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Local businesses struggling after decision to place Caledon into provincial 'Red' zone

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As Peel Region remains in the provincial government's 'Red' zone, local businesses worry daily over whether they will be able to keep their doors open.

The new framework, which includes five levels introduced by the provincial government earlier this month, is aimed to identify what regions are more severe than others when it comes to COVID-19-related concerns.

On Nov 7, Peel Region was put into the 'Red' level to control transmission in a modified Stage 2 due to the constant increase of rising confirmed cases. The province reported there were over 450 new cases in the region in one day this past weekend.

Ontario is stating that if the number of cases continue to rise at the current rate, the province could see up to "6,500 new cases per day by mid-December."

"Our number one priority right now is getting the numbers down and keeping people safe," said Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams.

Additionally, Medical Officer of Health of Peel Region Dr. Lawrence Loh introduced further restrictions to prevent transmission amid rapidly rising numbers.

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Caledon native officially commits to Iowa State University

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Izabella Zingaro was only in grade 10. The Caledon Basketball Academy forward, had been scouted by Iowa State University and other division one school's south of the border.

In what would normally be a point-person initiative in the United States, when it comes to recruiting players, the Cyclones' way is a bit different.

"We do it as a staff. All of us were engaged and with Izzy, Jodi (Steyer) started it and I think we just took our turn with it and tried to show her and her family what the culture of Iowa State is about, what our culture is about," said Cyclones head coach, Bill Fennelly, over the phone with the Caledon Citizen.

Assistant Coach, Steyer always travels to Canada. It's how the team found Zingaro and how the program discovered Minnesota Lynx guard and Chatham, Ontario native Bridget Carleton.

When the illustrious phone call came in while with her family two years ago, Zingaro remembers being offered a scholarship like it was yesterday.

"The emotions in that moment were crazy. I think after the call, my parents started crying. It was a really amazing feeling and I can't get that feeling out of my head. It was really exciting," Zingaro said last Wednesday.

She travelled to Ames, Iowa and immediately knew she wanted to be there. She loved the small-town feel, the crowd atmosphere and the coaching staff at the university.

And last Wednesday, the Zingaro family officially unveiled Izabella's commitment to Iowa State in Bolton as Zingaro celebrated with her teammates, Caledon Basketball head coach Gord Everett, Ward 5 Coun. Tony Rosa and other family and friends outside of her home, which was exquisitely "decked-out" in Cyclones' attire.



PHOTO: ROBERT BELARDI

PEN TO PAPER: Izabella Zingaro officially unveils her commitment to Iowa State University to the community in front of her home all decked out in Cyclones attire.

"We are so excited. She is an amazing young person, amazing family, that's what fits our university," Fennelly said.

"Her personality. Her even temperament. Her appreciation for the people who have helped her and how hard she's worked to get to this point. All of the things I think that turn you into a great college basketball athlete."

From a basketball point of view, Fennelly also said the program needed a post-player and he finds it very unique, his new 6'2 forward is left-handed.

Since taking over in 1995, head coach Fennelly has built this program from the ground up. He has amassed over 500 wins in 25 years, averaging 21 wins a season. The women's basketball program has accomplished a pair of NCAA Elite Eight berths, five appearances in the NCAA Sweet 16, two Big-12 championship titles and a regular season conference crown.

Zingaro is eager to learn more from him.

"You can tell he really focuses on improving his players and he already has a feel on what he wants to work on with me on my strengths and weaknesses. I look forward to working with him in the future knowing that he'll help me get even better," Zingaro said.

She says she wants to improve her range and dribbling. As a post-player she wants the ability to get out around near the three-point arc and even take some more three-point shots if available.

Since being knocked out in the NCAA Second round two years ago to Missouri State, and this past season going 18-11 before the shutdown, Zingaro says she believes this team is heading into the right direction.

She believes she might report to the campus next summer to train and prepare for next year's NCAA season.

If Team Canada calls, she will report to Team Canada women's basketball, who are supposed to travel to Australia in 2021. Zingaro, who has been with Team Canada since the U-16 level, averaged 9.4 points and 5.0 rebounds at the 2019 U-17 National Championships last year.

As for the Cyclones, Iowa State will begin their season next Wednesday, November 25th, as they host the Omaha Mavericks.

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These included cancellations for wedding receptions, prohibiting residents visiting other households, discouraging gyms and fitness centres, as well a religious services, rites or ceremonies.

With these new restrictions set in place possibly until January, local businesses in Caledon are struggling to keep up.

Caesar's Centre, located in Bolton, has stated that being closed for the next few months will have a "great impact" on their business, having been forced to cancel upcoming events.

"My business is completely shut down right now aside from a few take-outs. Banquet halls thrive on events and parties, not take-outs. That has always represented only about 10 per cent of our business, however since people can no longer do large gatherings at home, our takeout orders have also plunged," said President, Nick Carnovale. "This absolutely decimated any plans we had put in place for the holiday season and the parties that come along with it."

Carnovale is remaining hopeful during these difficult times, but can't help but feel some unfairness on the measures that are being inflicted upon them and think there could be other solutions.

"Personally, I think that there are other ways to restrict the flow of the virus without sending us into these very strict measures. It has been already proven that restaurants and bars are not the main spreader areas of COVID-19 so I don't know why we're being restricted the most," he explained. "It's hard to understand some of our provincial and regional politicians' logic when I can only have 10 people in my 10,000 square feet building, but the grocery store down the street has a couple hundred inside."

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> Nick Carnovale
> President, Caesar's Centre

The team at Caesars are continuing to do what they can to encourage take-outs and keep their business ongoing while coping being closed.

"Caesar's has been a pillar of the Bolton and Caledon community for about 25 years and we have no plans of ending that anytime soon," said Carnovale. "We will weather these bad times and be ready to open up to celebrate the good times with all our customers!"

For more information please visit Ontario.ca, or visit caesarscentre.com to learn what is available.

Out of concern for the health and safety of the families we have served and our community as a whole, we will not be holding our annual Christmas Memorial Service this year.

This has been a difficult decision for us as we know, for many of you, this is an annual tradition to gather and reflect on the readings, Dr. Bill Webster[1]s message, special music and, of course, the lighting of the candles. However, we felt, given the current restrictions on large gatherings due to COVID-19 and not knowing what lies ahead in the near future, we wanted to let you know of our decision as soon as possible.

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Construction firm fined $150k after Caledon incident

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Brampton-based construction company has been fined $150,000 after admitting they were at fault for the death of a local man at a construction site in Caledon back in January.

On Jan 14 last year, Graham Bros. Construction Ltd was working at a construction project at the intersection of King Street and Heart Lake Road in Caledon where one worker, Jacob Lein, lost his life after being struck by a excavator bucket.

Lein alongside two other workers were laying water pipe at the bottom of a trench as part of a resurfacing and watermain repair job on King Street, where one worker operated the hydraulic excavator, and the second acted as a signaller. The third was at the top of one of side of the trench as a 'pipe layer', according to the court.

The excavator bucket was in the center of the trench and out of the view of the operator as well as the catch basin.

As the bucket was being removed from the trench, it struck the second worker, Lein, and pinned him between the bucket and catch basin.

The third worker, an off-duty police officer, who was directing traffic at the time, called emergency services immediately.

On Nov 9, Graham Bros Construction Ltd. was found guilty and was fined $150,000 in provincial offenses court in Caledon by Justice of the Peace Jeannie Anand.

The court stated that the defendant "failed as a constructor to ensure that a signaller was in full view of the excavator operator."

A 25 per cent victim fine surcharge was also imposed as part of the Provincial Offenses Act that is credited to a provincial fund to assist victims of crime, stated the court.

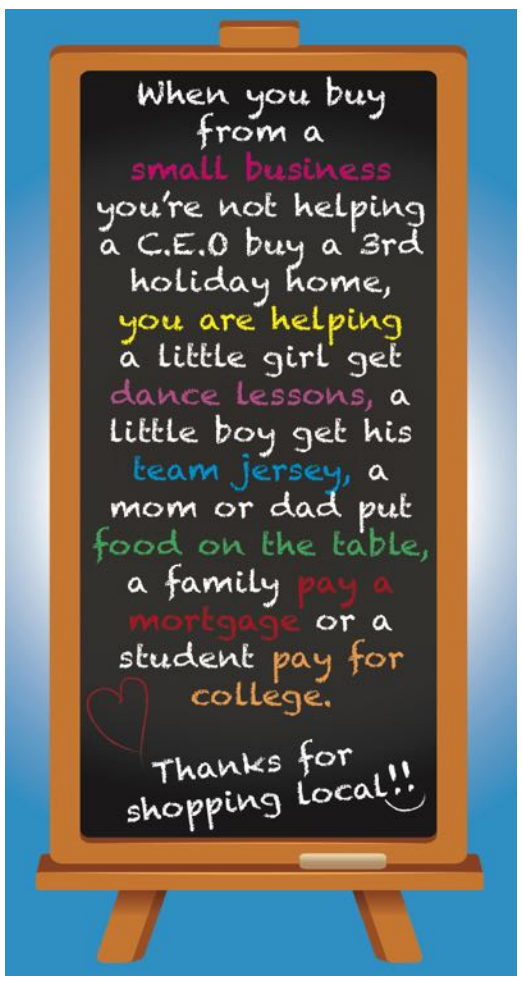
Lein was 33 years old, a father, and known as a loyal and loving individual to those who knew him. At the time of his death, he lived in Melancthon.

"Jacob was the definition of a family man, loyal, loving, with a heart of gold. Jacob would take the shirt off his back for anyone in need, no questions asked. He was always the first to help anyone, always the man with the answers... a true jack of all trades," stated his obituary.



FILE PHOTO

HEFTY FINE: A Brampton construction company has been fined $150,000 for the part they played in the death of Jacob Lein, a Dufferin County resident, following an incident in Caledon in January.



Caledon Fire Department raising money to support cancer research

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon Fire Department is once again participating in the annual 'Movember' fundraiser, as well as raising funs for breast cancer research.

Movember is a month-long initiative that encourages men from all over the world to go without shaving for a whole month to raise awareness and funds for men's health, including mental health, suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

The movement was launched in 2003 by two friends meeting in a quiet bar in Australia, and has expanded internationally with millions of participants in the years since.

In addition to Movember, Caledon Fire is raising funds for the Caledon Breast Cancer Foundation by selling 'Caledon Fire Movember' masks to members of the community.

Caledon Breast Cancer Foundation is a local charity dedicated to supporting women who are suffering from breast cancer. The organization provides financial assistance to local residents to assist with with resources, services, products and their everyday needs.

Proceeds from mask sales will be divided between the two charities.

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A sober reminder for safe driving from Caledon OPP

On Saturday, Nov. 7, at approximately 8:57 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP Detachment responded to a traffic complaint of a black Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) driving erratically in the area of Highway 50 and Old Church Road in the Town of Caledon.

The officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. As a result of the police investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted.

As a result, Barjinder Mehne, 40, of Mississauga, has been charged with: Operation while impaired - alcohol, and Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration over 80 mg.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 21, 2021, to answer to the charges.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, at approximately 2:14 a.m., while on patrol in the area of Highway 50 and Castlederg Side Road in Bolton, officers observed a white SUV driving erratically and conducted a traffic stop.

While speaking to the driver, the officers detected an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath and signs of alcohol impairment on the driver. The driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for more breath tests to be conducted.

As a result, Pardeep Gill, 44, of Brampton, stands charged with: Operation while impaired - alcohol, and Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration over 80 mg.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 21, 2021, to answer to the charges.

Later that night, on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at approximately 4 a.m., officers responded to a collision involving two-vehicles in the area of Highway 410 and Mayfield Road.

While speaking to one of the drivers, the officer detected an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath. The driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was then placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - BAC over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, for further breath tests were conducted.

