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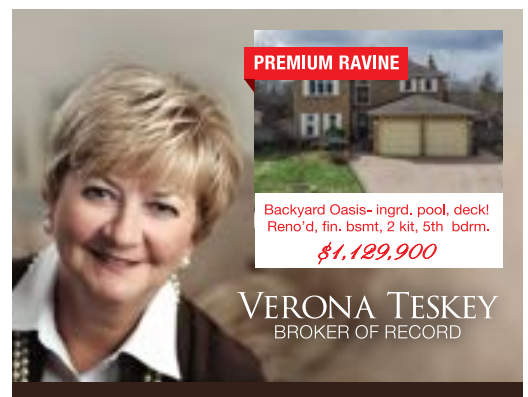
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Town of Caledon holding off on several projects as COVID-19 crisis takes its toll

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Since the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic in early March, the world is slowly beginning to adapt to its new norm.

The Town of Caledon are continuing to put the community and residents first and listen to the needs coming from the public. With changes being made every hour of every day, it's been a challenge to keep up. Mayor Allan Thompson discusses with the Citizen the many challenges the Town has been going through, while highlighting the many initiatives they are currently working on.

"I think everybody's starting to get a little tired. At one point during this pandemic, things were changing every hour and I think things are kind of leveling off," he explained. "We kind of know where we're going."

Many staff from the Town are working remotely from their homes, with Mayor Thompson explained that the Town is down to 'a bare minimum'. The Town feels comfortable enough that Caledon residents understand the severity of the pandemic, and what they can do to stop the spread and keep each other safe.

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Students learning from home as COVID-19 crisis continues

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

As of April 6, schools began 'distance learning' for students to continue learning within the walls of their own homes.

Distance learning, as defined by the Peel District School Board, can be done at any time of the day, and allows students to have a voice and choice throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Work doesn't always require online access and can be done with minimal adult support. The school board encourages students to read, communicate and engage in learning while remaining physically active while at home.

Secondary students in need of a device were given on April 6 to April 13. Elementary students who did not an accessible device in their home were to receive one from April 13 to April 20.

The provincial government recently announced to remain closed until May 4 and may change as the date creeps closer.

"The decision to extend school closures was not made lightly. We know from the medical experts that the next two weeks will be critical in the fight against COVID-19 and that's why we're taking further action to keep our kids safe and healthy by having them stay home," said Premier Doug Ford in a recent news release. "At the same time, we cannot put the school year in jeopardy. That's why we're providing additional tools for at-home learning and ensuring students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to post-secondary education can finish their academic year and get the credits they need to graduate."

Some challenges that teachers have endured while teaching virtually, is getting or keeping in contact with students. Orangeville resident Anthony Carnovale currently teaches Grade 11 and 12 English at Notre Dame Secondary School in Brampton. He discussed some of the challenges he has faced since starting up online programming last week.

"Getting in contact with the kids has been tough, access of technology for a lot of these kids has been tough," he said. "But you need a little bit of time to find your groove, and I'm slowly getting there. By next week, I hope things are in full swing."

Teachers at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) have had their fair share of struggles with learning new teaching techniques, and they are adjusting to the new education delivery model, explained Bruce E. Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations. We reached out to teachers and even a principal within the public and catholic school boards, but, largely, we were referred to each board's respective head office for comment.

"Many were already engaged in posting work online and were familiar with platforms such as Google Classrooms. There are also teachers who required training and familiarization with conversion to an online platform," Campbell said. "We have been providing training opportunities, as has the Ministry of Education, to assist as we continue engaging our students in distance learning."

Just recently, DPCDSB, delivered over 7,000 learning devices to students who were in need of such technology to continue their education. A total of 18,000 learning devices have been delivered to students' homes, with 780 still on their way.

Lesson plans are different from day-to-day, with flexibility in deadlines and expectations. The school boards are strongly encouraging students to focus wholly on learning, but teachers acknowledge they can't expect students to fill their entire day with being on their device, and same goes for the teachers.

> "These are unique times. We can't worry about things like attendance and deadlines. We can't have the same expectations as in the classroom, and learning as in the classroom. It's just impossible to do. It's a learning curve for us all culturally.
>
> Anthony Carnovale
> Grade 11/12 English teacher

"I post two or three modules a week for the kids to complete on their own time. I give them some deadlines that they can work with, but we have to be flexible with deadlines. Throughout the day, you're constantly checking your email or whatever platform you're on to see if students have reached out to you to address any questions," explained Carnovale. "I take a two-hour chunk in the afternoon to do some lesson planning and some marketing and communicating with the kids. And that's basically it."

He added, "It's not sitting in front of the computer for the whole day but making yourself available in different ways as much as you possibly can."

Students are experiencing anxiety and stress levels as the pandemic continues, and schools remain closed. Carnovale explains that it's easy to sense their anxiety and discomfort, especially for those whose parents are frontline workers and may be isolating away from them.

"My impression is we're creatures of habit and these habits have been upturned, and you don't know if these kids have the bandaging skills. I'm having problems keeping track of emails, texts and tweets. So, I can imagine with a kid sitting at their home base, between four or five different teachers, keeping track and managing all of those things (can be difficult)," he said.

Teachers are working hard to do their job, teach and keep students on the right track without getting lost on the way, but are hopeful and know everyone will make it to the other side. Several matters are to be considered when thinking about the sensitivity of the youths' mind, what they're going through and encouraging them to continue their education.

"A lot of parents have lost good jobs. Mental health is an issue. There's a lot of more important things, that would be a priority in a home, and you accommodate your curriculum and your expectations," said Carnovale. "These are unique times. We can't worry about things like attendance and deadlines. We can't have the same expectations as in the classroom and learning as in the classroom. It's just impossible to do. It's a learning curve for us all culturally."



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Town of Caledon launches new campaign to support essential local businesses

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

"Now more than even we need to come together and do what we can to support our local business community," said Mayor Allan Thompson.

The Town of Caledon's Economic Development Office has organized an outreach campaign in support the local businesses that are still operating amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Economic Development Office is dedicated towards supporting and enhancing economic development in Caledon through promotions. According to Ben Roberts, Manager of Business Development, Tourism and Culture, these promotions are done by promoting Caledon's local businesses to investors, advice and training through the Caledon Business Innovation Zone, helping local businesses through the development application process, support in employment, servicing, community improvement, and tourism promotion.

During the difficult times of living in a global pandemic, many local businesses who remain in operation are working hard to stay afloat and continue operations as normal.

The Economic Development Office has created an online map where local businesses can publish important information for residents. The first task for local businesses is to fill out an online survey to introduce to the Town the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on their business.

"This information will help give us a better understanding of the extent of the damage to our local economy and (allow us to) make more informed decisions down the road when we think about how to recover from the pandemic," exclaimed Roberts.

The second part of the campaign centres around building an online map by promoting local businesses to residents within the community to help support them. By publishing information about one's local business, residents are able to locate them easier, introduce themselves to people who are not aware of them, and promote their business overall.

"We strongly encourage business participation in this campaign, by filling out the survey and joining the shop local map, to help the Town support the business community now and in the future," said Roberts.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, this map will give members of the community an easy and accessible way to see what services and stores are continuing operation, as well as highlighting any changes they have made in terms of store hours, delivery or pick-up changes, or any specific protocols.

Each business listing includes the title, address, phone number website and store hours along with other key information.

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Local grocery stores have 'had to adapt' in face of ongoing pandemic

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis showing no signs of letting up, grocery stores have found themselves high on the list of essential services, adapting and servicing communities as best they can.

Here in Bolton, Zehrs is one of the many grocery stores residents in the Caledon community turn to for groceries and other essential products. With online orders and pick-ups booming, and high volumes of customer traffic in-store, Zehrs is actively searching for potential employees.

Zehrs employees have had to endure a series of challenges while adapting to what has essentially, for the time being at least, become our new normal. At the beginning of the pandemic, employees struggled with staff control, customer traffic and adapting to the panic and fear that was rampant throughout the community.

"Everyone was shopping at the beginning and there was a lot of crowd control while making sure people were social distancing," said Geraci. "We have a lot of things in place that help the staff, but it's kind of hard to police customers."

Zehrs has put new protocols in place to provide a safer space for all staff and customers, and to meet the requirements of the provincial and federal governments, such as limiting the amount of people allowed in the store at a time and introducing enhanced sanitation and cleanliness. But still, employees couldn't help but be worried.

"There was a fear of getting the virus themselves. We did have multiple colleagues that expressed their fears, this was more so in the beginning. They still came to work, but one of our biggest problems was when Garden Foods got their first confirmed case," said Geraci. "It hit a little close to home because we basically share a parking lot."

Garden Foods in Bolton closed down temporarily on March 25 after an employee testing positive for COVID-19. Store management confirmed with the public that the employee had not been in the store since March 18 but closed down temporarily to ensure proper cleaning and sanitation. Garden Foods has since then reopened on April 3.

To keep Zehrs employees safe and comfortable coming to work, Geraci allowed several employees to work overnight shifts, where there's no customers in the store. With such a high volume of customers and work to be done, overnight shifts allow several jobs to be completed before customers arrive when they open in the mornings.

"It gives people the opportunity to come in and work after 8 p.m. once the store closes to work that way. We have multiple colleagues right now that are working overnight still maintain the social distancing with themselves, still washing their hands and all that kind of stuff," he explained. "It eases their fears of getting the virus themselves."

From the beginning of the pandemic until now, Zehrs employees have adapted to their new surroundings, protocols and safety measures are able to provide an essential service for their community and residents in a more organized and safe matter.

Community response has been, as Geraci said, surprisingly positive. Panic and fear has the ability to bring the worst out of people, but it seems to have brought customers closer and more aware of each other's safety.

