"), is as much a gallery of art work as it is a home decor shop, for the items on sale in the store are all hand crafted. In addition, the work and classes in the back of the shop, deal with the art of refinishing furniture.

Mag is ready to continue her work, as far as current conditions allow. An artist, refinishing antique furniture in white wash, rustic and distressed painting, Mag, like so many other owners of closed shops, can do limited curb side pick-up and drop-off.

"When times were normal and when they are again, we'll hold painting classes in our shop, at the back, teaching people how to refinish their antique pieces of furniture, using country chic chalk paint. " she told the Citizen.

"We could either show you how to do your own furniture or you can bring it and I'll do it. I use Country Chic Chalk paint because it's a water-based paint – very versatile. Lot of colours. We sell it too. We like it because it's also certified safe for children's furniture."

She went on to say, "There 's not a lot of call for curbside pick-up for furniture and up-cycling of antique furniture. So, I am planning to do a You Tube, showing how to do the painting."

"Up-cycling antique furniture" really means taking an antique piece, cleaning it up, right to the base wood and bringing it back to life with a completely different look, using the coloured chalk paint, finished in a number of ways.

Mag was speaking from their car, which her husband was driving. They were on their way home from Costco in Newmarket, where it had taken hours to line up "all the way around to the other side of the building.

"We were there at 10:00. Of course, there's restrictions on how many people go in. Hours to get out again – it was crazy. There's seven of us at home, so we do a month's shopping at once; then, we'll only need milk and bread and fresh produce from week to week. The shopping is normal, the process sure isn't. But they're necessary."

"The shop usually stocks home decor and antique furniture, up-cycled. I was going to markets and auctions – I love them – and, sometimes, people's homes."

A large part of Mag's life has been spent doing staging and interior decorating: "Normally," she said, "I do staging on homes for sale and interior decorating and painting.

"I do colour consultation and 'show-casing.' That's for people who are tired of the look of their home and, then, I go in and rearrange the furniture and the pictures and decor. I recommend possible additions. Some of these homes are really nice but people get tired of how they look, after a number of years, and just want their home to look different, fresher. If there's some painting or decorating to do, I offer to do the painting myself."

The home staging for realtors is another matter.

"I consult on staging for realtors, with what to clean up, get rid of, for staging."

For this, "I had to do a Background Staging course for a Certified Staging Professional (CSP). I paid a fortune for an intensive one-weekend course. They jammed it all in a weekend. It was pretty stressful but I passed."

Furthermore, "I've been doing interior painting for over 20 years, exterior as well. I've done a whole board and batten house, garage doors, brick – you name it."

Even given the current conditions, "I could still work outside, that's no problem. I do have a crew of two girls. So, there's three of us all together. I consult about those colours too. My daughter, Kirsten, works with me too."

In the shop, when it was and can be open once more, "We have custom made barn board mirrors, custom made cheese broads, charcouterie boards, large and medium sized candle holders for in and outside, all hand made. There's a wood working guy that I work with, Brent Buskard, and he does carvings of birds and I sell them in the store as well – he's also a great contractor – things that need doing around the house; the man can make anything.

"When the store [at 83 Broadway] came available, I always did the interior consulting and painting and, then, I thought I could do it all out of my shop. We were doing very well before COVID-19 – crazy – I almost thought, I'm going to have hire somebody."

All this began with Mag's "grandmother, [who] worked at wallpaper store, way back when, and my mom and my aunt were always wall papering and decorating and so, it was in my blood. My father was a professional painter and when I wanted to start painting, he did not like it at all because, he said it was not a woman's job. He said, 'She should be home having a nice time.' He did not like it at all.

"The first job I went, I came home pretty tired and he was sitting on the couch and he said, 'What did I tell you?' And then I made really good money and, eventually, he said, 'Okay, I guess you're good at it – I guess it's okay.' He's an old -school Italian – that tells you all you need to know."

It sounded as though there is a houseful of kids. The eldest, Rachel, 26, lives with her boyfriend. Two others and "Our youngest daughter, Keira, who's 15, plays soccer at Rep level, three years above her age group. Her grandfather played for Manchester United and her dad played Rep for years. She kicks right and left and she's definitely hoping to be a professional. Playing in the stadium for Team Canada – that's her dream."

