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EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING: Shrubs and trees were planted by the entrance of the Mill Creek Trail on April 20 during the Orangeville Earth Day Tree Planting event, held by Credit Valley Conservation. The event had a solid turnout, as people looked to see how they could help the local environment as Earth Day approached on April 22.

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Dirt bike riders lobby Mono council to open trails

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group representing offroad motorcycle riders wants Mono to open some of its trails to dirt bikes.

Lisa Thompson of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) asked Mono council when it met April 23 to allow access to what she called the Tower Hill portion of the Aikins Forest Tract.

Her group is a proponent of trail stewardship throughout the province.

The Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) has been maintaining and building trails for 31 years.

And they have cultivated relationships with provincial government ministries and would like to extend that same focus to municipalities and counties.

And that's what brought her to Dufferin County and before Mono's council.

"Right now, Dufferin County does not provide any forest access to offroad vehicles at all," she said. "We have access to the rail trail, which isn't really an ideal trail for the offroad motorcycle community."

Those riders prefer what's called single-track riding, which is a path through the woods that's no wider than a motorcycle's handlebars.

"We share these trails throughout the entire province with our equestrian partners," Thompson said. "They like our single track because we clear it."

Their only complaint is that the OFTR can't clear single-track paths higher to prevent tree branches from hitting riders on horses.

She said trail off-roading is a growing sport with a growing number of women and children taking part. They're enjoying nature and learning respect for the forest and environmentally sensitive areas.

She said the OFTR is aware of some trespassing in the Tower Hill area by riders of offroad motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. "And we'd like to educate them (trespassers)," she said.

The OFTR comes with \$15-million in insurance liability and they require all members to be properly insured and carry provincial license plates. The group also requires a trail use permit.

"That way we can have some sort of control on what they do," Thompson said.

Trail agreements between the OFTR and other jurisdictions allow use only from May until December, she said.

"And we're very hard on that," she said. "So by working with us we hope there will be a reduction of trespassing and disturbances in the area."

The group also enforces an acceptable noise level.

"We encourage everybody to behave properly," Thompson said. "We don't want this reputation that sometimes comes with us that we're a bunch of yahoos. We're not."

Councillor Ralph Manktelow said all-terrain vehicle trail users are incompatible with hikers who walk the backwoods thoroughfares.

"They grind up the trails and they're noisy and (walkers) wonder if somebody is going to come down and run them down," he said.

"That's a misconception about us grinding up the trails," Thompson said. "That would be an ATV, not a dirt bike."

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Lord Dufferin IODE now accepting pre-orders for 29th Annual Geranium Sale

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Gardening season is fast approaching, and a local women-led not-for-profit organization is holding its yearly geranium sale to help people freshen up their gardens while supporting a good cause.

The Lord Dufferin IODE is holding its 29th Annual Geranium Sale, with organizers now taking pre-orders for the pick-up days at 10 and 10 Garden Centre (634026 Highway 10, Mono) on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Red, white, pink and orange Citronella Geraniums are available, and a flat of 10 plants is \$40, or they are \$7 each

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All the money raised through the plant sale helps support various charities in the community, such as Headwaters Health Care Foundation, Orangeville Public Library, Family Transition Place and the Orangeville Food Bank. The funds also help projects spearheaded by the Lord Dufferin IODE, like replacing the wooden nurse statute in front of the Lord Dufferin Centre that was vandalized in 2022.

In total, 4,000 plants are available, and if

they sell out, the Lord Dufferin IODE will raise \$7,000 to \$8,000.

"The money stays within the community. That's the main thing," said Lord Dufferin IODE member Dori Ebel, about the fundraiser.

The sale is held with the help of 10 and 10 Garden Centre, which sells the Lord Dufferin IODE all the geraniums for the sale at a bulk price so they can be resold for a small profit to benefit the club and community.

Ebel noted that the geranium sale has become a tradition in the community for many people who purchase a flat for their garden each year.

"We appreciate the constant loyalty of our customers, and we just would like them to keep thinking of IODE when they want geraniums," she said. "We've been doing it for 28 years... and we've always been proud of our flowers."

To learn more about the Lord Dufferin IODE, email lorddufferin@gmail.com.



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QUALITY GERANIUMS AVAILABLE: Dori Ebel of the Lord Dufferin IODE holds up a flat of geraniums, which are available for purchase through the IODE's annual geranium sale.

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Local library to launch Social Justice Club

The world is an interesting, ever-changing place that can be intimidating to navigate for youth as they grow. In partnership with the Puslinch Assembly of Baha'is, the Orangeville Public Library (OPL) is excited to offer a new club for youth aged 7 to 14 to help develop the skills they need to become engaged citizens.

Meeting weekly, the Social Justice Club will empower like-minded youth to connect with one another by learning about their lived experiences and examining common goals or challenges.

"We live in a diverse world, and more than that, in a community that is becoming more diverse every day," said Darla Fraser, Chief Executive Officer of the Orangeville Public Library. "A thriving society comes from not only celebrating and acknowledging our differences but learning to identify where prejudices and problems exist and working together to

resolve them." The group will be led by local volunteer Farzaneh Peterson to help foster the ability for youth to become better world citizens and lead purposeful and meaningful lives through the lens of empathy.

- Topics to be covered include:
- Fairness/kindness
 - Stereotypes/prejudice
 - Lived experiences (including marginalized communities)
 - Courage and cooperation
 - Social responsibility
 - Access to basic human rights (food, shelter, water, education)
 - Caring for the environment/protecting the planet

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Clarification

An article printed on Page A14 of the Orangeville Citizen mentioned Dr. Andrew Judge PhD (Mkomose) will be hosted at the Monora Park Pavilion on April 28. The article did not mention what time the event is happening at. Doors open at

1:30 p.m. and Dr. Judge's presentation runs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free to attend. The event is being hosted by the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition, which can be reached by email at info@monomulmur.com.

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Mono asks county to look into a tax on vacant homes

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

An unoccupied home is seen as unacceptable during a housing crisis. As such, the provincial government took steps recently to enable municipalities to make vacant homes available for needed housing. And Mono got on board with a request to Dufferin County to initiate a vacant home tax. Councillor Elaine Capes made a motion

during council's April 23 meeting to contribute to making more vacant homes available for housing by requesting that the upper-tier council look into the feasibility of a Municipal Vacant Home Tax. "That recognizes that, in our instance, the county has tax policy responsibility," Mayor John Creelman said. "I'm all in favour of the motion," Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said. "But I do have to admit, given the problems Toronto has had with the vacant [home] tax, it concerns me." Nix said his concerns include the admin-

istrative cost of establishing and enforcing a Municipal Vacant Home Tax. "I think it [administrative costs] just might turn out to be horrendous," he said. "This is a bit of a niggling point, but we're not asking (the county) to investigate the feasibility," Coun. Ralph Manktelow said. "We're asking them to consider investigating it. So they have to decide whether they want to bother with this or not first." Capes suggested the motion be amended to ask the county to investigate the tax's feasibility.

Creelman said he has concerns about the complexity of such a tax, especially in light of Toronto's problems with it. "Really, all we want is the county to say yes we can have a vacant property tax and then we can take care of implementing our own bylaw on our process according to the wonderful framework that's going to be available," Capes said. "I think we have more than justification in asking that it be investigated," Creelman said.

Dufferin and Caledon share \$863,199 from gas tax program to improve transit

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin-Caledon is getting an \$800,000 boost in funding from the provincial government's 2023-24 Gas Tax program. Municipalities can use the funding to expand service hours, increase routes, purchase new vehicles and improve accessibility to increase transit ridership. Orangeville is receiving \$294,473 while Caledon is receiving \$568,726. The funding announcement was made by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones on Friday (April 19). "Our government is providing Gas Tax funding so that municipalities can continue to support and grow transit systems," said Jones. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we will continue to invest in local transit to drive economic growth, make travel more convenient and connect people to the things that matter most to them." Almost \$380 million has been invested by



the Ontario government to help 102 municipalities improve local transit through the Gas Tax program. Included in this year's Gas Tax program is a one-time additional \$3 million to ensure municipalities can continue to support and grow their transit systems. "No matter where you live, Ontarians deserve access to fast, reliable and affordable public transit," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Our government is helping municipalities improve their transit systems now and for decades to come." Municipalities may use the Gas Tax funding for transit operating and/or capital expenditures.



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CELEBRATING SIKH HERITAGE: Members of the Sikh community, Town of Orangeville staff, and Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post gathered at Town Hall on April 15 for a Sikh flag raising. April is recognized as Sikh Heritage Month across Canada.

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Tuesday, May 14	7 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Sustainable Orangeville	1 289-801-5774 ID: 757 931 326#

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Dufferin–Caledon MP critical of spending in 2024 Budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Liberal Government of Canada announced its 2024 Budget on April 16 with \$535 billion in total spending and a nearly \$40 billion deficit.

Over the next five years, the budget projects \$52.9 billion in new spending, \$8.5 billion of which is aimed at addressing Canada's housing affordability crisis.

A key component of the 2024 Budget is the Canada Housing Plan, which looks to unlock nearly 3.9 million homes by 2031. The Liberal Government says this can be accomplished through converting underused federal offices into homes, building houses on Canada Post properties, redeveloping properties and buildings on National defence lands, and building apartments with a \$15 billion to up to the Apartment Construction Loan Program. Other measures will give cities more tools for housing construction, make investments in rent-to-own properties, improve flexibility in the First Time Home Buyer Incentive program and help with down payments through the tax-free First Home Savings Account.

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback didn't mince words when sharing his reaction to the budget in an interview with the Orangeville Citizen last Friday (April 19).

"I think it's a terrible budget," he said. "We're now in the ninth year of massive budget deficits that Justin Trudeau has spent. He has more than doubled the national debt now."

"At a time where the current governor of the Bank of Canada is trying to get interest rates down, Justin Trudeau has now poured another 40 plus billion dollars of inflationary government spending onto the inflationary fire."

Seeback said the deficit spending in the 2024 Budget will make it harder for the Bank of Canada to lower interest rates, further worsening the housing crisis. The prime lending rate currently sits at 7.2 per cent.

