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Dufferin Community Foundation uses ‘power of many’ approach to fund charities

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Dufferin Community Foundation brings the power of many to charitable work. There are a number of organizations that contribute to important endeavours throughout the county. But those efforts can be hampered at times by staff and volunteer hours spent raising funds and various administrative tasks. That’s where the Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) and its “power of many” approach comes in. From the DCF website: “Creating a local community foundation was a way to help support local charitable work in a more

sustainable way. The benefit of a community foundation is that they support the charitable efforts in a community for the long term by setting up and administering endowment funds. The investment income is then dispersed as grants for projects and services that enrich the community forever.” Mono council heard during its regular meeting on March 12 that the DCF is dubbed the forever fund of Dufferin County, tasked with funding charities and building communities forever. The DCF is part of a network of more than 200 such foundations across Canada that, as of 2020, were managing endowed assets of about \$6.3-billion, said Shirley Boxem, the group’s vice-chairperson.

“A little bit of that is in Dufferin County,” she said of the managed assets. The group’s goal is to generate \$10 million in its first decade of operation. That’s about \$450,000 annually for local charities. “A lofty goal initially, but it’s actually slowly becoming a reality,” Boxem said. “Seemed unattainable almost at times but, in fact, we are over \$3.5-million on deposit as of this year.” Of that purse, \$35,000 was distributed in 2022. They doled out \$54,000 last year and expect to deliver \$75,000 this year. They’re looking towards \$115,000 next year. “It’s really exciting for us,” she said. As a local community foundation, the DCF is entrusted to locally distribute funds for the government and grants from

national corporate programs. Those funds are distributed to more than 150 non-profit organizations that serve Dufferin County. They range from food banks, sports groups, child development efforts, environmental causes, and mental health groups. “They’re just pivotal to our quality of life here,” said Michele Fisher, the foundation’s executive director. “A lot of people don’t know that they’re also a major contributor to our economy.” That’s a contribution to the tune of \$65 billion, or about eight per cent of the province’s gross domestic product from its non-profit sector. “That is more than a lot of industry sectors,” Fisher said.

Headwaters Arts raises \$4,500 with Fire & Ice Festival, announces photo contest winner

Written By **ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER


An annual arts festival in Alton was a resounding success. On March 7, Alton Mill Arts Centre marketing lead Bri Wilson announced the Centre’s annual Fire & Ice Festival had raised \$4,500

for Headwaters Arts, a non-profit that’s dedicated to supporting local artists. The festival was held on Jan. 27 and 28 this year. Wilson said it was a dynamic celebration of creativity, community, and winter wonder. She thanked all the volunteers and sponsors who helped to make the event a success. “[Volunteers’] hard work and dedication

made Fire & Ice 2024 possible,” said Wilson. “Their tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured that every aspect of the event ran smoothly, from setup to cleanup and everything in between.” Wilson said the Alton Mill Arts Centre also wants to thank everyone who attended the event. “Your enthusiastic participation and support made the event truly memorable, and we are grateful for your commitment to the arts and our community,” said Wilson. Each year, the Alton Mill Arts Centre hosts a photo competition. Wilson said it’s amazing to see the festival through the community’s eyes and that the winner of this year’s competition was Fred Hunsberger. “Fire & Ice is a testament to the power of collaboration, creativity, and community spirit,” said Wilson. “Together, we accomplished something truly remarkable, and we look forward to continuing to support and celebrate the arts in our community next year on January 25 and 26, 2025.”



FRED HUNSBERGER PHOTO
AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHY: Artist Paul Morin’s fire sculpture burns at the 2024 Fire & Ice Festival in Alton. Fred Hunsberger, who took the photo, won the festival’s photo competition.




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Best-selling author Robert Rotenberg to make appearance at local library

Lovers of crime thrillers will have the opportunity to hear from best-selling author Robert Rotenberg at the Orangeville Public Library later this month as he discusses his gripping new book, “What We Buried.”

The library, in partnership with BookLore, will host Rotenberg on Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m. at the Mill Street branch.

“What We Buried” is inspired by the true story of the Forty Martyrs in Gubbio, Italy, during World War II. It is an extraordinary crime novel about troubled legacies, revenge, and the unbreakable bonds of family.

A Toronto homicide detective is attacked at his doorstep when his investigation into

possible links between the Nazi occupation of Italy and the murder of his brother decades later gets too close to the truth—in the new crime thriller from bestselling author Robert Rotenberg. Perfect for fans of Scott Turow and David Baldacci.

Local readers may recognize Rotenberg’s name – in 2012, his book “The Guilty Plea” was the Dufferin Reads: One Book One County selection.

“We are delighted to welcome Robert Rotenberg back to the Orangeville Public Library”, said library CEO Darla Fraser. “Orangeville Public Library members are big fans of his Toronto based crime series.”

“What We Buried” is Robert Rotenberg seventh novel. His best-selling series includes “Old City Hall,” “The Guilty Plea,” “Stray Bullets,” “Stranglehold,” “Heart of the City,” and “Downfall.”

Robert is a criminal lawyer in Toronto with his firm Rotenberg Shidlowski Jesin. He is also a television screenwriter and a writing teacher.

To register for this event visit orangevillelibrary.ca or visit BookLore. There will be an opportunity to purchase the book and have copies signed by the author after the presentation.



FILE PHOTO



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

LEARN-TO-KNIT: Children learned to knit at the Mill Street branch of the Orangeville Public Library on Tuesday (March 12) as part of the library's week of events and activities geared towards kids over March Break. Orangeville tHREADs group held the event, which was recommended for kids 8 to 12.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	To Listen In
Tuesday, March 19	1 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Age Friendly	1 289-801-5774 ID: 267 822 001#
Wednesday, March 20	7 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Homelessness Task Force	1 289-801-5774 ID: 697 198 859#
Thursday, March 21	5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	1 289-801-5774 ID: 313 196 647#
Thursday, March 21	6 p.m.	Main Floor Boardroom and by Phone	Heritage Orangeville	1 289-801-5774 ID: 690 704 198#

*Start time of Council and Committee meetings is subject to change
*For more information on how to participate and to view Council and Committee agendas, please visit calendar.orangeville.ca/meetings

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Author Afternoon

Saturday, March 23
2 p.m.
Mill Street Library

Meet best-selling author Robert Rotenberg as he discusses his gripping new crime thriller.

Book sales and signing to follow.
Please RSVP to confirm your attendance at orangevillelibrary.ca

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TOWN NEWS

Did you receive a letter from Service Line Warranties of Canada?

The Town has partnered with independent company SLWC, who will provide eligible homeowners with optional insurance repair plans for water/well and sewer/septic line emergencies on their private property.

Some important things to know:

- The program is completely optional – no residents are required to take part in this program.
- Most homeowners insurance does not cover these kinds of repairs. Follow up with your insurance company before applying.
- You can ask to stop receiving mail about this program by emailing hello@slwofc.ca and providing your name and full address.
- This is an external company, independent from the Town of Orangeville. SLWC works with multiple municipalities to offer these services.

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Application Deadline: Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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Application Deadline: Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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Headwaters among first hospitals in Canada to use automated drug technology

Written By **PAULA BROWN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville's local hospital is leading the way in health care, becoming one of the first hospitals in Canada to implement new automation technology that will better help physicians administer drugs in the operating room.

Headwaters Health Care Centre has marked one year since implementing a BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station (PAS) and Condonics Safe Label System (SLS) in each of their operating rooms.

The BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station (PAS) gives anesthesia providers quick and secure access to a controlled substance for a patient while the Condonics Safe Label System (SLS) uses barcode technology to read information from a drug container and electronically verifies it against the hospital's pharmacy-approved database during the operation.

"This allows us to have a high-level traceability of where medicines are used, when they're used and for what patients so that we can have a good audit trail," said Amita Gujral, pharmacy manager for Headwaters.

Prior to putting the new machines into practice in the operating rooms, open trays were placed in the rooms with medications and marked down manually.

According to the hospital, the combination of the BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station and Condonics Safe Label System in the operating room helps to eliminate preventable medication or labelling errors and simplifies workflows by reducing the time it would

take to manually report dispensed drugs.

The new technology is also an aid in the hospital's focus on patient safety and quality care.

"It helps with making sure the correct medications are being used. Also, if there's an allergy associated, it could highlight there's an allergy to a medication for a specific patient," explained Ann Itwaru, manager of surgical services and MDRD. "It's a bit of a double check. Sometimes it's nice to have computer systems that prevent human error."

Another benefit of the new system has been its ability to monitor the drug inventory needed daily in the operating rooms, based on usage data collected.