For Mag, "My ambition – I've always kind-of been in that situation of decorating, turning someone's house into their home has alway been a passion of mine. I truly think I'm blessed – I love a challenge, the bigger the better for me"

She said, "I'm looking forward very much to opening my shop again."

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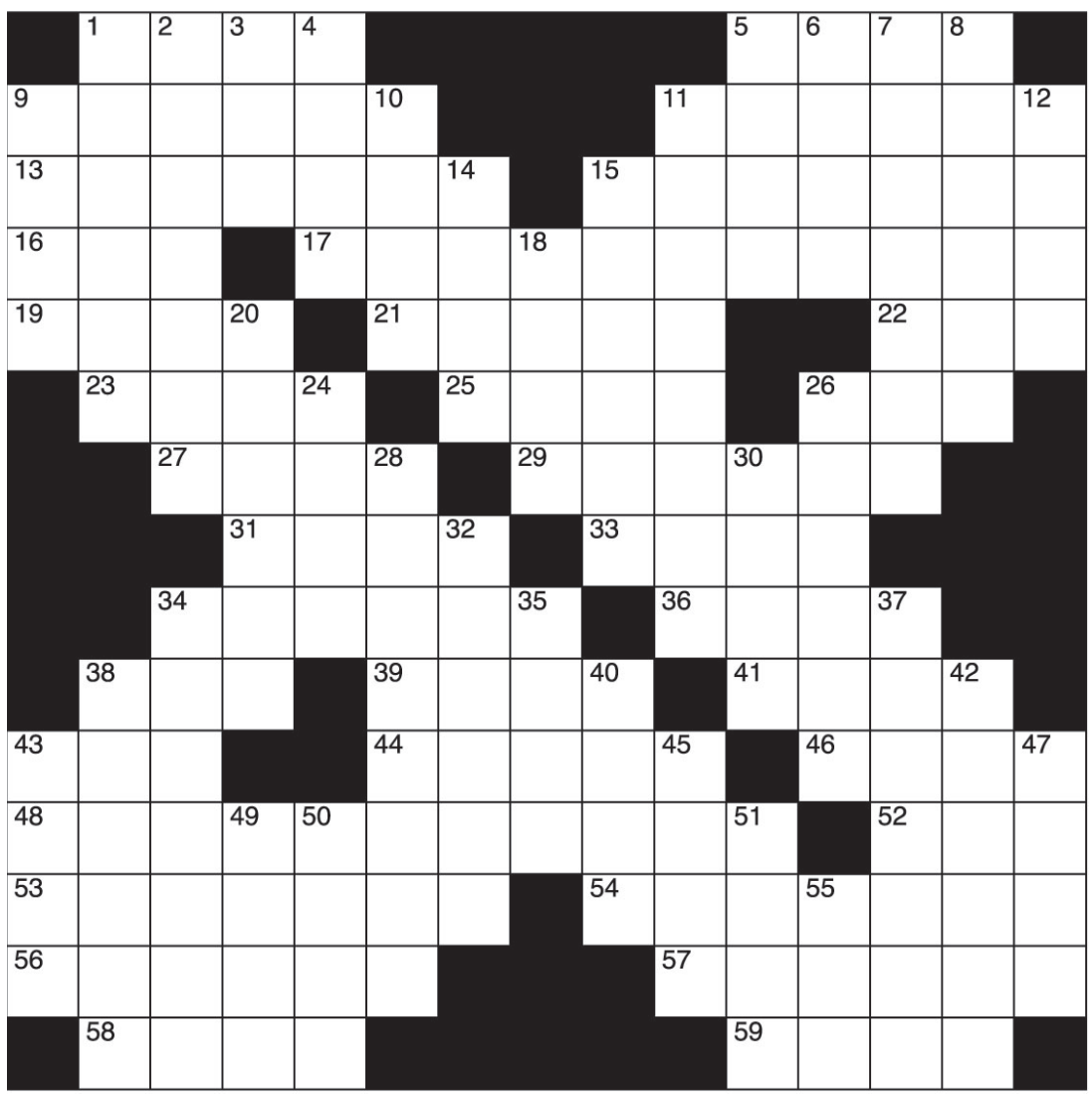
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11. Vegetables
13. Aircraft delivery
15. To make obsolete
16. Things similar to those already noted
17. Columbus is a famous one
19. Age group
21. Denotes nature of sound
22. Klutz
23. Uninteresting
25. Computer manufacturer
26. 2,000 lbs.
27. Genus of seabirds
29. Emerges
31. Baseball stat
33. Witnesses
34. Observed
36. Satisfy
38. Former OSS
39. Small Eurasian deer
41. Wife of Sparta's king
43. Ballplayer accessory
44. Temporary cessation of breathing
46. Where construction workers ply their trade
48. Arguments that justify a religious doctrine
52. Thick cloud of tiny water droplets
53. Widens
54. Detection
56. Period of inactivity
57. Tomato and vodka are two
58. Greek war god
59. Urinates