The Liberal Government says its budget is delivering on plans to make life more affordable for Canadians while growing the economy and creating good middle-class jobs, but Seeback told the Citizen it's doing the exact opposite.

"None of it's worked so far. You're paying more for groceries, more to fill up your car, more to heat your home," he said. "We have the worst affordability crisis we've seen in several decades in Canada. Part of that problem is that so much of what's been spent is just to serve the federal government, which has increased in size by 48 per cent."

He added, "The spending is not helping Canadians, what it is doing is causing the inflationary crisis we have."



FILE PHOTO

BALANCE THE BUDGET: Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback said the Liberal Government of Canada's spending plan for the next year will fuel the "inflationary fire" with a nearly \$40 billion deficit. He said the budget needs to be balanced to reduce inflation.

A primary source of inflation is money printing – pumping the economy with additional dollars to cover deficit spending. Inflation acts as a hidden tax, as the government can cover additional expenses by creating new money, instead of new taxes, which devalues the currency. Those who own properties and assets benefit from inflation as their holdings climb in value, while those living paycheque to paycheque, who own no assets, have less purchasing power to cover their daily expenses.

"Inflation actually is the most insidious thing. It hollows out the middle class because they're the ones least able to deal with inflation," said Seeback. "The rich 100 per cent benefit from the inflation of assets, and working people are the ones who are the most hurt in an environment like this."

A key contributor to inflation, according to Seeback, is the Carbon Tax.

"We have to axe the Carbon Tax, because when you think of the layers of the carbon tax that go throughout the economy, it's costing Canadians a fortune," said Seeback. "The farmer pays a carbon tax, the trucker that picks up the product pays a carbon tax, takes it to a processor, the processor pays a carbon tax. Then when a truck picks it up from the processor, that trucker pays a carbon tax, and the grocery store pays a carbon tax to heat the premises."

This results in massive food inflation, according to Seeback, as increased costs posed by the carbon tax are passed onto the consumer.

"The Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) made it clear that most Canadians are worse off when you factor in the economic impact of the carbon tax plus the tax itself," said Seeback, citing the PBO's updated analysis of the impact of the federal fuel charge on households.

However, when asked about the program, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau points to the PBO's report from 2019 that states eight out of 10 families get more money back through the Carbon Tax Rebate than they pay into the program.

But Seeback said this report doesn't consider how the Carbon Tax impacts the economy and increases everyday costs for Canadians.

"The carbon tax doesn't operate in a vacuum," he said. "When [the PBO] factored in how much the carbon tax affects the economy and the carbon tax, people paid, take off the rebate, and most families are worse off."

A report released by the Parliamentary Budget Officer on March 30, 2023, says "most households will see a net loss," when factoring in the Carbon Tax's impact on the economy overall.

The amount of money the federal government has spent on consultants was another area of concern for Seeback.

Since Trudeau took office in 2015, the Liberal Government has more than doubled the amount it spends on consultants each year.

Seeback recommends slashing that budget in half, which would amount to almost \$10 billion in savings, as he argues a lot of the consulting work that's being outsourced could be done internally by government employees.

Aside from the Conservative Party of Canada, Seeback said there's been no shortage of criticism for the Liberal's 2024 Budget.

He referenced comments made by former Bank of Canada governor David Dodge who said the 2024 Budget was "likely to be the worst" in decades after seeing spending announcements a couple of days before the 2024 Budget was officially presented.

Dodge revised his comments after the budget was released on April 16 to say it's "certainly a bad one," as he's concerned with how new measures will move Canada in the wrong direction for raising incomes.

Investment and innovation could be curbed for young people setting up new businesses as they will take in less money through the government's new changes to the Capital Gains Tax.

Capital gains have risen from 50 to 66.7 per cent for all corporations and trusts. Individuals will see the same increase, but only concerning the portion of capital gains realized

annually that exceed \$250,000.

Dodge said while the change is small, it will have an impact.

"It is not massive... but it hits precisely the folks that are trying to raise the income of Canadians by investing and taking chances in new innovation," said Dodge in a CTV interview on April 18.

Looking at future interest rate cuts, Dodge said the size of this year's provincial and federal budgets won't help as they're creating additional demand in the short term in areas and markets where supply is already tight.

An area of the budget Seeback would have liked to see additional funding for is the federal disability benefit, which starts in July 2025.

A little over \$6 billion has been earmarked over the next six years, falling short of what many disability advocates were looking for. The Canadian Disability Benefit (CDB) was first announced during the Liberal Government's Speech from the Throne in Sept. 2020, when they promised a program modelled after the Guaranteed Income Support (GIS), which costs the treasury roughly \$16 billion per year.

Defend Disability, an advocacy group for people with disabilities, said the new benefit "will do next to nothing to alleviate poverty" as it is capped at a spending of \$1.6 billion annually.

"People with disabilities were really looking for the government to step up in this budget, and what they've offered works out to be a maximum \$200 a month, which is far short of what people with disabilities need," said Seeback.

Member of Defend Disability Andrea Hatala said the \$200 more per month will leave her living in "deep poverty" and requiring "meal programs and food banks" to make it through each month.

A vote on the 2024 Budget will happen in the coming weeks, which Seeback said the Conservative Party will oppose.

"We'll be voting against the budget because they're not meeting our demands, which include axing the tax and balancing the budget," he said.

However, Seeback does anticipate the budget will pass with the support of the NDP when a vote is called.

He said while NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has recently wavered on his support for the Carbon Tax, he anticipates he will vote to approve the budget to help him remain in his position until October of 2025 when he qualifies for his MP pension.

Seeback said it's time for a "carbon tax election" and let Canadians decide if the policy should be kept in place.



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BEST BREAKFAST AROUND: Customers Tonia Noble and Patricia Fantin recently visited the Déjà Vu Diner for breakfast. “I love going to the Déjà Vu Diner because the owner, Jen is an amazing person and the staff too, they all are so friendly,” said Noble. Server Debbie Apolinario keeps the coffee flowing for the breakfast rush.

Dining in Dufferin: Déjà Vu Diner provides much more than just lunch and breakfast

Written By GAIL POWELL

From wedding engagements, dance parties and free giveaways to multiple fundraisers, a visit from the Stanley Cup, and a recent viral TikTok video – it’s never a dull moment for owner Jennifer Betz and the crew at Déjà Vu Diner.

“We’ve had many memorable moments here at the diner. Last year, a Toronto food reviewer did a video of the restaurant and that helped us a great deal,” said Betz. “A year later, we still have people coming in from out of town to visit because they have seen us on Tik Tok.”

The quaint family-run neighbourhood establishment located, at 318 Broadway, has been a staple in the community for many years. In 2017, when Betz took over the diner, she wanted to continue with a breakfast/brunch/lunch focus, yet also add in other elements to grow and evolve her business.

During the pandemic, Betz renovated part of the dining room space to add a boxed meats retail store to their business portfolio. They also tried a coffee shop model for a short period of time.

“It’s all about trial and error in this business,” Betz explained. “The restaurant has changed in many ways; besides our boxed meats store,

we’ve also built a new patio out back, brought in new furniture, new promotions and new menus – including a vegan menu.”

Déjà Vu’s best-selling dish is their eggs benedict. The restaurant also carries locally sourced ingredients and food products such as geographically near artisanal crafted teas, cheesecakes and butter tarts too.

“Over the years, we’ve won many local awards in town including Best Brunch and Best Breakfast,” Betz noted.

The Ontario government also gave Betz an award for her work during the pandemic for pivoting the business to both a restaurant and a retail store. Betz attributes her continued success to conscientiously supporting a community that, in return, supports the Déjà vu Diner.

“I think people return to us because the food is really good, and the customer service is outstanding. Our goal is to give everyone who comes through our doors the best experience they can have. We have many regulars who are like family to us,” she said. “If a restaurant can pay its bills and its employees and continue to grow – that is a win.”

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Senior centre volunteers celebrated

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group of volunteers were celebrated in style last week.

On April 18, the Caledon Seniors Centre (CSC) held its annual volunteer appreciation lunch at the centre. This year, the event had a “wild west” theme, with many impressive decorations contributing to an amazing vibe in the room.

CSC manager Beverley Nurden said it’s so important to celebrate the CSC’s volunteers as without them, the centre would cease to exist.

“We always come up with a theme and plan a menu around it... this year there’s chicken and ribs, bean soup and cornbread,” she said. There was also a variety of wild west-themed drinks available at the “saloon” set up in the centre.

The CSC enlisted the help of Palgrave Rotarians to serve lunch at the event. A long-standing partnership between the two organizations sees CSC volunteers help out at Palgrave Rotary’s “Wines of the World” event, and

Palgrave Rotarians serve lunch on volunteer appreciation day.

Nurden said volunteers look forward to the lunch each year. The theme is always kept secret until people arrive.

“It’s such a fun afternoon,” said Nurden. “Our volunteers are the heartbeat of this place.”

Nurden gave a speech at the event, thanking volunteers further.

“Your dedication shines bright and your kindness touches countless lives... you’re the unsung heroes who make every day happen here,” said Nurden. “Thank you for your unwavering support, your tireless efforts, and your boundless energy and compassion. You inspire us all to reach higher, give more and make a difference in the world.”

Jane Chapman, outgoing president of the CSC’s executive committee, spoke after Nurden and said it’s been a wonderful experience serving in the role.

“During the years of the pandemic and the expansion, there were so many people helping me behind the scenes... it was a job everybody did, so thank you again,” said Chapman.

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Environmentally mindful Orangeville man opens free seed library

Written By GAIL POWELL

McCarthy Street resident Matthew Smith wants to share his love of backyard farming and sustainability with his Orangeville neighbours.

He's an active member of the Facebook group called "Grow Your Own Food! Orangeville" and has been spreading his message of gardening, seed saving and seed swapping since he became a member of the Town of Orangeville's sustainability committee a few years ago.

"During Covid, I was overseeing the Town's seed library as member of the sustainability committee. I enjoyed speaking with fellow gardeners, answering their seed questions and building new friendships," said Smith.