"It's great because we aren't running out of medications mid case, there's quite an abundance of supply in there. A lot of times, the nurses would have to get additional medications for the physicians halfway through the day. I think it's really eliminated that. It also lets us see our utilization of the medications to see which ones we can keep a lower supply of or increase our stock in, and keep track of our expiry dates so we're not wasting any medications as well," said Itwaru.

Headwaters nurses and physicians were educated on the equipment as well as directly involved in the organization of medications within the station.

Alessandra Centofanti, a perioperative clinical nurse educator at Headwaters, has worked in the operating rooms with the new technology and spoke about its implementation.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

NEW TECHNOLOGY: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) marked one year since implementing a BD Pyxis Anesthesia Station (PAS) and Condonics Safe Label System (SLS) in each of their operating rooms. The combination technology looks to help eliminate preventable medication or labeling errors, simplify workflow by removing manual reporting and aids in patient safety. Pictured left to right; Amrita Gujral, manager of pharmacy; Ann Itwaru, manager of surgical services and MDRD; and Jacqueline Stokes, project management lead.

"Being able to scan the medication and have the scanner also speak to Meditech to confirm makes you feel more secure. It's another check that we can make sure we're delivering the correct medication to the patient. It helps us provide the best care for our patients, making sure that we're safe, which is something that means a lot to us."

Since bringing the technology into their operating rooms, Gujral said that Headwa-

ters has been contacted and visited by staff from other hospitals inquiring about the effectiveness of the technology.

"We have, in theory, become a sort of reference site to other hospitals by having this technology first in the vicinity," said Gujral.

The cost of the new system, which included 15 automated dispensing units, was funded through the Morningview Foundation.

Event featuring global affairs columnist Gwynne Dyer coming to Dufferin

Written By **PAULA BROWN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents will have the opportunity to discuss the intricacies of the war in Ukraine with a local international affairs columnist.

Gwynne Dyer, a columnist with the Shelburne Free Press and Orangeville Citizen, will be a featured guest at an upcoming event co-hosted by CanHist and Mills & Company, at Grace Tipling Hall on March 19 at 7 p.m.

"Dufferin County residents know him well through his columns in the Free Press and Citizen and anybody who reads his columns understands the tremendous experience that he has and the voice he brings to global issues, particularly in the realm of conflict and climate," said Neil Orford, president of CanHist. "We couldn't pass up the opportunity to bring him in and speak to the com-



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munity."

The lecture, titled "In the meantime, Ukraine – A History of War in the 21st Century", will address the specific strategies, tactics and politics of the war in Ukraine, including the potential nuclear dimension of the conflict. The lecture will also consider the evolving nature and role of war as an institution in the 21st century.

"To have a chance to engage with an expert on these matters helps in a community, where you get a chance to ask questions, have some public discourse, and really pursue this at an intellectual level," said Orford.

Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs, but was originally trained as a historian. He's received degrees from Canadian, American and British universities and completed a Ph.D. in Military and Middle Eastern History from the University of London.

Before launching his twice-weekly column on international affairs, which is published in more than 20 countries, Dyer served in three navies and held academic appointments at the Canadian Forces College, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and Oxford University.

In 2010, he was made an officer of the

Order of Canada.

Dyer has published multiple books with his most recent tome, The Shortest History of War, published in 2021, and his upcoming publication Intervention Earth is set for release in spring 2024.

The presentation featuring Dyer will be an inaugural event in a larger upcoming speaker series brought to the community by co-hosts CanHist and Mills & Company.

The speaker series called, Small Town Big Ideas, will feature six different speaking guests who will discuss international affairs as well as Canada's ongoing role in world affairs, particularly through a historical lens.

"We're excited to bring these voices to the Grace Tipling Hall," said Orford.

Tickets to the Gwynne Dyer event are free and can be obtained by visiting the Small-Town Big Ideas page on the CanHist website - www.canhist.ca.

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Agriculture industry to honour reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow

Written By MARK PAVILIONS

An afternoon to honour Mel Karpenko, the reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow is being organized by the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association.

“Our local association has quite an amazing history and we are thrilled that Mel and her success has added a new chapter to our organization's legacy,” says Colin French, president of the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association.

The first Ontario Queen of the Furrow was crowned in 1960 and Karpenko is the eighth local representative to win the provincial honours.

She was crowned Ontario Queen of the Furrow in a celebratory evening finale as part of the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) held last September in Bowling Green, Dufferin County where the top-plowmen from across the five-day event were also named. That same night Karpenko was named Miss Friendship by her fellow competitors and placed second in the plowing competition.

Karpenko is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Human Kinetics degree, she has worked with Corteva Agriscience and BASF Canada and is currently in her final year at Western University in the nursing program. She plans to work locally as a Registered Nurse upon graduation.

Raised in Caledon, Karpenko currently lives on a dairy goat farm in Dufferin County.

Since her crowning Karpenko has been

travelling across the province acting as an ambassador for the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA)—the parent host of the IPM—and Ontario agriculture, attending events to promote the next IPM which is being held this fall in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes from Tuesday, October 1 through Saturday, October 5.

It is customary for the local association of the reigning Ontario Queen of the Furrow to hold a celebration event and French says local organizers are looking forward to welcoming Karpenko's family, friends and industry supporters for the afternoon in her honour.

The event is being held Sunday, April 14 at the Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 Side Road 5, Mono from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and presentations will begin at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged, either by scanning the QR code or visiting the online portal: <https://tinyurl.com/4bf7t5n9>. For more information: pdplowmens@gmail.com.

The Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association is the local association within the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA). This year they will host their 97th Annual Plowing Match. They are the only association in Canada to produce two World Plowing Champions, James Eccles in 1953 and William Dixon in 1961. The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) has been held within the association borders on three separate occasions: twice in Peel (1924 in Brampton and 1963 in Caledon) and most recently in Bowling Green, Dufferin County in 2023.



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QUEEN OF THE FURROW: Mel Karpenko was named the 2023 Queen of the Furrow at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in Bowling Green, Dufferin County, last September.

Service plans for water and sewer lines available to Orangeville homeowners

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Homeowners in Orangeville now have access to optional service plans for water and sewer service lines on their property.

A new, voluntary program is available through Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) for residents who do not have similar coverage that may be available through their home insurance provider.

“Homeowners will soon receive information in the mail about the program and available service plans,” said Service Line Warranties in a press release on March 11.

“There is no obligation to sign up for a plan – participation in the program is voluntary and is being offered as a convenience for residents. The mailings are administered by SLWC but includes the Town of Orangeville's logo to indicate that the mailing is legitimate and that there is a partnership in place between the Town of Orangeville and SLWC.”

Tim Kocialek, Orangeville's general manager of Infrastructure Services, noted the program's importance.

“We want to be sure that residents understand their responsibility to maintain and

repair their service lines before an issue arises,” said Kocialek. “These repairs are not typically covered under standard homeowner's insurance or by the Town of Orangeville.”

The program is provided at no cost to the Town of Orangeville and no public funds are used to promote or administer it.

“A SLWC service plan is a smart way for homeowners to prepare for a home emergency. These plans take the worry, inconvenience and financial burden out of the repair,” said Mike Van Horne, General Manager, Service Line Warranties of Canada.

“Orangeville homeowners with a plan can call for service 24/7, and they get peace of mind that they won't be financially responsible for a covered home repair emergency.”

Homeowners in over 70 Ontario municipalities now have access to SLWC service repair plans. Since the SLWC program began in 2014, homeowners have saved more than \$8 million in repair expenses. Orangeville homeowners with questions or who wish to receive more information about SLWC or the plans available to residents can call 1-844-616-8444 or visit www.slwofc.ca.

April 5, 6, 7, 2024

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NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

FOR A PROPOSED HOUSEKEEPING ZONING BY-LAW

AMENDMENT

regarding URBAN CHICKENS

File Z01-2024

The Municipal Council of the Town of Grand Valley will hold a meeting to consider the following matter:

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

Time: 7:00PM

Meeting Location: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – Town Municipal Office
5 Main Street North
GRAND VALLEY ON L9W 5S6

All interested in this matter are invited to attend this Council Meeting in-person or observe the meeting virtually by contacting the Town Office at info@townofgrandvalley.ca to obtain the virtual meeting link

Location: All properties within the Town

Purpose and Effect of the Amendment: Proposed Amendment (Z01-2024) to the Town's Zoning By-law (2009-10, as amended) to prohibit the keeping of chickens in non-agricultural zones in the Town of Grand Valley.

A Location Map has not been included with this notice as it applies to all properties in the Town.