While at the Detachment, the driver refused to provide any further samples of his breath, and, as a result, Michael Nalichowski, 24, of Orangeville stands charged with: Failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 21, 2021, to answer to the charge

All three drivers received a 90-day driver's license suspension and a 7-day vehicle impound.

More impaired driving charges

On Friday, Nov. 13, at approximately 9:37 p.m., while on patrol in the area of Highway 10 and Old School Road in Caledon, an officer observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer followed the vehicle and observed that it was not able to maintain its lane. The officer activated the mobile radar and determined that the driver was going more than 50 km/h above the posted speed limit.

The officer conducted a traffic stop. As a result of the police investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted.

As a result, Augustin Iruthayanathan, 35, of Brampton, has been charged with: Operation while impaired - alcohol; Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg; Race a motor vehicle - stunt; Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero, and Driving while under suspension.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 28, 2021, to answer to the charges.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, at approximately 12:14 a.m., while conducting speed enforcement in the same area of Highway 10 and Old School Road, an officer observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed.

A traffic stop was conducted and while speaking to the driver, the officers detected an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath. The driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was then placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - BAC over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, for further breath tests were conducted.

As a result, Gagandeep Kaur, 29, of Brampton, was charged with: Operation while impaired -B.A.C. concentration over 80 mg, and Speeding.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 28, 2021, to answer to the charges.

Later that day, on Saturday, Nov. 14, at approximately 5:48 p.m., officers responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked on Kingsview Drive in Bolton

The officers attended and located the vehicle with its engine running and driver asleep behind the wheel. While speaking to the driver, the officer detected an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath.The driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading.

As a result, O'Darrrell Poole, 47, of New Hamburg, stands charged with: Operation while impaired - B.A.C. concentration over 80 mg.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 28, 2021, to answer to the charge.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, at approximately 1:04 a.m., police responded to another suspicious vehicle complaint in the area of Highway 50 and Brawton Drive in Bolton. The caller advised that a black pickup truck had been idling for 40 minutes with loud music on, and the driver honking occasionally.

The officers responded to the call for service and located the vehicle running with its' driver sleeping inside. While speaking to the driver, the officers were able to detect an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath. The driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading.

As a result, Mathew Caughill, 19, of Dundalk, stands charged with: Operation while impaired - B.A.C. concentration over 80 mg.]

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 28, 2021, to answer to the charge.

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HHCF launches holiday fundraiser to support local hospital

Written By PAULA BROWN
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A FESTIVE FUNDRAISER: Headwaters Health Care Foundation is launching its annual holiday fundraising campaign to raise money for our local hospital.

The season for giving has started and Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is launching their annual holiday campaign raising donations to bring updated hospital equipment to Caledon's local hospital.

"We're hopeful that people who may have stepped up and supported in the spring (with the COVID-19 assessment centre) will give again and those who didn't support in the spring will give this time," said Dora Boylen-Pabst, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

This year, as part of the holiday campaign, donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Morningview Foundation up to $200,000, the largest matching gift the foundation has ever had for its holiday campaign.

"A hospital of our size, with programs such as breast cancer programs, or obstetrics programs, or emerge department, have ongoing needs," said Boylen-Pabst. "Just because of COVID-19, there are no fewer cancer diagnoses, no fewer emerge patients, no fewer babies born and as a result, we're really feeling the pressure this holiday season."

The donations raised through the holiday campaign will be going toward the purchase of a new mammography machine with tomosynthesis (3D imaging) for the hospital. The new machine will be replacing Headwaters Health Care Centre's current one, which is over 10 years old and nearing the end of its usage. The 3D imaging aspect of the new mammography machine the hospital is looking to purchase can help diagnose harder to diagnose cases, Boylen-Pabst said.

"It's particularly effective for women with dense breasts. It also reduces false positive rates, which is important and it will allow for much earlier detection of breast cancers even in people with no symptoms," said Boylen-Pabst. "It will make a large difference to people who have to at this point, go to other centres for higher definition testing, because we haven't had it here."

The cost of the mammography machine with tomosynthesis imaging sits around $575,000 and with the dollar-for-dollar matching donation, Boylen-Pabst said the hospital will be the majority of the way to purchasing it.

Headwaters Health Care Centre annually sees mammography patients of up to and over 3,600, which Boylen-Pabst says has already been surpassed this year.

"We have a growing volume of breast cancer patients and this mammography machine with tomosynthesis will make a huge difference to this entire community."

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NEW FINE: Peel Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh has implanted stricter fines for businesses who fail to stop the spread of COVID-19.

New fine introduced for businesses who 'fail to prevent spread' of Covid

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Peel Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh has introduced new, stricter punishments for businesses who "fail to prevent the spread of COVID-19" within our community.

Fines will be distributed to any businesses in Peel Region that are proven to have not been taking action against COVID-19 in the workplace, effective on Nov 16.

The order has been declared under the Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

The Act states that workplaces are to send any employee home if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, has signs of the virus, are awaiting test results, has any reasonable grounds to believe they may have symptoms, or have been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

If two or more positive cases are found within the workplace, Peel Public Health is to be notified, as well as the Ontario Ministry of Labour and a list of individuals must be organized of those who came into close contact with the positive person. A log is to be maintained of all those on the premises, along with all contact information must be provided for the site manager.

Local businesses who do not comply with these instructions can be fined up to $5,000 per day.

Though not a part of the Order, Dr. Loh is encouraging businesses to pay their employees paid sick leave if they are sent home to isolate.

"It's time for employers who choose not to pay employees when they are sick to put people over profit. The cost of COVID-19 spreading across our community is far greater than the price of a few sick days," said Dr. Loh.

Local hospitals in Peel have been struggling with the large influx of patients coming in due to the growing number of positive cases in the area. Hospitals have also been hit hard by the flu season.

William Osler Health System states they are dealing with high capacity pressures and has partnered with local hospitals in the region to take some of their patients to ensure proper health care.

"In recent days, Osler has faced new challenges as a result of COVID-19," said Dr. Naveed Mohammed, President and CEO of William Osler Health System on Nov 9. "As the number of COVID-19 cases in the community continues to rise, we have seen a corresponding increase in the number of patients seeking care in our hospitals. This sharp increase has resulted in Osler experiencing significant capacity pressures."

The provincial government has updated their Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework by lessening the thresholds for each level to limit spread while schools remain open as well as "maintaining health system capacity, protecting the province's most vulnerable, and avoiding broader lockdowns."

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, and our government's response must evolve with it. These updates to the COVID-19 Framework will ensure that the necessary targeted measures are in place in hotspots to help stop the spread of the virus and keep our schools and businesses open. Protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians remains our top priority," said Minister of Health, Christine Elliot.

Ontario has a total of 95,496 confirmed cases reported with an increase of 1,487 as of Nov 16.

For more information, please visit Ontario.ca, or peelregion.ca for more updates.

CVC concerned over proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Ontario Premier Doug Ford's planned changes to the Conservation Authorities Act has conservation authorities around the province concerned that Bill 229 will remove their ability to effectively do their job.

The new rules would allow the minister of natural resources to take over some decision making on developments as well as allow developers to appeal conservation authorities decision directly to the minister who could then overturn them.

The new rules could possibly allow the province to push aside concerns raised by environmental scientists.

The Ford government said the changes are aimed at speeding up the approval process for small, environmentally insignificant projects.

Ford told reporters, "We aren't gong to dodge environmental assessments or anything," after the proposed changes were made public.

Ford made reference to an unspecified company that he said took a $500 million project to Ohio instead of investing in Ontario. However, that project could not be verified.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) said the changes are a present 'potential risks to people, property and the environment.'

CVC is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario and is responsible for the Island Lake Conservation area as well as ten other conservation areas in the region.

A statement from the CVC said, "the proposed changes would reduce the effectiveness of conservation authorities to protect the natural environment as well as public health and safety. These changes serve to erode our ability to mange lands containing natural hazards and wetlands, build flood resilience in the face of climate change and preserve critical natural features."

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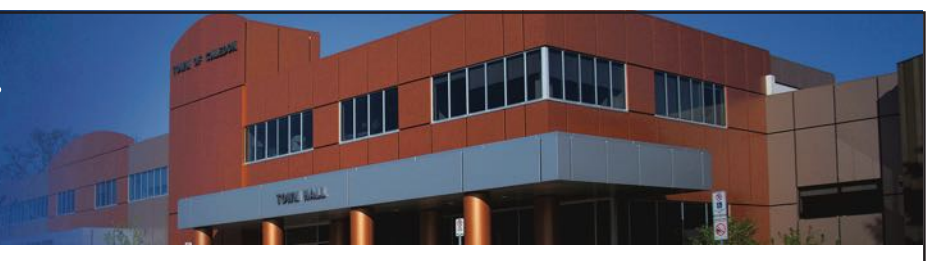
The CVC said key concerns include authorizing the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to issue an order to take over and decide a development permit application in place of a conservation authority.

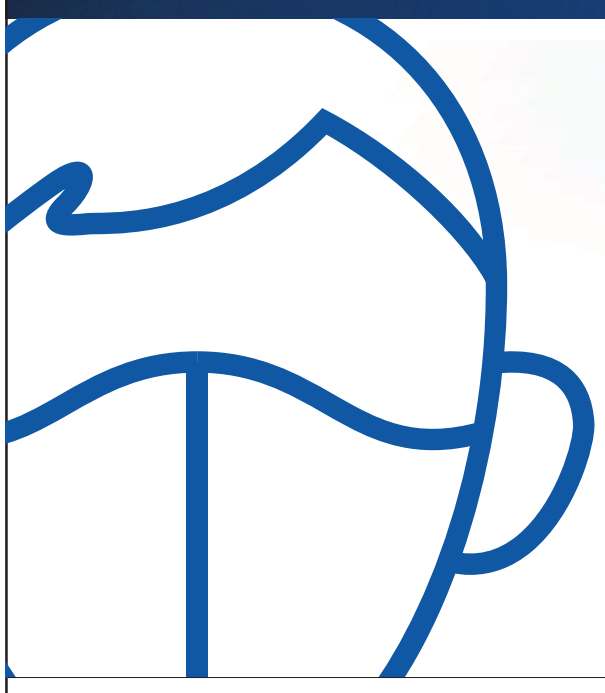
They also say the new rules would eliminate the provision for conservation authorities to issue stop work orders to help stop significant threats to life, property, and environmentally sensitive areas.

While proposed bill is almost certain to pass, conservation authorities are waiting for more information to fully understand how changes will be implemented.

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Age-Friendly Caledon

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For those that can, pay your property taxes before December 31, 2020 to avoid penalty or interest charges starting on January 1, 2021.

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Join Caledon firefghters online to learn more about safety in the kitchen while baking your own holiday cookies.

December 10, 2020 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Public Open House Meeting



You are invited to participate in an online Public Open House meeting to learn more about and provide feedback on a proposed new Division Fence By-law.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Time: 7 p.m.

For details on how to register and participate or to review the draft By-law and Procedural Guide, please visit **caledon.ca/notices**.

For questions, please contact us at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or by e-mail to legislative.services@caledon.ca.



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NOVEMBER

24 | Town Council, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 | Committee of the Whole (General), 5:30 p.m.
1 | Committee of the Whole (Planning and Development) 7 p.m.
2 | Public meeting: Division Fence By-law 7 p.m.
8 | Town Council 7 p.m.
9 | Committee of Adjustment 1 p.m.

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Caledon Council endorses new 'Love Local Tuesday' initiative

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Ward 5 Area Coun. Tony Rosa is hoping to bring a new annual promotion to Caledon to support local businesses this upcoming holiday season.

Around Christmas time, different kind of sales and promotions circle around different retailers, including Black Friday, Red Thursday at Canadian Tire, and Cyber Monday. Now, Counc Rosa is hoping to make 'Love Local Tuesday' a thing.

In support of local businesses in Caledon, Council members are hoping to encourage local shopping with the new campaign and is looking for the participation from the community.