"I wanted to give more people an opportunity to grow their own food, so instead of distributing 200 bean seeds to one person, I decided to start my own seed library where I could divide up those 200 bean seeds into smaller packages. Ten plants per person can still produce a lot of beans."

Another goal for Smith to start this independent seed library is to encourage the people of Orangeville to grow food and then share that cultivated food with their neighbours who could also benefit from a bountiful harvest.

Recently he connected with Westminster United Church on Broadway to offer some of his freshly grown, kale, sage and Swiss chard



GAIL POWELL PHOTO

SEED LIBRARY: Orangeville sustainability advocate, Matthew Smith, stocks his little independent seed library at the end of his driveway on McCarthy Street. Neighbours are encouraged to take or leave seeds for anyone wishing to grow vegetables, fruits or native pollinator plants in their own gardens.

to plant in their front lawn growing initiative.

"I love to see people sharing food with their neighbours. Through food sharing and over-the-fence conversations, neighbours may then get to know each other better and this can help strengthen community ties."

Smith also hopes some of the grown foods

from the seeds will be donated to the Orangeville Food Bank.

"I've been volunteering with the Food Bank since 2023. I take great pride in knowing I'm playing a small role in helping to get food on the table for people who may be food insecure," he said.

After watching a few YouTube videos on how to build a little book library this winter, Smith used that knowledge as inspiration to build his front lawn seed library.

The structure itself is perched at the bottom of Smith's driveway on McCarthy Street just behind the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre. It's fashioned from rough plywood, nails, screws, wood glue and caulking to help keep the seeds dry.

"I gave it a few coats of primer and paint and mounted it on a 4x4 post in a bucket of concrete," Smith added.

The McCarthy Street seed library has been an instant success with neighbours generously donating seeds and Smith also supplementing the inventory.

"I'm so grateful to the community who have already given seed donations," Smith noted.

"Whatever seeds I receive, I continue to put out for people to borrow. I will also save the seeds from my garden this year and then put them into my library too," he said.

Seed libraries depend on community involvement for success. Smith would like to see more independent seed libraries popping up all over town.

"It would be great if there was a large selection of locally grown foods and harvested seeds available each year so more people could benefit."

For more information on Smith's seed library, visit facebook.com/MatthewSmithOrangeville

Hike for Bethell Hospice returns in May, aims to raise \$245,000

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

One of Caledon's largest fundraising events is coming soon.

On Sunday, May 5, the annual Hike for Bethell Hospice will take place in Inglewood, starting at the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena.

It will be the fourteenth iteration of the hike, which is held each year amid National Hospice & Palliative Care Week.

"The hike is a signature event for the Bethell Hospice Foundation (BHF), raising awareness and funds for palliative care in our community," said BHF Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications Kelly Stronach.

The goal of this year's hike is to raise \$245,000 through a combination of pledges, sponsorships and donations. Funds raised through the hike ensure that the hospice and palliative care services at Bethell Hospice remain free to everyone.

Stronach shared the words of a 2023 hike

participant: "Bethell Hospice is one of the services that really helps people who are in their final few weeks. We thought the hike was a great way to help raise funds needed by the hospice."

Registration for this year's hike opens at 8 a.m. at Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena. An opening ceremony with remarks will take place at 9 a.m. and then the hike itself will begin. Hikers will take a short walk up to the Caledon Trailway, an accessible and beautiful location for the hike. It will be five kilometres in length and when it's finished, hikers can enjoy a post-hike lunch sponsored by Palgrave Rotary and Maple Lodge Farms.

Each year, many people undertake the hike while remembering friends and family members who were residents at Bethell Hospice.

There is no cost to register for this year's hike, though hikers are encouraged to pre-register at hikeforbethellhospice.ca and gather pledges of support by fundraising.

Stronach said Bethell Hospice is the only residential hospice serving Caledon, Bramp-



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ton, and Dufferin County. She shared it also provides community programs like support groups, one-on-one counselling, art and music therapy and more.

Stronach said the BHF wants to give thanks to the many platinum-level sponsors supporting the hike: Access Storage; Benson Steel; Brampton Funeral Home & Cemetery/Scott Funeral Home — Brampton Chapel; Egan Funeral Home; Fines Ford Lincoln; Meadowvale Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral

Centres; Rotary Club of Brampton; and the Town of Caledon.

There are many Gold, Silver, Bronze, matching gift and route sponsors supporting the hike, too.

Last year, the hike raised over \$224,000 and over 400 people participated in it. The BHF hopes to break both of those records this year, and the community is well on track as enthusiastic hike participants have so far raised nearly \$145,000.

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Mono council votes to extend contract with integrity commissioner

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TOWN OF MONO



Mono council decided to retain its current integrity commissioner for another term with new rates.

The current term expires in June and was renewed for an additional five years. The agreement has the option for three one-year extensions.

Guy Giorno is a lawyer that specializes in ethics and accountability and he has been Mono's integrity commissioner since 2018. He serves a number of Ontario municipalities in that role.

The provincial government made it mandatory in 2019 that all municipalities have a code of conduct and an integrity commissioner.

Fred Simpson, the town's clerk, reached out to Giorno to see about the possibility of extending his appointment.

From January 2018 to June 2021, the town paid Giorno a \$90 annual retainer in addition to \$100 per hour to weigh complaints from the public and make judgements.

That rate increased from June 2021 to June 2024 to a \$200 annual retainer plus \$130 per hour.

But Giorno's new agreement doesn't include an annual retainer, it maintains a \$200 per hour rate and includes \$125 per hour for any work

he farms out to junior staff at his law firm.

"I've compared those to other rates being offered or being secured by other municipalities in Dufferin (County)," Simpson said. "These are either equal to or lower than any other rates."

He said those rates will be locked in for the duration of the five-year appointment and possibly eight years with the three one-year extensions.

Dufferin County has decided to post its integrity commissioner as a permanent job as opposed to awarding a contract through tender.

"They're actually interviewing as a job as opposed to a contract," Simpson said.

The county has put together a hiring committee to evaluate applications.

Councillor Ralph Manktelow asked about the money the municipality has spent on an integrity commissioner.

Simpson said he didn't have those figures readily available and deferred the question to Les Halucha, the town's treasurer.

"We are charged for his time whenever a member of council seeks advice and if there's an investigation and if we ask Mr. Giorno to come up and give a presentation," Simpson said. "We're just billed straight out for his time."

Halucha said he didn't have the total cost paid out to the integrity commissioner.

"But it's not very significant," Halucha said and added it could be as little as \$300 per year.

Manktelow suggested that the position should have been opened to applications from lawyers who specialize in integrity matters.

"I would think that by opening it we are starting a tender or (request for proposals) process of some sort," Simpson said. "So that would entail a formal tender or RFP."

Simpson said the reasons the county and other municipalities would oppose the tender process is because it is long, laborious, and costly.

"If council wants to go that way, some may

choose [to] not apply," he said.

Given the little money it's cost the town so far, Coun. Elaine Capes said shifting to a tender process with interviews will end up costing more.

"I don't see the pros of doing that when we have somebody that we rely on and like their work," Capes said.

Manktelow suggested the town simply phone another person involved in that field and ask them what their rates would be and if that individual would be interested in the role.

"It's about integrity," Coun. Melinda Davie said. "We either renew the contract or we have to go through the whole process that you would have to go through to get somebody new."

Given the small amount of money, Mayor John Creelman said appointing an integrity commissioner wouldn't entail the RFP process.

"It's even arguably within the framework of a department head's discretion from a funding standpoint," Creelman said.

"I think council would have to establish a process, whatever that process is," Simpson said. "I don't think two or three random phone calls is a process."

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Local library to launch Social Justice Club

The Social Justice Club aligns with the Orangeville Public Library's Strategic Plan's goal to help develop literacies around issues that are intercultural, emotional, environmental, and civic.

As a result of these pursuits, youth will gain the knowledge to actively participate and effect change in the local community and society.

Beginning on May 1, the Social Justice Club will meet every Wednesday: Youth aged 7 to 10 will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. and ages 11 to 14 will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Mill Street Meeting Room.

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LOCAL Arts & Entertainment

Artists feature contrasting work with 'Choice and Chance' show at Headwaters Arts

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Talking to Nancy MacNabb is a lot of fun. Right away, she was telling the Citizen all about her friend and collaborator, Patrice Baker for their upcoming art show, "Choice and Chance."

The show runs from April 24 to May 26 at Headwaters Arts in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. "This is a collaboration between myself and

Patrice," she said. "Each of us recognizes each other's methods."

"This is the continuum between plan and luck," she added.

While Ms. Baker was not able to join the conversation, Nancy MacNabb took up her story by saying Patrice Baker is a retired biology teacher and jeweller. She also does jewellery-making classes out of her studio in Ferris.

Most of her artwork, besides the jewellery, is made of found items and generally set in small frames "that she covers in mica," explaining further that "mica can be rendered to a very thin sheet to cover some of the pieces."

Speaking of herself, Ms. MacNabb related, "I'm a retired family doctor and I am in medicine, so I think a lot and I also have this emotional side. I like creating large pieces in contrast to Patrice. My paintings come from what sends me in an emotional reaction. Each is abstract but also tells a small story."

She sees real dynamism in her own work, through her use of vivid colour, as such an interesting contrast to the beautiful and small art that "engages head space" of Ms. Baker's work.

"Then the large gut level pieces that are mine," she quipped. "People move in to examine Pat's work and then step back to look at mine."

Patrice Baker's art largely centres on the small and found items; her work often combines oddities. She finds beauty in integrating odd things into her pieces, going out and exploring to find interesting fossils, test tubes and a very wide range of items. Using a fossil by making a mould of it and melting copper to see the relief of the fossil in the metal.

Ms. Baker also creates jewellery using PMC3 precious metal clay. She assembles her pieces and puts them into a kiln to shrink and dry. The silver clay dries and becomes sterling silver.

"They have this clay with bronze and even gold," Nancy MacNabb informed us.