NOTES:

- You or your representative are entitled to attend this meeting to express your views on this update. If you do not attend and are not represented at this meeting, Council may proceed in your absence.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley before the by-law is passed or decision is rendered, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley before the by-law is passed or decision is rendered, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
- Any written comments/objections submitted to the Town of Grand Valley regarding this application which are being processed under the Planning Act 1990, will form part of the public record, and will be made public as part of the application process.
- The Planning Report will be available after 4:30 PM on Friday April 5, 2024, on the Town's Website at: <https://calendar.townofgrandvalley.ca/Council>
- For further information or to submit comments please contact the Town Planner, Mark Kluge via email at mkluge@townofgrandvalley.ca, quoting File Z01-2024.

Notice issued: March 14, 2024

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Former participant of Theatre Orangeville’s Young Company program shares experience

“That was great for me because they said, ‘We need you.’”

To finally be good at something, not sports, but in the connection of theatre, was wonderful for him.

“It really is a family,” Kristian said.

Young people sometimes dabble in things that they might end up doing for the rest of their lives, so learning about the arts is so important to the whole of their lives.

What Young Company brings in such a group of people is a profound experience; to put on the best performance that you can.

“In theatre,” Kristian opined, “the journey is more important than the production. It’s why you keep going – what’s so good about it.”

And he observed that in the workplace you never have that feeling again of a collaborative family. In the workplace, it’s often adversarial.

For theatre kids especially, it is not to prey on the weak but to help the weak.

He made the point that having Theatre Orangeville in Canada is important. In the Canadian professional industry, there is huge film production but it is rare that Canadians are considered.

Yet, “Theatre Orangeville is the one singling us out.”

Here at home, it provides a safe place for

kids to be involved in theatre arts; they are broadly supported.

“I do not know what my life would be like if I hadn’t had TOV in my life,” he stated simply.

For three years, he was with Young Company. After “Guys and Dolls” and then “Les Mis,” he was part of “The Hobbit.”

The clear importance of a local professional theatre, Young Company does foster the next generation of creatives in this country, an experience that is so important for their confidence; for some people, Kristian is sure, it saves their lives.

Kristian still does theatre classes and stand-up in Toronto, and it remains an important part of his life. The skills that Young Company gave him are also still part of his life, to become a confident professional. His ambition is “to make my living creatively. Right now, I make videos and put them online.”

He summed it up, “There’s lots of opportunity for sports for teens but there is only one theatre program.”

Currently, Theatre Orangeville is promoting a donations campaign: “I Love My Theatre Orangeville.” Young Company is one of the many important programs that are part of TOV’s mantra. For more details and to participate by donating, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca

Review of Theatre Orangeville’s latest production ‘By the Light of a Story’

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

As the light comes up on the set for “By the Light of a Story” we are immediately welcomed into a home. To one side is an office chair and a vintage desk on which lies piles of notebooks; beside it is a couch with a duvet. Past the interior of the kitchen with a table in front, are steps going down and on the wall hang posters of book covers. Designed by Theatre Orangeville’s production manager Beckie Morris, this charming set was built and finished by Theatre Orangeville’s creative team, technical director Lisa Lahue and scenic artist Candice Jeromkin. It cradles the action with everything it needs to spin the story.

It is the story of a famous author, Rhys Holland, who died three years ago; his still grieving wife, who sleeps on the couch and the man whom the publisher has hired as a ghostwriter to finish Rhys’ work. Dashing in and out of this is the author’s sister, Tammy, determined she is to bring his widow Madeline back into the world.

“By the Light of a Story” is on now at Theatre Orangeville and running until March 24.

Early on, Madeline, played well by Daniela Vlaskalic, tells Tammy that her husband’s publisher has hired a ghostwriter to complete his book series and also, that someone is coming to rent the coachhouse at the back of the property.

Rhys was an established fantasy novelist with a large fan base and it turns out his publisher is anxious for the third book of his trilogy to be finished.

Jane Spence plays Tammy, lively and funny. Tammy is a motorcycle mechanic and she comes on with a biker’s flair, studded leather jacket, humour – the works.

A knock on the door – it’s the man who has called to rent the coachhouse. Enter Noah, performed by Mark Crawford, who tells Madeline, “I go by Noah.”

He is the ghostwriter Rhys’ publishers have hired to finish the series.

This is the first time Mark Crawford has acted on Theatre Orangeville’s main stage, although several of the plays he has written have been produced here.

Noah is a huge fan of Rhys Holland, regarding him as something of a writer hero. He reveres Rhys’ writing and then suddenly, here was the chance to step in for him. Thrilling.

But...not so much for Madeline who can hardly help from trying to hinder him; refusing to interpret Rhys’ handwriting and objecting to his even touching Rhys’ things, all the while Noah endeavours to read and discern Rhys’ notes.

At one point, Tammy finally persuades Madeline to go to a “Weiner Festival,” something about little dogs, just to get her out of the house, out of her own sadness.

The repartee between Madeline and Noah can be very funny as are the many moments of clever physical humour throughout the play.

Daniela Vlaskalic handles the heat and cool from which Madeline suffers; the turmoil she endures with a stranger in her beloved but late husband’s chair and desk. How is she to forgive him for being the interloper she sees him as but the friend he would be to her?

Noah is readily portrayed by Mark Crawford, who must be strong in the creativity he admires so much about the author and whose shoes he is keen to fill, but somehow still sensitive to that man’s widow. She is so obstructive as to stretch his patience but he must cater more to her angst than his own frustration.



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CREATIVE CAST: Jane Spence, Mark Crawford and Daniela Vlaskalic, play the biker, ghost writer and widow in Kristen Da Silva’s new comedy “By the Light of a Story,” on now at Theatre Orangeville until March 24.

Between them and sure to keep the pain at bay and a better time to come, Jane Spence is lovely and spot-on as the ever-caring Tammy. If Madeline can return to a full life, it will be Tammy who shows her the way.

In many ways, one might agree with the audience member who observed this as a “post-pandemic awakening play.”

As always in “your favourite theatre,” the lighting, designed by Jeff Johnston Collins, wakens and relaxes in all the right places, providing the mood setting, and keeping pace with the action.

Alex Amiri is the costume designer, who can fulfill any needs and sees to Tammy’s leathers and the dress that provides a very funny muddle.

Stage manager Jory McLean herds the cats as only firm diplomacy and a sense of humour can.

David Nairn, directing, forever claims the best way [to direct] is to stay out of the way, still shows his hand at how neatly the light of this story pans out. He delivers the misunderstandings and cross purposes of this comedy to its touching finale.

Be sure to go and see “By the Light of a Story” from now until March 24. For tickets and to purchase your five or three show subscriptions, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the delightful crowd at the box office –519-942-3423. Stop in at 87 Broadway.

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Credit Valley Conservation issues caution when near waterways

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Credit Valley Conservation is reminding residents of the dangers that exist near rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes this time of year and is urging people to keep their families and pets away from the edge of all waterways.

There has been lower-than-normal snowfall this year, in addition to periods of warm temperatures in January and February that resulted in an early snowmelt.

The ground within the Credit River Watershed is saturated in many places.

During periods of intense rain, there could be higher amounts of runoff, creating slippery, unstable streambanks, and extremely cold water temperatures.

This can lead to hazardous conditions close to all water bodies.

CVC is offering the following tips to stay safe near the water.

Keep family and pets away from the edges of all bodies of water.

Avoid all recreational activities in or around water, especially near ice-covered watercourses and waterbodies.

Do not attempt to walk on ice-covered wa-

ter or drive through flooded roads or fast-moving water.

If you live close to water, move objects such as chairs or benches away from the water's edge to avoid losing them during potential spring-high water.

Avoid walking close to or over ice-covered water to prevent falling through. River banks can become unstable in the spring due to snowmelt and erosion.

If you see a person fall into a body of water or through the ice, call 9-1-1 for help immediately. Rescuing another person or pet from icy water is dangerous and could result in the rescuer also getting in trouble.

Credit Valley Conservation operates a flood forecasting and warning program to reduce loss of life and risk of property damage from flooding.

When flooding is possible, or about to occur, Credit Valley Conservation issues flood messages to municipal emergency management officials, emergency medical services, school boards, police, and the media.

Municipal officials will then take action to warn local residents and respond in emergency situations.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SAFETY FIRST: Credit Valley Conservation is reminding residents of the danger of being near waterways during the spring. The banks along rivers, ponds, lakes, and streams can become unstable this time of year creating a hazard for anyone who gets too close to the

Tips to keep your pets healthy, happy when traveling over March Break

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

March Break is nearing its end, but the Ontario SPCA and Human Society have some tips to keep pets happy and healthy during an increased time of travel.

Over the March Break, as pet owners go on vacations, their furry friends are often left with a close friend, pet sitter or boarding kennel.

If choosing a pet sitter, make sure you ask about what training the sitter has and if they have insurance.

It's important to also think about if they have a backup, in case they become ill.