CLUES DOWN

1. Churned
2. Seal bottles
3. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
4. Meat from a pig (French)
5. Within
6. Walk in a slow pace
7. Cries
8. About Andes
9. Fishermen use it
10. Expresses delight
11. Shouts
12. Feudal agricultural laborer
14. Sailboat
15. Small Eurasian willows
18. S. American native people
20. Extreme disgust
24. Nonsense (slang)
26. Produce male reproductive cells
28. Computes
30. Pop singer
32. Weds secretly
34. Having two poles
35. Yankee hero Bucky
37. Building
38. Per __, each
40. Six (Spanish)
42. Makes amends
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47. Some are scrambled
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50. Singer Redding
51. Break
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Amazon hires more than 80,000 new people, 700 in Ontario

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Back on March 13, Amazon announced the investment of $350 million worldwide to increase pay for current staff, and open up 100,000 new positions at the company.

Around 80,000 positions have been filled as part of this hiring plan to meet the demands of communities who rely on online shopping as opposed to going out in public for supplies. Several people within communities across the world have either lost their job or been greatly impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of non-essential services. Amazon is using this action plan to allow individuals to continue to work until their employment is back up and running.

Approximately 700 of those 80,000 individuals hired are here in Ontario. Amazon runs a fulfilment centre in Bolton.

These hires fill a series of positions, which include picking, packing and shipping orders, to adjust and meet the demands due to the pandemic. Some of these hires are those need employment; others are looking to lend a helping hand.

Amazon has a set a fulfillment to protect employees, partners and customers. With various changes made, their commitment has not wavered, says founder Jeff Bezos.

"We've changed our logistics, transportation, supply chain, purchasing and third-party seller processes to prioritize stocking and delivering essential items like household staples, sanitizers, baby formula and medical supplies," said Amazon CEO and founder Jeff Bezos in an email to staff. "We're providing vital service to people everywhere, especially to those, like the elderly, who are most vulnerable. People are depending on us."

Amazon has set their main priority to protect employees by setting strict measures directed by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and local health authorities.

The company is in consistent consultation with medical experts to continue to learn and grow to ensure safety for employees. Every workstation is equipped with hand sanitizer and sanitization of door handles, handrails, touch screens other equipment are frequent. As of March 29, temperature checks were done on all employees to ensure that all staff were healthy and up to par to work. Any who had a high temperature who instructed to go home and rest for three days until their temperature decreased.

"I can't stress enough how much I appreciate our teams for serving their communities," explained Dave Clark, Senior Vice President of Worldwide Operations at Amazon in a statement on the Amazon blog. "If someone would rather not come to work, we are supporting them in their time off. If someone is diagnosed or comes to us who is presumptively diagnosed (but unable to get a test), we are giving them extra paid time off."

He added, "we continue to evaluate all options to ensure the support of our teams during this unprecedented time."

Amazon has partnered with the Canadian government to produce and distribute medical supplies to those working in health care.

Justin Trudeau tweeted on April 3, "We're working with industry to produce the supplies our health care workers need – like masks, face shields, ventilators and test kits. We reached an agreement with Amazon Canada to distribute these items to the provinces and territories via Canada Post Corporation and other delivery partners."