"You get the one or two people who will complain, who still don't think we're doing enough or whatever the case may be. A lot of the times they're complaining about other customers as well. I am actually very surprised, I thought we were going to get more complaints, but everyone's been super supportive. We've actually had customers bring pizzas for us, buy donuts and coffees for us, said thank you and give thank you notes," said Geraci.



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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Zehrs in Bolton adapts to the new reality and enforces specific measures to keep their employees and customers safe and healthy.

Management is playing close attention to their employee's mental and physical health, and making sure that anyone who isn't feeling 100 per cent, is sent home to rest for a couple days. If an employee comes to work with even a sniffle, as a precaution, the employee is sent home.

"I'd rather be safe than sorry," said Geraci.

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Town of Caledon holding off on several projects as COVID-19 crisis takes its toll

With constant reassurance and encouragement of these matters, the Town has moved on to focusing on local businesses and how we're all going to come out of this pandemic in the weeks and months ahead.

"We do have reserves that will get us through the year. Even if things got really bad, we're good for the year. We're going to come out beat up, no question about it," he said. "But because of the reserves, we're going to be okay."

Because of those Town's discretionary reserves (money that can be allocated where Council deems necessary), which total over $20 million, the Town was able to defer resident's property taxes payments for 90 days. Caledon Council unanimously agreed on March 24 to defer property taxes for three months to assist residents financially.

"We're going to get there. It's going to be a challenging year, but we'll get through it," he said.

Just like most organizations, the Town has had to make some crucial changes to its plans, staff compliment and day to day operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All council meetings have been held on telephone conferences, with the majority of councillors working from home. As far as projects previously pencilled in for 2020, Council has decided to defer around 60 capital projects, a move that will save the municipality approximately $12 million. A full list of programs that have been deferred will be made public on April 28.

"We put 280 employees on emergency leave at this point," said Mayor Thompson. "The real challenges are some council projects that have had to park and some projects that we are keeping moving forward. There's a lot of prep to get a lot of other projects underway, so we're constantly working on that."

The Town of Caledon has released a list of business support programs provided from the provincial and federal government to keep local businesses and residents informed and updated on the latest information. Staff are consistently working on what needs to be done to benefit the future for local businesses and the economy.

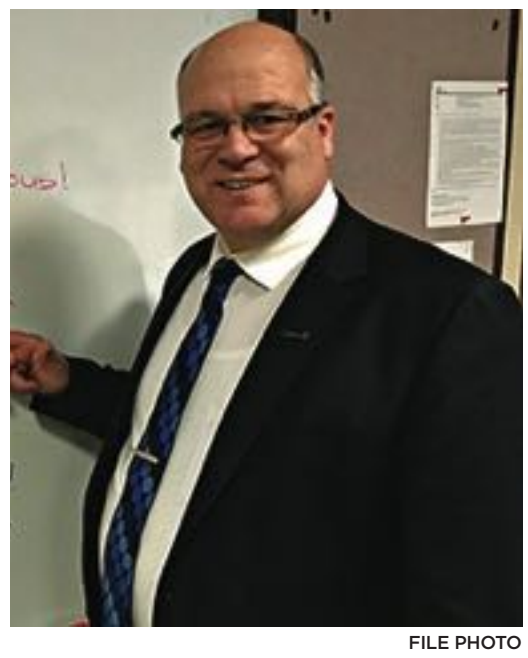
"I think we've made all the hard customs we need to get us through, but we can't just react now, we have to realize, what does this look like next year? Or in five years? We've had to be extremely strategic on how we make those decisions and I think council has done a really good job giving the support to the staff. And the staff has been working around the clock to figure out what our next steps are" commented Mayor Thompson.

Council is constantly working with local community organizations to make sure they have everything they need to provide their much-needed services to area residents. A program called the Caledon Community Connections Team was recently developed, which is dedicated to connecting what the community needs with community services.

"What we're trying to do is keep our community moving forward," said Mayor Thompson.

Nothing has been confirmed just yet, but the Town is looking to host carious webinars to connect local businesses with various stakeholders in Caledon. The webinars are a key component of the Town's recovery plan, to ensure we all get through this pandemic as well as we possibly can.

"Our new normal is definitely going to be different. This year's normal isn't normal at all. Our key focus right now fulfilling our community's needs," said Mayor Thompson.



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WE'RE DOING OKAY: Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson says the Town is well positioned to handle the fallout of the COVID-19 crisis.

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Local resident gets $100,000 lottery ticket back with help from OPP

Officers from the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from Caledon OPP made an arrest in the theft of a winning lottery ticket worth $100,000.

On October 30th, 2019 Caledon OPP responded to a reported residential break and enter. At the time, the complainant informed the police that his home had been broken into, resulting in cash, medication, laptop and a lottery ticket worth $100,000 being stolen by unknown perpetrators.

As a result of a joint investigation between the CSCU and the Ontario Lottery and Gambling Corporation (OLG), an arrest was made on Thursday, April 16th, 2020, which led to the recovery of the winning lottery ticket.

Terri Gambino, 52, of Caledon, has been charged with the following offences:

- Break and enter a place - commit indictable offence, and
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5000.

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

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Traffic complaint leads to arrests, 28 charges

On Friday, April 17, at approximately 1:30 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a report of a black sedan driving erratically on Mayfield Rd.

Information was received that the licence plate attached to the suspect vehicle was reported stolen from the Halton Region sometime last month. The first responding officer located the vehicle in question in a parking lot with three occupants inside. The officer advised the occupants that they were under arrest. At that point, the driver of the vehicle placed the car in reverse in attempt to flee.

The officer entered the suspect vehicle through the front passenger window to prevent the vehicle from driving any further. The suspect continued to drive in reverse, colliding with the parked police cruiser, and eventually crashing into a ditch.

As the officer continued to struggle to gain control of the driver, the front passenger attempted to disarm the officer, but was unsuccessful. All three suspects were placed under arrest.

As a result of the police investigation, the following parties stand charged with:

Mohd Farooqi, 32, of Brampton:

- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle X two counts;
- Flight from peace officer;
- Fail to comply with release order X two counts;
- Resist peace officer;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000;
- Possession of property obtained by crime under $5000 X two counts;
- Possession of schedule I substance - methamphetamine;
- Fail to comply with probation order;
- Possession of break in instruments;
- Operation of a motor vehicle while prohibited under the Criminal Code, and
- Take a motor vehicle without consent.

Manpreet Singh, 31, of Mississauga:

- Disarming a peace officer;
- Possession of schedule I substance - methamphetamine X two counts;
- Possession of break in instruments;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000, and
- Possession of property obtained by crime under $5000 X two counts.

Gurpreet Hehar, 36, of Caledon

- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000;
- Possession of property obtained by crime under $5000 X two counts;
- Possession of break in instruments;
- Fail to comply with probation order X two counts, and
- Possession of schedule I substance - methamphetamine.

All three accused parties were held for a bail hearing and are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on a later date to answer to the charges.

Four arrested after rental truck flees traffic stop in Bolton

On Friday, April 17 at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP initiated a traffic stop of a rental moving truck on Albion Vaughan Rd. near Queensgate Blvd. in Bolton.

During the initial investigation, the truck fled from the officer conducting the traffic stop, and was located unoccupied in a parking lot of a commercial unit nearby.

The members of the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT) responded to the scene immediately, and commenced canine track with the assistance of the York Regional Police Canine Unit and the York Regional Police Helicopter.

Four suspects were located nearby and taken into police custody.

With the assistance of the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit, a recovery of two stolen vehicles was made, which is connected to the incident that occurred in Bolton on Monday, April 13, 2020.

As a result, Navjot Singh, 26, of Brampton, stands charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000 X four counts;
- Fail to comply with probation order X five counts, and
- Failure to comply with release order X two counts.

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

Kudratbir Singh, 22, of Dieppe, New Brunswick, had been charged with:

- Flight from peace officer;
- Fail to comply with recognizance;
- Race a motor vehicle, and
- Driving while under suspension.

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

Sutantarbir Singh, 24, of Etobicoke, is facing the following charges:

- Fail to comply with recognizance, and
- Fail to comply with probation order X two counts.

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

And, Surjeet Lally, 48, of Brampton, stands charged with:

- Fail to comply with probation order.

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

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Dr.Bodok's office is located inside the pharmacy and she is still working by seeing patients virtually (either by telephone or via Zoom.Us). If you have an urgent matter and need to contact her, please call her office at 905-951-1173. Other doctors have also implemented these virtual visits. Please call your doctor's office to see what changes they may have implemented in their practices as well.

Last year, we partnered with Good Doctor's Telemedicine who is still operating to bring simple, urgent medical care to the people of Bolton 7 days a week. With the recent change, Good Doctor's has also started seeing patients via telephone and virtually in the privacy of their own home for some conditions. You can call 1-888-930-6571 or text 705-910-7799 and connect with one of their doctors for a virtual visit if applicable.

We here, at Bolton Pharmasave, are continuously trying to keep everyone safe, including staff and those most vulnerable during these times. We would also like to extend a helping hand to local pharmacies to please reach out as well if their patients are in need. We will not be closing our doors and we are here with you, the people and local businesses of Bolton, to help you through these times. Once this all clears up, and it will, we will come out of this together a stronger community. Together, we can fight this!"

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BRAND NEW: Caledon Meals on Wheels has rolled out a new 'Wee' Care Grocery Pack initiative, ensuring that the community's most vulnerable residents have access to much needed groceries.

Caledon Meals on Wheels offers 'Wee' Care grocery deliver service to locals

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Seniors have been affected by the COVID-19 virus more than most. Caledon Meals on Wheels has created a solution to help seniors who are stuck at home.