"Ask for references and talk to past clients. It's also important for the pet sitter to meet your furry friend beforehand to make sure they're a good fit," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society in a press release.

When searching for a boarding facility, it's best to first ask a friend, your veterinarian, or dog trainer for a recommendation.

"Visit the kennel and pay attention to whether it looks and smells clean and if it has been designed with your furry friend's comfort in mind," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

"Ask about the animal to staff ratio, staff

training and if animals are monitored after hours. Find out what a day in the life there would look like for your pet – ask about feeding schedules, exercise, enrichment and wellness checks. What vaccinations are required? Be sure to ask about protocols and available veterinary care in the event of a health concern or emergency."

Whether you're asking a friend to stay in your home, or seeking professional pet sitting or boarding services, the Ontario SPCA and Human Society recommends you always have a written contract spelling out services and fees.

"Be sure to tell your pet's caregiver about your animal's likes, dislikes, fears, habits, medical conditions, medications, and routines. Outline feeding and care instructions and be sure to leave contact information for your veterinarian, as well as an alternative emergency contact who can make decisions about your pet's health if you can't be reached," said the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

Safeguarding your pet before heading off for vacation is important as well.

"Ensure your pet is up to date on vaccinations and your microchip address is up to date. If your pet isn't microchipped, this is a simple and effective way to help ensure you



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HAPPY PUP: The Ontario SPCA and Human Society is sharing advice with pet owners on how to keep their animals happy and healthy while they're on vacation.

are reunited with your pet if they become lost. Now is also a great time to consider pet insurance to help cover those unforeseen veterinary bills and help your furry friends stay healthy," said the Ontario SPCA and Human Society.

For more travel planning tips, visit the Ontario SPCA's blog at ontariospca.ca/blog

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Three arrests made in downtown Orangeville over vehicle theft

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Three people are facing a long list of charges related to motor vehicle theft after being arrested in Orangeville earlier in the week.

While conducting a general patrol in downtown Orangeville on Tuesday (March 12), Dufferin OPP officers were alerted of a traffic violation through the assistance of an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) device. The officers conducted a traffic stop by Broadway and Second Street before being led into a criminal investigation.

As a result of the investigation, three



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SEIZED ITEMS: Dufferin OPP seized cash, cellphones, gloves, a balaclava, cannabis and alcohol during a traffic stop along Broadway on March 12.

individuals were charged with multiple offences, and officers seized cash, cellphones, gloves, a balaclava, cannabis and alcohol.

- Akeem Martin, 35, from York, has been charged with:
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
 - Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
 - Driving while under suspension
 - Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
 - Use plate not authorized for vehicle
 - Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Devon Mignott, 33, from Toronto, has been charged with:
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
- Lee Murray, 48, from Mississauga has been charged with:
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
 - Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
- The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in April 2024, to answer to the charges.
- None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Amaranth sees increase in stolen road signs

Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying suspects who have been stealing road signs throughout Amaranth.


This past weekend, Amaranth staff reported to Dufferin OPP that they have noticed a steady increase in the number of road signs that are missing around the township.

"Removing signs is a criminal offence and the individuals responsible could be facing criminal charges," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation these thefts, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 925-3838 or 1-888-310-1122.

Police seek public's help in identifying BnE suspect

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**



Officers from Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a recent break and enter to a fast-food business in Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP officers responded to a call for service on Alder Street in Orangeville on March 2, shortly after 11:30 a.m. When the officers arrived, they spoke with an employee who advised them that someone had entered their workplace through the front door. No damage was caused to the front door at the time of entry.

Security footage revealed just before 4 a.m. on March 2, a lone suspect entered the business using a key which was securely stored in a key box outside of the business. The suspect cut open the box which allowed them to gain entry. Once inside the suspect took the cash tray

along with the safe for the business.

"It would appear that just prior to the incident, a black minivan was observed in the area. The suspect can be described as a white male, wearing a black jacket with fur lining, dark coloured pants, red shoes and wearing a black/red baseball style cap," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Question: My father passed away recently and I am the estate trustee. He has a Will that states that my sister is to receive the proceeds from an insurance policy, but the insurance company says that another sibling is named as the designated beneficiary. Who is entitled to the insurance money?

Answer: A designated beneficiary is considered a testamentary disposition and the designated beneficiary may be made in the insurance policy itself or in the Will. It is important to note that subsequent revisions to a Will, or changes to the beneficiary designated in the policy will typically impact who is entitled to the proceeds. For example, your father may have designated your sibling "Bob" as the beneficiary when he initially bought the insurance policy, but later when he had a Will drafted, he designated your sister without amending the actual insurance policy. Both the language of the Will and the timing of it are important. The last designation is typically the valid designation and in your case, Barb is entitled to the proceeds. It is also important to note that where a Will designates a beneficiary over insurance proceeds, it only applies to policies in place at the time the Will was executed. This also applies to registered plans such as RRSP's and RRIF's, so it is important to determine what specific assets are designated, as well as to whom.



If you have questions about an estate, as an executor or beneficiary, or have other estate related matters, give us a call to discuss how we can help. Enjoy your weekend.

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Impaired driving charges laid against Kitchener man in Orangeville

A Kitchener man was charged with impaired driving in Orangeville late last week.

Dufferin OPP officers received a call to assist with a traffic stop conducted by a Protective Service Officer from the OPP in the area of Highway 10 and County Rd. 109 on March 6, just after 2 p.m.

Once officers arrived at the scene, they were into an impaired operation investigation.

Seth Gavin, 21, of Kitchener has been charged with:

- Driving while under suspension
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused is scheduled to appear at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

“Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at

excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.

Police lay impaired driving charges against two motorists over weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Two drivers were hit with impaired operation charges over the weekend.

Officers from Dufferin OPP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 10 in Mono on March 10, just after 1 a.m. They were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Steven Engram, 37, of Mono has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Speeding 1 - 49 Km/h over posted limit
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

Later in the day, just after 6:00 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Buena Vista Drive in Orangeville. Officers were able to locate the vehicle in question and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Paul Grottolo, 44, of Alton has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Driving while under suspension

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or

drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.”Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure, or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.”

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Former councillor opens new exhibit at Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents can challenge themselves to see the limitless interpretations of art with the latest exhibit at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery.

Lynda Buffett, a local realtor and former council member, will have her works of art on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery from March 11 until March 29, in an exhibit titled “Limitless Impressions”.

Born in Toronto, Buffett's interest in art began at an early age through classes in public school. Buffett's parents, who she describes as “creative types” encouraged her to continue with her art and she has done so well into her adult life.

Over her more than 20 years of living in the Shelburne community, Buffett has looked for new ways to experiment with her art, including attending many workshops and artist retreats, where she explores new creative techniques to broaden her art repertoire.

Buffett has had a number of her pieces displayed and sold at various art shows in Toronto and studio tours within Dufferin County.

Starting off as a realistic painter in her earlier works, Buffett eventually moved into more abstract pieces as a way to challenge her creative abilities. Her pieces are often inspired by realistic subjects, images, or photographs that have drawn her attention. She distorts them until they no longer look realistic.

“It provides me with an ability to do something on a more creative basis, I'm not reproducing something. To me a realistic painting is attractive, but you can get the same result with a camera. I like to express myself in a different way through abstract painting, and create more of a mood or visual totally different from the ordinary,” said Buffett.

Buffett currently sits as chair of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee for the Town of Shelburne and spoke about the significance of the gallery in exposing the community to local artists and their works.

“There's a lot of very creative people out there, many of which we don't even know about yet. The more exposure for the gallery, the more opportunity for people that have moved into the town to get involved. It's helping to bring out a lot more creativity within the community and it's nice to provide a balanced community.”

Buffett's exhibit “Limitless Impressions” will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until the end of March. An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

“It'd be nice to see a lot of people there. [If you] want something to do for half an hour, stop by and have a look,” said Buffett.



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BIG WINNER: Children ages 7 to 12 gathered at the Mill St. branch of the Orangeville Public Library to participate in the LEGO Challenge on March 11. It was an hour long event filled with LEGO building fun!

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PLAYOFFS UNDERWAY: The Orangeville Flyers U11 A team takes on the Flamborough Sabres on the ice at the Alder Street arena on Friday, March 9. The playoff game saw the Flyers put on a good effort, but they were squeezed out with a narrow 3-2 loss.

Orangeville Minor Hockey in full playoff mode

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The hockey season is winding down, with minor hockey teams now in full playoff mode. Orangeville Flyers hockey has 44 teams on the ice, including both rep teams and house league, ranging in age from U5 right up to U21. Some of the younger teams will meet for a tournament day to decide league winners. Most of the teams go into the playoffs for a round-robin-style competition. Playoff series can have as few as four games or as many as 12 depending on how many teams are in the division.