Ms. MacNabb's retirement and consequent foray into art came from a life-changing health problem as her thyroids stopped functioning. A doctor herself, she quickly became disabled from the ailment, so much so that she wasn't

able to communicate with the doctors. During that time, with no art background, she started painting as a response to losing her ability to practice medicine and a decline in her physical health.

It took three years to figure it out, she told us. She found an arthouse studio, where they wanted adults to play with art.

"I really ate that up," she declared. "I just wanted to splash paint on canvas. Learned by experience by just painting and painting. I looked at some YouTube videos. It was quite different from medicine where you sit in classes for ages but this was freedom."

Easy: you make a spontaneous brush mark and then you make something of it. The magic is serendipitous. She has no plan necessarily at the outset and something comes that makes sense in a way.

"Painting like this changed my philosophy too - there is an uncontrolled element in each of us and you need to ride with it."

The two ladies have had long discussions about how sometimes there is a continuum between planning and luck and then you roll with it. That is how this Choice and Chance show has come about.

In reaction to the eco-anxiety from which we are generally suffering is her River Runs Through - primarily a dark piece but a slight wave of brass and gold portrays the slim river of hope that we'll come through this troubled time.

On the walls - Nancy MacNabb's are pretty dark and then she offers "can do happy."

Summing up, she commented, "Patrice has multi skills and interests - in curiosity. She is totally intrigued by all sorts of things."

"She works so small and detailed and I'm kind of in-your-face and big."

"That's why we work together."

Vendor market coming to Curling Club

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Here is a bit of fun: Toni Lugano is bringing the bigger version of her "lawn sales" to the Orangeville Curling Club this weekend, Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ms. Lugano will bring her tremendous range of prom dresses and luxury women's clothing on sale for wildly inexpensive prices. She sources her items primarily from wholesalers in the US, having been in the retail clothing business for years. The extent of her collection is impressive and the young women among you will be delighted to find the perfect dress for this year's prom.

Nor are dresses and gorgeous clothing the full extent of the market, for the Curling Club will see a goodly number of other local vendors join the sale. Among them are Amoni Gem Lounge with beautiful jewellery, Blaze Beauty and Aesthetics (make-up artist and sales), Mobile Teeth Whitening, Jules Boho Shop for custom items and Massage Therapy, Trust the Travel Bug (a personal travel agent), and One Small Cog

Senior Services, to name just a few.

It is a new venture to share with so many other fine vendors in the Curling Club and Ms. Lugano is happy to be giving this a try.

It is a good opportunity, she feels, to give those businesses a chance to be seen out from their regular locations and let people know who they are. With so many prices rising so quickly elsewhere, this one-day market will give people the opportunity to purchase some nice things for reasonable prices.

"People in retail work really hard and it is not always easy to draw attention to your business if it's at home based," said Ms. Lugano. "Lots of these vendors are working on new ideas and it's exciting to have them join me."

Ms. Lugano's history in the clothing business goes back some time when she was a costume designer and maker. She was involved with the pageant world and made tutus for every occasion.

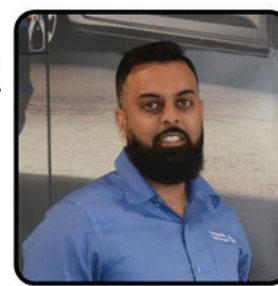
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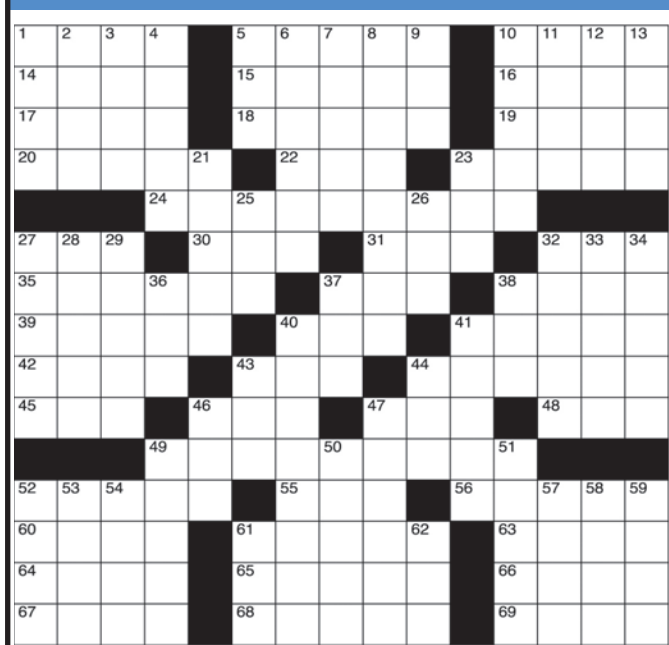


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Search warrant conducted for second time on Fourth Avenue home results in more drug, theft charges

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine are among the drugs seized by Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) when conducting a search warrant at a house in Orangeville that was searched just two months prior.

A property on Fourth Ave. in Orangeville saw police execute a search warrant on April 19 with the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit, Dufferin OPP officers and members of the Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP).

A search was conducted on Feb. 22 at the same house that resulted in a litany of drug and theft charges for four individuals, two of which were charged again as a result of the April 19 search warrant.

The most recent search warrant resulted in the arrest of four people who are facing multiple charges.

Rory SIEGEL, 42-year-old from Shelburne

has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - other drugs

Lorne STOCKDALE, 45-year-old from Orangeville

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Opioid

David TEGGART, 46-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Opioid

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Methamphetamine

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5,000

Karen WHITING 47-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Methamphetamine

- Trafficking in Schedule I substance - Other drugs

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Other drugs

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5,000

There is one outstanding individual with charges pending. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Both Karen Whiting and David Teggart were charged with similar offences during a search warrant at the same house on Fourth Avenue on Feb. 22.

At that time, Teggart was charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking (methamphetamine), possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), and possession of a schedule I substance (Opioid). Whiting faced charges for possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of traf-

ficking (methamphetamine), possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine) possession of a schedule I substance (Opioid) - two counts, possession of a schedule III substance, and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime (under \$5,000).

The following property was seized during the April 19 search warrant:

- Methamphetamine
- Fentanyl pills
- Cocaine
- \$435 - Canadian currency
- Assorted pills
- Scale
- Cellular telephone

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Two people charged with impaired driving over the weekend

Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation related offences this past weekend.

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were conducting traffic enforcement in the area of County Road 16 in Amaranth on April 20, just before 9 p.m. Officers noticed a traffic violation and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Charles SWAN, a 38-year-old male, from

Beeton has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the area of Victoria Street in Shelburne on April 21, just after 12:00 a.m. Officers located the vehicle and driver a short time later and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Andrew ROY, a 56-year-old male, from Wellington North has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

- Mischief - renders property dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective

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Dirt bike riders lobby Mono council to open trails

"I understand the difference between an ATV and a motorcycle and I know they're talking about motorcycles," Manktelow said. "Quite clearly they say it digs up the trails. You can't go on a motorcycle and gun it without digging up the trails. It's so much harder on them than walking so I have significant concerns about his application."

"Throttle control is very important," Thompson said and added that the OFTR will repair any damage to trails. "That's part of our remediation that we do when we notice it because ruts do sometimes happen."

Deputy Mayor Fred Nix said he also has concerns about opening forests to offroad motorcycle use. You can't have open protected land and allow dirt bike use there, he said.

Coun. Melinda Davie is a former dirt bike rider and she said the misconceptions about the sport are disheartening. The gas engine is on its way out and e-bikes are going to be quieter on trails.

"It's going to be as quiet as walking in the woods when you're on (an electric) motorcycle," Davie said.

She said trespassing on trails is a problem and it would be beneficial to have the OFTR policing the trails.

Davie said municipal staff have repaired much damage caused by trespassers.

"Do we have a cost on this nuisance behaviour that we've got going on in our forest?" Davie said.

Kim Heaton, the town's director of recre-

ation, said there's been a lot of damage done to the Aikins Tract.

"It is an on-going battle between the Recreation Department and the users of the Aikins Tract, the motorized users," Heaton said.

Signage that informs users motorized vehicles are prohibited are regularly torn down the day after they're erected, she said. The cost is in sign replacement, fencing repairs, and the maintenance staff hours to complete that work.

"It's an ongoing issue that we are having as far as our parks bylaw stating that no motorized vehicles are permitted on this property," Heaton said.

"It doesn't matter what we do. We just cannot get ahead of the challenge."

Despite the trespassing and trail damage, Heaton said the town doesn't get many complaints from nearby neighbours.

"My biggest concern regarding the trespassing is the liability that we are assuming," she said.

"We do have \$15-million liability," Thompson said.

Coun. Elaine Capes said there's a duty to protect the health of the forest tract.

"This, to me, is what Mono stands for," Capes said. "It has nothing to do with your organization at all. It is just what I believe in my heart."

No decision was made by council at the April 23 meeting.

'Pixie Properties' fundraiser for Bethell Hospice hits \$10,000 mark

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon woman has reached a major milestone in her charitable efforts.

Peggy Dickey recently passed the \$10,000 mark in funds raised for Bethell Hospice through sales of her "Pixie Properties".

The properties are one-of-a-kind pieces of art that look like doors into the magi-

cal worlds in fairy tales and fantasy novels. Dickey makes them using recycled and found materials, and it's become her favourite hobby.

Her Pixie Properties sell for \$20 each, though many people pay more since they know all of the money is going to Bethell Hospice, which provides free, compassionate, and respectful care for individuals facing a life-limiting illness and their families.

"This area has been so supportive," said Dickey. "People in Inglewood really support Bethell Hospice... you see the facility and how nicely it's kept, and the people there are so friendly and nice. Anyone who's been touched by that place has so many good things to say about it."

Dickey will be selling her art at the upcoming Hike for Bethell Hospice on May 5. She also plans to be at the Caledon Fair and Canada Day Strawberry festival.

Dickey creates her art at her home studio. Since her project has become more well-known, she said people have started to

drop off items at her house for her to use in her work. For example, someone recently dropped off a bag of old jewelry, which has many uses in Dickey's art.

"I find a bag on my front porch every once in a while... jewelry and things like that," she said. Dickey even got a bundle of cedar shims to use in her art donated to her from the Rona in Brampton, which has since closed down.