"I was doing some research and believe it or not but the spending numbers for Black Friday weekend and Cyber Monday are huge. It's a big deal in the United States for many, many years and then more American retailers came to Canada. It's become a part of our Canadian culture, " said Rosa. "What I'd like to do is hop on that bandwagon and create a new sale, and that's Love Local Tuesday."

There is a total of five Tuesdays in the month of December, and Rosa asked that the rest of Council go out into their respective communities and encourage this new campaign to help small businesses in Caledon.

With times as tough as these with, a list of restrictions impacting businesses in the area, this initiative will give that financial and moral support businesses are looking for, Coun. Rosa says.

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> Caledon Ward 5 Coun. Tony Rosa

"It's about making local businsses feel just as important as the big retailers that benefit greatly over the Black Friday weekend," said Rosa.

Tuesdays were chosen as they tend be to one of the slower days of the week for retailers as well as those in food operation.

The Town is looking to pass out information to local businesses to spread the word of Love Local Tuesday and to even possibly get other municipalities on board.

Mayor Allan Thompson, who feels just as passionately about the introduction of 'Love Local Tuesday' as Coun. Rosa, has already organized buttons and cards for other councillors to hand out to businesses in their ward.

"I'm encouraging all of Council and encourage all the residents when you're out there, it doesn't matter if you're in a bookstore or wherever, find something that's unique, take a picture and say 'hey, this is what I found on Tuesday'," said Thompson.

Ward 1 Coun. Lynn Kiernan also asked for residents to shop local, but to also 'think outside the box.'

"I'm really happy to support this, and yes support our restaurants, but encourage others to think outside the box, not just for retail locations, but extend it and look towards your home-based businesses and make sure they can stay afloat throughout this as well," said Kiernan.

In addition to the Love Local Tuesday, Shop Local Campaign remains in effect with consistent promotion of different local businesses to strengthen the local economy.

For more information, please visit Caledon.ca.

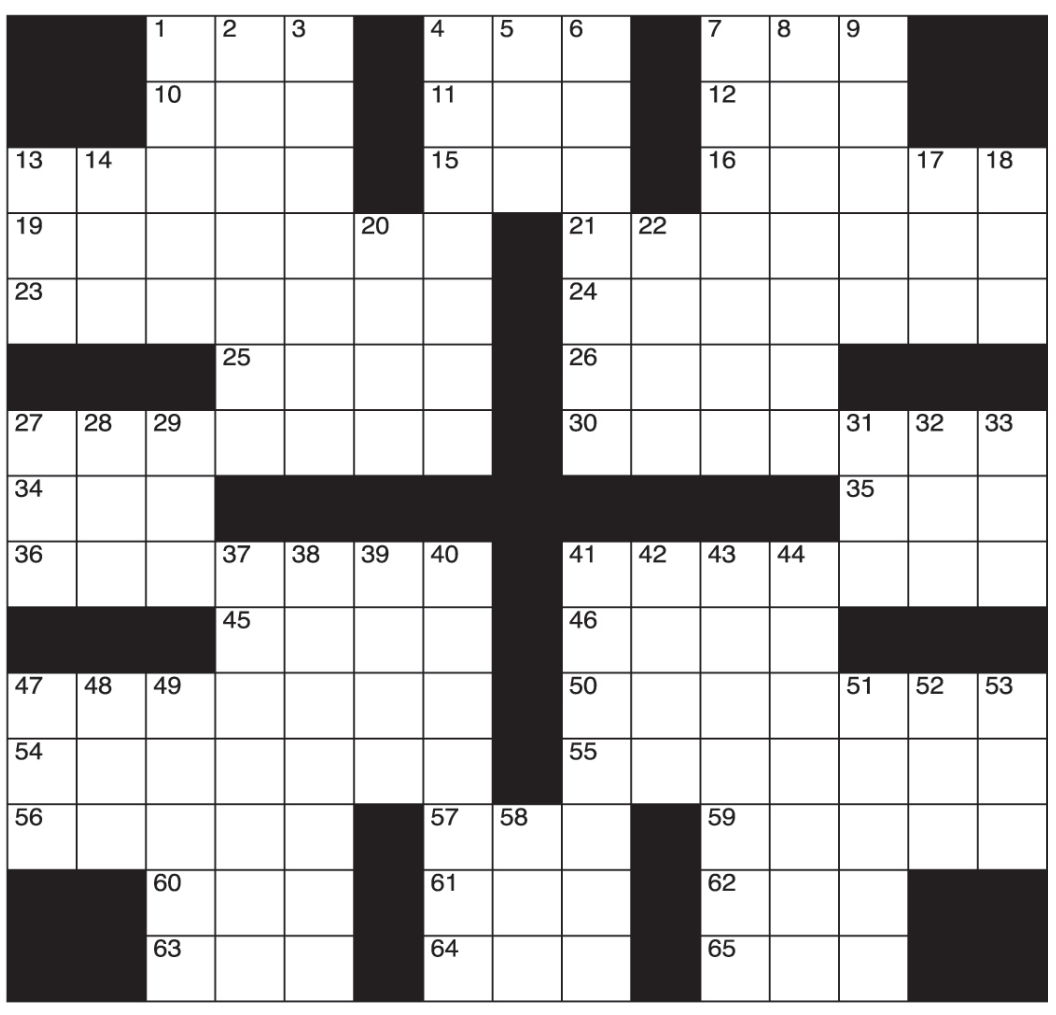






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7. Adenosine triphosphate
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Chinese revolutionary
12. Green veggie
13. Large group
15. Swiss river
16. Semiaquatic mammal
19. Wrongdoers
21. Home to Disney World
23. Spanish doctors
24. Newborn child
25. Absence of difficulty
26. Large, stocky lizard
27. Earned top billing
30. A long wandering and eventful journey
34. Water (French)
35. Brew
36. Winged horse
41. A usually malignant tumor
45. Alfred __, American actor
46. Austrian river
47. A reminder of past events
50. Connected with
54. Status
55. Dean residence
56. Egyptian city
57. Boxing's GOAT
59. Straits along the Red Sea
60. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
61. Get some color
62. Facilitates hearing
63. Commercials
64. A team's best pitcher
65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

1. Speak up
2. More informative
3. Where passengers sit
4. Gathered
5. Supervises flying
6. Home of the Blue Jays
7. Public statement of regret
8. Lockjaw
9. Indian city
13. Patriots' Newton
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Sun up in New York
18. Eggs in female fish
20. Stood up
22. NBA legend Willis
27. Calendar month (abbr.)
28. Exercise regimen __-bo
29. The 8th month (abbr.)
31. __ Paulo, city
32. Tall deciduous tree
33. Affirmative
37. Notified of danger
38. NFL game days
39. Archaic term for "to"
40. Plant pores
41. Canned fish
42. Phil __, former CIA
43. Connects with
44. Of the skull
47. Time zone (abbr.)
48. When you hope to get there
49. Hindu goddess
51. Land
52. Pitching stat
53. Field force unit
58. Lakers' crosstown rivals

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

Local resident starts 'Adopt a Grandparent or Health Care Worker' program

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local resident has organized a new initiative to make the festive holidays a little extra special for seniors and health care workers.

Vanessa DesLaurier created the 'Adopt a Grandparent or Health Care Worker' project, wanting to pay it forward this upcoming Christmas by giving members of the community an opportunity to give back to senior residents and healthcare workers at King Nursing Home.

DesLaurier wasn't able to keep close to her grandparents, especially during the holidays and understands the importance of making the holidays special for those who aren't likely to be close to family.

With the COVID-19 pandemic likely to keep families apart this holiday season, Christmas time will be hard on several families whose grandparents won't be with them.

"Both my grandmothers did not live close to me. And I depend on the generosity of others, so I would like to pay it forward." she said.

Additionally, she, like most people these days, appreciate the hard work the healthcare workers have put in in recent months to help others, and feels like they deserve the same amount of care.

"Healthcare workers are superheroes and I appreciate them," said DesLaurier. "My mom worked in a hospital (in Halifax, Nova Scotia) until she retired about eight years ago. My grandmother also worked in a hospital until she retired, and my cousin, also worked in the hospitals, but now works with people with mental health issues and she is so kind and generous."

Though this is the first year she is officially hosting the project, she's hoping to continue annually with the help of the community.

She launched the initiative on Nov. 1 and it is planning to end it at the end of the month. Gifts will be delivered the second or third week of December, so if any community members wish to donate, she will accept until then.

"Funny part is I didn't expect anything at all, as I plan on donating gifts anyways and I know people have their favorite charity and organization, as people have been pretty amazing this year! But people are sending me donations and telling me their stories and I am asking them to give me wording for their note to a resident and healthcare worker and I am so touched," she explained.

DesLaurier reached out to King Nursing Home in Bolton in hopes to get all 72 residents involved as well as all staff members.

"This is a great project especially during this pandemic when the residents are indoors and cannot participate in the regular activities they did prior to the pandemic. Residents will have a little more to look forward too during the holiday season," said Director of Resident and Family Relations at King Nursing Home, Dalbir Khattra. "In addition, it shows the residents that the community is thinking of them during this tough time."

She added, "it's a great initiative!"

Marco Muzzo's day parole extended for six more months

Written By MARK PAVILONS

Marco Muzzo's day parole has been extended for six months.

The Parole Board of Canada made the decision to continue day parole for six more months and order a hearing for full parole. The decision came down Nov. 3.

Muzzo was convicted in the 2015 deaths of four members of the Neville-Lake family. Muzzo pleaded guilty in 2016 to four counts of impaired driving causing death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and given a 12-year driving prohibition.

The collision claimed the lives of nine-year-old Daniel Neville-Lake, his five-year-old brother, Harrison, their two-year-old sister, Milly, and the children's 65-year-old grandfather, Gary Neville. The children's grandmother and great-grandmother were also seriously injured.

Muzzo first received day parole this past April, with conditions he cannot visit King City, Brampton or Aurora, without permission from his parole supervisor. The victims' families live in Brampton, and that's where the deceased are buried. There are memorials to the victims in both King City and Aurora.

Those conditions continue through the next six months. Muzzo is also prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol. He also can't enter establishments where they sell alcohol.

According to the decision, the Parole Board made an in-office review and will make a decision for full parle. The board must determine whether Muzzo will not, by re-offending, present an undue risk to society before the expiration of his sentence.

The board has ordered a hearing to consider full parole.

"It is the board's opinion that you will not present an undue risk to society if released and that your release will contribute to the protection of society by facilitating your reintegration into society as a law-abiding citizen."

The board granted day parole in April based on Muzzo's "positive institutional conduct," and successful completion of several escorted temporary absences for community service, and participation in chaplaincy and vocational programs.

Since day parole was granted this spring, Muzzo has not breached any of the conditions. He's actively engaged in his correctional plan. His case management team describes him as "transparent and open to feedback and guidance."

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We are no longer who we once were

by Mark Pavilons

Being at the top of the food chain, we human beings like to think of ourselves as top dogs.

We're intelligent, and can follow our gut reactions and logic equally with ease. We can speculate, draw conclusions, and using our opposable thumbs, can build things.

We've come a long way, baby, so far in fact that many believe we've stopped evolving. But that isn't the case.

Sure, it took us 200,000 years to get this point in our history. But we've only lived in civilized communities for the past 6,000 or so years. Heck, we only learned to play the saxophone in the last 150 years.

I love history and I'm fascinated by ancient civilizations, their way of life and their accomplishments with seemingly little technology. I admire our ancestors' resilience and strength in the face of real challenges. I love the pride they took in simple and complex things.

I am grateful that I am here today, largely because my ancestors survived, beat the odds, excelled in some way. I repeat one assertion that I still find almost unbelievable: We are here today because our lineage – each and every one of our ancestors – lived and reproduced. This chain of succession had to remain unbroken since the beginning of time, in order for us to be here. Kinda makes winning the lottery and beating those odds seem like child's play.