Caledon Meals on Wheels has really stepped up to help some of our community's most vulnerable in recent weeks, providing over 21,000 meals to local seniors and individuals with disabilities and serious health problems, who are unable to leave their homes during these testing times.

To ensure less trips outside, and keeping seniors protected at home, Meals on Wheels has begun a new service called the 'Wee' Care Grocery Pack. The service includes a delivery of necessary groceries on a weekly basis, delivered by CMOW volunteers and staff members.

"We were aware of the precautions being recommended for people over 70 years old and those with underlying healthy conditions, and we realized that going to the grocery store was not recommended and could be a big challenge," explained Christine Sevigny, Executive Director of CMOW. "So, we started thinking about how we could augment our services to help."

After researching different solutions on how to help, staff came across Community Care Durham's Meals on Wheels 'Community to Table' Food Box Program. After communicating with them, CMOW was able to put together a plan of their own and jump start the local program.

Each package offers a minimum of $30 worth of groceries including bread, milk, eggs, cereal and fresh produce along with other food items.

"Building on our successful Meals on Wheels Hot and Frozen meal program, we are launching this program to assist with the need for groceries and supplies. We see this as an opportunity to help our community manage through these challenging times. We will continue to assess the needs of our clients and our community and hope to adapt our services to meet their changing needs," said Sevigny.

CMOW has adapted and put in specific safety measures to ensure the well-being of not only their own volunteers and staff, but those in the community who rely on their service. In-person visits have turned into phone visits and wellness group activities have come to a temporary halt, but staff have been calling all participants to check in.

"Our Seniors Social Wellness Groups have had to stop but our staff are calling all of the program participants each week to check and have a social chat with everyone and to offer additional resources and support needed," Sevigny explained. "Some of our volunteers had to temporarily stop volunteering to ensure their health is protected, but we have been so fortunate to have offers from the community to help."

After registration, orders can be submitted online, with orders delivered the following week with no charge to residents. Caledon Meals on Wheels Hot or Frozen Meal program continues throughout Caledon and surrounding areas and hope to continue providing for the community as best as they do.

For more information about the 'Wee' Care Grocery Pack or other programs provided by the Caledon Meals on Wheels, please email info@cmow.ca or call 905-857-7651.

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Headwaters Health Care Foundation getting help from community

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

With the global pandemic continuing, Headwaters Health Care Foundation understands the struggles and difficulties our community are going through mentally, emotionally and financially.

Yet, HHCF is astonished by the response it has seen from the community, and support they continue to get as work to ensure the local hospital, and its staff, has all it needs to provide vital healthcare services to surrounding communities.

A COVID-19 response campaign was launched in March to help raise funds for the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and the hospital. When Ontario's state of emergency was declared on March 17, additional safety measures were implemented at the facility to ensure the well-being of patients and staff alike. Long-time Headwaters supporter Anne Livingston has matched all donations made to the COVID-19 Response campaign up to $40,000. Within only one week, their target goal of $40,000 was reached and overall, they raised $91,780.

Shortly after that challenge, Nobis Canada, a luxury outwears retail company, offered to match donations during a one-week challenge, up to $20,000. The challenge ran from April 3 to April 10 and raised just under $55,000.

"On a good day, philanthropy plays a critical role in supporting Headwaters, but the role of philanthropy and fundraising is even more critical right now. 2020 has been challenging for us so far and COVID-19 has already had a huge impact on our planned fundraising activities," said Dora Boylen-Pabst, CEO of HHCF.

The Foundation is currently running its third matching gift program to raise funds for the hospital. The new initiative began on April 13 and will go until May 1. TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, along with the Humeniuk Foundation have offered to match the community's donations up to a whopping $50,000.

Headwaters has also received a series of gifts that have helped to plug the gaps at our local medical centre towards supporting a variety of equipment needed, especially during this time such as, ventilators, sterile storage systems, specialty pumps for the ICU and beds and stretchers.

A total of eight participants have donated over $25,000 to the Headwaters Foundation in the past month.

"We are so proud of our nurses, doctors, frontline staff, environmental services, assessment centre volunteers and countless others who care for our community, and we cannot be more proud of our Dufferin and Caledon residents and businesses who have come together during this difficult time."

She added, "Since March 24th the Foundation has been able to raise just shy of $675,000 to support our COVID-19 response and (address) other urgent needs at hospital, in the emergency department, inpatient units and laboratory for example. Many of these needs are above and beyond the equipment and infrastructure the Foundation usually funds, and our annual list has over $2.6 million of new and replacement priority equipment needs to fundraise for, including some substantial needs for obstetrics and diagnostic imaging to meet our growing patient volumes."

The months May to June is typically regarded as 'Event Season' for those at the Foundation, with various fundraisers scheduled to raise funds for the local hospital. This year many events have had to be re-scheduled. Boylen-Pabst is concerned the Foundation may not be in a position to meet its fundraising target this year. The hospital gala has simply been postponed, not cancelled, which is a huge event for the Foundation, raising roughly $300,000 each year.

"The Headwaters Golf Classic has been re-scheduled from July 7th to September 29th, 2020. The Headwaters Gala has been re-scheduled from May 2nd to October 17th, 2020. Tour de Headwaters is still scheduled for September 19th, 2020. To put this into perspective our Signature Events make up 25 percent of Foundation's total gross revenue. We are hopeful our events can move ahead in the Fall, but if they can't, the pressure to replace this important funding source will be magnified," said Ms. Boylen-Pabst.

Community-led events that are planned in these months have also had to be either postponed or cancelled. These community events make up roughly $350,000 for the Foundation each year.

The team at Headwaters Foundation asks that those who wish to help during this time, reach out to the COVID-19 Response Fund to help support needs that are not government funded at hhcfoundation.com.

"There is no doubt this is an exceptionally challenging time for us. Our staff and physicians are doing a tremendous job. We are working together to do everything we can to keep our patients and staff safe. The response from the community during this time has been tremendous and we have seen an outpouring of support of donations of personal protective equipment, food for our staff and donations to our Hospital Foundation for priority equipment," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of HHCC. "Our message remains strong that people follow the guidelines issued by public health. Please stay home, practice physical distancing and wash your hands. Flattening the curve relies on each of us doing our part."

Local teen creates reusable filtration system to help offset PPE shortage

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Veterinary services have remained open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and in line with health care workers, many are struggling to access much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) due to huge increase in global demand.

Dr. John Brajkovich from the Caledon Mountain Veterinary Hospital and his team have been suffering from these challenges and making do with what they have. But Dr. Brajkovich's son Moses wanted to do more.

"A lot of that resource is being diverted, and we're trying to do the best we can, limiting what we're using," said Dr. Brajkovich. "What's happening is our masks are falling apart and my staff, and pretty much a lot of people in this industry are facing the same problems."

The primary allocation of PPE is going to human hospitals as they are of highest priority, leaving veterinary health care workers to find their own ways of using PPE.

Moses began doing research on using surgical drape material to create a filtration system for basic masks. He found a study done by Bruce Spiess, a professor of anesthesiology in the UF College of Medicine, who came up with the idea.

"We use this type of material (H600) daily and would normally throw it out, so by taking it, and manufacturing surgical masks, we've repurposed it," said Dr. Brajkovich. "My son and myself have combined our efforts, using an existing idea and modifying it to be used in our hospital."

Moses did his research and came up with the modifications for a design that uses a frame type mold, combined with surgical drape material. What this filtration system does, is allows the filter to be changed daily while providing all safety benefits of the popular N95 mask. Dr. Brajkovich explains that the filtration masks fit with a tight seal and finds them to be more comfortable and secure than a N95 mask.

The masks are manufactured by a medical 3D printer located at the veterinary hospital for preoperative and surgical planning. After Moses did his research and came up with a design, he began creating mask frames using the printer.

"It's a real simple design, using a plastic mouldable frame, again modified for use, where we're using our old surgical drapes that are, when they're doubled up, basically as protective as a N95 mask. So, instead of throwing those drapes out, which end up in a landfill, we're cutting them up, and reusing them every day," said Dr. Brajkovich.

Moses will be starting his degree in bioengineering in the Fall. This design and reusable filtration system have given him the time and experience to practice before he goes to school. They currently aren't selling these reusable masks but are passing on knowledge to other clinics and veterinary hospitals.

"The nice thing is, you can actually breathe through them. And we're not reusing them day after day like we are our other masks, which we know we can only use them for so long until you can't trust them anymore," Dr. Brajkovich explained. "We don't have any more masks to get, so we have to come up with something different. Moses and I working together on this, but he is working day by day to make it work for us."

Each mask, including the 3D printed frame and material all together costs nine cents. Being able to reuse material to keep staff safe and healthy without the concern of not being provided PPE has been really important to the team at Caledon Mountain Veterinary Hospital.



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BEING THRIFTY: Dr. John Brajkovich, of Mountain Veterinary Hospital, sporting the mask designed by his son, Moses.

"Although the masks are not certified as an N95 mask and are not intended to replace the N95, they are filling a void in which otherwise we would not be able to continue to provide services," said Dr. Brajkovich.



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Editorial

Is some relaxation appropriate?

THE CONTRAST between the situation in Canada and the United States has, perhaps, never been more dramatic.

South of the Canada-U.S. border, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic will soon have taken 50,000 lives, with more than 45,000 having perished by Tuesday of this week, and nearly half the horrendous total occurring in New York state.

In Canada, the death toll was approaching 2,000, with the two provincial hotspots being Quebec and Ontario and the deaths in both provinces occurring more and more in long-term care institutions – about 80 per cent of Quebec's 1,000-plus total.