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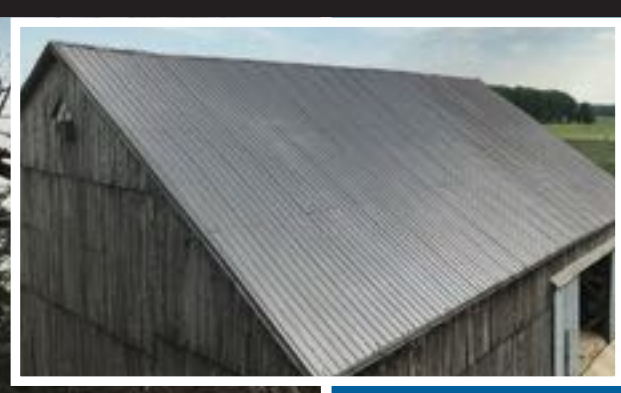
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Local martial arts academy providing online classes for students

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Canadian Black Belt Academy in Bolton has been providing online classes for students to continue their martial arts training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has seen several academies, training classes and other businesses to close physically, forcing them to temporarily suspend programming, or try to find a solution by using online resources.

"We are not running on-site classes," explains Jason Figliano, owner and head instructor of Canadian Black Belt Academy. "Our membership has decreased, however we have students who are supporting us throughout this and maintaining an active membership to make sure there is an academy to come to when this is over."

Canadian Black Belt Academy has been open since Oct 26, 2013, but Figliano has been teaching martial arts since 2004.

"Martial Arts has always been a passion of mine. I started when I was seven years old in Karate. I earned my black belt in Karate and Gracie Jiu-Jitsu and currently hold a fifth-degree black belt in Karate and second-degree black belt under Jiu Jitsu legend Royler Gracie," he explains. "After watching the positive influence, it can have on both kids and adults, not only mentally but physically, I decided to pursue a career in it."

The academy provides classes for kids and adults, varying in different ages. Some of different classes and services they are providing include, age specific at home training, live virtual classes, one on one lessons, testing tutorials, free parents' night, different fun challenges, weekly art contestsand daily activities

They have set up boot camps and special nights for once the academy is able to open their doors again.

"We are professionals that go beyond punching and kicking to provide kids and adults with the physical, emotional and psychological needs of today's society," said Figliano. "Our academy has always been that of a service to students."

The academy is a place for children and adults to not only build physical skills, but to develop confidence and leadership. Figliano travels around the world to Martial Arts Business Seminars teaching to help him grow, alongside his business. More importantly, Figliano strives to do what he can for the community here in Caledon.

"We have offered tuition when students were in a place of financial strife. We give out scholarship's programs for those in need of reduced tuition. We have raised thousands of dollars for charities, donated thousands of pounds of food and toys to our community," he said. "We work tirelessly for the students and have won Best Martial Arts facility in Caledon since 2013, Best small Business award 2013 and 2014, Best in Customer service 2015 for over 15 years. We have dedicated ourselves to the betterment of our students and community with integrity and compassion. It is our honour and privilege to fill lives with such purpose."

For more information about the Canadian Black Belt Academy, please visit canadianblackbeltacademy.com.

Our Readers Write

A job well done, Coun. Downey

I just wanted to acknowledge the continued hard work by our Regional Councillor Johnana Downey for her achievement of finally getting us our first traffic light here in SouthFields Village.

This may not sound like a big deal, but to us living here, it is. I've been petitioning for these lights located at Kennedy Road and Abbotside Way in our Village for many years. This is our most travelled in/out of the Village (we also have a northern in/out). There are literally thousands of vehicles that pass through this intersection every day.

With a population of over 12,000 residents in over 3,000 homes, we have our share of "big city" traffic issues.

This intersection has seen many accident close calls and a fatality over the 10 years since the first homes opened in SouthFields Village and these lights are a very welcomed addition in order to slow down traffic to make it safer. I will miss the lonely "flashing red light" over the stop sign that I had installed with Town's help during our first year of living here, but modern times have arrived.

Again, a big thank you to Councillor Downey and Town Staff for an excellent job!

Ken Bokor, Caledon resident

Gas price decrease

Although the dramatic decrease in the need for oil and gas due to the COVID-19 pandemic is having a detrimental effect on the on the fossil fuel industry, it is having the opposite effect on the fight against climate change.