So, to them, I extend my heartfelt appreciation.

So here we are, humankind, in the midst of a pandemic that continues to spiral out of control.

Been there, done that. One of the first recorded instances of the plague occurred in Constantinople in 541 AD, which claimed 10,000 people per day, or a total of some 25 million.

The Black Death in Europe in the 1300s took 50 million people.

The most referred to epidemic in modern times is the Spanish Flu, which killed an estimated 100 million people between 1918-1920.

Considering the scale of these pandemics, the fact our ancestors remained unscathed is almost unfathomable. Just how did they carry on in the face of such tragedy?

Physically, humans haven't changed that much in the past 1,000 or so years. But we are constantly mutating, with genetic variations occurring all the time. Our species really came into its own in the past 5,000 to 10,000 years according to researchers.

Interesting fact: no two humans are genetically identical.

We all know that very few of us are physically similar. We like to think of ourselves as unique, even though we share common blood and tissue qualities.

Where we differ is all in our heads, quite literally.

Our brains are the central computer, the soul if you will, of each of us. No two of can see things in exactly the same way, and this is one of the reasons it was once called the "battle of the sexes."

Change really is the only constant in our lives and we all must change, alter our ways, and adapt. There are countless ways in which we change, from our smallest of bad habits, to how we see the world. Often, change is forced upon us through loss, or gain.

It's our ability to adapt, grow and learn that has kept our species thriving all these millennia.

How much have you changed over the years?

Believe it or not, we are no longer the person we once were, according to recent studies.

A 2016 study highlighted by the British Psychological Society, reviewed data from participants over a 60-year period. They were asked to rate themselves on personality traits, and the results were remarkably different.

The bottom line is our personalities change noticeably throughout our lives.

Sure, we all know we've come a long way from our adolescent self-centred behaviour. But it's interesting to note that things like kindness, generosity, compassion, tolerance, honesty, reliability all change over time. We lose some traits and gain others. We fine-tune ourselves, and we sometimes let things eat away at our brains.

Think of "Back to the Future," or a similar time travel inspired theme. How hard would it be to talk to, argue with or convince your younger self? I don't know that I'd want to go back and revisit high school Mark. I don't know if I'd like him!

We always hear from an old relative that so and so was always a rebellious person, even as a kid. It looks like this person is an anomaly according to this study.

I think we are more maleable than we think. Our surroundings, peers, social circles all impact how we develop. Most of us think that once we reach adulthood, most of our characteristics are set or cast in stone.

Thankfully, if this study is accurate, that's not the case.

I'm happy that I can continue to grow and blossom like a massive sunflower.

I fully agree and understand that learning is continual. I learn something new every week, from people and events I encounter. That's one of my favourite aspects of this profession.

The pandemic has also taught us to respond, adapt and change more quickly. For us in the news game, it's hard to keep track of the multitude of changes, which tend to occur daily, if not hourly. Places are open, then closed, then restricted ...

I do not envy anyone in retail or the service industry, who has encountered almost insurmountable change in the past six months or so.

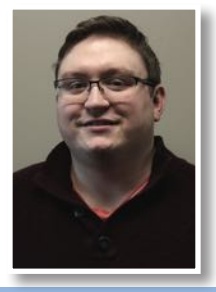
Will we all be changed forever, when we emerge from under this pandemic? Will we be better or worse for the experience?

Time will tell. If we're forced to change, let's all change together, and help those who may be lagging behind.

Goodbye Caledon

I always hate doing these things. There's just something about saying goodbye that really rankles with me.

I mean, it sucks, right? You get comfortable in your surroundings. Find happiness at work, and at home. Make friends. Then the rug is inconceivably pulled out from beneath your feet. Only this time, I really shouldn't be complaining about it, as I'm the one pulling the rug.



MIKE BAKER
THE MIC CHECK

For those of you who haven't already gathered, this will be the final time you see my name within the pages of the Orangeville Citizen, Caledon Citizen and Shelburne Free Press. As much as I've loved my time with you all here in the Headwaters region, my wife and I have been presented with one of those 'too good to turn down' opportunities to return home.

So, while there's certainly an element of excitement, and at the risk of repeating myself, it still sucks.

While I started my journalism career out in Alberta, spending two and a half years in the middle of nowhere between Edmonton and Fort McMurray, it's here in Dufferin-Caledon where I've truly found my voice, and established myself as a writer and editor.

Looking back, there have been a lot of milestones in the past four years. I became a permanent resident of Canada, after many, many years spent on what, to me, seemed like dozens of visitor and working visas. I got married, and, more recently, my wife and I were approved to buy our first home. In a sense, I think I've evolved into an adult while I've been here.

It hasn't all been sunshine and rainbows, however. There has certainly been some pain along the way. When I left my previous position, in my goodbye column, I included some of my most embarrassing bloopers, I guess as a tongue-in-cheek way to say the paper will be fine, and maybe even better off with me out of the picture! I was lucky that the feature was taken in the comedic way it was intended.

Now, I thought I'd use this space to compare my top two bloopers from my previous position at the Bonnyville Nouvelle, with my top two over the years here in Orangeville, Caledon and Shelburne. I'll let you, the reader, be the judge and decide whether or not I've stepped up my game in recent years.

We'll kick it off with the classics. I'll keep it brief. In Alberta, I reported, during what was my first time covering (and hearing about) chuck wagon races, that a record-setting track time of one hour, 17 minutes and 12 seconds was recently set during a provincial event. I did not attend the race. I reported after the fact, after receiving the results in an email. Now, for someone who had never even heard of chuck wagon racing before, seeing a time listed as 1:17:12, to me at least, meant hours, minutes and seconds. Not minutes, seconds and milli-seconds. Strike one.

Now for number two. I mistakenly reported that a church group was soon to embark on a mission trip to Nicaragura. I described Nicaragua as being an impoverished African nation. Yeah. Really. And I consider myself to be something of a geography buff… There really isn't much of a defense for that one.

So, first on the list here in Dufferin-Caledon, and it's a story I wrote for the Orangeville Citizen back in 2017. This one still hurts and haunts me to this day, because it's a mistake that absolutely should not have happened. In writing a commemorative Remembrance Day feature piece, I retold the story of Sir Fred Heber, a veteran of the Second World War. Only in my original story, I got Fred's last name wrong. I still cringe today when I think about this. While we made up for the error, and Fred was ultimately very happy with what we did, it's still uncomfortable for me even today.

On a much lighter note, there have been several occasions… More than one… Honestly, probably more than five over the years I'd say… Where I have, for whatever reason, massively fudged up headlines for certain stories. For those who don't know how our systems work, when putting together the week's papers, I generally use the previous issue's pages as a template to work off of. There have been times over the years where I have allowed an old headline to remain in place over the top of a new story. The best example of this, is when I allowed a Christmas-themed 'Santa is coming to town' headline to feature over the top of a New Year's story, talking about a dog being reunited with a family after spending five or six nights out in the wild after escaping. Insert favour Homer Simpson quote here.

There have certainly been some other absolute peaches over the years, but these are the two that stick in my mind. Let's hope that, years in the future, when I'm writing another goodbye column, there's absolutely nothing for me to look back on and poke fun at. Hey, a man can dream, right?

In all seriousness, I want to thank each and every member of the community who spent time reading my many columns and articles over the years, and, importantly, those of you who reached out to engage with me about the many, many topics I've covered. There has been a lot of change in this region in recent years, and I'm sure there will be much more change in the future.

Thanks for the good times, Orangeville, Caledon and Shelburne. I'll sure miss you.



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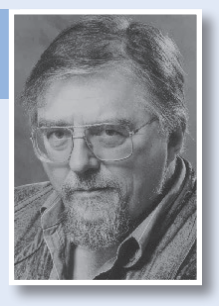
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Hong Kong and China

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OUR WORLD TODAY



One Hong Kong lawmaker, Claudia Mo, said it was "the death-knell of Hong Kong's democracy fight." But she was part of it: one of the fifteen remaining pro-democracy members of the Legislative Council (Legco) who resigned on Thursday in protest at the expulsion of four other democratically elected members of the pseudo-parliament.

Wu Chi-wai, speaking for the fifteen who resigned, tweeted that "'One country, two systems' in Hong Kong has come to an end." That is true, and it is regrettable, but it's hard to see how a mass resignation that eliminates all pro-democracy legislators from Legco helps the cause.

Bad tactics in a good cause has been the hallmark of the democratic movement's behaviour throughout the past eighteen months. It mobilised a very effective non-violent protest campaign when the Communist government in Beijing introduced a law in June 2019 that directly challenged the deal signed by China and the former colonial power, the United Kingdom, in 1997.

The UK ignored the democratic rights of the city's Chinese majority for most of its 155-year tenure, but when it handed the colony back to China in 1997 it did get a guarantee that Hong Kong could keep its free institutions, including freedom of speech and of the press, impartial courts, and a separate, partly democratic government for fifty years. 'One country, two systems' was the slogan.

Beijing' new law would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be transferred to mainland courts for certain 'security' offenses. So the protesters spilled out into the streets to protect the status quo, which kept all Hong Kongers free from Communist interference and made some very rich. Within three months Chef Executive Carrie Lam withdrew the legislation.

The Hong Kong government is not an entirely free agent and Lam initially went along with Beijing's demand. By withdrawing it she was signalling that Beijing was willing to drop the matter for now. But the protesters snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

Instead of going home happy, the protesters stayed out in the streets and raised the stakes, demanding fully free elections and more autonomy for Hong Kong. They also broke the prime rule and allowed their protests to become violent. (Don't explain that the police are being violent; your only safety lies in remaining non-violent regardless of the provocation.)

So Xi Jinping's Communist regime in Beijing struck back hard against what it saw as a serious challenge to its authority. A new law was imposed on Hong Kong, contrary to the 1997 agreement, that effectively subordinates the city's legal system to Beijing's whims.

It was the end of Hong Kong's legal autonomy, and to rub it in four pro-democracy legislators were expelled from the Legco. In a final quixotic gesture last week all the remaining democrats in the Legco quit too. It's a prelude to a far larger abandonment.

One-third of Hong Kong's 7 million people were born on the mainland: some of them moved to the city for the money, but most were undoubtedly getting away from the Communists. Another third will be the children or grand-children of those refugees (the city's population was only 600,000 in 1945), and will probably share their opinions. A lot will leave.

An estimated 600,000 Hong Kong residents already hold full foreign passports, half Canadians and most of the rest Australian, British or American. They acquired them as an insurance policy, and this is the contingency they were insuring against.

Another three million people hold British National (Overseas) passports or can easily acquire them, and London promises that they can all move to the UK if they wish. The 'central range' estimate of the British Home Office is that between 258,000 and 322,000 will come within five years, but it could be many more.

That's unless Beijing stops them from leaving, but if it closes the gates like that it would be the definitive end of Hong Kong as a great international trading city.

And what about Taiwan? Well, 'one country, two systems' was also the promise Beijing was holding out to Taiwan to seduce it into peaceful reunification. It has now been comprehensively trashed, and the long-term likelihood of an attempted military 'solution'

to the Taiwan 'problem' has just risen significantly.

Stop the blame and shame

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Perhaps it was predictable. An upcoming holiday; specifically Diwali, many people already fatigued by excessive COVID-19 concerns and Peel Region sitting at just one level below full lockdown. Finger pointing was bound to escalate. The problem with pointing fingers however, is that when enough of us do it – eventually fingers will point right back at you. Sadly, I'm wondering: was it easier to engage in this behaviour because of cultural differences? Was it easier because it was Diwali recently celebrated and not Christmas? Yes, I'm calling us out on our behaviour. Does riding out a pandemic become any easier if collectively we have someone else to blame for it? Enough with blaming and shaming, it really doesn't resolve anything and it only creates division. We can do better than that.