"I only buy the necessities, but that's my contribution, that and the time — but it's a hobby, I have fun with it," said Dickey, who has no plans to stop any time soon. Since many generous people in her area have already purchased a Pixie Property, she's looking to expand her selling area and let new people know all about her charitable project.

Anyone who is interested in buying a Pixie Property, or inviting Dickey to sell at an event, can reach out to her via email at the following address: pixiepropertiesbypenny@gmail.com.



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'Forms, Faces and Spaces – Figuratively Speaking' returns to Alton Mill

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Once again artist, photographer, and writer Connie Munson has brought the Satellite branch of the International Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Competition, with "FORMS, FACES and SPACES - Figuratively Speaking," and its companion inaugural event the "Festival of ARTFUL Communities." These are running concurrently, starting May 1 and running for the entire month in four communities: Alton, Belfountain area, Georgetown and Norval at respectively the Pond Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre; Melville White Church, just south of Belfountain; Upper Sisnett Lobby of the Helson Gallery; and St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The Ad Hoc Advisory Group with main members Judy Daley, Paul Llew-Williams, and Connie Munson planned out how this diverse range of activities and exhibitions could combine as a whole with two parts: CONTACT and the ARTFUL Communities.

Of the 3rd annual show as part of the 28th annual CONTACT Festival, which is the world's largest photography event, it should be noted that this year's show had 145 entries from across Canada, of which were accepted 80 pieces of photography, sculpture, paintings, and textile art from 60 artists and photographers. The Jurors were Judy Daley, a retired curator from the Helson Gallery and formerly with PAMA and Greg Coman, a professional photographer from Georgetown.

Connie Munson said, "For the first time,



KAYLA JACKSON PHOTO

HIGHLIGHTING THE ARTS: A look at the interior of the Melville White Church, one of the venues hosting many events and various forms of entertainment over May for the Inaugural Festival of ARTFUL Communities.

there were entries from outside Ontario. One person from Vancouver is coming east to be part of the festival. Others are from Ottawa, coming to stay in bed and breakfast places."

It is the inaugural Festival of ARTFUL Communities that hosts the "cornucopia of arts and cultural events," as the organization's press release suggests and cornucopia is the appropriate word for this month's worth of places to go and things to see.

Marnie Cooke has been a participant in the show since the beginning. She started with dancing but has moved to a number of presen-

tations, some spoken, in a schedule that sees her in all the locations.

It seems every corner of the available spaces will be in use for displays of the photography and other art forms. Focusing this year on the theme of "I have no front door" is one of the Cameo mini displays at the Melville White Church of photos and sketches. Three more Cameo exhibits are repeated with different themes throughout the month.

There is entertainment, largely free of charge or pay-as-you-can.

One ticketed event features the Heather

Bambick Trio, appearing at the John Elliott Theatre at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre on Sunday, May 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Plenty of chances to meet the artists are offered at all of the venues over most days of the entire month. Workshops are offered, including an Everlasting Flowers Workshop. This one carries a cost for the class and the bouquet kit.

Several artists are giving demos about their art. Many are to be staged at the Melville White Church, including Plein Air demos by Kayla Jackson. In fact, the Melville White Church is kept busy every day with Meet the Artist, workshops, and special meet 'n' talk events with photographers.

The Easy Street Players are presenting "In Between" by William Lottering. Called a "short theatre reading" it is free or pay what you can.

On Holiday Monday, May 20, an Opening Picnic Reception will be held at the Melville. Hope is some of the local and participating musicians will come for fun to jam and play. Bring a picnic but count on dessert being supplied.

Ms. Munson enthused, "That day a number of people might be coming from Toronto. There is so much happening at the Melville White Church."

Imagine, for the whole month of May, so much fun, ideas, entertainment, and so much to learn and understand about the basic theme of the forms, faces and spaces in our own lives. There will be plenty with which to identify or think about, in different and meaningful ways.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post shares a speech during the 34th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on April 17 at the Compass Community Church, 246289 Hockley Rd., Mono. Attendees also heard a performance from the Joyful Sound Gospel Choir. The annual breakfast brings together people who influence the many areas of the community.

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5 ways to help seniors maintain their independence

(NC) Older adulthood can be one of the most fulfilling times in a person's life, but many of us worry about losing our independence. Whether you're looking ahead for your future self or thinking of ways to help older family members, here are five ideas to help seniors age in place and stay independent for longer.

1. NOURISH A ZEST FOR LIFE

Isolation can be hard on anyone's mental health, and seniors may be especially at risk. Moving the body, engaging the mind and being a part of community can go a long way to help seniors maintain independence. These activities can help sustain day-to-day motivation and a zest for life. While older seniors may not have as much strength or stamina as they once did, there are still ways to be active and engaged, including through social activity groups geared to seniors.

2. LOOK FOR MAIN-FLOOR LIVING

Most homes have a main-floor kitchen, but what about a bathroom and bedroom? Having these spaces

on one floor can help an older senior live comfortably and safely, even if stairs become a significant challenge or risk for them. Open floorplans with wide doorways and hallways—and room to maneuver in them—are also features that help inhabitants age in place gracefully. These should be top of mind if renovations or downsizing are in consideration.

3. MAKE SIMPLE HOME UPDATES

Small changes at home can extend the time someone can feasibly live there independently. These are just a few: Install grab bars in the bathroom and put a stool to sit on in the walk-in shower; swap out round doorknobs for lever-style handles that require less

strength and dexterity to use—especially for those with arthritis; keep storage within easy reach and take advantage of pull-out cabinet systems and full-extension drawers for ease of access.

4. SEE ABOUT SUPPORT

Seniors and their families don't have to navigate the challenges of getting old alone. Beyond the support of friends and other family members, health-care professionals like doctors or occupational therapists can help. For example, an occupational therapist can do a home assessment to identify potential hazards or help build strategies that make it safer and easier for seniors to do the things that matter to them, from personal hygiene to hobbies.

5. EMBRACE HELPFUL TOOLS

Health-care professionals might suggest tools to make life easier and more enjoyable, such as hearing aids or a walker. These assistive devices can be a major source of safety, as well as a confidence booster when they enable someone to continue living independently. The sooner a tool is embraced, the easier and quicker it is to get comfortable using.

In Ontario, occupational therapists are regulated by the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. Find out more about what they do and what to expect from an appointment at coto.org/ot.

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Things every senior can do to help improve wellness



(NC) Aging gracefully isn't about avoiding grey hair or fighting wrinkles – unless you want it to be. And wellness is about so much more than just good physical health. The goal of old age should be living a rich, curious life, full of laughter, love and longevity. But how do you get there?

OLDER ADULTS can do these five things to create an ultimate at-home wellness practice:

1. FIND CREATIVE OUTLETS.

Book clubs, knitting groups or dance lessons are a great way to get out of the house, meet new people and get those creative juices flowing.

2. VOLUNTEER.

Maybe it's fostering kittens for your local animal shelter or driving cancer patients to appointments; community ties and a sense of purpose are even more important as you age.

3. SMILE.

Even if you have to fake it sometimes, smiling can trick your brain into feeling happy, and happiness can have powerful immune-boosting benefits. As we age, it's even more important to maintain good oral health, and that includes gum care. Consider brushing with an over-the-counter toothpaste that can fight the bacteria that can cause early gum disease such as Colgate PerioGardSF.

4. START A GRATITUDE JOURNAL.

Embracing your age and all of the experiences that got you this far can shape a more positive outlook on life and improve mental health. It'll also make a treasured memory for loved ones one day.

5. GET INTO NATURE.

Walk through a park when flowers are in bloom, hike a tree-lined trail or go birdwatching – whatever it takes to go outside and enjoy some fresh air. This can help reduce stress and cortisol levels, which can contribute to a number of health issues.

So many things get better with age. Unfortunately, your teeth and gums aren't usually one of them, so it's vital for seniors to make an oral-health routine a consistent part of their at-home wellness practice. Learn more about the causes, consequences and risk factors associated with gum health at colgate.ca.

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Top tips to help older adults improve their oral health

(NC) TODAY'S SENIORS can expect to keep most, if not all, of their natural teeth as they age thanks to healthier lifestyles and advances in oral and medical care. But keeping those teeth healthy can be a challenge.

Restricted mobility, cognitive impairments and medications that cause dry mouth can all contribute to oral problems and complicate treatment. Even more worrisome is the fact that bacteria from the mouth can travel through the body, resulting in serious infections and inflammation that can lead to cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and stroke.

Dental hygienists encourage older adults to brush their teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste and clean in between their teeth at least once a day. They also advise anyone with dentures (full or partial) and their caregivers to clean dentures daily, and brush and massage the gums with either a soft toothbrush or a warm damp cloth. Remember to remove dentures overnight to maintain healthy mouth tissue.

In addition to good daily mouth and denture care, all older adults should schedule regular appointments for professional oral care. With the new Canadian Dental Care Plan and dental hygienists with mobile practices, it's getting easier for many to do so. Many dental hygienists provide professional oral health care where you live, whether you're in your own home or in a long-term care residence.

Find more information at dentalhygienecanada.ca/seniors.

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THE HEART-MOUTH CONNECTION: What you should know

(NC) Your oral health routine isn't just about pearly whites – it's a critical aspect of your heart health too.

NEGLECTING ORAL HYGIENE allows harmful bacteria to flourish, leading to issues such as bad breath, cavities and gingivitis (gum disease), which left untreated can progress to periodontal disease. These bacteria can also travel through your bloodstream, increasing the chances of infections such as endocarditis and contributing to clogged arteries that may lead to heart attacks or strokes.

Recognizing signs of poor oral health is key. Keep an eye out for red, swollen gums, bleeding during brushing or flossing, receding gums, bad breath and signs of infection or decay. Individuals with advanced

gingivitis or periodontitis, diagnosed heart disease, high blood-pressure, high cholesterol, obesity or those who smoke are particularly at risk.

To learn more about the connection between your heart and oral health visit dentalhygienecanada.ca.