The Flyers will be doing considerable travelling through the playoffs, going up against teams in Oakville, Burlington, as well as Centre Wellington, and down to Stoney Creek. Notable teams include the U15 AA squad who have a 7-1 playoff record. Also looking good is the U11 AA team with a 7-1 record, and the U13 A team with a 6-1 record. The U14 A team has won seven games after 12 times on the ice. The U13 AA teams have a 6-4 playoff record. The U11 A team has a 5-4-1 record. There are still a couple of weeks of ice time

left before municipalities start turning off the ice plants for the summer. Most towns take out the ice at the end of March or early April, as the cost of maintaining ice in the warmer months goes up considerably. Although some towns will make accommodations if the hockey season runs long – especially those towns that have a junior-level team. The Flyers will have one final game on March 23, with the final day on the ice this year on March 25.

Junior C hockey starts semi-final round

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Small-town Junior hockey is now moving into the semi-final round of playoffs after a quarter-final round that produced no surprises. In fact, none of the lower-seed teams in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League managed to win a game in the first round. Orillia, Schomberg, Alliston, and Stayner will all advance to the semi-final round. These four teams have been solid all season, with all of them taking first place at one time throughout the year. The Alliston Hornets managed to take over first place fairly early and stayed in the number one spot for the rest of the season. The quarter-final round of playoffs saw a four-game sweep in every series. The Orillia Terriers knocked out the Huntsville Otters in four games wrapping it up with a 1-0 overtime win in game four on March 8. The Schomberg Cougars dispatched the Penetang Kings in a series that went four games and delivered a 10-0 slam-dunk to Penetang in the final game to end their season. In their series, the Alliston Hornets easily handled the Innisfil Spartans, including a 12-2 win in game two of the series and an 11-3 win in game three. That series wrapped up in four games on March 7.

The Stayner Sikins will advance after winning their series with the Caledon Golden Hawks in four games with the final game taking place on March 6. Going into the semi-final round, fans will now see some serious competition as the four teams battle it out to see who will go to the Division championship. The Alliston Hornets will face the Schomberg Cougars in their semi-final. This will be an historic series as it will be the last time these two teams meet, after years of having a good rivalry. After playing in the Division for over 50 years, starting in 1973, the Cougars will be moving to an East Division for next season after a shuffle by the League executive to create more balanced divisions. In the other semi-final, the Stayner Sikins will be up against the Orillia Terriers. This will also be a competitive and fun series to watch. The Carruthers Division semi-finals got underway on Wednesday, March 13, in Alliston. Stayner and Orillia will begin their series on Thursday, March 14 at Stayner Memorial Arena. The semi-final is a best-of-seven series. If all seven games are needed, both series will finish on March 24. The two remaining teams will go to the Carruthers Division championship, with the winner playing for the Conference title in April.

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Digital Hawaiian pizza

Who doesn't like pizza?

It's round, easily transported, and has the distinction of being probably the only handheld food shaped like a triangle when you slice it.

It's also one of the very few foods where you can mix and match ingredients at your pleasure. You can go with the standard pepperoni, cheese and tomato sauce or add olives, mushrooms, green peppers, bacon, tomato, and Italian sausage, as you like it.

For the real adventurous, you can ask for anchovies. However, other than myself, I've never seen anyone else ever order anchovies on a pizza.

There is also the great debate about whether pineapple is an acceptable topping. Some purists claim pineapple on pizza is an abomination.

However, I like it and routinely order Hawaiian pizza with bacon.

If you need to feed a group of people, there's no need to spend considerable time in the kitchen. Just order pizza and everyone will be happy and well fed.

It's also one of the few foods that is just as good the next day when you bring out the leftovers from the refrigerator.

While your local pizzeria makes pizzas to order, there is a huge industry that makes frozen pizzas that are available in any grocery store.

I watched a 'how it is made' type of video that showed how frozen pizzas are made in a factory setting.

It wasn't a whole slew of pizza makers kneading dough and throwing on toppings. The entire process from start to finish was automated.

No one touched the pizzas. Everything from the dough being flattened and shaped, to the spreading of cheese and adding toppings was done by some kind of machine.

The fact that you can buy a frozen pizza that was made with mass production techniques and not even touched by human hands, is a direct result of the Industrial Revolution that began around 250 years ago.

It was an age that saw an unprecedented leap forward in human civilization and changed the world dramatically.

The invention of new machines to do the work for you changed the way industry was conducted, and a new age of history began.

Not only were new methods of production being put into use, allowing for more prod-

ucts to be made, but the effect it had on the general population was to raise the standard of living. That was followed by a massive growth in population.

Historians consider the Industrial Revolution to be the most important event in human history since the domestication of animals and plants.

Prior to this period in history, you would pretty much live your entire life, and not see a single change in the way things were done. If there were any advances in technology, they were so slow to appear, and most people would never see them at all. You would spend your entire life doing the same repetitive things and no one would ever come to your village to show you a new invention to make your life easier.

This age of enlightenment got an added boost with the first workable steam engines.

Every time an advancement was made, it caused a positive ripple effect. With more production, there was a requirement for more raw materials. Materials had to get there, so ports to take in ships would get busier as well. So did mining operations.

People started making money and living better than ever before.

Once things got underway, it inspired other inventors to look for alternate ways of doing things that matched the progress of other industries.

There are few times in history that have had such an impact on the world. I think we may now be living in an age that will go down in history as super important.

The digital age has transformed our world in such ways that only a few years ago would have been considered science fiction.

Digital technology has impacted everything from communications to military weapons. It has changed everything from music and the arts to children's entertainment and automobiles.

Digital technology has changed the way we work and live, and it is still relatively new. Who knows what else it may change in the future?

Years from now, I think the introduction of the digital age will be in the history books as one of the most important advances of all time.

But there's still no better way to make a pizza, than to put it in the oven by hand.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Israel-Gaza: 'No boots on the ground'

Good news! The U.S. logistical support ship General Frank S. Besson Junior has just sailed from Norfolk, Virginia carrying the equipment needed to build a temporary pier off the coast of Gaza. That will enable the US to deliver food to the starving (yes, literally starving) Palestinian population of the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip

Once President Joe Biden finally decides to do something, it happens fast. Only three days after the White House's announcement the General Frank etc. was at sea, and in only 15 more days (at an average speed of 16 knots) it will reach the Gaza coast.

Then it's only a question of time until the floating pier is in place, because the US Navy is very good at this sort of thing. The Pentagon says 60 days max, so with luck the surviving children of northern Gaza should be tucking into scrumptious American hamburgers by mid-May.

This is, of course, a far better solution to the problem of starving Palestinians than the current US practice of air-dropping meal packets to them. A total of 112,896 meals in the past week divided up among several million Palestinians doesn't go very far, and when the parachutes don't open the heavy pallets tend to squash unwary Palestinians.

When White House officials announced this brilliant plan to build what will probably be called the "Pier of Hope," there was only one possible hitch. They were very clear that under no circumstances would there be any American "boots on the ground". So how will the American Seabees (naval Construction Battalions) connect that pier to the shore?

Speculate no further; a solution is at hand. They will not dangle Seabees from hovering helicopters to put the final few metres of the roadway in place. Neither will they build a sort of reverse drawbridge that they can lower from the pier onto the beach. That would be ridiculous.

Promises must be kept, but all the White House said was that there would no American "boots" on the ground. The Seabees will finish the job themselves, but they will do it either barefoot or in stocking feet. Or in ballet slippers, if that's their preference.

Forgive the sarcasm, but this cruel farce has nothing whatever to do with saving Palestinian children from starving to death under the Israeli siege. It's about saving face in Washington, where a wave of sympathy among potential pro-Biden voters for hungry, helpless Palestinian civilians is breaking on the rocks of Joe Biden's lifelong love for

Israel.

There is no need for piers, ships or aircraft to get food into the Gaza Strip. There are lots of roads available, most of them a bit cluttered with debris at the moment but the Israelis have lots of bulldozers. If they wanted the Palestinians to have food, then the Palestinians would have food.

More to the point, if Joe Biden really wanted the Palestinians to have food, he would order the Israelis to let them have it or face losing American support with arms, money and the regular loan of the US veto at the UN Security Council. But he can't bring himself to do that, no matter what Israel does.

In late January, before the International Court of Justice agreed to consider genocide charges against Israel, an average of 147 trucks a day were delivering food into the Gaza Strip. That's only a third of the peacetime amount, but it was enough to feed two and a half million people at bare survival level.

Nothing else has changed, but since the Court's ruling food deliveries to Gaza have collapsed: only 57 trucks went in between 9 and 21 February. Why did Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu order that cut?