When it comes to "blame and shame" here are just a few recent examples of why "the pandemic is not my fault:"

It's because we opened the schools. While I might, as a non-medical professional, have an opinion that school openings (and in particular the DPCDSB's recent "come and go as you please" policy) aren't helping the COVID-19 numbers, schools reopening were not really a choice. How else to deal with the multitude of families who have no other option but to send their children to school so they can remain employed and pay their rent? How else do we attempt to keep the economy moving, shipping goods and stocking grocery shelves? It frustrates me immensely that the great majority of folks we previously heralded as front-line heroes doing the unseen work to support our economy are now the exact same folks we are blaming and shaming for spreading the virus when they can't help being exposed to it at their workplace.

It's because of all the kids gathering at the parks and skateboard pads. The youth today are so irresponsible! Sounds like older people looking to blame younger people for trying to cope with a virus none of us really know how to cope with. I won't lie, I sat behind a school bus one day watching it disgorge teenage passengers, many of whom began congregating at the local park and not a single one of them wearing masks. It concerned me. I've also received calls from folks expressing similar concerns from skate parks and basketball courts across the region. Collectively most agree however, that we don't want the kids to stop gathering–mental health is crucial right now–so there should be no blame and shame here, just a request to please keep wearing your mask, even after the school day is over.

It's "other" families who are gathering. The implication here is that "my" family isn't gathering but "your" family is and that's against the rules. Maybe you really are taking every single precaution you can possibly take. Maybe you really haven't seen a single member of your family since this whole nightmare began (240+ days ago) and if you haven't, thank you. We shouldn't assume however, that "other" people are consistently breaking the rules. If you DO know for sure that your neighbour is regularly hosting parties–report them to by-law enforcement, don't just vent your anger on social media. That kind of blame and shame accomplishes nothing.

Diwali. We have to address the elephant in the room. We all anticipated the complaints that would follow as a result of fireworks that might be lit in celebration of this festival of light. I'm guessing it wasn't too far of a stretch to then blame Diwali celebrants for allegedly gathering unsafely. News reports of one Gurdwara in Brampton that experienced some crowd control issues didn't help. But what of the many, many other faith based facilities that experienced NO overcrowding difficulties? Neighbouring Mayor Patrick Brown shared his frustration recently, advising that he and a number of faith-leaders in Peel had talked over the phone on Friday, November 13th, to discuss safe gathering expectations. His disappointment stems not from the fact these rules were *followed* across most of Brampton, but from all the media focus placed on just one location where problems arose. For the record, this location had also "complied with the indoor requirements" but was unfortunately overwhelmed with unexpected pedestrian traffic gathering outdoors. They called the police and the police called by-law officers to help them with crowd control. I wonder again, will this same level of media vigilance be applied at Christmas time outside of Christian places of worship?

Everyone is looking for someone to blame and shame instead of simply taking some personal responsibility. As I may have said at least once or twice now, this virus knows no borders. It doesn't recognize where Brampton stops and Caledon starts. Heck it doesn't even recognize that England is an island surrounded by water, that it already infected its Prime Minister once before or that Europe is comprised of a number of countries and has multiple borders. It doesn't matter WHERE it originated. It could care less about race, ethnicity, sex or religion. It's indiscriminate and it's about time we stopped discriminating against those we've individually decided are "at fault" for its spread. The only issue on which I might agree with at least some of the "finger-pointing people" is when they're pointing at folks who don't wear masks (unless medically prevented from doing so) or at those who wear them improperly. You, I might be willing to blame and shame. You, I might be willing to consider holding responsible for virus spread. Taking your mask off in a store so you can chat on the phone or wearing your mask covering your mouth but not your nose? You, I might be willing to hold accountable and to blame and to shame.

You know why? It's been proven by SCIENCE that masks can help stop (or at least slow) the spread of Covid. That's not a rumour and it's not blaming and shaming any one culture, race, sex, ethnicity or religious group because we're better than that. Aren't we?



Orangeville native reflects on years studying at Oxford University

Written By MIKE BAKER



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FURTHERING HER EDUCATION: Orangeville native Jasmine Proteau (right) has recently returned to Canada as she continues to work on her DPhil in History PhD from Oxford University.

The category is 'Latin origins,' the $2,000 clue flashes across the screen – *What is the traditional name given to the special 'dark' uniform students of Oxford University are required to wear for formal events?*

Orangeville native Jasmine Proteau is the first one to ring in.

"What is, subfusc?" she exclaims, confidently.

Having spent two years inside the hallowed halls of one of the world's most revered institutions, this is just one of the many interesting tidbits of information Jasmine has picked up on. Latin for 'dark clothing,' Subfusc are a set of robes that Oxford students don for special dinners and exams.

"Think Harry Potter-style, Hogwarts robes," Jasmine told the Citizen. "Subfusc is really cool. It's a long black robe, black shoes. It's a full uniform. Women will wear a black ribbon with it, too."

It has now been a little more than three years since this reporter first met Ms. Proteau. At that time, she was a burgeoning student on the cusp of completing her third post-secondary degree. Already boasting a joint major in History and French from the University of Guelph, and a Masters of History from the University of Ottawa, Jasmine spoke of her plans as she approached the finish line of her Masters in Museum Studies degree from the University of Toronto.

She had always dreamed of studying abroad and, true to form, aimed high. She was one of only 40 scholars, out of thousands of applicants, to be accepted into Oxford's prestigious DPhil in History program back in 2017. While her brain had gotten her part of the way, her wallet needed to contribute too. While Jasmine needed to have around $31,000 in the bank just to secure her spot in the program, it was estimated the total cost of procuring the PhD would exceed $150,000.

Still, it was something the young academic felt she had to do. After saving a considerable amount of money herself, Jasmine received another $6,000 from members of the local community who wanted to help her achieve her dream. While in the U.K., she worked five jobs to ensure she was able to continue paying for her immensely expensive education, and continue to keep a roof over her head. It was hard work, but the payoff will be worth it, Jasmine says, as she expects to graduate by the end of 2021.

Before we get to that, however, Jasmine spent a considerable amount of time describing her experience in London. As a history major, it was the "perfect place" for her to finally complete her education.

"I will admit, the first time I stepped foot on Oxford's grounds as a student, it was pretty intimidating. It's such an awe inspiring place. The buildings, in terms of a North American perspective, there's nothing here that we

have that are half as old as some of the stuff over there. A lot of the buildings are from the 12th and 13th century, and they're still being used regularly," Jasmine said. "There are taverns, and old halls that have literally hundreds of years of history. For me, it was just a dream being able to be there. It was almost like I went back in time."

Considering her focus, going back in time would have been ideal. Instead, Jasmine had to settle for using the world's most extensive library system to help round out her PhD topic. She based her thesis around 19th century European guidebooks.

"Back then, there were these main franchise guidebooks that everybody knew of. They were considered to be the only guidebooks in circulation that people used and studied, but you can only fit so much information into a book of that size," Jasmine said. "So, I quickly discovered that there were a lot of women who were writing their own guidebooks to fill the gaps that the bigger books didn't, or couldn't cover."

She added, "They wrote really, really well researched historical texts looking at art history, or the history of noted authors of the time, such as Charles Dickens and Virginia Woolf. They took texts that were written in Latin, Italian, French, German and translated them.

"I was in a super fortunate position, because, being at Oxford, I had access to some really special archives, some of which contained originals of these books. I got to see some really cool private collections, and really got a bit of a backstage pass into the people and places of the 19th century. It was really fascinating, and I'm really excited to share my work with the academic community, as well as the average person who may be interested. It really showcases the amazing work these women did, and all the amazing things they achieved."

In her thesis, Jasmine defined guidebooks into three genres – the general guide, which generally provides information on people and places; practical guidebooks, which focus in a lot more on specific historical events and artistic pieces; and academic guidebooks, which Jasmine described as being "quite scholarly" and difficult to follow.

She is currently in the process of completing her final project. Once finished, she will be required to schedule a thesis defence, an oral presentation where she will answer questions about her chosen subject in front of a panel of reviewers.

"If all of that goes to plan, then I get a doctorate. I'll be able to put the letters in front of my name," Jasmine said.

Reflecting back, while there was some time to bask in the history of her surroundings, Jasmine had an incredibly busy two year period while she was physically at Oxford. The school's PhD program is packed into three years, much shorter than the typical six-years it takes to complete a PhD in Canada. While there is a definite aura surrounding Oxford, it was the reduced timeline that appealed to Jasmine more than anything else.

"Coming in at half the time, the program was extremely appealing for someone so eager to launch their career," Jasmine told the Citizen three years ago.

That sentiment stands true today. While it will take her slightly longer than she initially intended – four years rather than three – Jasmine says her post-secondary endeavours overseas have opened up doors she never would have imagined even knocking on this early in her career. She returned home in September 2019, the financial burden of living and studying abroad eventually catching up with her. She chose to spread her final course year out over 24 months, to make it more manageable while working full-time.

Today, she actually holds down a position she says she would be delighted to keep for the long-term. Serving as Cultural Development Coordinator at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre, filling in for a maternity leave, Jasmine is helping to oversee the facility's move into a brand new space. She has been informed that the museum would be interested in keeping her on as curator once her contract position is over.

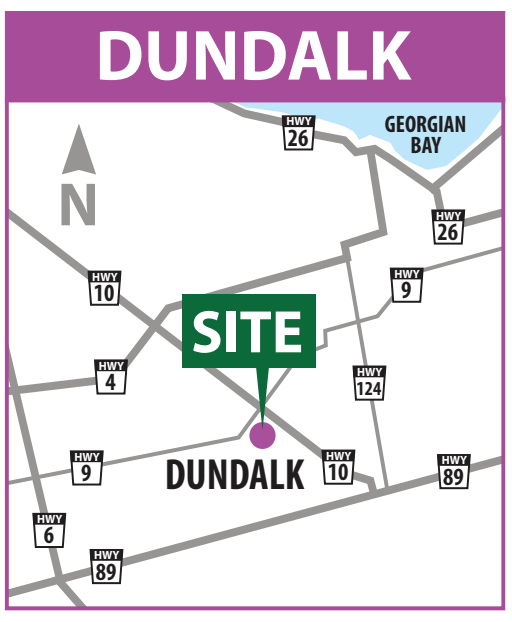
"It feels almost surreal to be here and actually working in a position that I would have dreamt about getting only after securing my PhD. I'm very lucky to be doing what I am right now," Jasmine said. "Looking ahead, I'm excited to potentially be a part of the museum's transition and helping to build the museum up into something that the whole community can be proud of. I'd also love to start visiting other museums – going back to the Museum of Dufferin would be awesome. I haven't had the opportunity to check it out for a while."

In closing, Jasmine wanted to take a minute to thank all of those in the local community who contributed to her cause and helped to fuel her dream, while encouraging others to follow in her footsteps and invest in their future.

"The only limits you really have are the limits you place on yourself. If you're willing to put in the work, if you truly love what you do, then you have to go for it. If something lights you up, you don't want to wake up one day wondering what could have been and having regrets. Just go for it, put it all on the line," Jasmine said.

She added, "I have an awful lot to be thankful for. While I put in the work, that wouldn't have been possible without all the encouragement I received, not only from friends and family, but from other members of our community too. All the lovely cards and messages I received – they really helped me through the difficult moments. This community gave me more than I could have possibly hoped for – so thank you for that."