In the circumstances, one would reasonably expect some thought being given to gradually relaxing the virtual lockdowns in just about every jurisdiction, thanks to the widespread acceptance by the public of the temporary loss of personal freedoms.

But what we've been seeing this week in some U.S. states is virtual mobs demanding an immediate return to normal economic activity, actions seemingly based on unfounded suspicions that the risks posed by COVID-19 have been grossly overblown.

And the result has been a decision by the governors of some southern U.S. states to permit a fairly wide range of business activities to re-open as early as this weekend. In Georgia, for example, residents will be able to golf, get a massage and even a haircut and shortly to eat in bars and restaurants.

Yet the death toll in Georgia topped 800 this week, about nine times the 86-death toll in British Columbia, where the only relaxation thus far involves a few golf courses opening. Although Georgia has about twice the 5 million population of B.C., that still means a death rate of 80 per million residents compared with B.C.'s 17.

Why has there been such a difference in public behaviour and governmental actions? We are inclined to attribute it to the political leadership seen in recent months.

In Canada, there has been little of the ordinary partisanship, with the sole exception having been a dispute over whether some sittings of Parliament should be "virtual" rather than requiring some MPs and senators to be physically present, the compromise reached being to have some of both.

Similarly, there seems to have been close cooperation between Ottawa and the provinces, with all the provincial premiers agreeing to accept the recommendations of scientists and public health officials rather than react to opinion polls.

That's hardly what we're seeing south of the border, albeit in an election year. Donald Trump has, in many ways, attempted to deflect attention, and criticism, to other sources, cutting off financial support of the World Health Organization and trying to blame former president Barack Obama for the lack of vital medical supplies when in reality he did little or nothing in the way of preparing for a pandemic his own experts had long warned was coming.

In the circumstances, the big question for Canadian political leaders to deal with is when and how we should start re-opening the economy.

As we see it, the easy answer is not to significantly relax the current restrictions until we find a means of accurately testing most of the population to determine both who has become infected and of those many who can be assumed to have developed an immunity to the killer virus.

However, we think it would be reasonably safe to do a few things, such as to allow golf courses to open, subject to limits on the number playing at any given time and continuing closure of clubhouses, and maybe even to permit barbershops and hair salons to re-open if the staffs are first tested and all required to wear surgical masks.

In the mean time, the urgent priority in both Ontario and Quebec is to deal with the situation in long-term care facilities, by ensuring that all residents and staff are tested weekly; that everyone working in them is properly equipped and supplemental help provided by the Canadian Armed Forces as necessary.

Finding yourself during difficult times

by Mark Pavilons

It's not always easy to stay in touch with the person who means the most – yourself!

Sure, we live with ourselves 24/7 and don't always find this living arrangement the best at times. We argue, but we mostly agree with ourselves and feel smug about it. Boy, if only we could tap into those conversations inside our own heads, and play it back like a video for our friends and loved ones.

On second thought, that may be a very bad idea.

There are times when we need to kick ourselves in the butt and get motivated, engaged and active, especially during this forced down time.

Despite the current challenges, we all have to remain positive and optimistic. To do otherwise would be detrimental to our own mental health.

While people of all ages around the globe scramble to find some sort of sanity and normalcy in a world gone mad, we don't always recognize those who are least able to deal with it – our youth.

My 14-year-old daughter has gone nuts in isolation. She misses her friends and while they stay up until all hours of the morning talking and FaceTiming, it's not the same. I long for the noise that teenagers make – even the silly ones – and I hope for the return of laughter as Kyleigh and her friends reunite.

Fortunately, she's cracking the books thanks to online learning strategies put in place by the ministry and local school boards. I hope this keeps her interested and motivated to keep learning. We're there every step of the way to ensure her success.

Cracking the books, or in this case exploring the web, can only get those neurons firing again.

Our eldest graduates university very soon and she just arrived back home from London. Of course, outings with her friends and boyfriend are a bit curtailed, but we will have to make the best of it.

She's also unsure of a return date for her part-time summer job. It's a cautious new world to be sure.

This was supposed to be her summer of escape, exploration, self-pampering and reaching out, after her four years of hard work at Western. It may very well become the summer of boredom and self-reflection.

But there's plenty of chores around the house!

My 19-year-old son has an overabundance of teen angst. He's been accepted at Seneca for this September, but at this point, that remains uncertain. He has a part-time job but is a bit weary of continuing at this time, until we see a flattening of the curve of COVID-19.

The other day he wanted to give himself a crew cut, military fashion. I always threatened to send him to military school, but a buzz cut? We offered what we could in terms of advice, but he's an adult. He did back off after some thought. My wife got out the electric clippers and went to work on a suitable style.

He said something very interesting, something we should all keep in mind.

He said what makes sense to him may not make sense to us or anyone else. His approach, his logic and even his specific journey, are all his own.

He nailed it. I thought about it and had to agree. Who's to say what path is right or wrong? Who's an expert in life? Am I the definitive voice on how young adults should live their lives? Nope.

He's a smart young man but he's easily derailed and frustrated. These times have not helped one iota.

Sure, we would all love a clear, definitive path, one that takes us effortlessly from point A to point Z with never a bump or detour in the road. That's not realistic. And think of what you'd miss while you're travelling along the scenic route. Heck, I've even driven off the road entirely on occasion.

Aside from being tossed off our regular routines, I think the uncertainty has some of us on edge. Sure, we will get over the hump, and things will return to normal in the coming months. Just what this new normal looks like has yet to be revealed. It will be very different, to say the least.

But perhaps we can get back to life being "predictable," or at least somewhat certain. That may seem a bit boring considering what we're going through, but it's comforting.

We have older children in our household so they at least understand this new ordeal. I can't help but wonder how younger children are getting through. Even their parents can't offer much in terms of an explanation, outlook or answers. Even the steadfast "everything will be okay" line may not hold true.

I am a big supporter of shopping local and I'm a huge fan of supporting Canadians. It pains me to know that some businesses will never recover and some people will never get their jobs back. I'm sad that I won't see the Raptors take another title this year.

Like many Canadians, I've taken our stable and strong economy and political system for granted. Now that all bets are off, I don't know what to expect. Even though I've lived through, and reported on, several recessions, crises and shutdowns, we're in unprecedented territory here. I am somewhat reassured by daily reports from top officials and politicians, that the movers and shakers are doing their utmost to serve and protect us all.

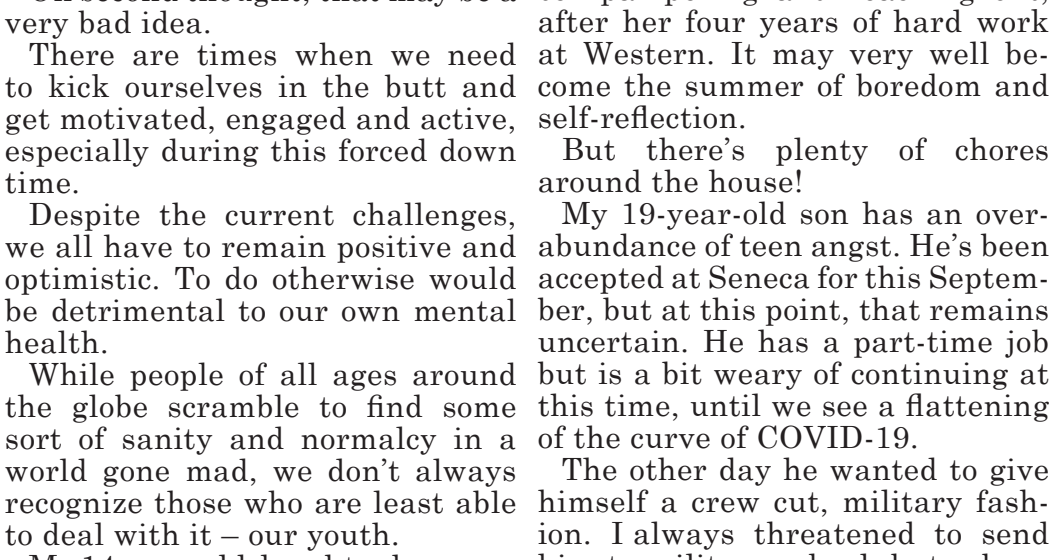
I would love to see regular live press conferences from our leaders continue, long after COVID-19 is a memory.

I think as citizens, taxpayers and humans, we want reassurances. We want someone to have our backs.

I get it that at this point, no one can offer any promises.

What I do know that as soon as the green light is given for family gatherings, on goes the grass skirt and up go the tiki torches!

And then some family group hugs! Keep the emotional support networks going, folks!



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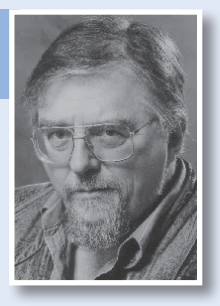
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Time for Fauci to quit?

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Is it time for Dr. Anthony Fauci to quit?

Brazil's health minister, Luiz Mandetta, was fired last Friday for criticising the country's mini-Trump, Jair Bolsonaro. Like Trump, President Bolsonaro needs a booming economy in order to be re-elected, and denies the threat from coronavirus because shutdowns hurt the economy.

Mandetta did what he could to control the berserker president, but eventually called Bolsonaro out on his attempts to force Brazilian state governments to end their shutdowns prematurely. He was duly fired, but it does raise the question: should Dr. Fauci do the same thing?

Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the past quarter-century, has served six U.S. administrations loyally through various health crises, starting with the AIDS epidemic. He's done his best to keep Donald Trump from doing the wrong thing. Sometimes he succeeds – but sometimes the most useful thing an adviser can do is resign.