It could just be anger at the Court's decision – or it could be a strategy for driving Palestinians out of the Strip by an artificial famine.

That's clearly what the Egyptians think, because they are clearing a 16-square-kilometre area just across the border from Gaza and building a wall around it, presumably to contain a flood of starving refugees from the Strip. (Cairo claims that it is a 'logistical hub', but that is palpable nonsense.)

Yet President Biden ignores all this and goes along with the fiction that there is some sort of undefined problem causing a famine in Gaza that must be solved by this elaborate charade about delivering food by sea. Various NATO/European Union countries are launching their own equally nonsensical plan to ship food into Gaza by sea.

They are either fools or poltroons – whereas both the Hamas leadership and Netanyahu's government definitely belong in both categories at once. They are both determined to continue the war until the other side caves in, and neither has any hope of achieving that aim.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Ballon substance

Is it unkind to say of a person or to a person that they are "full of hot air"?

Talking nonsense or from a very ill-informed point of view, it means. There is a lot of that these days.

There are many different seats of power and I think a number of people reckon the seats that matter most, that carry the heaviest influence do not necessarily reside in government. An age-old story is blackmail. Thinking of ancient regimes, the king and rulers were followed by crowds of tempters offering to influence their own underlings to serve, offering services themselves; offering treasures, whatever was ill-gotten. They wanted in return land or power and prestige; to be the friend of a king was to have many false friends, with their own wants and hopes.

Mad psychological circles – who can do how much for whom and who winds up on top? By and large, so it seems in this world where reason and justice are such rarities, the top must be protected by mindless brutality, like Russia, Afghanistan, China, and North Korea, where a constant eye is on the people, ready with quick retribution and punishment for the slightest gain-saying.

Yet, what powers a democracy such as ours?

It comes to who actually runs the country, there is the steady danger of a deteriorating fair and democratic government. Because democracy comes in many packages, there are plenty that we wouldn't like here.

Russians are going to the Poles, as are the people of China. If you are pressured by fear of being beaten or other abuse to vote in a certain way; if you knew for certain that nothing you do can help elect a government you can trust; if you were sure that the tyranny that dominates your life will continue indefinitely, would you want that for your children's future?

Luckily for us, Canada may well be as good as it gets.

We mustn't gloat, for just south of the 49th Parallel, democracy is in trouble. I really cannot grasp that the next president of the United States might be the man who sincerely tried to overthrow his government at the end of the election of 2020. That same man, just as sincerely, flatly lists at length the revenge he will take on detractors, how he will change the government of the United States; his plans for deportations are extensive and when he was last president, he talked about being President for Life. He was not kidding then and he will not have forgotten the idea this time around.

Just have a look online at: "Trump's second term plans." There are many news feeds describing those plans in very strong terms, in his own words and all of it is bad news.

When he was first running for president in 2020, one of the things he said and meant was: "If we have those [nuclear] bombs, why can't we use them?"

In an election that is fair and accurate,

which the one in the U.S. is – 2024 may absolutely not be. It is really important that we pay attention to what our perspective leaders are saying. Like it or not, the poison that rules the new laws in American states against abortion and the return to the end of gender freedom and gay rights does seep over the internet onto the screens of potentially like-minded people here.

Canada is one of the leaders in the world on this matter, with there being no restrictions on abortion at all. In this fair land, women have absolute rights over their own bodies. This was hard won and must be left as it is.

You know, there is a strong representation amongst the disabled in this country, much of it coming from within their own ranks. The hideous treatment here in Ontario at least, of how the disabled are punished by a lack

of support and the difficulty there is to access fair and reasonable resources in this very rich land. That they are too often proffered MAiD instead of protection and support is outrageous.

I hear about it all the time. But they remind us all that we are each susceptible to becoming disabled ourselves, even if only as a result of aging.

Don't take anything for granted. We had to march against Doug Ford to make him back off developing the Green Belt but he is far from finished.

We have to pay attention to what our potential leaders are saying. When it comes time to vote, get out there.

Truly, every vote counts and it is up to us to maintain that.

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Is technology accelerating the great divide in income?

Back in the 1980s, when Artificial Intelligence (AI) was still the stuff of science fiction and computers and automation were changing the way we worked, a number of futurists and economists predicted “the end of work” and rising living standards.

Not only would we not need to work, according to these experts, but incomes and living standards would rise due to the wealth these new technologies generated.

Clearly, it hasn't quite turned out the way – at least not for the majority of Canadians.

When I was CEO of Magna International back in the late 1980s – the time when robotics first began appearing on automotive production and assembly lines – I publicly raised the issue of who would be the chief beneficiaries of these new technologies and what would happen to the assembly line jobs being replaced by robots.

It's hardly mentioned anymore nowa-

days, in part because most of our manufacturing has either been shuttered or offshored to countries where workers are still cheaper than robots.

But without a doubt, many jobs will disappear in the years ahead because of technological advances.

In the decade ahead, everything from self-driving transport trucks and taxi cabs to elder care robots will cause the loss of millions of jobs around the world. And that's not counting the job losses that will happen once AI becomes deeply rooted in the offices and workplaces of our country.

A report published last week by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that AI – the most transformational new technology to emerge in our lifetimes – has the potential to increase incomes for high-income earners while also accelerating income inequality.

On the other hand, the IMF report also warned that AI could displace a large number of high-income workers perform-

ing white-collar jobs in finance, communications, and law.

But even if AI ends up wiping out a large number of jobs, we can't blame a technology for our society's growing income inequality. That's the fault of our system.

The fact remains, Canada's economic fundamentals are unsound and are not conducive to fostering economic growth.

If we want to insulate ourselves from the coming wave of job losses that AI will inevitably unleash, then we need to once again start making things. We need to stop exporting our abundant raw materials and importing finished goods made elsewhere.

We need to start turning our natural resources into value-added goods that the rest of the world wants to buy. And we need to unchain our entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can create the innovative new products that will generate added wealth and increase the size of our economy.

If we created the right conditions for

start-ups and small businesses to thrive – by removing business income tax, for example – then we could spark an economic boom that would add hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

But small businesses across Canada have to unite and make their voice heard, because right now no one is listening to their needs, and unless they band together and become a force to be reckoned with, nothing will change.

Small businesses can revive our manufacturing sector – if we dismantle the red tape and create the right environment for them to grow and prosper.

That would be a guaranteed solution to raising the incomes and living standards of millions of Canadians, regardless of what AI or any other disruptive technology has in store in the years to come.

To learn more about how we can “Regenerate Canada”, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

FRANK STRONACH
CREATING AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



Truckers get jail while real criminals get bail

On Jan. 29, 2022, a trucker convoy headed down to the Coutts, Alta., border crossing with the U.S. to protest the COVID-19 vaccine mandates the Trudeau government had put in place. The protest turned into a full-scale blockade that lasted 17 days.

Two of the protest leaders, Chris Lysak and Jerry Morin, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit murder and mischief, accusations that were hard to credit given the context of the event. They remained in custody for 723 days, with Morin spending 74 of those in solitary confinement. Finally, after their lawyer filed a Charter of Rights application to examine the case, the Crown suddenly accepted a plea deal on minor firearms charges.

They were released early last month.

Contrast this with the recent case of a mother and her child fatally stabbed in a horrific random attack outside an Edmonton school. Despite a long history of violence, the accused killer had been released on bail 18 days before their murders.

In addition to the two Coutts truckers, the federal government has been persecuting Tamara Lich, who had journeyed from across the country to serve as an organizer and spokesperson for

the trucker convoy protest in Ottawa that began on Jan. 29, 2022, and ended with the Trudeau government's implementation of the Emergencies Act on Feb. 14.

Lich, an Indigenous grandmother from Alberta, was arrested and charged with “obstructing police, counselling others to commit mischief, and intimidation.” It's hard to imagine how this petite, soft-spoken woman could “obstruct police or intimidate” anyone.

Handcuffed between two towering federal police officers, Lich was put in solitary confinement in a dungeon-like cell with a tiny window five metres above her head.

She spent two weeks in jail and was then released on bail with orders not to communicate with anyone associated with the convoy.

Later that summer, the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms selected her as the recipient of its annual “George Jonas Freedom Award for advancing and preserving freedom in our country.” At the awards ceremony in Toronto, she was photographed with another person associated with the convoy and, as a result, was re-arrested. After serving another 30 days in prison, she was again released on bail after a different judge ruled there had been “no significant interaction” with the

other convoy member.

Meanwhile, in Ontario, Randal McKenzie, a habitual offender charged with weapons violations and assaulting a police officer, was set free on bail with no conditions other than periodically reporting to his parole officer. He was subsequently charged in the shooting death of Ontario Provincial Police Constable Greg Pierzchala.