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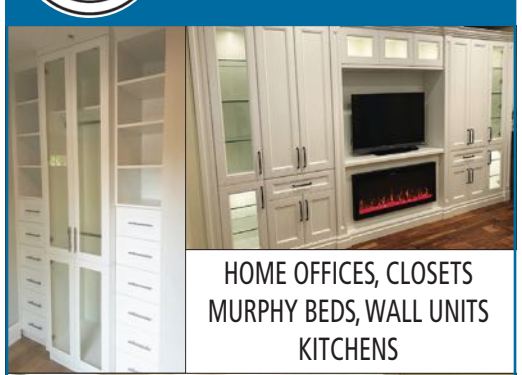
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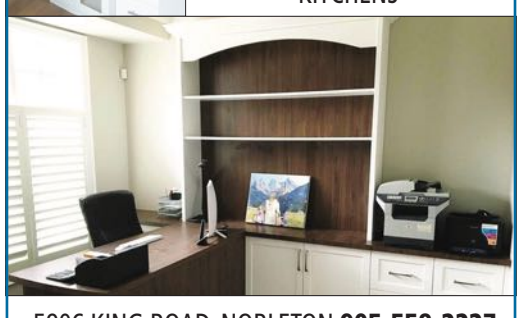
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Theatre Orangeville presenting 'A Christmas Carol' online

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD



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GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT: Renowned local playwright Dan Needles performs a reading of 'A Christmas Carol', presented by Theatre Orangeville and available to local residents online from Dec. 4 to Jan. 3.

Theatre Orangeville is spreading its holiday spirit next month with its production of a Christmas Carol from December 4 to January 3, 2021.

"There can't be a more beloved story at Christmas. We're doing a reading of it: five readers: Andrew James, Dan Needles, Mayor Sandy Brown, Bernadette Hardaker and myself," said David Nairn, Artistic Director of Theatre Orangeville.

This Christmas treat is coming as a virtual event for one and all to enjoy at their convenience online.

The way the show works is for a one time price of $25, anyone can purchase the link to watch the Christmas Carol reading online with a bubble-ful of friends and family.

Once you buy the link to the show, you can watch it any time of day. So, a link can be purchased for each of several homes all over the country — or the world – set your clocks to watch it at the same time for as much togetherness as time, distance and the Coronavirus will allow. There are many options. A bit like the Royal Wedding in 1981 being watched in every time zone around the globe.

A Christmas Carol, one of the most famous of the stories Charles Dickens left for us, is the tale of a curmudgeonly miser, Ebenezer Scrooge on one Christmas Eve, just seven years after his partner Jacob Marley died. Not at all given to fantasies, Scrooge receives a visit from Marley's ghost, after he has returned to his own rooms.

It seems Marley has two missions: one to convince Scrooge this is not an illusion nor a dream and, secondly, to forewarn him of the three phantom visitors he has yet to meet over the course of the night.

Highly resistant, Scrooge protests, but the dye is cast and his reformation has a chance, if only he will listen.

"We're using the abridged version that Dickens himself wrote when he was reading during his tour of the States and Canada. We shot it last week at 'Chateau Windrush' [home and winery of John Penny and Marilyn Field in Hockley Valley]," said Nairn.

"It'll be beautiful. The feeling of it is when you're doing your baking or sitting on the couch with a glass of sherry maybe. It's a reading not a play."

The difference for anyone not familiar, is that a reading is a group of individuals, passing the story or play among them, while simply standing in one place reading from manuscripts. It is very interesting and entertaining.

"It's written in five staves [chapters] and each reader is reading one of the staves; I'm reading the last chapter.

"I'm very excited about it; there are four weeks to watch it," said David Nairn and, then, he told the newspaper, "I am really thrilled that Hayden Thomas is playing traditional carols in between each stage. Hayden is playing beautiful arrangements of the carols and that's really cool – that grand piano playing in that great hall of [Windrush] in front of the fireplace."

He went on to talk about the new age we are in: "This is videoed: in this day and age of podcast, there's always a difference, when you're forced to sit in the theatre or movie. This is a different sort of dynamic. You can relax to enjoy it in your own home. I just love it. To me, it's everything Christmas.

"It's going to be such an unusual and remarkable Christmas this year. After we open Christmas Carol and, then, there'll be Leisa's show, Rockin' 'Round the Christmas Tree – it's just gorgeous, with Becky's set." Nairn noted.

Friends and families can't gather like they normally would because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Theatre Orangeville's Christmas Carol provides them with an opportunity to enjoy the story together, but at a distance, said Nairn.

"So many traditions are going to be blown out the water this year and it's my dream and my hope that our little gift will help bring some joy to families," he noted.

"We're trying to bring it together for people to have that family tradition anyway."

Nairn explained that the theatre's purpose in these online productions is to "bring joy to our patrons."

"It's a hardship for everyone who loves the theatre not to go but, by doing this kind of entertainment. We're heart broken but we're doing this in the meantime," he said.

"I'm not a filmmaker," Nairn admitted of himself, "but I'm trying to do something. My parents used to watch Playhouse 90 and we're trying to capture that spirit. We're having fun with it, learning all sorts of things. Albeit this is not our choice but it's what we're happy to do at this time."

Bernadette Hardaker, formerly General Manager of Theatre Orangeville, told the Citizen, "I found this version of a Christmas Carol really interesting. I thought he was on drugs when he wrote – some of the description are so detailed; light spinning around – it seemed so contemporary."

"It was fun to do; always super fun to do – scenes within the scenes and every little scene within the scene has a story; some of the sentences have multiple clauses that you have to hit the right way to make the sentence work." said Hardaker.

With this project in mind, she commented, "I've never read Dickens with such care as this. We've lost patience with non contemporary English."

Yet, "every single time I went to see Mid Summer's Night Dream, I learned to love the language."

Taking the matter of a possible lost interest in literature, "We have to make a soft sell to young people; entice people back into the stories."

"David has been extraordinary, so energized. I'm really excited about it – it 's really nice. I can buy the link for my friend in England and my family out west," said Hardaker.

Another chat, this time with the extraordinary young musician, Hayden Thomas, "I'm playing Christmas carols for the show, several between each reading. I would say I do like the format. It's a little different from what I've done before with Theatre Orangeville, which was accompanying.

"I'm the sort of person who can listen to someone reading for hours."

Home schooled all his life, this is Hayden's first year going to school: "It's my last chance as I'm in grade 12. One thing: I'm in a drama group at school. We're doing something very, very concentrated having only two days to write and stage a melodrama. It's been interesting and a lot of work."

Of the upcoming link for A Christmas Carol, David Nairn suggests, "Put it in your calendar. Unless it's actually on your calendar, you might not remember. Treat it the same way as you do when you're going to the theatre, telling yourself, 'I'm going to watch this at [such and such] o'clock.

"Get dressed up and treat yourselves," he said. "Take an hour and half out of your busy Christmas schedule and join us."

All the information for A Christmas Carol and Rockin' 'Round the Christmas Tree and how to purchase the link is at www.theatreorangeville.ca

You can also call the Box Office for the link and to purchase gift certificates of links or both Christmas shows for a discount.



World governments 'starting to take UAPs seriously'

Written By MARK PAVILONS

The truth is out there and more and more top officials are taking notice of what's happening in the skies above our earth.

The phenomenon is nothing new and perhaps even predates manned flight on earth.

Ezekiel saw the wheel, just what did he see?

"As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness ..."

UFOs, or UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) as they're now known, are being taken very seriously by governments, military and civilian agencies around the world.

The matter was given high profile and mainstream legitimacy when the Pentagon, this past April, declassified three previously top secret U.S. Navy videos. They show UAPs photographed by pilots, giving credence to the phenomena.

"The aerial phenomena observed in the videos remain characterized as 'unidentified,'" according to a Pentagon spokesperson.

The videos captured what Navy fighter pilots saw on their video sensors during training flights in 2004 and 2015.

"I can tell you, I think it was not from this world," retired Cmdr. David Fravor told ABC News in 2017 of what he saw during a routine training mission on Nov. 14, 2004 off the coast of California.

In 2004, F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter pilots, and sensor instrumentation associated with the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, reported unknown aerial objects. According to Fravor, a radar operator aboard the USS Princeton told him to investigate a target at 80,000 feet (24,000 m) that had apparently moved rapidly down to the sea before stopping at 20,000 feet (6,100 m).

During 2014-2015, fighter pilots associated with the USS Theodore Roosevelt carrier strike group reported unknown aerial objects. These UAPs were reported in the mainstream media and some of the involved pilots subsequently gave interviews about their experiences.

The now well known videos show encounters by jets from Nimitz and Theodore Roosevelt with unusually shaped, fast-moving aircraft. The videos feature cockpit display data and infrared imagery.

A Pentagon spokesperson confirmed that the videos were made by naval aviators and that they are "part of a larger issue of an increased number of training range incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena in recent years."

Schomberg's Andre Milne, of Unicorn Aerospace, argues the Nimitz UAP incident is in fact not only an extremely serious threat to U.S. national security, but to Canada's as well.

"Speaking strictly from a military defence position, there is zero doubt the Nimitz battle group's threat detection and response capabilities were probed by an unknown threat ... with technology far superior than anything ever documented on multiple primary radar and sonar targeting systems," Milne said.

He's pushing for Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) through the International Civil Aviation Organization, an agency of the United Nations. This would notify all pilots in the air when UAPs are encountered.

The sightings continue.

This past Aug. 19, Russian astronaut Ivan Vagner filmed several dots that appear to have lined up in space over the Earth. He filmed his 52-second video from the ISS and it does appear as a string of lights in an angled line.

There have been many official responses to the growing phenomenon.

This past Aug. 4, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist approved the establishment of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF). The Department of the Navy, under the cognizance of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, will lead the UAPTF.

The UAPTF is charged with improving its understanding of, and gaining insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs. The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security.

DOD takes incursions by unauthorized aircraft in U.S. air space very seriously.

The Department of Transport, Department of National Defence, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the National Research Council have all dealt with UFO investigations.

From Project Magnet (1950), Project Second Story (1952), through 1978, the federal government has been keeping tabs on such "visitors."

Currently, NAV Canada, a company that owns and operates Canada's civil air navigation service, does have a procedure for reporting sightings. Their Aviation Occurrence Reporting Procedure is used to address instances of unauthorized or unknown aircraft in NAV Canada managed airspace. A spokesperson said depending on these details, NAV Canada may send a report to the Department of National Defence (DND), the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD), Transport Canada (TC) and/or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Some 9,000 government documents, ranging from defence department memos about "flying saucers" to RCMP reports by officers who investigated UFO sightings across the country, are available on the Library and Archives Canada website.

The documents show a "fairly consistent track record of Canadian official involvement and interest in the subject, almost to the present time," said UFO researcher Chris Rutkowski said. "People in Canada have been way ahead of the United States in the sense that we've had a body of evidence and a body of documentation showing official interest in UFOs."

Rutkowski says Canadian authorities have historically been more transparent than their U.S. counterparts and that Canadians saw UFOs more as a scientific curiosity rather than a military threat.

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FINE DINING: Chef Matthew Metcalfe puts the finishing touches on one of his special meals that he prepares for in-home clients.

Local chef brings fine dining to you through new venture

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

When he lost his job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chef Matthew Metcalfe decided to continue his art on a more private level.

Providing in-home fine dining to small groups of people, he brings his culinary skills to your home for an evening of high-end restaurant fare that is perfect for dinner parties or a special evening.

Matthew got his start in the hospitality world after attending college in the culinary arts program in Niagara. He then started working at a restaurant in downtown Toronto.

After attending George Brown College in a specialty culinary program, he moved to Italy for eight months and attended a culinary school there as well.

Returning home to Grand Valley, he was soon offered an opportunity to move to Vancouver to work at a high-end restaurant called Black + Blue Steak House.

"It was right downtown on Alberni St. in Vancouver," Matthew explained. "They asked me if I wanted to come out there for a week. I went out for a week and checked out the restaurant. They offered me a pretty good wage, so we decided to move out there."

Matthew did well at the restaurant and was on track for a lead position.

Unfortunately, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the restaurant was forced to close its doors.

Even though take-out was allowed, the restaurant, which really catered to a specific client and is considered a fine dining establishment, wasn't inclined to serve their meals through a side door.

Matthew was in Grand Valley on a two week vacation to visit family with his wife Valentina when he got the news he'd been laid off.