Fauci has become a familiar figure standing beside Donald Trump at media briefings, never openly contradicting him but subtly trying to steer him away from his worst ideas. It's a humiliating position to be in, but he has probably saved at least a few tens of thousands of American lives, and many people admire him for patiently, even humbly doing the best he can in impossible circumstances.

There comes a time, however, when staying on the inside and trying to limit the damage by staying on good terms with the author of the disaster shades into complicity in letting the disaster happen. Dr. Fauci undoubtedly examines his conscience on this question every single day, and fully understands how tricky his position is.

There was a revealing moment recently when Science Magazine asked him why he hadn't challenged Trump's claims to have saved millions of American lives by banning flights from China. "Let's get real," Fauci replied. "What do you want me to do?... I can't jump in front of the microphone and push him down."

Well, he could, obviously, but that would be the end of any positive influence he has on Trump. He's 79, so he's not worried about saving his job. He's ignoring Trump's exaggerations and lies so he can preserve his influence for some more important occasion. We now know what it is.

Trump bangs on obsessively about his 'China ban' decision on January 31 because it's the only thing he did about the coronavirus for the next six weeks, even as the pandemic silently spread among the U.S. population. Last week he even claimed that "It could have been billions of people (who died) if we had not done what we did."

Around 2,000 Americans are now dying from Covid-19 every day, so Trump clings desperately to his China story. Fauci lets the lie pass because it's just history and can't be changed. He's focussed on the decisions being made now that will determine how many Americans die in the future.

Trump is now frantically trying to end the lockdowns and get Americans back to work because he believes the economic damage is sabotaging his re-election prospects in November. He's even urging his base to demonstrate against (Democratic) state governors who take a more cautious line, texting "LIBERATE MINNESOTA", "LIBERATE MICHIGAN" and "LIBERATE VIRGINIA".

Maybe this is the hill that Fauci should choose to die on, because ending the lockdowns early could needlessly kill an extra hundred thousand Americans. The United States now has one-third of all the Covid-19 cases in the world (with only 4% of the world's population), and the number is still going up fast.

'Liberating' Americans from lockdown before the number of new infections is clearly in decline will just add fuel to the flames.

The rule is: never lift a lockdown until you are able to test huge numbers of people for the disease. The virus will inevitably start to spread again when you turn everybody loose, but if you test enough people, isolate the infected ones, and trace all of their recent contacts and isolate them too, then you can avoid a new spike in cases.

You will need tens of millions of test kits and hundreds of thousands of trained contact-tracers to do that. Those facilities are currently scarce or non-existent in most of the United States, and so far there is little visible effort to expand them. Ending the lockdowns without them will cause a new peak of cases and deaths by mid-summer, necessitating a new round of lockdowns.

If Fauci's resignation could prevent this carnage, he surely would not hesitate, but Trump is not as stupid as Bolsonaro. If Fauci hangs in there and stresses the inevitability of a second wave of deaths closer to election time if the lockdowns end prematurely, he might just manage to steer Trump away from this cliff.

So his long martyrdom must continue.

Ode to graduates

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



We've seen a lot of selfless acts during this pandemic, a great deal of great behaviour—and I wish it weren't true—but some pretty poor behaviour too. Then, this past weekend, the only kind of bad news that could replace pandemic stories took place in Nova Scotia. Our nation now collectively mourns the utterly senseless loss of life experienced there, marking a new and tragic milestone as the worst mass killing in Canadian history. Despite these grim facts, today I want to write about another group impacted by current events. Perhaps you may think what follows is not very important in the grand scheme of things, but I invite you, dear readers, to recall a time when it was only these "little things" that mattered most.

Take yourself back to a place when you were wrapping up your elementary school years and staring down the face of high school with a mixture of awe, trepidation, fear and maybe even some excitement too. You were about to leave some of your friends behind, as arbitrary or religious boundaries determined where you could attend high school. Maybe too, you were moving from a small school of 500 to a school with 2500 students! How did you feel? What were your worries? Would you make new friends, would you fit in, would you be brave enough to join a club or try out for a team? In 2020, our grade eight graduates have all of these same feelings. Not only this, but their senior trip (if they had one) was cancelled, they can't leave the house for any reason and quite possibly, someone they love may be impacted by COVID-19. They are leaving their childhood behind in more ways than one. All of our children have been forced to grow up just a little bit faster. Each of us, children included, are attempting to make sense of, understand and protect ourselves from what might feel like an overwhelming sense of pandemonium caused by this pandemic. Have some sympathy for what these kids are experiencing and while chances are they won't let you, hug them a little tighter if (or when!) you can.

Now, think back to that time when your hopes and dreams were really about to soar. You're wrapping up your final year of high school. You've spent a lot of time investing in yourself and your future and you've matured a great deal too. Maybe you experienced your first love, joined the prom or yearbook committee, or captained the team of your favourite sport. Perhaps you mostly sat in the background, planning for that time when you would really shine; doing something you loved, studying what you wanted to study, not what the teachers said you had to study. Maybe now you're heading off to start learning a trade you've always been interested in, or to college or university to pursue a dream. Now "real life" is about to start. The adventure of adulthood, fending for yourself, feeding yourself, doing all things for yourself—finally, a bit of independence! Nope. Sorry graduates of 2020. Like Jeff Probst might say on Survivor, "got nothin' for ya, head back to …." To what? Your room? These young adults are missing out: on prom, on graduation, heck, they won't even be getting a yearbook with that cute little baby picture juxtaposed against their now grown up grad portraits. No back page full of signatures of friends, no final comments under those grad pictures about what their hopes and dreams for the future are. Prom dress shopping started long ago with facebook pages dedicated to dress sharing so there would be no duplications and tuxes or suits were bought or borrowed in anticipation of the big night. Sure it was sweet that John Krasinksi recently threw these kids an online prom but it's not quite the same is it? This stuff isn't trivial when you're a teen embarking on your first foray into adulthood. When posited against a pandemic backdrop that brings its own fears and worries, who can blame our graduates for feeling glum.

I won't lie, I'm a little blue myself. I won't have the cap and gown pictures of my daughter on the front porch and at her graduation ceremony. I won't get to see her receive her diploma or be acknowledged for her hard work and excellent grades. She won't experience walking across the stage in that final salute to high school, be able to hug her favourite teacher or shake hands with the Principal. At this point, it's looking like the possibility of starting her next adventure is also in jeopardy as we hear talk about the risks of opening up universities and residence living in a "post-pandemic" world. I'm sure the same will be true for youth looking forward to an internship or apprenticeship with the future of many a small business unclear at this time. There is also the practical consideration that summer jobs, to earn income to help pay for school, are equally uncertain.

These issues are not trivial. They are in fact, potentially life-changing. Most graduates feel a sense of pride, accomplishment and that the future is wide open, stretching limitless before them. For 2020 graduates, the future is uncertain. The view encumbered by the four walls of the homes they are confined to, their hopes and dreams on hold, for an undetermined amount of time. Sure there are worse things going on in the world and hopefully, with time, a brighter future will reveal itself. But let's have a little sympathy for the graduates who don't get to graduate this year, who don't get to party and whose final year (whether Grade eight or twelve) offers no real chance of a final goodbye; to their friends, their childhood or their teens. Graduates of 2020 I salute you. Congratulations and best wishes to each and every one of you. The pandemic might have hit the "pause" button on your future but if you can ride out this storm, you're well positioned for a future in which you'll confidently conquer anything!

Crazy stock market

CHRISTINE IBBOTSON
ASK THE MONEY LADY



Dear Money Lady, The stock market is so crazy right now and I am afraid to keep investing in it. What do you think?
James

Dear James,

I understand your apprehension James however you must remember that we have seen the markets do this many times in the past. It is important to remember that what goes down, always comes right back up when you are looking at the stock market throughout history. This truly is an unprecedented event that we are witnessing worldwide and although we currently see epic spikes in market volatility and a global stock market crash, I can guarantee this will indeed change.

When we find a cure for the Coronavirus (which we will) and things slowly get back to normal, there will be an enormous amount of pent up demand worldwide that will catapult our economy, business and commerce to higher highs than we saw before this crisis. Looking at the last hundred years, there are some facts that are just undeniable. The stock market is very "aggressive-reacting" and "regressive-reacting" which means it swings excessively to one side or the other, in like what seems like, break-neck speed. Knowing this, we have observed in the past that the market has endured countless wars, epidemics, major shocks, always managing to reach significantly new highs over time, than before a crisis, often with highs that we never thought possible. To put it bluntly, there may be a lot of money to be made here if you continue to invest when the market is down.

While we can't say that we are out of the continued downward trend of equity markets, the sharp sell offs will soon dissipate and as we have always witnessed in the past, markets will begin to rebuild. Talk to your advisor and see if this new market landscape is something you can take advantage of. This is the time to be buying good stock picks that are at record low prices and a great value. We don't want to be short sighted when investing for the future. Consider the long-term advantages of buying into the market at low price points to capitalize on future profit when the market turns again.

Here is a Trader's Tip: When you are looking to get into a very volatile, downward swinging market environment it is hard to know when it has bottomed out. Resist the urge to try and time the market. This is virtually impossible and extremely difficult even for the most experienced traders. If you do decide to buy in, and your portfolio goes down further – just leave it. It will come back up. Do not be too greedy here and be going in and out. Often times, this causes a lot more stress, mental anguish and actual true losses. If you want to know when to really get in, it is said that a "Trader's Tip" is to buy in when the stock market has three full consecutive increasing days. This will mark a shift in the sell-off momentum and although it may go down a little later, it is usually viewed as sure sign of improvement and recovery.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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ARTS & Entertainment

Caledon Music Festival hosting three-part virtual concert series

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

In partnership with Bethell Hospice Foundation, a three-part concert series will take place on YouTube live this week. The first part took place yesterday (April 22), bringing some entertainment and community spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a second part scheduled for Wednesday (April 29) hosted by artistic director and pianist of Caledon Music Festival, Emily Rho.