The Canadian Criminal Code states: “Persons who are charged with an offence are constitutionally entitled to be released from custody unless Crown Counsel is able to justify their continued detention ... including consideration of the background of the accused and risk to the public.” It's inconceivable that Lich could be considered a risk to anyone.

The trials of Tamara Lich and convoy co-organizer Chris Barber finally began in September of last year. The federal Crown Prosecutor, presumably aware the government wanted to teach the trucker convoy protesters a lesson, had already stated he would seek a prison sentence of 10 years – a sentence given only for very serious violent assaults by habitual criminals.

The trial was originally expected to finish Oct. 15 but is taking much longer. After adjourning in December, it restarted

in January, though for only one day. A shortage of available court time makes its completion date uncertain.

Tamara Lich, Chris Lysak and Jerry Morin spent a combined total of 767 days in jail – despite not having been convicted of anything. Meanwhile, Canada's bail laws continue to allow habitually violent offenders loose after just a few days in custody.

One of the fundamental cornerstones separating a democracy from a dictatorship is the prohibition of government interference in the judicial process. But what else can explain the stark discrepancy between the Crown's treatment of the non-violent convoy leaders and its pervasive and persistent empathy for habitual criminals and even murderers?

Even Canadians who didn't agree with the trucker convoy's message or methods should be concerned by the obvious disparity in their treatment at the hands of the legal system. It's something to ponder as we await the news of yet another murder or egregious assault by a violent offender released on bail that we all know will come only too soon.

GWYN MORGAN
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The embarrassing picture

Newspaper editors have a wicked sense of humour. I think it's probably because they have to deal with the same routine news stuff day after day, week after week, and year after year.

For weekly publications, it's always pictures of Boy Scout jamborees or kids hockey games, who won the darts tournament at the local Legion, the local 4-H club winners, who won free oil changes for a year at the local garage, the local slow-pitch scores, and so forth. Things like these are the lifeblood of the weekly newspaper, all very nice and wholesome, and certainly very newsworthy for the average small town. And it makes the readership happy. After all, everyone likes to see their picture in the local paper.

But all these things might become very routine and humdrum over time for an editor who might like to sink their teeth into something a little more substantial on occasion. So the times when an editor does come across something a little out of the ordinary they can use, I imagine they do so quite gleefully.

For better or for worse, they say timing is everything. And that's very true in the newspaper business. For a newspaper photographer, taking a picture at just the right time and in just the right way can produce a classic photograph of award-winning proportions. Or, by the same token, taking a picture at just the wrong time and

in just the wrong way can similarly produce a classic picture with unexpectedly humorous results.

Before I moved to the city for work, I was a member of our local small-town badminton club, playing every Wednesday evening throughout the winter.

Our local newspaper back then decided to do a human interest story on the badminton club, a kind of ‘what's happening around town’ feature in an attempt to garner more interest and possibly draw more members into the club. A reporter was sent out to take a few candid snapshots of the action at the club one Wednesday evening.

The reporter spoke with the convenor of the club and then went around the gymnasium and took various action shots of different matches from different angles. I noticed the reporter but didn't pay much mind to him and just kept on playing my matches.

The next week when we brought our local newspaper home from town, our Mother sat down in the living room and started to read it in a quiet moment.

Was there a photo of the local badminton club in the paper that week? There sure was.

Did they print the picture of the classic flattering action shot or the smiling group picture of the entire club assembled in one spot?

No.

Our Mother burst out laughing and called

me over to look at the newspaper. She told me I was in a picture. I knew what the picture was probably about. Hey, I got my picture in the paper this week playing badminton! COOL!

I looked at the picture. The badminton club photo our local newspaper ultimately printed that week, for all the town to see, was an action shot of a heated game in the foreground of the picture. But in the background of the shot was myself playing in my own match. The action in my game had stopped momentarily and I had to call a temporary ‘time out’ to adjust my personal accoutrements.

And there, in the background of that newspaper picture, as plain as day for the entire town to see, was me pulling a wedge out of my crotch.

I was mortified.

OMIGOD! When everyone sees that picture, the whole town is going to think I'm ‘lousy’!

If our Mother was any indication of the general reaction to that picture, I'm sure that anyone who knew me got a bit of a chuckle out of seeing that photo when it first came out.

Looking at me with a smile, our Mother asked me if I wanted to save the picture. Still embarrassed, I gave her an emphatic “NO!” and I threw the picture in the trash. Out of all the multitude of action shots taken on that night, our local newspaper editor,

in his evil infinite wisdom, decided to go with the one-and-only picture of me in the background pulling my unmentionables out of my nether regions. Sigh. And while it was a less-than-flattering shot, I still got my picture in the paper that week so I guess I can count that as a win, I think. Hey, even though I didn't think so at the time, any publicity is supposed to be good publicity, right? Maybe so, maybe not. I'm still kind of on the fence over that one.

With hindsight and maturity, I actually wish now I would have saved that picture. It would be good for a laugh nowadays had I kept it. When I have the inclination, I might have to go through the town news archives someday to see if I can actually locate that picture.

So beware the newspaper editor with the wicked sense of humour. You never know what kind of picture they might put in the paper at your expense. But keep your sense of humour about the whole situation and save your picture should it happen to you. You will survive the embarrassment and it will pass. And down the road you will have a good chuckle when you look back at it.

After all, as we get older it's kind of nice to reflect at times on the things that happened to us when we were younger and enjoy the occasional good laugh!

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PLAYOFF MODE: The Orangeville Tigers season is winding down with teams now in playoff mode. The Senior Recreation League battled it out during a playoff match at the Alder Street arena in Orangeville on Friday, March 8.

Long investigation ahead for crash that claimed the lives of King family

Written By MARK PAVILIONS

Investigators are looking into cause of a plane crash in the United States that claimed the lives of an entire King family.

The community is still mourning the loss of Victor Dotsenko, 43, his wife Rimma, 39, and their children David, 12, Adam, 10, and Emma, 7.

The first to identify the victims came from King's own Mayor Steve Pellegrini who posted the information and words of sympathy last Wednesday.

"On behalf of King Township, I extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the Dotsenko family from our com-

munity who tragically lost their lives in the small plane crash in Nashville, Tennessee," he said. "This is a heartbreaking and devastating loss for our tight-knit community.

"We await further details from the ongoing investigation, our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the victims during this incredibly difficult time. We also extend our gratitude to the first responders and officials involved in the response and investigation.

"We stand together in mourning the loss of Rimma Dotsenko, her husband Victor and their three children, and offer our support to those affected by this tragedy."

"We are all devastated to hear of this tragedy impacting the Dotsenko family, including three children. On behalf of Ontario's Government, we extend our prayers to the family and the entire community for this profound loss," added King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

The UMCA Rich Tree Academy in Vaughan mourns the passing of three students from the school and their parents.

"Emma, Adam, and David Dotsenko were a fantastic part of our school and community. They were loved by all who knew them and will be sorely missed by our students and staff. The Dotsenko family is well-known in our community, and we offer our sincere condolences to the extended family and community. School counselling services are available to students to provide them with support."

The shock was shared by members of the Brampton Flying Club in Caledon, where the Piper PA-32RT plane was housed.

Victor was piloting the Piper from Ontario en route to Florida for a family vacation, when the crash occurred last Monday evening in Nashville, Tennessee.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the crash occurred at 7:45 p.m. ET. The last point of departure for the airplane was Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. It was destined for John C. Tune Airport in Nashville.

Prior to completing a normal descent into the airport environment, it overflowed the airport at about 2,500 feet. At an altitude of about 1,600 feet, the pilot reported a loss of engine power to air traffic control. ATC declared an emergency on behalf of the pilot and cleared him to land at the airport. The pilot indicated he could not make it to the airport. The airplane crashed near Interstate 40 in a left-wing, low orientation and came to rest about 60 feet from the highway.

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Long investigation ahead for crash that claimed the lives of King family

An NTSB investigator arrived at the accident site Tuesday morning, documenting the scene. The aircraft was recovered to a secure facility where it's being thoroughly examined.

NTSB investigations involve three primary areas: the pilot, the aircraft and the operating environment. As part of this process, investigators will gather the following information and records:

- Flight track data – Recordings of any air traffic control communications
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- Pilot's licence, ratings and recency of flight experience
- A 72-hour background of the pilot to determine if there were any issues that could have affected the pilot's ability to safely operate the flight
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Witnesses to the accident or those who have surveillance video or other information

that could be relevant to the investigation are asked to contact the NTSB at witness@ntsb.gov.

During the on-scene phase of the investigative process, the NTSB does not determine or speculate about the cause of the accident.