To get through the next few months, Matthew took a job at Dave's Butcher Shop in Orangeville.

It is a job he not only appreciates, but said it is a good experience, as butcher shops cut their meat differently than most restaurants and he's learning a lot. However, he still wanted to keep working as a chef, at least part-time for now.

He partnered with Mary-Margaret Courtney to create Metcalfe In-Home Fine Dining. Mary-Margaret handles the business side of things, while Matthew does the creative culinary work.

They discovered that people enjoy having a personal professional chef prepare a meal that they can enjoy in their own home. It provides a fine dining experience for small intimate groups of up to ten people.

"With everything happening with COVID, people still want to go out to eat," Matthew explained. "We offer an in-home fine dining experience. I create a menu for you. It can be a family style menu or a three or four course plated dinner. I prep it all at my house, then we come to your house and take care of dinner and clean up the mess as well."

Matthew works with his clients prior to the dinner night so he can prepare something that everyone will enjoy. He said he's not trying to get into the catering business, which would require feeding a lot of people one dish, but rather he provides dinners of a more intimate nature for small groups and will cater to individual tastes.

Whether you are planning a special night for two, a small birthday party for a good friend, or maybe thinking of impressing some business clients, having a professional chef prepare your meal with a personalized menu will make for a very special evening.

You can contact Chef Matthew via e-mail at metcalfeinhome@gmail.com.

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World governments to take UAPs seriously

The issue is treated with high regard at the world's governing body.

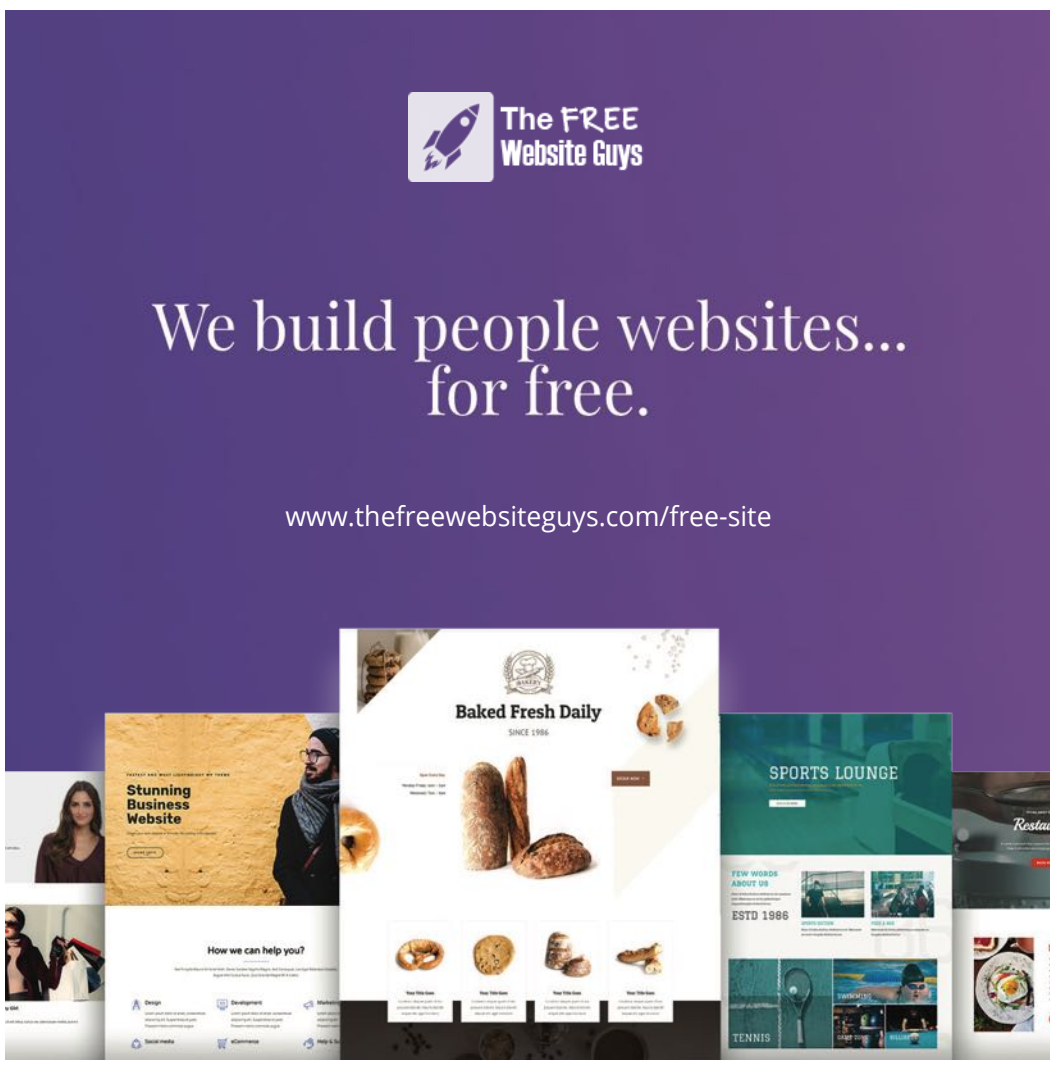
The United Nations has an Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) that's responsible for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. UNOOSA serves as the secretariat for the General Assembly's only committee dealing exclusively with international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS). Some say it's a precursor for making first contact.

More and more governments are creating protocols and reporting mechanisms to better prepare pilots.

Japan's Self-Defense Forces (SDF) have protocols when encountering an unidentified flying object (UFO) that could potentially pose a threat to national security. Their military is also tasked with looking into reports of UFO sightings from the public.

Looking back, most of us are familiar with the mysteries surrounding Roswell, Area 51 and Project Blue Book, which included UFO reports investigated between 1951 and 1970. The actual number of UFO reports in Blue Book files is between 12,000 and 15,000 cases.

The truth it out there, and with global, cooperative efforts, the answers may be within our grasp. As governments and agencies work together, we will be better prepared to handle potential threats.







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Ontario government commits $3 million for 2022 Valour Games

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

This November has once again been a time to remember, and also a time to envision.

The Ontario government announced earlier this month, $3 million dollars will be allocated to support the recent proposal of the Valour Games, a national multi-sport competition for wounded, injured, ill and disabled military personnel.

In the statement, Premier Doug Ford corroborated the government's decision to help.

"The Valour Games will provide another important opportunity for Ontarians to recognize the skills and excellence of our men and women in uniform and unite our province and our country at a time when it's needed most," Ford said.

The proposal and funding comes on the back of the success of the Invictus Games and the idea of hosting it in 2022; to put it simply, made a lot of sense.

"I like the idea of it being in 2022 just because, right now with the global pandemic there's a lot of uncertainty. So, it being in 2022, it gives us a chance, it gives the organizers a chance to have the time to put together a truly world class event. It's going to be a week-long event," said MPP Michael Parsa of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill.

Ottawa will be the host of 500 military, male and female athletes from all over the country for the inaugural event.

In this week-long competition, sports such as archery, indoor rowing, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis and wheelchair rugby will be included.

There has been no confirmation on how athletes will be selected and the final date they must be entered. Until, then, all athletes have two years to prepare for a very-important sports year in 2022.

The World Cup will be held in Qatar and if the pandemic has finally been solved by then, it just might be a year of rejuvenation for sport and other industries.

"You think about the hit we've taken as an industry, so many sports leagues being cancelled and games being deferred and modified. It's taken its toll on not just the sporting event but also on our hospitality industry and restaurants and hotels, who heavily rely on these events," Parsa said.

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> Ontario Premier Doug Ford

This event is also inclusive to raise public awareness on the health of those who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.

According to the release, sixty per cent of personnel released from the military have permanent physical limitations. Military veterans experience a higher level of "depression, stress, anxiety and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder."

If it's one thing that is known to help those who experience these problems, it is sport.

"I really do believe that sports, in the past and to my involvement, has always been one of those avenues that's always helped people psychologically, mentally. When you're able to participate in sports, it gives you that self-confidence to take that into other parts," Parsa said.

"People who are involved in sporting events have been able to succeed and be a lot better at their work, family life and personal life. This is not going to be any different. These events will do that much more for our veterans and our wounded. It will help all of them who are going to be participating and involved in these games."

Parsa says, the organization committee in the days, weeks and months ahead, will be planning broadcast partners for this event, ticket sales and building robust sponsor relationships.

York9 FC adds new goalkeeper, strengthens options in the net

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Markham, Ontario native Nikolaos Giantsopoulos became acquiesced in the idea of taking the long road.

"I became a grinder, that's what I'd like to stick to my entire career. Things haven't really been handed to me. From a young age, I feel like I've earned everything that I've gotten and I think that mentality and going out all the way to Tazmania, in the middle of no where on the other side of the world on my own, it just had made me a lot tougher. I think because of how tough I've been, it's given me the success I've had," Giantsopoulos said.

The 26-year-old goal keeper with quite the footballing journey, has recently been signed by York9 FC last week, joining old friend Nathan Ingham in between the pipes in a friendly bout for the number one spot.

Both men, have known each other since they were 12 years old from Ajax SC and Just4Keepers training camp operated by Riccardo Greco and another coach who has always crossed his path in Camilo Benzi.

Giantsopolous has seen it all throughout his young career. He attended Adrian College in Michigan in the NCAA Division III before transferring to Calvin College in the ranking. He deviated away from the interest of other NCAA Division I and II schools to make the move.

In March 2016, he signed for Davenport City of NPL Tasmania; second tier of Australian soccer, prior to moving to Broadmeadow Magic in the NPL Northern NSW and finally capped off his Australian courtship back in Tasmania in Lauceston City.

It was then one of his best buddies Sergio Camargo facilitated the opportunity to join Cavalry FC's tryouts out west and he officially made his move to the CPL two years back, recording 10 appearances, with four clean sheets and eight goals conceded in two seasons with the club.

York9 FC were the first team to call when he decided to test free agency this offseason.

"I felt like this spot was there to take the number one job and at the end of the day who doesn't want to play at home. I don't know how much longer I'll be playing so when the opportunity to be a one and to also play at home came up, it was kind of a no brainer for me."

Giantsopoulos, looks to work alongside Ingham, who he says, is one of his best friends in the sport.

He will also be reuniting with Benzi once agai. He is eager to learn from Benzi's South American goalkeeping style at a professional level and will bring a "sponge-mentality" in this new environment.

Although he is joining the club, Cavalry FC knocked out of contention this year from the Island Games, there is a sight for sore eyes within the Nine Stripes' clubhouse. This might be the best goalkeeping tandem in the league. Managing Consultant Angus McNab seems to think so and so does Giantsopoulos.

"I can't see any other goalkeeper duo beating us. But to be fair, this league has a lot of really good goalkeepers. It's just whether who can show at the right moments. It's a tough position to be a goalkeeper. But, yeah, I'd put me and Nate up against any other duo, but in saying that, I expect every other duo to say they're the best duo as well," Giantsopoulos said.

In any case when two number one keepers are on the same roster; needlessly to say, there's a competitive edge within the side for the starting spot. In this case, it is a friendly one as Giantsopoulos is eager to compete with Ingham; it's nothing new. He did come to this team to be the number one that is.

To say York9 FC might have the best tandem in the league, is a fair argument. To say there isn't enough stats to back up this claim at the moment; since goal keepers have been on the move all the time in the past two seasons, is also justifiable.

Waiting until next season's end would be the right call. Maybe a while longer. But for now, York9 is going to train two top keepers in the fight for a number one spot and that right there, could be the x-factor in seeing the best out of these two life-long friends. Now, that's something to watch.

Giantsopoulos thanked Tommy Wheeldon Jr. and the Cavalry FC organization for his time with the club.