"Over the past few weeks our community has come together to stand up, help out and give back to those in need. In this time of uncertainty, we invite you to join us and listen to classical masterpieces by composers such as Bach and Beethoven," said Rho.

Rho performed on first evening of the series, alongside CMF musician and violist Rory McLeod.

The Caledon Music Festival is normally held in August at the Alton Mills Arts Centre. Rho came up with the idea of holding a virtual concert series amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and to work together with Bethell Hospice Foundation.

"The concert series offers a great way to showcase the talent of Caledon Music Festival performers and raise funds in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation at the same time. The series provides the opportunity for members of the community to sit back, relax and enjoy some fabulous local talent in the comfort of their own homes, while also lending their support to an important community resource," explained Julie Hymers, Associate Director of Marketing and Communications at Bethell Hospice Foundation.

Each concert is an hour long. The first evening, on (April 22) featured Emily Rho and Rory McLeod performing at 7:30 p.m. For second evening, coming up next Wednesday (April 29), listeners will be able to tune in to Rho perform a series of solo piano pieces, and the third night (May 6) concert pianist and singer/songwriter Michele Mele who will perform classical pieces as well as some of her own work.

"Bethell Hospice Foundation is thrilled to be partnering with the Caledon Music Festival for this concert series," explained Hymers. "Even amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is really wonderful to forge partnerships within the community and develop creative way to benefit both organizations."

Tickets to tune in to each concert are selling for $15, with a three-concert bundle offered for $40.

All proceeds will go towards the Bethell Hospice Foundation. Each year Bethell Hospice raises $1 million, which it puts directly back into its services and programming. dedicates fundraising over $1,000,000

Due to the pandemic, fundraising efforts have been tested and modified to adapt to the new normal we see now and finding new ways to be able to continue serving residents, community clients and their families.

"At Bethell Hospice, the health and safety of our residents, visitors, staff, volunteers and fundraising event participants is our highest priority. Traditionally, our Hike for Bethell Hospice is held on the first Sunday in May, but unfortunately, we have had to postpone our hike this year in light of the COVID-19 protocols," said Hymers. "Many of our other fundraising events have also been impacted. We are looking at all options to determine the best alternatives for rescheduling and reinventing our fundraising events, in light of today's 'new normal'. As plans are finalized, updated information will be posted on our website."

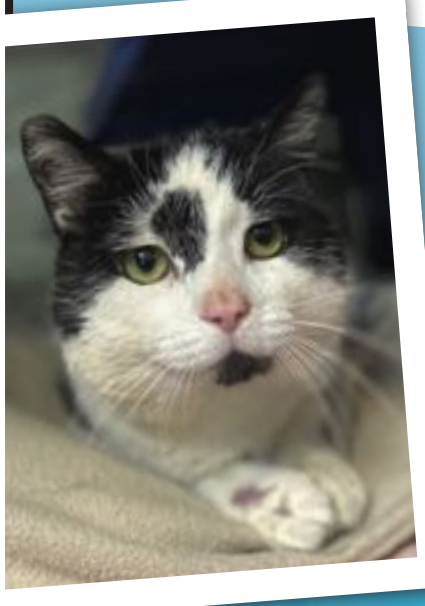
To learn more about the three-part concert series or to purchase tickets, please go to caledonmusicfest.ca. For more information on Bethell Hospice Foundation and how you can help, visit foundation.bethellhospice.org.



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ONLINE CONCERT: Emily Rho is the artistic director and pianist for Caledon Music Festival and came up with the idea to host their Caledon Music Festival virtually, in support and partnership with Bethell Hospice Foundation.

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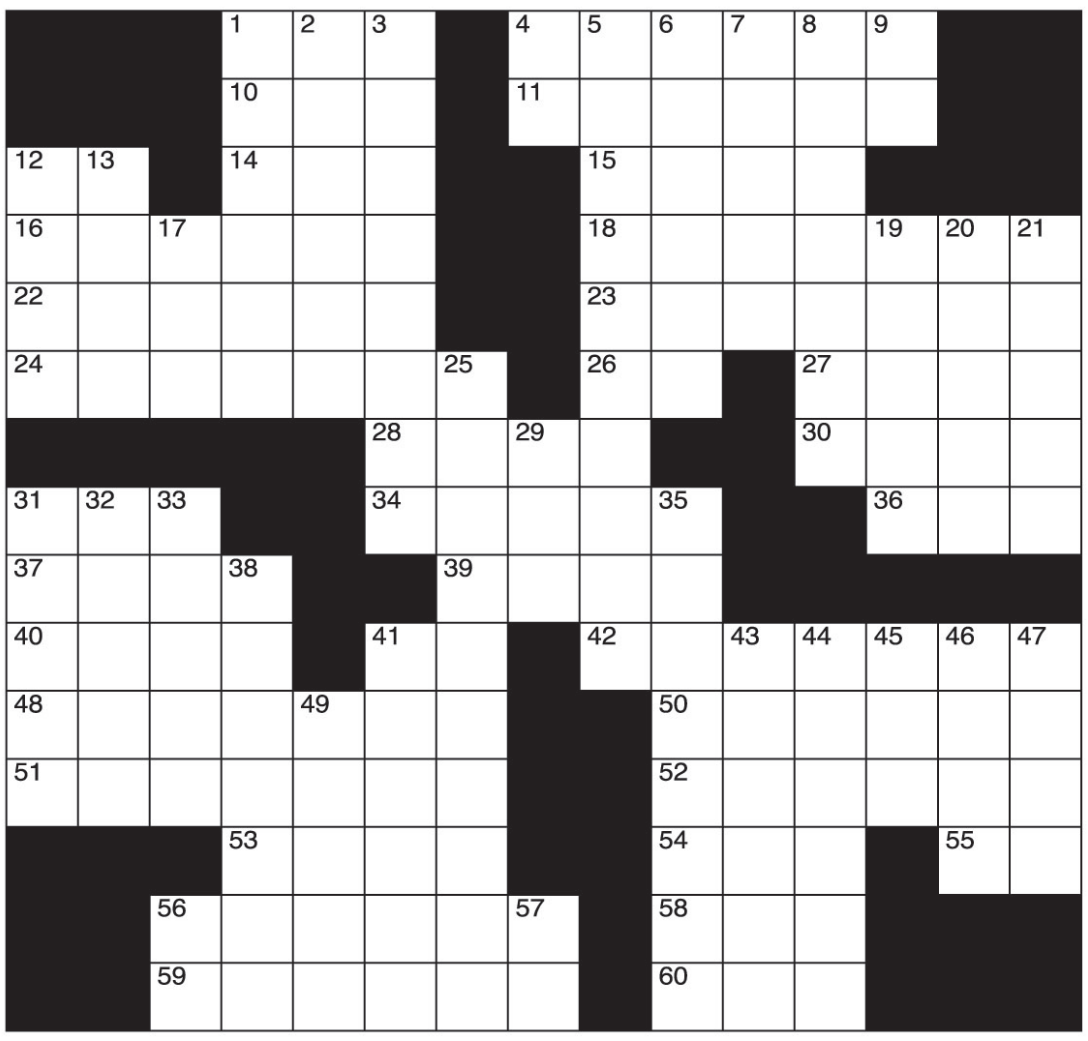
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4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One's biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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

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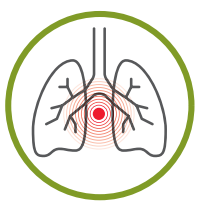
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Caledon's Ryan Toomey aiming high with local hockey school

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Ryan Toomey's profound love for hockey has brought the Bolton resident, insurmountable success over the last few years teaching it.

Looking back on the journey with the Caledon Citizen, Toomey never expected his business, "Toomey Hockey School" to grow as big and as rapidly within the community and abroad.

It began as a hobby. Something to do on the side and make some extra cash. But little did he know, that helping a friend, planted the seed for the future.

"A friend of mine who I worked with in the business world, asked me to come help his team out for a skate," Toomey explained.

He had just finished playing his pro career in the German second division with the Landshut Cannibals. He had everything in his car already. Pucks, sticks, you name it. He didn't demand any money either but his friend insisted.

"'He said, no no, we just talked to all of the parents and we want you for the rest of the year.'"

It didn't feel like work for him. It was an hour of fun.

His business began with one team. He opened Toomey Hockey School in 2015, working as a sales manager for an American company as well. He tried it as a hobby, not knowing where it might lead.

In 2017, when this American company was deemed, no longer competitive in Canada, Toomey gave it his all. He laid it all out on the line, fashioning a small hobby and braising it, into an corporation with equitable profit.

Toomey has worked with 47 teams this past season, a database with over 700 children annually and working one-on-one, with potential NHL prospect and Kitchener Rangers forward Reid Valade. He has worked with other children and athletes with the pros set in their sights. A vision, the 35-year old once had in a hockey career of his own.

When Toomey was young he watched as his two older sisters learned how to figure skate. Seated alongside his parents, his mother and father felt it was appropriate to sign their son up to skate and eventually, to play hockey.

"I started off in house league here in Caledon and I played up a year, so I was an underage," Toomey explained.

From there, the family moved to Barrie for one year. Toomey began playing AAA hockey and was recruited to play in the city.



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TEACHING THE GAME: Meet Ryan Toomey, an accredited hockey instructor in Bolton with a hockey school predominantly for local children.