Preliminary reports, they said, are usually available within 30 days of an accident. Once a publication date is set, it will appear on the following page: <https://www.ntsb.gov/safety/data/Pages/daily-publication-dashboard.aspx>. It will also be posted on NTSB Newsroom Twitter (https://twitter.com/NTSB_Newsroom).

The preliminary report will contain facts gathered during the initial phase of the investigation. A probable cause of the crash, along with any contributing factors, will be detailed in the final report, which is expected in 12-24 months.

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, pursuant to international agreements, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) appointed an accredited representative to participate in the investigation into the incident.

As per ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, information on the progress and the findings of the



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TRAGEDY STRIKES COMMUNITY: The Dotsenko family lost their lives in a plane crash in Nashville, Tennessee on March 4. Rimma and Victor Dotsenko smile with their three children, Adam, David and Emma.

investigation cannot be publicly released without the express consent of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), who is

leading the investigation. "In keeping with this convention, the TSB will not be able to comment on the investigation."

Residents against allowing legal cannabis stores in Caledon speak out

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Some Caledon residents do not want to see legal retail cannabis stores come to Caledon.

Anthony Caputo, a Bolton resident and business owner, is against the idea. He said if Caledon does allow cannabis stores, it's unlikely they'll even survive and make a profit.

He said the stores will take up space other entrepreneurs can use to build a business that will survive.

Another concern of Caputo's is clustering of stores.

He said in neighbouring Tottenham, a community of around 10,000, there are five cannabis stores.

"What's the point? What good does it do to the community?" said Caputo. "I don't see any upside to it whatsoever."

He said he knows people will purchase cannabis if they want to, but he doesn't want to see it done within Caledon's borders.

"There's a lot of people who are concerned about it... a lot of parents out there have a fear," said Caputo.

Caputo said he and other concerned parties have started to share their opposition

to allowing cannabis stores to Caledon council.

Cynthia Oudin, a Bolton resident of 19 years, is also opposed to allowing the stores.

"I am totally against this," said Oudin. "My vote is no."

Ivana Robino is a Caledon parent who is against opening legal cannabis stores added her perspective.

"I strongly disagree with the opening of these shops in Caledon," said Robino.

Mary Balinov, a long-time Bolton resident and business owner, said she's heard from many people who are opposed to having

cannabis stores in Caledon.

"I'm experienced in this community, I've lived here for 25 years. This is not the type of thing I would endorse, and I'm hoping that [Councillors] will see clearly and not proceed with this any further," said Balinov.

Town of Caledon staff are currently investigating the feasibility of allowing legal cannabis retail stores in town.

An open house was held on Feb. 21 for residents to share their thoughts on the possibility.

A report from staff on the topic is expected to be brought to Council within the first quarter of this year.

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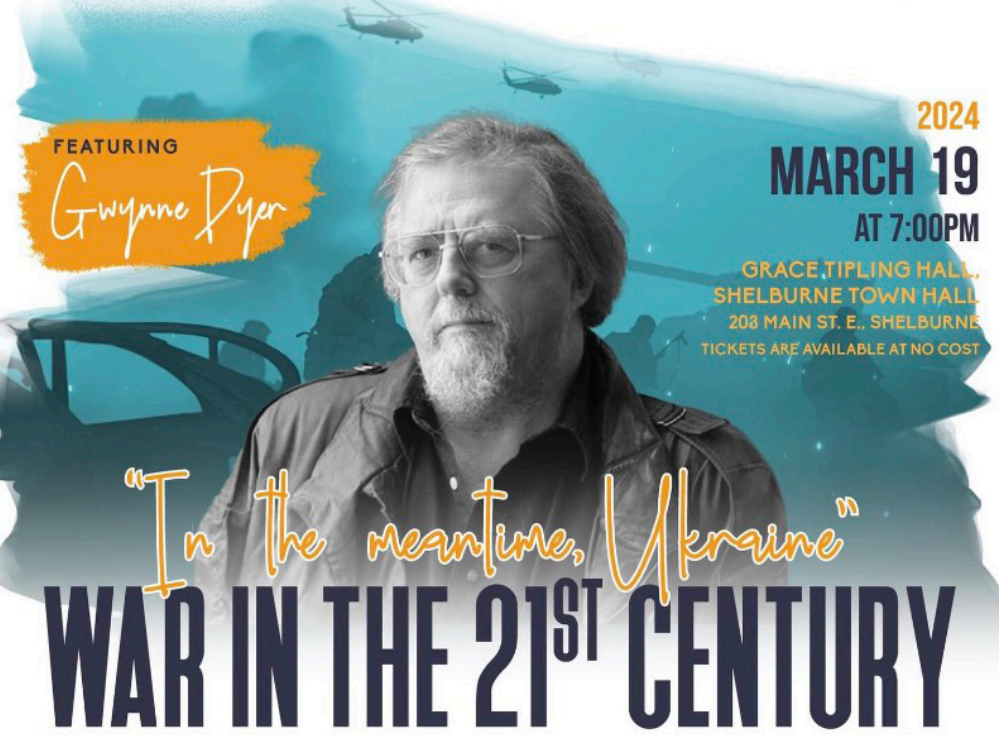
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All interested applicants are invited to submit their resumes and salary expectations by email to smarks@carters.ca

OBITUARIES

SUSAN MERIE PEAVOY
May 10, 1951 - March 1, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Susan Merie Peavoy on March 1, 2024.

Beloved wife and best friend of Jim Peavoy for over 50 years.


Susan will be forever missed by her children Jamie (Laura) and Darrell, grandchildren Ali, Maya, Dayron and Jamie.

Susan is survived by her parents Betty and Fred Curran. Also survived by her siblings Rick (Audrey), Katherine, Laura (Alec-predeceased), Margaret (Terry), Sylvia (Vern) and Christine.

A Celebration of Susan's life will be held at a later date.

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OBITUARIES

RONALD (NEE WILLS), JUNE EMILY HILDA
JANUARY 1, 1931 - MARCH 7, 2024

June passed away on Thursday March 7, 2024 at Wellington Terrace, Fergus, Ontario at the age of 93.

A devoted mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

A long-time fixture in the thoroughbred horse community, June bred and raced thoroughbreds under the banner of "Greenlaw Farm". From her early years working at the UN in New York, to her 27 year real estate career in her beloved Caledon Hills, everything she did, she did with passion and joy. June had a deep love for animals and advocated for their welfare. She lived with a overriding respect and concern for nature and the environment, as evidenced by her once climbing a tree on Royal York Road and refusing to leave its branches until she was assured that the tree would not be cut down. It stands today.

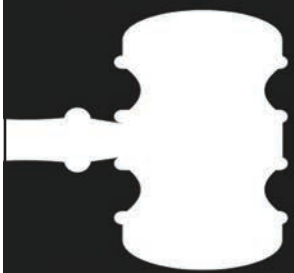
June is survived by her children; Francis (Lorna), Jacqueline (John Tonetti), Victoria (Russell Phillips), Grandchildren, Jennifer (Michael Craven), Christopher (Alli), Emma and Michael. Greatgrandchildren, Eli, Blayke and Madelyn. June was predeceased by her husband Dr. Alfred Ronald and daughter Penny.

We will remember her fondly and with much love.....

In lieu of flowers, donations in June's name may be sent to LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



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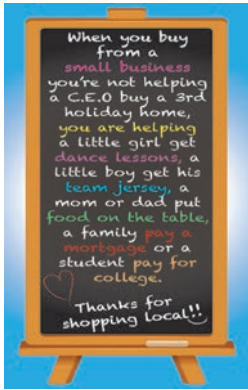
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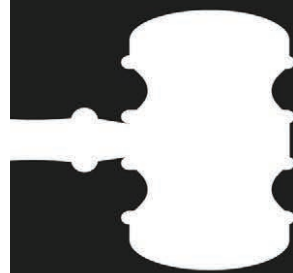
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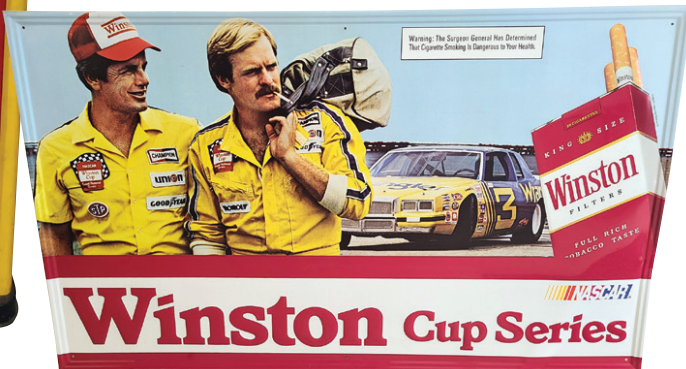
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