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NEW SIGNING: Canadian goalkeeper Nikolaos Giantsopoulos has recently signed with York9 FC

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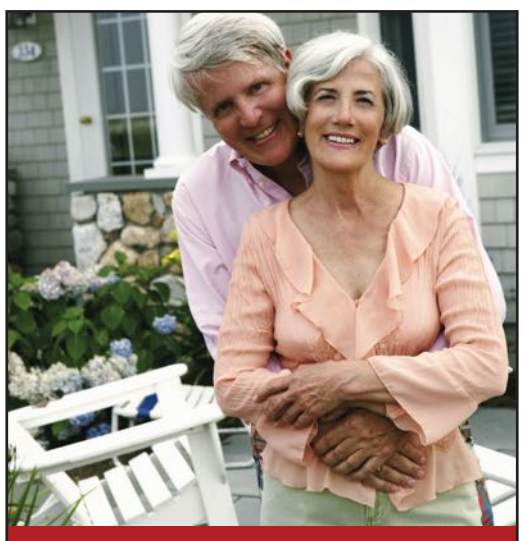
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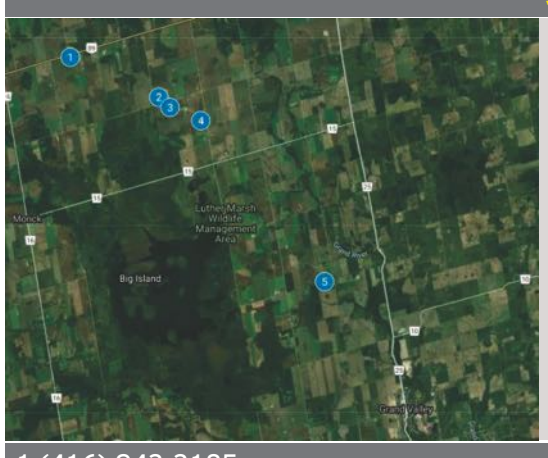
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Marlene was an active member in the Bolton community, many knew her from her years as a long-time employee of Guardian Drugs, and then Rexall Drugstore. In her retirement, she enjoyed the friendships that she developed through her seniors bowling league at Skyview Lanes and recreational activities at the Caledon Seniors Centre. Marlene was always kind and quick with a smile that let you know how she appreciated you. Her family wishes to extend their appreciation to everyone who has reached out in support since Marlene's sudden passing.

The family would also like to say thank you to the nurses and doctors who cared for her at both Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville and in her final days at Brampton Civic Hospital. Their kindness meant everything to her family.

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Barbara Joan Prentice (Allen)
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IN MEMORIAM

Barb Prentice (nee Allen)

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JONES

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STEWART, Dorothy A.

In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away November 18th, 2000.

Two bright eyes,

A tender smile,

A tender heart that knew no guile,

Doe's trust in God that all was right,

Her joy to make some other bright,

If sick or suffering one she knew,

Some gentle act of love she'd do.

No thought of self,

But of the other I know,

He said, "Well done, dear Mother"

See Ya! Peter

STEWART, Jack D.

In loving memory of a dear father who passed away November 22nd, 1999.

In tears we saw you sinking,

We watched you fade away,

Our hearts were almost broken,

You fought so hard to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping,

So peacefully free from pain.

We could not wish you back

To suffer that again.

See Ya! Peter

STEWART, Robert A.D.

In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away November 23rd, 2009.

God called him home,

It was His will,

But in our hearts

We love him still,

His memory is as dear today,

As in the hour he passed away.

We often sit and think of him,

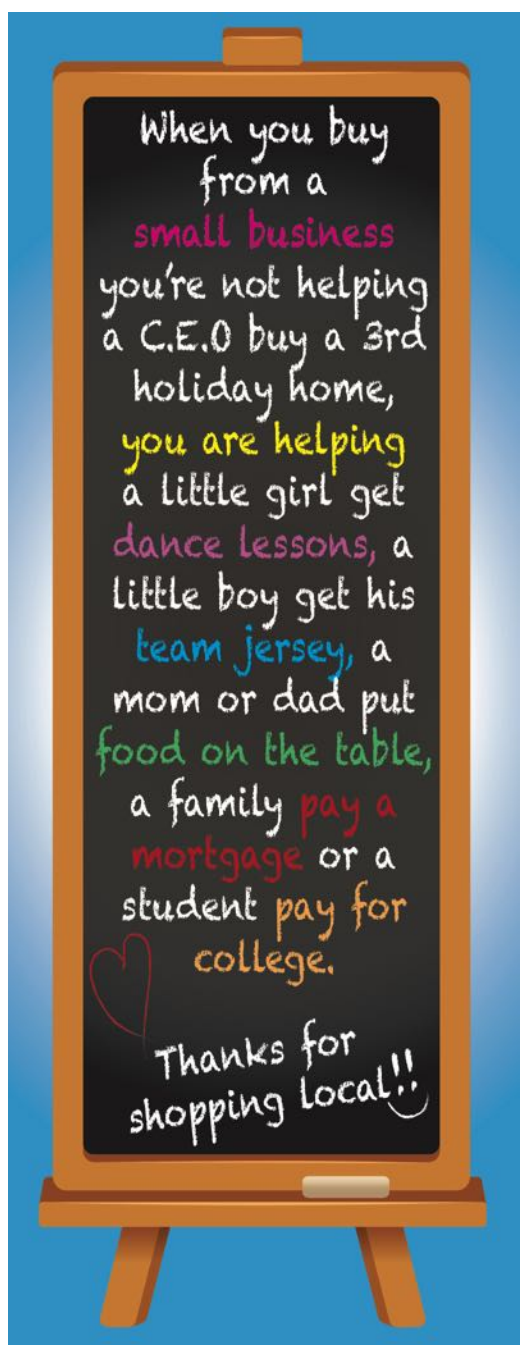
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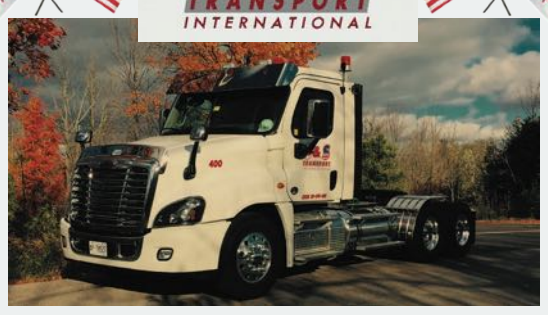
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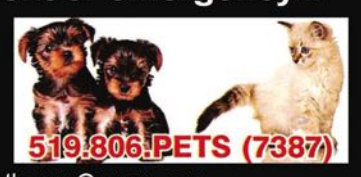
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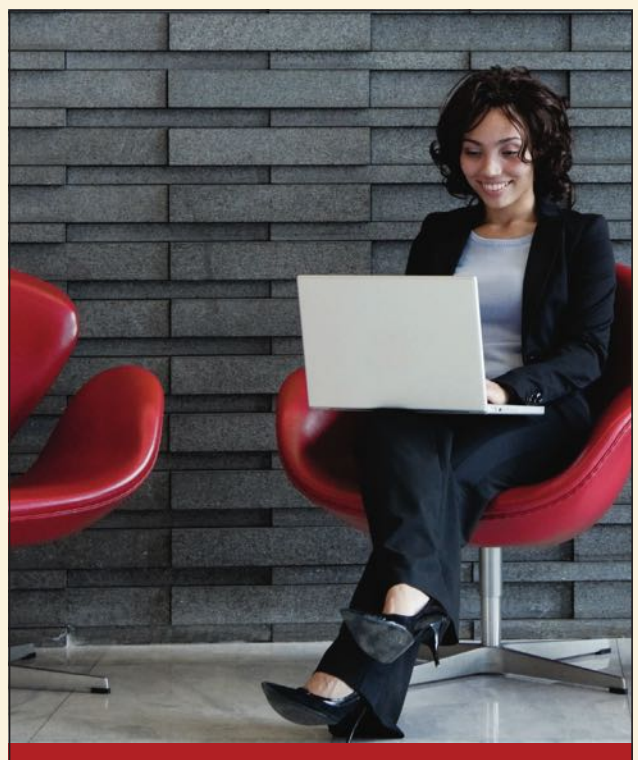
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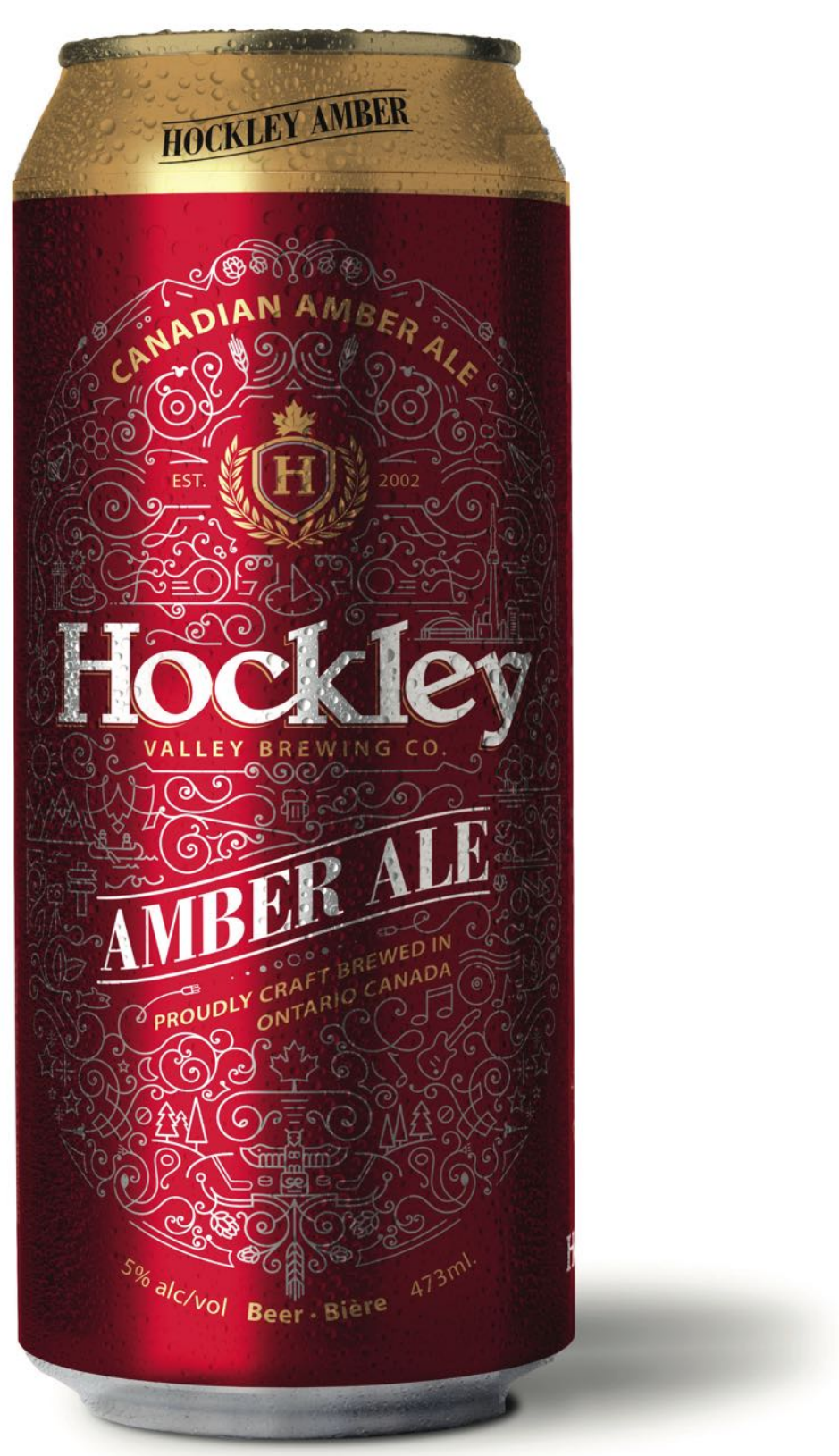


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