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Taking proactive steps, such as saying no to cigarettes, adopting a vitamin-rich diet and prioritizing regular exercise, makes an important difference. And to prevent gum issues, oral health professionals recommend that you maintain a daily oral care routine, brush for two minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, clean between your teeth with floss or interdental tools, and rinse with an antibacterial solution.

Even if the direct link between gum and heart disease isn't fully understood, studies show a higher risk for heart problems in those with poor oral health. A consistent oral care routine and regular appointments with your dental hygienist are crucial. Remember to tell them about your health conditions and any medications you are taking.



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4 tips for planning your retirement finances

(NC) The idea of retirement is nothing new, but how Canadians are approaching it is quickly and consistently changing. Longer life-expectancies paired with economic uncertainty have left many of us reconsidering how we can achieve (and afford) our ideal lifestyle during our golden years.

NO MATTER WHAT STAGE OF LIFE you're currently in, you should think about how inflation and interest rates can impact your retirement.

"It's important that Canadians are set up for a successful retirement and feel confident in their financial

future," says Christine Van Cauwenberghe, head of financial planning at IG Wealth Management. "This requires a comprehensive financial plan and dependable advice that they can rely on for many years."

Below are four strategies to help you plan.

USE TECHNOLOGY TO RUN ALL SCENARIOS

Being flexible in your financial planning is one way to ensure that your retirement funds will be enough. It's nearly impossible to predict every single scenario that can play out when it comes to market conditions. However, many financial advisors have access to leading-edge technology, like financial planning software, to make informed decisions and help you meet your retirement goals. Using this technology can also help ensure that your savings will last throughout your golden years.

BE STRATEGIC ABOUT WITHDRAWALS

Tax implications from retirement-related withdrawals can be significant. Understanding the best strategies for Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) and Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) withdrawals will help you prepare for retirement and ensure you get the full value of your savings.

CONSIDER POSTPONING YOUR CANADA PENSION PLAN PAYMENTS

Canadians are now living longer than ever, and so planning for your savings to last until you're 85 years old may not be enough. Unless you are in poor health or have a family history of a short lifespan, consider postponing receiving your Canada Pension Plan payments until age 70 to receive higher amounts, even though you may be entitled earlier.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OLD AGE SECURITY

Old Age Security (OAS) is different from RRSPs and TFSAs in that it's social assistance, not something that you pay in to. If you're able to fund retirement without OAS that's an accomplishment – but use the funds if they are available to you, especially in an uncertain economy.

Canadians may also benefit from having someone who will ask them the right questions about their finances and lifestyle so their savings can support them in the years to come. For help in planning your retirement, speak with an advisor or visit ig.ca.

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Are you a grandparent? Don't fall victim to this rising scam

(NC) THE GRANDPARENT SCAM, also called the emergency scam, isn't new. But attempts at this scam are on the rise, so it's more important than ever to be aware of the risks and how to spot the signs.

This is how the grandparent scam works:

Impersonating a friend, neighbour or family member – often a grandchild – a fraudster phones in a panic saying they're in trouble and that they need money sent to them immediately. Often the scenario involves an accident or arrest while travelling abroad. Often the fraudster will say "Don't tell my parents" and "You're the only one who can help." Before the victim can recognize the voice, the phone is handed over to an accomplice pretending to be their attorney or representative.

Wanting to help their grandchild, the victim sends the money requested and often doesn't verify the story until later. But once the money is sent, there is often no way to get it back.

"To avoid becoming a victim of the grandparent scam, or any scam, never share information with an unknown caller and make sure to verify who you're speaking to and the legitimacy of their story before you complete any transactions involving money," says Kevin Purkiss, vice president, fraud management at RBC.

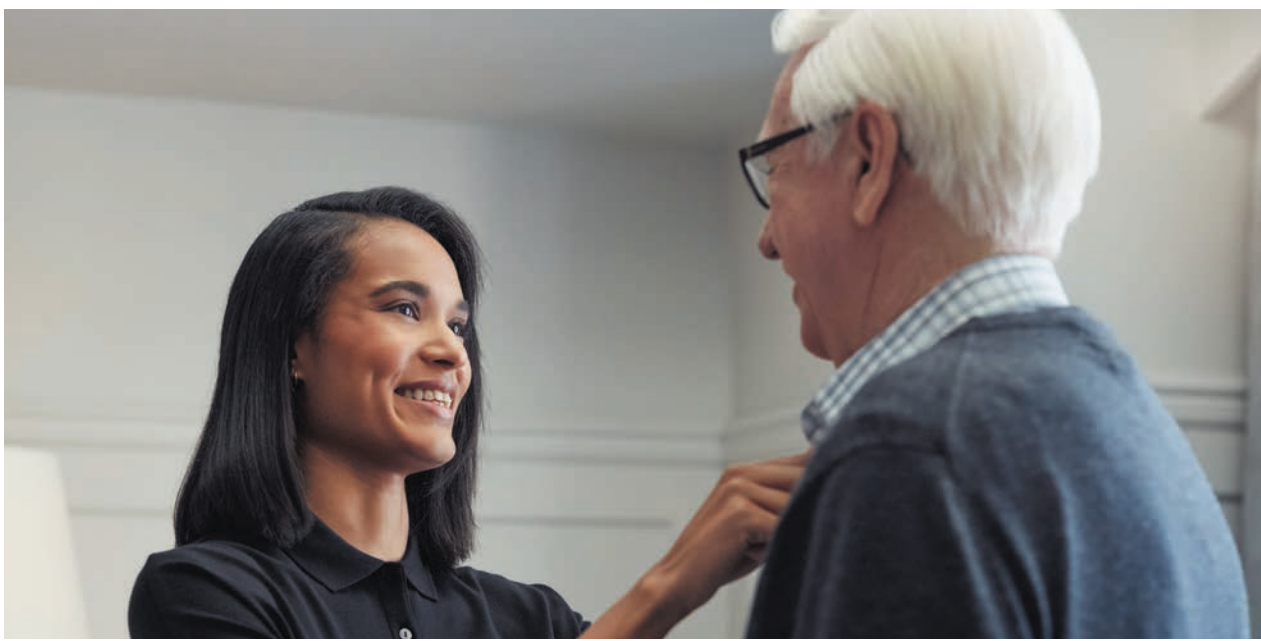
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TRACK SEASON UNDERWAY: Orangeville District Secondary School track and field athlete Jeremy Kalnay throws the discus during team practice on Tuesday, April 16. The ODSS track and field teams have already had one preliminary meet and are getting ready for the District competition in May.

The Northmen Way: Documentary features story behind Orangeville lacrosse

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

From a small town beginning to being voted the #1 Lacrosse Town in the World, Orangeville is known worldwide thanks to lacrosse and the Orangeville Northmen have gained a legendary reputation in the sporting world. With a thriving minor program and three Junior level teams, the Northmen organization has produced players who went on to have successful collegiate and professional careers in lacrosse as players and coaches around North America.

A film now in the works is documenting the Northmen story.

Titled, The Northmen Way, the film takes an inside look at the Northmen organization.

This documentary is three years in the making and will celebrate the sport and the history of the Northmen.

With exclusive interviews with lacrosse greats, rare game footage, and an inside look at today's Northmen, the film explores the town's success in this sport.

The main theme of the film is the drive behind supporting a local sports group and what makes it possible. There is a focus on volunteerism, the importance of local sponsorship, and former players giving back to the organization.

Film producers, Jacob and Zach Thompson, are trained filmmakers as well as former Northmen players. They came up with the idea

of making a short film about the Northmen, but once they delved into it, they realized there was enough history and potential in the story for a feature-length film.

The brothers have previous experience working on television and film productions.

"We started our own company so we could make stuff we wanted to make, rather than working on other people's projects," Jacob explained. "We're both lacrosse players born and raised in Orangeville. We started chatting with Bruce Codd [coach of Junior A Northmen] and Nick Rose [professional lacrosse player] of the Northmen organization."

The Northmen have gained a worldwide reputation as an organization.

"It's a small town and the way the Northmen have been competing, it's a phenomenon in some ways," Zach said. "The documentary has been trying to uncover why that is and why its

such a success."

They contribute much of the success of the Northmen to the support they receive from the community. This includes sponsors, fans, and coaches who have played at a high level of the sport and return to coach young players and teach them the nuances of the game.

"We'll show the whole 45 year history with a focus on the early years when it just started," Zach explained. "And the things that crop up with every generation. There's community support, giving back, and the coaching. The kind of coaching and level of coaching we have here is amazing."

The film is now moving into the final phase of production.

Jacob and Zach have not announced a definite date of release because filmmaking is not an exact science, but they are hoping to have a premier sometime in the fall.

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Junior C Northmen to hold home opener Friday

The Orangeville Junior C Northmen regular season will get underway this Friday, April 26, when they face the Barrie Bombers on their home floor at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville.

The Northmen had success in the pre-season finishing with a 4-1-1 record after tournaments in Wilmot and Orangeville.

Returning after a successful 2023 season, the Northmen ended last year with a loss in Game Five of a best-of-five West Division Final. In 2022, the squad won the Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League Championship and that is the goal this year as they return to competition.

The 2024 edition of the Junior C Northmen has 11 players who are 21 years old, including offensive leaders Josh Presley, Luke Downard, Jack Fitzpatrick, Aiden Toogood, and Nick Haladuick.

In the back, defensive stalwarts, Lyle MacNeil, Bryce Barwick, Owen Kelly, and Chris Chung, will be shutting down offensive play in the Northmen end.

Aiden Clark will be goaltending for the team.

Last season's offensive coach, Taylor Hartley, will move up to take over the head coaching duties, and Malcolm Young joins the staff as the new offensive coach.

Ty Mikulik is returning as the defensive coach, as well as Aiden MacLeod to round out the bench staff.

There are 15 teams in the Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League this season, grouped into two divisions – the Eastern Conference, and the Western Conference.

In the West, the Northmen will be up against, Fergus, Halton Hills, Wilmot, Six Nations, Brantford, and Barrie.

Teams in the East include Cornwall, Huntsville, Nepean, North Shore, Clarington, Whitby, Peterborough, and Akwesasne.