Throughout the past decade or so the fight for climate justice has been a battle between the economy and the environment, despite Trudeaus claim that he is balancing the environment and the economy. The federal government implementing the carbon tax was meant to reduce carbon pollution but in reality, it has not made a large enough reduction in carbon emissions to meet the levels outlined by the intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC).

The global COVID-19 pandemic has caused a dramatic decrease in travel by cars, planes, boats, and anything that uses fossil fuels. An introduction of a global pandemic, although devastating to public health and the economy, has caused a reduction in carbon emissions and a much-needed boost in the fight for climate justice.

This pandemic has been nature's way of correcting the wrongs that mankind has been doing to this planet and we a suffering a great deal because of it. It is important to realize that we, as a population, can still get by even with this massive reduction in carbon emissions.

Kevin Langford, Caledon resident



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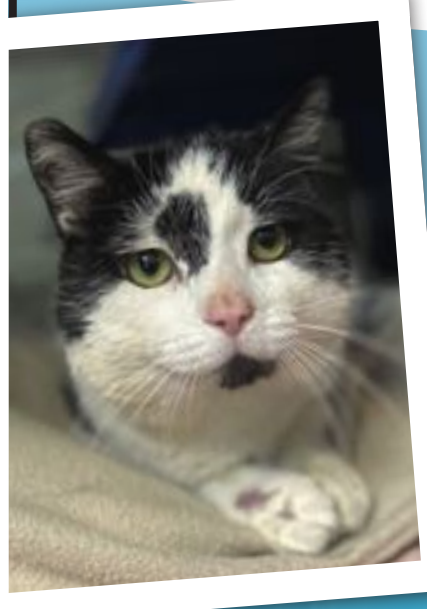


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Caledon's Brody McLean expects to head south for 5th year of NCAA lacrosse

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Take your pick. It's playing hockey or playing lacrosse.

Choose between Canada's national sport or Canada's most beloved past time. Idolize some of the greatest players to have ever graced the ice in the NHL, such as Wayne Gretzky or Steve Yzerman, or, choose to learn from lacrosse legends such as Colin Doyle and Jim "Scoop" Veltman.

For some it might be a recreational choice, but, for Caledon native Brody McLean, his enamour for lacrosse, would ultimately lead to a life-changing decision.

"I don't really know how to describe it, I kinda, just had this feeling. I was always having more fun playing lacrosse and I figured, if I'm going to keep pursuing this and keep playing this every day of my life, I'd rather be happy doing it," McLean said to The Citizen, while at home in Caledon.

His parents, Terry and Cathy McLean, always provided options for their children.

"Both of our kids played multiple sports when they were young. My husband and I felt that we wanted to expose them to all kinds of things – obviously hockey, my husband played hockey and coached hockey," Cathy said.

For Brody, hockey and lacrosse were his two sports growing up and for his older sister Paige, she balanced hockey, swimming and soccer.

Brody, began skating at the age of two and began playing paperweight lacrosse with the Caledon Bandits at the age of four, with his father Terry, as the coach at the time, playing box and field lacrosse thereout.

Brody stayed with the Bandits until midget and his hockey career began to soar tremendously. He was a part of the Caledon Hawks and helped the Novice AA team to a title as captain. McLean, moved over to play AAA for the Brampton Battalion from minor Atom through to minor Bantam.



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WHAT A GOAL: Brody McLean breaks in on goal and just misses out on finding the back of the net on this play. McLean recorded one goal and one assist, in a 15-7 loss on the road at John Hopkins University.

McLean joined the Ontario Edge program throughout this time. The program no longer runs in Caledon and only a few players from the local area were chosen to be on the team.

Edge was Canada's number one lacrosse training and development program for players to be seen by NCAA scouts.

"Being with Edge and being around the best players in Ontario just took my game to a different level, kinda, helped me develop mentally," Brody insisted.

When Brody finalized his decision to permanently stick with lacrosse in grade 10, he was rapt by the opportunity.

He led an undefeated Edge team to the NSCLA National Cup; a tournament with a prestigious profile and a tournament with high recruitment standards.

"That was the tournament where I flipped the switch and became more of a shooter."

"I mean just our team came together. That tournament was my favourite win," Brody explained.