The family moved back to Bolton. Now at the age of nine, Toomey began playing for the Toronto Red Wings with former NHL forward and still, one of Toomey's life-long friends, Matt Stajan.

Toomey and Stajan won two championships. After another two years, AAA introduced hitting into the league and Toomey decided that moving down to AA was the best decision and he says, it's one of the best decisions he has ever made.

"It's the best move I ever made. I not only got my confidence, but it allowed me to do a bit of growing."

At 5'9, Toomey isn't the biggest player. But after some AA seasons and another stint in AAA, Ontario Hockey League, Quebec Major Junior League teams and NCAA teams began phoning him.

He wasn't drafted to the OHL, but Toomey did attend the Ottawa 67's training camp. His parents were firm believers in the opportunity at a free education. After a few years in junior A with the Wexford Raiders and the Cornwall Colts, Toomey was offered a scholarship at Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania, studying Business Marketing.

He met his wife at the school. He was captain of the hockey team. On the ice, his career was moulding into everything he thought it was, until a gruesome groin injury set him back, in his fourth year.

"I went to every doctor around, the Steelers and the Penguins and nobody could fix it."

Stajan offered Toomey the Maple Leafs doctor and he managed to get the young man back on to his feet.

In his fifth year at the school, it wasn't the same. A few years in the East Coast Hockey League with the Cincinnati Cyclones, South Carolina Stingrays and Reading Royals was fun, but challenging.

The one year spent in Germany with Landshut, Toomey recorded 28 points in 28 games. He was about to go to the top German League (DEL), until a recession impacted Germany. He says, at this point in his life, if playing pro wasn't in the cards, then taking the next step in his life seems practical and getting married was the start.

Fast forward to today, with two children and a successful business. He has opened a gym as well with the program, just six months ago.

Within this business, Toomey's mission is quite simple; keep it local.

"That's my ultimate goal here, I feel like the local kids deserve this."

He does find himself going into the city to work with other kids. His program has extended into private sessions with many kids all over the GTA.

His drills are figure skating based. He says nobody has the edge work of a figure skater and players in the NHL benefit from learning from figure skaters and many players now, still learn until this day. One player in particular, Jeff Skinner used to figure skate and that has benefited the Buffalo Sabres forward immensely.

Toomey has been recognized for his skating and his edge work. He has been asked by young children, pro players and even pro teams what there is to offer in terms of working with him.

For now, working locally is what is in the plans.

"It's where I'm most happy, most satisfied working in."

In the future anything is possible professionally. For now, Toomey believes in working here in Bolton. He is looking to hire more staff for this business as programs have notably, filled up within 24 hours of them being posted online.

For further information on any future programs, you can visit toomeyhockey.com. For live workout sessions twice a week on Instagram, you can stay tuned by visiting @Toomey_hockey_school.

Bolton native Paige McLean build a new life off back of swimming scholarship

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

There aren't very many places in the world that are strictly forbidden to move to. There's an open-endedness that if you are willing, to move to another country, it doesn't seem impossible.

Especially when you want to move south of the border. The earnestness to try a new lifestyle or experience a different culture than the one you grew up in, simply, does not mean you want to escape, but you want to grow.

In fact, Bolton native Paige McLean currently lives in the United States. She went to school at Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania for psychology and sociology, earned her Masters at the University of Missouri and now, currently works as an Academic Advisor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She works directly with women's basketball, men's soccer and women's soccer players.

"This is my dream job for where I am currently at in my career. I feel fortunate to have found my passion so early on in my professional career" McLean relished.

She lives downtown in Kansas City right now with her boyfriend Clement. Clement is a mechanical engineer from Toulon, France. She doesn't know what the future has in store. As of now, the couple are working through finalizing their visa documents to work within the United States.

"I think for right now, I want to stay in the United States. I love what I do, and to continue doing that, means living in the US. Although, it is difficult being so far from my family."

Her ambiguity for the possibility of where to live, stands out from her personality. It's aberrational from those who want to see it differently. But what gave her this opportunity to live where she is, is of course, a sport.

McLean joined the George Jacobson Swimming School at the age of four. She began skating at the age of five. Soccer wasn't too far behind after that.

She balanced swimming, hockey and soccer for many years excelling in all three of them.

In 2002, McLean joined the Vaughan Aquatic Club and remained there for 11 years. She was keen on a swimming career officially, when she was left to make a choice at the age of 12.

Her swimming coach, George Jacobson, was also eager for her to make a decision before extensive practice sessions began.

"I sat down with my parents and I just knew with swimming it was what I wanted to do and it is what I was passionate about. My parents supported the decision fully. They have always been my biggest advocates," she explained.

It was a good decision. McLean held 24 club records leaving the team. She competed in two Ontario Championships, three Ontario Short Course Championships, four Ontario Long Course Championships, two Eastern Canadian Championships and three Canadian Age Group of National Championships.

"Now that I'm looking back at it, I think it's pretty incredible having done that," McLean said.

Etobicoke was the top club and Vaughan was a small club in comparison.

Jacobson describes, McLean as the "break-through" for the program. She broke through not only Vaughan, but at her high school as well.

She influenced her high school, St. Michael's in Bolton to begin a swimming program. The community centre was right around the corner. She says she felt gratitude, knowing she can make a positive influence at the school.

In 2013, the summer before senior year, is when she began receiving offers from division one schools in the United States. McLean says, the United States education system through sport is second to none.

She received offers from Youngstown, Marist, Seton Hall, St. Francis College and finally, St. Francis University in Pennsylvania. She chose SFU Pennsylvania because of the team, as well as the coach at the time, Patrick Gallagher.

McLean received an upsetting phone call a week after her commitment, directly from Gallagher, receiving news that he had taken an assistant coach position at Cornell University.

"I just broke down. I told my parents I don't know what to do. This is where I want to go," McLean described.

With advice from her parents, she decided it was best to stick it out. Give it a shot and see if the new coach, Rory Coleman, would be a great fit for her future at the school.

"My new coach was awesome, we actually still talk now. I have only had two swim coaches in my life, so it was great that he was with me throughout my four years at SFU."

College training was drastically different from club swimming. McLean was practicing multiple times a day and lifting weights; something she was never used to do doing with Vaughan. She says, it took her to the next level and as a matter of fact, it did.

Throughout some of her accolades in her senior year at the school; Paige was part of the 200 Medley relay team who placed 3rd at the 2017 Northeast Conference Swimming Championships. She also had two 5th place finishes in the 1650 freestyle, and two 7th place finishes in the 400 Individual Medley at the NEC Championships over the course of her 4 year college swimming career.



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BUILDING A NEW LIFE: Bolton native Paige McLean now lives in Missouri after a post-secondary swimming career brought her to a new life in the United States.

In 2017, McLean graduated with a B.A in Psychology/Sociology and was a five-time Dean's/Provost list honoree. She has an avid interest in learning how the mind works, and advocates for positive mental health practices to this day.

Swimming in particular, provided her a life elsewhere. Now living in a Super Bowl winning town in Kansas City, much to McLean's and her boyfriend Clement's delight, who knows what will be in store for her future.

For now, it's in Missouri.

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Tribute to John Charles Hilditch



Peacefully in his sleep on April 19, 2020 John Charles Hilditch received his angel wings. John was married to the love of his life, Mary Beth for the better part of fifty years. John was the devoted and adoring father to Tracy Armatage (Patrick) and Jonathan Hilditch (Megan) who he loved without bounds and provided them with a beautiful childhood filled with wonderful memories. John was a proud grandfather who found joy and love in his grandchildren Walker, Tynan, Payton, Lily and Finn who will forever miss him. John will be missed by his cousin Michael (Marianne) brother-in-law Tim Ayling plus his nieces and nephews- Shawn, Brooke, Trevor, David and Ian.

John was born November 29, 1945 in Clarkson, Ontario and was the son of the late Fred and Lillian Hilditch. He will be greatly missed by his brother Fred (Dianne) with whom he continued to have a strong bond with into adulthood. In fact, in their late teens John and Fred built a cottage together on Gibson Lake in Muskoka. The cottage remained John's happy place where he was surrounded by family and friends, and he was lucky enough to have one last visit to stand on his deck with the breeze in his hair the day before moving on from this world.

John worked at multiple oil refineries across Ontario which moved his family around the province before moving to Bolton and founding his own company, MBH Petroleum, which he ran with Mary Beth for decades. John and Mary Beth moved north for retirement and to spend time with their grandchildren being cheerleaders at their hockey, baseball, gymnastic and dance recitals.

John was an avid outdoorsman loved to fish, hunt and spent countless winters on Gibson Lake sledding with his family and friends. He was a proud man who lived large and was known for his big smile, welcoming nature and willingness to help others. Never far from his side was one of his devoted Newfoundland dogs who were his constant sidekicks.

John loved country music and in the words of one of his favorites 'Our lives are better left to chance I could have missed the pain, but I'd have to miss the dance' ~Garth Brooks.

John loved life and lived it to its fullest at high speed and with very little regrets.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Hospital for Sick Children which held a special spot in John's heart as both he, his son and his grandson have spent countless weeks in their care. A Celebration of John's Life will be held on Gibson Lake in the future.

"My hands were steady, my eyes were clear and bright, my walk had purpose, my steps were quick and light, and I held firmly to what I felt was right, Like a Rock" ~ Bob Seger



Karasiuk, Patrick

Born February 8th, 1974 in Vancouver, Patrick sadly passed away in Toronto on April 13, 2020 after a brief illness. Patrick leaves behind his sons Chase aged 8, and Zack aged 4, their mother Miranda, brother Darren and his wife Krista and their son Liam, and his parents Barbara and Larry Karasiuk.