It is an 18-game regular season schedule. The Northmen will have nine home games.

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myself from him as if he couldn't be trusted around someone else's property, I didn't trust him at all. I'm pretty sure that guy has been in and out of jail several times over the years and probably complains every time he is arrested – rather than just making an effort to live a quality life. Scams have always been a thing, but over the past decade, maybe a little longer, they have been taken to a new level. Much of the time, it doesn't take a lot to realize someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes and steal your money. When you get a call from Revenue Canada, but the official 'agent' is speaking with a thick Indian accent, you're probably not fooled. I received a call from a lawyer demanding funds for an imaginary fine be paid immediately, or the 'FBI' would be paying me a visit, I laughed and said, 'wrong country', and hung up. Recently I received an official call from Microsoft, informing me that my computer had been infected with a serious virus and I would need to let him take over my computer and pay a fee to have the virus

removed. This guy, I jerked around a little. I told him he was calling the maintenance shack at the local golf course. I then pretended to follow his directions, having a little fun myself. Finally, I called him a few inappropriate names and hung up. The problem is that some of these scammers have taken things to a very sophisticated level. The 'grandparent scam' is a particularly egregious method of trying to steal someone's money. The criminal calls an elderly person and poses as one of their grandchildren, telling them they have been arrested and need money for legal fees. Sometimes another person claiming to be someone in law enforcement gets on the phone and says if a sum of money isn't paid immediately for legal reasons, the grandson will be heading off to jail. Many people have been victims of this scam. They pay the money because they are worried their grandchild is in serious trouble. It's thought many cases haven't been reported because some people are too embarrassed to admit they fell for it.

What kind of creep would try to scam a senior citizen out of their hard-earned life savings? That's about as low as you can get. The OPP announced they had arrested 14 members of an organized gang that was targeting seniors with this grandparent scam. An arrest is not enough. It may temporarily stop this gang from operating, but others will step in and take over. Unless the courts start taking these cases seriously, it will continue. The information on the arrests does not say what charges were laid in the case, but presumably, they are fraud-related. The courts never seem to do much about fraud cases. A slap on the wrist and the criminals are free to roam. It is horrible that a person is fooled into giving up their life savings in a scam of this sort. The courts need to set a precedent and slam these 14 fools with some serious penalties and let others know that this will not be tolerated in our society.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

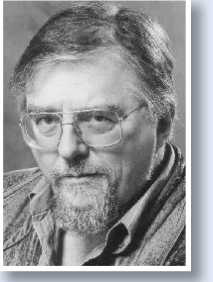
Indian election

Extreme nationalism always looks foolish or even deranged to those who have not caught the virus, but in India it's now official. In January, India's Ministry of Defence started setting up 822 'selfie points' at war memorials, railway stations and tourist attractions where people can take photos with a cardboard cutout of their hero, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The timing was no coincidence. The national election begins on Friday and runs until 4 June, when the result will be declared. (With almost a billion voters, the country votes one region at a time.) The outcome is known in advance – Modi will win – but the Hindu fanatics who provide his core vote have the bit between their teeth. In West Bengal, for example, the World Council of Hindus recently petitioned a court to separate two lions in a zoo enclosure. The male lion is called Akbar, after a 16th-century Muslim emperor, while the female is named Sita after a Hindu goddess. "Sita cannot stay with the Mughal emperor Akbar," the petitioners demanded. "Such an act amounts to blasphemy and is a direct assault on the religious belief of all Hindus." The pair have been duly separated and now reside in different cages.

Ridiculous, of course, but also deadly serious. India's 200 million Muslims, about one-seventh of the population, are now deliberately targeted by Narendra Modi's militantly Hindu BJP (Indian People's Party). Some Hindus nurse an historical grievance because most of India was ruled for five centuries by Muslim conquerors originally from Central Asia, but that ended two centuries ago. Hindus were already in the ascendant under British rule, because they were readier to collaborate with the new conquerors – and even that ended 77 years ago. 'Hindutva', the aggressive modern version of Hindu nationalism, is largely a contemporary ideology created for political purposes, but it currently dominates the Indian political scene. It has given Modi license to transform an imperfect but functional democracy into a 'soft' fascist state. This will be Modi's third consecutive term in office, and many Indians believe that it will complete his transformation of the country. What will emerge, they fear, is a BJP one-party theocracy, nastier than Orban's Hungary or Erdoğan's Turkey although perhaps not as vicious as Khamenei's Iran. It may well come to that. Even now

opposition politicians are routinely jailed on false charges, almost all the media are cowed into obedience, and Muslims face intimidation or actual violence with almost no hope of protection from the police. Some of the courts are still independent but the rule of law is definitely in retreat. Yet it's too soon to give up on India's democratic traditions. The BJP, for all its bombast and swagger, only got 37% of the popular vote in the last national election five years ago. Its apparent 'landslide' victory was only due to the opposition being divided into many smaller parties. Hindutva is all-powerful in the 'Hindi belt' of northern India, but first-language Hindi speakers are only 40% of the population. Southern and eastern India speaks other languages and have different preoccupations. And there is one topic that could unite them against the BJP: caste. The BJP is dominated by upper-caste Hindus who have convinced a great many other Hindus that they are all in the same boat, but they are not. Socially, economically and educationally the lower castes trail far behind. The opposition, or at least the Congress Party part of it, has realised (better late than never) that these are the voters they need. Rahul Gandhi, the scion of the family that has given India three prime ministers,

has begun to demand a 'caste census' in every state, because that would reveal how small a share of the national wealth the lower castes actually get. No such census had been published in India since the 1930s. However Bihar, an opposition-governed state, finally did one, and revealed late last year that more than two-thirds (73%) of its 130 million people belong to 'backward' or marginalised castes. That's much higher than people thought, and it's political dynamite. So now Gandhi's election speeches sound like this: "Are any of you Dalits ('untouchables') or other low castes in the judiciary? Are any of you in the media? Do any of you own even one of India's 200 top companies?" "Why are you all asleep? You are 73% of the population. What kind of society is this where you don't make any decisions?" The idea that all Hindus share the same grievances and goals is just 'culture-war' lies, and caste is finally taking its rightful place on India's political agenda. It may be coming too late to turn back the BJP juggernaut this time, but fascism is not necessarily India's future.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

The midnight star

So, what are wishes? Admit it. We all make them, every time we buy a lottery ticket: "You can't win if you don't have a ticket," said friends of mine who never won even though they always had one. The wishing works well for Lottario, lots of tickets sold; just the small number of winners and never anything absolutely massive - hundreds of millions. Some of the winnings in the U.S. are headliners. Ruin your life could a wish like that come true; happens all the time – a fortune won by a person or persons used to just getting by. They can become monsters – to themselves, to the others in their lives they used to trust and love; old mates popping up out of their histories, anxious to rekindle the warmth of friendship they may have once shared – now exaggerated and embellished far away from the truth. As for the winners, they move away from the scum that were their pals to a house and neighbourhood they never imagined and a circle of people they can never get to know, who are already well imbued with a lack of trust, even in those they know. No place for strangers, newly wealthy or not. Wishes. If wishes were horses / and life just a dream / we'd swim in those waters / and nothing would seem / like the horrors we live with/ the ruin we've caused / us in a hurry / never to pause...

Big, in-your-face abstracts, she calls them, does artist Nancy MacNabb. That is how she describes what and how she paints. Since starting to paint in order to cope with a decline in her thyroids, while waiting for the medics around her to figure out what was wrong and how to fix it, she herself a doctor. She discovered that a part of all of us is out of control and we "just have to roll with it." When our wishes are definitely not coming true and the frustration of marking time is like a health problem, maybe painting a fierce, vibrant abstract – with no art background – is the way to go. Wishes If wishes were faeries / who could pack up our muck / shovel a pile / dumped in a truck / we'd clean our faces / brush out our hair / rejoice in the new day / then, would we take care? Ms. MacNabb referred to eco-angst, the depression that quietly pervades society as the unknown lurks on the horizon and we keep investing in new pipelines, striving to dig more pits, fracking and exploring the ocean depths for new territory to ruin. Like making war on ourselves for no reasonable reasons: because we and our successive governments are pressed by wealthy businessmen that they should carry on with the damage; because they yak on about jobs and the end of the good

life as we know it. I have heard "Boomers" admit they had the best of it between the end of the last world war and the tough times of environmental degradation and strange social interaction. None of them seem really apologetic about the mess they are leaving behind. I wish we actually knew the other forces in this unending universe. It is crazy to think there is not abundant intelligence in an unlimited universe, the like of which our tiny minds cannot imagine. That is why we doubt or deny them – because we are afraid they will – somehow! - be more wicked than we. Or stronger, wiser, or, most fearful of all, likely to colonize us... The characterization of aliens in our sci-fi favourites portray them sometimes as deeply villainous, or just like us: beings trying to get along with themselves and the rest of the beings sifting through the never- never-universal ending. It does seem, though, that a read through the ancient and mystical histories tells endless stories of those other forces. They were given names and stories, meant as allegorical, and very like ourselves with failings like jealousy and outrage and the power to change a man into an animal or an immortal lover. In other books, those forces are divine,

still seemingly given to human-style revenge and punishment and mother-tender love. Wishes. I wish a power would come / and bring a stop to war / that final sword to cut / it to its very core / dig to the bottom answer / and leave the gunmen poor... Probably, only a truly strong statement, backed by a truly strong presence across the border of Ukraine, saying and meaning it: Stop. Let there be no chance of exchange, not with words or threats; not with military strikes, not with negotiation. Just serious, really powerful – the might of the entire world saying No. War doesn't take place in a court of law. Negotiations and the murky rule of lawyers don't work. I'm not looking for an escalation of war, for the final victory of a completely devastating exchange of arms. I am looking for a strong No that will end the invasion of Ukraine in no uncertain terms. There have been two very messy and disastrous world wars because there was no strength to stop them. Wishes. If we had minds / to see the sun / to feel the stars / and be as one / if we could know / each other's pain / and know their cure / is our own gain...