At the same time, he helped kick start the lacrosse program at his high school at the time, St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School, as captain. McLean recorded a 100-point season in 19 games along with an MVP award, subsequently for the next three years.

In July of 2014, McLean became a part of Team Ontario u16 that went on to defeat Team B.C, capturing gold at the Canadian Field Nationals.

And in December, after receiving numerous invitations from division one schools in the United States, McLean was earnest, to commit to Stoney Brook University in New York, on a lacrosse scholarship.

Within one year, McLean had a life ahead of him. It all came into fruition and his decision, was undoubtedly, the correct one.

Already at a superlative level of lacrosse, the year of 2015 had more in store. McLean was drafted in January, 5th overall by the Toronto Beaches in the OLA Midget Draft; in other words, junior A lacrosse.

Although that stint was cut short, McLean flopped over to the Burlington Chiefs and Kitchener-Waterloo Braves in his short career in junior A lacrosse.

That didn't matter, and surely another short stint in his lacrosse career would not have a negative impact. McLean lasted one year at Stoney Brook, without the respect of an opportunity to compete for the team.

So, what now? In a key moment and one, that would be nerve-racking to the average player, McLean wasn't even phased. Heck, he still had the confidence to know he would find somewhere.

His journey to Towson University was not copacetic, but with a little help, it was pragmatic.

"The owner of Edge, Stu (Stuart) Brown, really helped me out and my old coach Adam. They helped me find a good fit. They were talking to the coaches at Towson at a tournament. They gave me a call right away, and I told them I was looking to transfer," McLean told The Citizen.

Following a tour at the school campus in Towson, Maryland and a tour of the facility where he would be practicing, McLean knew this was the right spot.

"It felt like a good fit. The main thing for me is being comfortable with the coaching staff."

Now at Towson for the past three years, McLean has been studying Sports Management. He says, once he graduates, he would like to look into becoming a firefighter.

He has been with the field lacrosse team for the past three seasons, most notably, recording 39 goals and six assists last year.

McLean says that he has learned the habits of his teammates and his team has learned about his. Being on the same page is crucial to playing well, in a league that is incredibly difficult to get right in front of the net.

Following a heartbreaking 14-13 loss to Maryland in the first round of the NCAA championship, where McLean had four goals to his name, he returned this year with a hop in his step and a knack for finding the back of the net quickly.

In the first six games of the season, he led the Towson Tigers with nine goals and three assists, good for the most points on the roster until the season was cancelled.

McLean currently holds a 14-game point streak, dating back to last season.

The 21-year-old says he would like to return to Towson next year, capping off his fifth year of post-secondary school. He would also like to see lacrosse grow in popularity. In the United States, the Premier Lacrosse League, on top of the National Lacrosse League has seemingly helped. He wants to see; Canada's national sport continue to grow and to educate more children through exposure.

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Reid Valade set for 2020 NHL Entry Draft

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

With there being this many talented families in Caledon, it can make you question if there is truly something in the water.

The town is filled with soccer talents, lacrosse players and hockey prospects. Beneath the identity of the town that courses through Highway 50 and The Gore Road, is a passionate sports community.

The Valade family is another that has seemingly, operated their daily lives surrounded by hockey. Keri Valade and her husband John have raised their children surrounding the sport.

"It's definitely worth it. I think they've learned a lot more than just how to play hockey," said Keri. "They've learned playing as a team, dynamics, what it's like to become resilient and have to go through some adversity."

Keri was a former player growing up with her sisters, playing for the Brampton Canadettes and the Mississauga Chiefs.

She has three sons. The youngest, Luke, who plays with the Caledon Hawks. The oldest, Riley, who plays with the Milton Menace after just missing out on the roster for the Owen Sound Attack in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

In the middle is Reid; an 18-year old winger in the OHL with the Kitchener Rangers.

He has been having a great season this year and has a come a long way in his young career.

The former Caledon Hawk, moved to the Mississauga Reps in the GTHL. Following his four-year season in Mississauga, Valade finalized his minor career with the Toronto Marlies GTHL team; accompanied by a few call-up games in Junior A, with the Orangeville Flyers.

He was drafted 17th overall in 2018 by the Kitchener Rangers in the OHL Priority Selection and at the age of 16. In his first year in the OHL, Valade recorded five goals and 15 assists in 62 games played.