Patrick was a born artist, a sketcher, a painter, a creator. He worked hard at his credentials, graduating Sheridan College, Vancouver Film School and the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD), studying classical and computer animation, as well as advertising. He was a natural at understanding and interpreting visual art, a passion he turned into a vocation as an art director in the advertising industry.

Always a free spirit, he often marched to a different drummer, always looking for an entertaining moment. Amassing a fortune was never his motivation, only to enjoy a good time with friends and family, a good soul and a kind heart. One quality he first showed in his youth and continued to develop later in life was his tenacity, always finding the means to do or accomplish whatever it was he wanted.

A family man he worshipped his two sons: Zack and Chase. His boys were his pride and joy and he spent his precious time with them starting new projects, flying drones, teaching them computer art or spending hours of fun time in the condo pool, just the three of them. And always hopeful that one of his sons would be good enough to one day play for the Maple Leafs, ever hopeful that some day his favourite team would win.

We will miss his ready smile and his laughter. Never egotistical and often self deprecating, he was someone you would like to go fishing or golfing with. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. Rest in Peace, Patrick. God bless you.

The family would like to acknowledge the tremendous care and attention Patrick received during his brief stay at Toronto Western Hospital. We are grateful.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the MLSE Foundation.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

Donald Grant Mainprize (Grant)

July 8 1950- April 14 2020



Grant passed away peacefully in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where he had been living for a year.

He leaves behind his son Jason (Collingwood), his brother Roger (Bud) from Shelburne and sister Marilyn Cowan (Jack) from Mono and sister Vena Thacker from Kitchener. He was predeceased by his mother Jean Mainprize Rutledge (1985) and his sister Velda Hammer (2003).

Grant spent his early years in Shelburne and later years in Orangeville. In-between he worked in the Toronto area as a paramedic.

Grant will be missed by friends with whom he played country music as well as those he entertained with his guitar and singing! He was really quite talented! (He will love that we say that!)

We love and will miss our baby brother and we know that the last years were not good for him. You are now in a happy place, Sweetheart!

Hugs Bro and love always!

WINEHOLT, Doug



It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of Douglas Norman Wineholt (Weinholt) after a brave but short battle with cancer, on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the age of 89 peacefully at Dufferin Oaks Home for Seniors in Shelburne, ON. Special thanks to the amazing 3rd Floor nursing staff at Dufferin Oaks for their loving care & support they have given over the last few months. You are all angels for your love, kindness and dedication to your job. Doug was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Wineholt (1987). Predeceased by his parents George & Hazel Wineholt of Mono, and his siblings Earl, Harry, Dorothy, & Shirley. He is survived by his niece Karen & 4 great nieces & nephews. He will be sadly missed by his many friends & other family members. Doug touched the lives of everyone that knew him and he was always willing to lend a helping hand and had advice for anyone who asked. His wisdom & knowledge will be dearly missed by all.

A Private Graveside Service was held at St. John's Cemetery, Mono, Ontario on Thursday, April 16, 2020. A Public Celebration of Doug's Life will be held at a later date for everyone to share their memories of Doug with the family. Donations in memory of Doug may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A tree will be planted in memory of Doug in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

Tupling, Harold Bruce



Passed away peacefully on Monday, April 13,2020 at the Markdale Hospital in his 86th year. Loving father of Darlene (Rick) Haines, Kathy (Kieth) Trimble, Julie, Susan (Ken) Meyerink, and Brent (Shari). Cherished grandfather of Paul, Ryan, Elizabeth, Kaitlyn, Ali, Sarah,Tori and Connor. Proud great grandfather of Ian, Ben, and Zoey. He is survived by his brother Wilbur (Susie). Predeceased by his wife Donna, parents Ellis and Joyce, and sisters Marie and Mabel. Remembered fondly by his extended family, Marion and many friends.

Many thanks to Dr. Ray and her staff as well as the nurses and staff at the Markdale hospital. The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Diabetes Canada. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www. jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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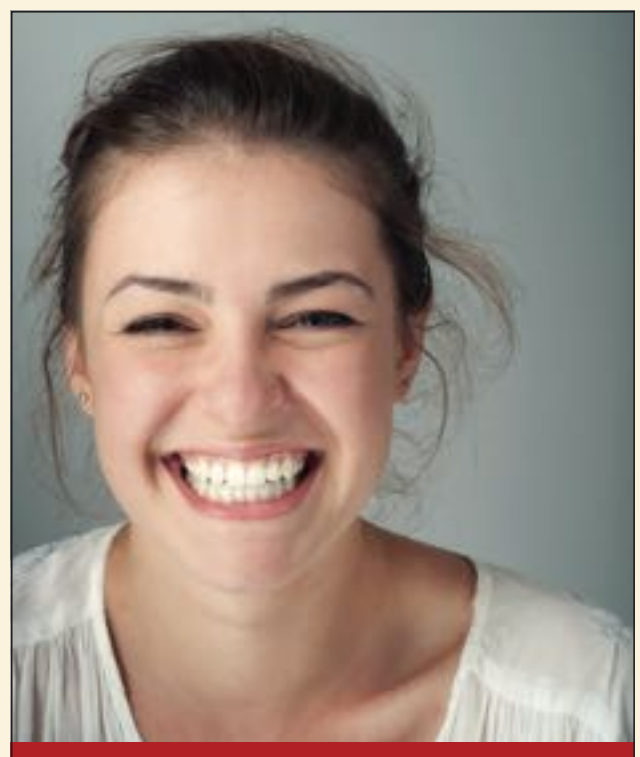
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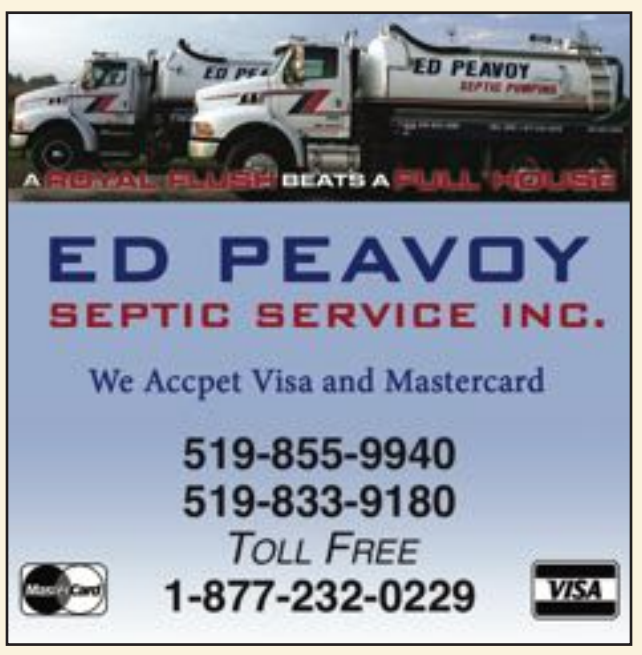
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We started this company in 2015. We were just a couple of guys in our mid-20's with a pick up truck, a trailer, a dream to one day run our own company.

Through lots of hard work and dedication, we have been able to grow our business to the point where we now have a few moving trucks and some really great employees. We even managed to get our mom, Jackie, to come work for us as our administrative assistant. This was a big shift for her since she previously worked at a local grocery store for 20 years straight!

Since we first started, many people have asked us, "What does NuGround mean? How did you come up with the name?". Great question! I understand that the name can leave people a little confused but the fact that NuGround is not a real word is what makes it interesting since it leaves room for interpretation. This really worked to our benefit in the early days of the business because when we first started out, we didn't really know what kind of service we wanted to offer. All we knew is that we wanted to help people directly. We initially marketed as a lawn care company because of Mike's extensive experience in that industry. So we thought, "Ok, we're a lawn care business and we'll make your lawn look fresh and new. It'll look like new ground. NuGround!

We liked the name and we were off to a decent start but the competition in Caledon proved to be very intense and so we decided to start offering moving services on the side because of my previous experience in the packing and shipping industry. When we did this, we saw an immediate rise in customer demand. In just our first weekend, Mike and I completed 3 moves. It was extremely hard work but not only were our customers genuinely appreciative of our efforts, we were also able to generate more money in that single weekend than we ever could in 2 weeks of servicing lawns!

At that point, we began brainstorming different names for our new moving business but eventually realized, "Actually, the name kind of works. We help people move to a new home in a new neighbourhood. We're moving them to new ground. NuGround!" Even when we introduced junk removal into the mix, we thought, "Well, we help people clear out their junk to make new floor space in their homes. It's new ground. Nu…" (You get the idea).

Nonetheless, that's the story behind our name. The word itself has no meaning but then again, it makes perfect sense. Mostly, it's a name that now carries a reputation for hard work, honesty, and professionalism in our community. That's the true meaning of NuGround.

Obviously, our 5 year anniversary comes at somewhat of a confusing and bleak time with the COVID-19 pandemic and we want to reassure our customers that as an essential service, we are still open for business. We are doing everything we can to reduce the potential spread of the virus. Our new practices include wearing clean gloves, using hand sanitizer, and routinely cleaning high touch-point areas in our vehicles and trucks. Furthermore, we are currently only providing video survey (virtual) estimates and we are actively avoiding physical contact between staff and customers. We have also downsized our staff to help us keep a careful eye on anyone that may display symptoms. So, if you are thinking of hiring us for a move, a delivery or simply need some junk taken away, we are more than happy to accommodate any special requests you may have.

Furthermore, we understand that people may be facing financial uncertainties during these times so we are currently offering a 10% discount on all of our services from now until June 1st, 2020. If you're interested in learning more about how we can help you or simply want to request an estimate, feel free to visit us at nuground.ca or call us directly at 647 207 1387.

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