For the young winger, the hardest game was his first playoff experience in the league against the Guelph Storm.

"I really noticed quick how both teams ramp up. Everyone brings that extra level. It was a tough game and it was one of the more fun games that I've played just because of how intense and competitive it was," Reid explained.

The Rangers were swept against a good Storm team, in a whole different atmosphere.

In the offseason, Reid worked with Ryan Toomey at Toomey Hockey School in the Caledon area. He chose to work with a local guy as opposed to travelling into the city like most athletes.

"We focused a lot on skating and techniques. One of my assets as a player is my speed, not only improving it but making it more efficient. Tweaking the techniques to be as quick and agile as I can be," he said.

He also worked on stick handling and shooting drills all summer. That, translated to 18 goals and 21 assists in 52 games.

It has been a long year for the Rangers according to Valade, through some ups and downs, the team has inspired one another to continue to compete at high levels.

If the season had ended today, the Kitchener Rangers would be up against the Guelph Storm again in the playoffs.

Along with his hockey career, Reid is currently attending the Grand River Collegiate Institute in Kitchener. He says he has an interest in becoming a firefighter like his father; if hockey does not pan out professionally that is.

It's all a dream come true for the 18-year old, who is eligible to enter the NHL draft this season.

Valade is one of the 56 OHL players to enter the draft this year. As of now, there is no news on any cancellations of the draft, that is expected to be held on June 26-27, at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Quebec.

The ideal landing spot would be with Valade's favourite team, the Vancouver Canucks. His uncle and his cousin live out in Vancouver and receiving a mini stick when he was younger, inspired him into a fan.

He wouldn't mind being drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs either, considering it is close-by and a team his father and his brothers cheer for.

"Being able to play in a city so close to home in front of so many people I know would be pretty cool too," Valade said.



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Cherished husband to the late Patricia Douglas. Loving father of Christine Boden, David Boden (Rose O'Grady). Grandpa to Matthew Still and Adam Still (Matt Brown). Son of the late Grover and Elena Boden. Dear brother of Don (Sue), late Mary (late Harvey), late Barbara (late Gerry), late Norma (late Lloyd) and the late Helen.
Also fondly remembered Uncle to numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.
Private family graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Mono Ontario.
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Sarah approached life with joy, enthusiasm and determination but most important to her, were family and friends. She loved bringing people together and was the life of the party until 9:26 pm. She lived an active lifestyle and was always open to new adventures, which she found many of through her years as a member of the York Yeomen Women's RFC and of the Eglinton Caledon Hunt. She is deeply missed by her family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, once we are able to gather together. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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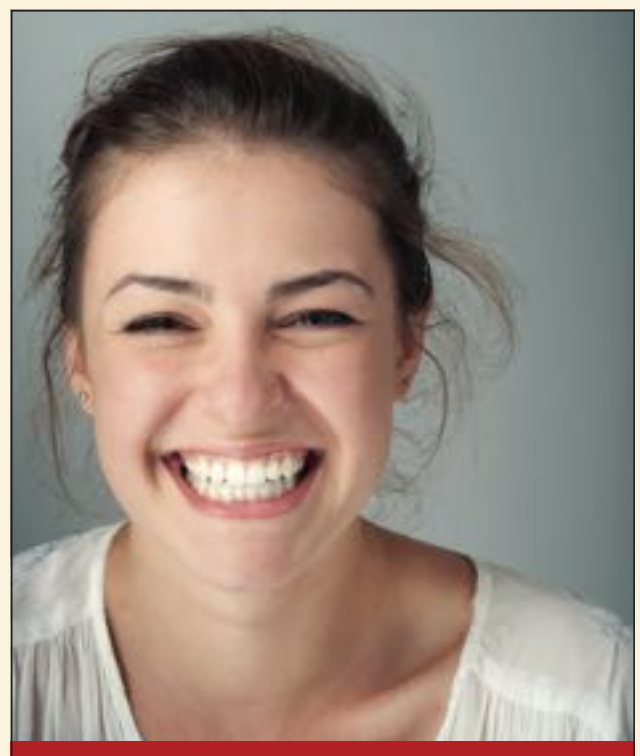
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