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Canada moves closer to point of no return when it comes to our national debt

There's an old bit of wisdom courtesy of Ernest Hemingway that you go broke two ways: first gradually, then suddenly.

With last week's federal budget, Canada is inching closer to the sudden phase of fiscal disaster.

The Canadian government projects another five years of deficit spending and over a hundred billion dollars added to our already crushing debt. Worst of all, there is no end in sight to government borrowing, and no plan in place to repay that money. It reminds you of the old German proverb: "He who is quick to borrow is slow to pay."

Last week's budget also projects that public debt charges – the interest we're paying on the debt – will climb from just over \$54 billion currently to nearly \$65 billion five years from now, a 20 percent increase.

Ten cents of every dollar of revenue the government brings in is now going straight to interest payments, according to TD Bank, and those interest pay-

ments are eating up a bigger and bigger portion of the budget. What's worse, for the first time ever, interest payments on the debt exceed the amount of money the government spends annually on healthcare.

A Fraser Institute report on government debt published earlier this year had this grim warning: "Rising government debt has severe consequences for Canadians as more and more resources are directed toward interest payments and away from programs that help families or improve Canada's economic competitiveness."

Although the mushrooming federal debt is cause for concern, when you start adding in other levels of debt, it becomes even more dire.

Combined federal and provincial net debt is projected to come in around \$2.18 trillion in 2023/24. Meanwhile, total debt in Canada – household, corporate and government debt at all levels – is now around 341 percent of total

GDP. In other words, our total debt is more than three times what we produce each year.

The consequences of the build-up of debt extend to all corners of the economy: our runaway debt stunts investment, hobbles economic productivity and lowers living standards.

Earlier this year, University of Calgary economist Trevor Tombe said, "we should be thinking about the longer-term future of federal finances and start making difficult choices, because the longer we wait, the harder it will be."

Far from making some difficult decisions, the federal government just made our financial future a lot harder – and probably a lot more painful when the sudden day of reckoning finally arrives and jolts us from our sleep.

Many things in life are not fair. One of the unfairness of all is that the older generation leaves all of the debts it has incurred to the youngest generation, asking them to pay the bill for many of

the goods and services they have never even enjoyed or made us of.

It's ironic that a budget which aims to make life easier and more affordable for young Canadians has instead placed upon them a heavy burden that they will never be able to throw off in their lifetimes.

But a national Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, which I've been strongly advocating for the past year, would get Canada back on the straight and narrow. The charter would require government to balance the budget and reduce our national debt by 5 percent per year over 20 years with the result that we would be debt-free within two decades. We'd wipe the slate clean for the young Canadians and give them a shot at a better quality of life.

To learn more about how the Charter could help turn our economy around, contact info@economiccharter.ca.



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CREATING AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS

Case for carbon tax crumbling

Over 340 economists have penned an open letter in support of Canada's prevailing carbon tax policy. Despite the misleading information in the letter regarding the carbon tax's impact on our climate and its effect on our cost of living – explicitly referencing the Bank of Canada's erroneous calculations – the group certainly has the right to express its viewpoint.

However, the letter seemed overtly partisan, which, frankly, is its most significant challenge.

Canada stands at a pivotal crossroads concerning its climate change strategy, especially regarding its essential agri-food sector. The debate over using a carbon tax as the main instrument for reducing greenhouse gas emissions has been fervent, with advocates urging national standards to prevent a competitive 'race to the bottom' among provinces. This stance, particularly when applied to the agri-food industry, is laden with risks and oversimplifications.

What are they?

The geographic blindness of climate change

Climate change remains indifferent to geopolitical lines. If the business climate in Canada worsens due to rigid carbon tax policies, it might prompt agri-food enterprises to move to more economically accommodating regions outside Canada. Such a migration would represent both

an economic setback and a strategic error in the broader battle against climate change.

The quest for empirical justification

While carbon tax advocates profess a willingness to consider alternative policies – if supported by empirical evidence – Canada's delay in furnishing a thorough mathematical rationale for the current carbon tax policy is causing public impatience. There's a growing demand for a definitive, measurable basis that proves the policy's efficiency in curbing emissions without stunting economic growth.

Agri-food's proactive stance on climate change

Acknowledging the considerable efforts of the agri-food industry in diminishing its carbon footprint is crucial. With Canada's abundant natural resources, the nation is in an excellent position to spearhead the creation of a global carbon market mechanism. Such an initiative would both address climate change and protect the agri-food sector's economic health.

The Nordhaus perspective

The carbon tax policy's proponents frequently reference Nobel Laureate economist William Nordhaus. He argued that the choice between a carbon tax and other models like cap-and-trade (CAT) should be based on practical considerations,

including administrative efficiency, market conditions and political acceptability. Although Nordhaus has emphasized the carbon tax, he has also acknowledged CAT's potential as an effective emissions reduction tool. Also, his advocacy for a global climate change mitigation approach serves as a vital reminder that our efforts should extend beyond national borders.

The weakening case for carbon tax in Canada

The argument favouring a carbon tax in Canada is losing strength. The combination of carbon tax and populist carbon rebates has shifted the policy towards wealth redistribution, straying from its environmental goals. This situation raises serious questions about the future effectiveness and direction of Canada's environmental policy.

Many Canadians are skeptical about adopting mechanisms to reduce emissions, and their voices also deserve attention. Nonetheless, the global shift towards a more decarbonized agri-food economy presents an opportunity for Canada, given our abundant resources and expertise.

The need for a rigorous policy debate

A detailed and transparent discussion on the carbon tax policy is overdue.

Since its introduction in 2015, the policy has shown minimal impact on climate change. The Trudeau government's development of a powerful intellectual lobby, including the Climate Change Institute and the Smart Prosperity Institute, has made the policy landscape even more complex. These institutions tend to promote the carbon tax without adequately assessing the policy's actual effectiveness and consequences.

In recognizing the undeniable threat of climate change to our agri-food sector and the wider environment, it is imperative to approach mitigation with caution and strategic foresight. Canada is poised to lead a worldwide shift towards a more effective, inclusive carbon market mechanism, surpassing the current carbon tax model's limitations.

But this endeavour must be grounded in solid empirical evidence, open policy debates, and a readiness to embrace more efficient, globally advantageous climate solutions. Our aim should be to nurture an economically thriving agri-food sector that is at the forefront of sustainable environmental stewardship.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University.



SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS
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Our Readers Write

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Dear Sam,

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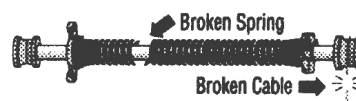
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Strong mayor powers, zoning bylaws questioned by public at packed Democracy Caledon meeting

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents against the use of strong mayor powers made their voices heard at a recent community meeting.

On April 17, a newly-formed group of concerned Caledon residents, Democracy Caledon, hosted a community meeting at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East.

Democracy Caledon held the meeting as it was concerned with Caledon Mayor Annette Groves' March 26 decision, made using Strong Mayor powers, to advance zoning bylaws for 12 development applications slated to bring 35,000 housing units to Caledon over time.

The Town is hosting a public meeting about the 12 applications at 7 p.m. today (April 25) at Caledon Town Hall in Caledon East. The applications will be coming to Caledon Council's April 30 meeting, where they can be approved if one-third of Councillors support Groves' decision.

Town of Caledon staff said Groves' decision is expected to expedite planning procedures by one to two years for the 12 development applications, which are generally in the areas of Mayfield West, Tullamore, Alloa, Wildfield and Bolton.

Democracy Caledon volunteer Debbe Crandall was first to speak at the April 17 meeting.

"This thing called Strong Mayor powers has dramatically put the public on the sidelines of land-use planning decisions," said Crandall. "Mayor Groves has set in motion a very dangerous precedent."

She said it's unfair to the public that only one public meeting was planned to discuss 12 massive zoning bylaws with a huge impact on Caledon's future.

"This is unconscionable and completely undemocratic that the minority of Council has the power to decide on something of this significance," said Crandall, speaking of the one-third vote required to approve the applications.

Crandall noted Caledon signed a housing pledge to the Province that said it would build 13,000 new housing units. She asked why it was necessary for Caledon to nearly triple this number.

"Who will benefit from this? Us? I don't think so," she said. "Mayor Groves, you are a strong mayor. You don't need Strong Mayor



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DEFENDING DECISIONS: Caledon Mayor Annette Groves speaks to residents at Democracy Caledon's April 17 meeting.

powers to be a strong leader — please slow this process down."

Next to speak was another Democracy Caledon volunteer, Nicola Ross.

"We're worried about the erosion of democracy under our current levels of government," said Ross. "One of the things about democracy is we have to look after it... we have to protect it."

Ross said she thinks Strong Mayor powers are undemocratic.

"If we want to protect democracy, if we want to be a part of what Caledon is going to become, we have to be diligent," said Ross. "The public meeting on April 25... bring as many friends as you can."

The third speaker at the meeting was Victor Doyle. From 1988 to 2017, Doyle held a variety of senior positions in the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing — including Manager of Planning for Central Ontario and lead planner for the Greenbelt Plan.

He said while the decision has been made already that areas in the south of Caledon will become more urban, Caledon needs to do the best possible job to plan the areas and make the most efficient use of them.

"We can't keep expanding outwards and outwards," said Doyle, who shared concerns about the urgency of the recent mayoral decision.

"I have not seen anything like this to zone

for tens of thousands of units ahead of all the detailed planning that is typically occurring prior to zoning big tracts of land," he said. "It's not clear to me what the urgency is to do that at this point in time."

Doyle said if there is to be any advanced zoning, it should only be for the 13,000 units required by the housing pledge. He also said the zoning designation for much of the land in the 12 applications permits nearly any kind of housing unit, which he called premature. Doyle shared additional concerns about proposed zoning changes to some Greenbelt lands which would allow a wide range of rural uses.

"Why should we zone for 35,000 units based on what's going to happen today when it's going to take probably at least 20 years or longer to see those units built? There's no upside in that," said Doyle. "Zoning is a critical tool for the municipality to achieve its own interests in terms of dealing with development... pre-zoning all this land in a single zone removes some of the control and leverage that municipalities need to protect theirs, and by extension, everyone's interests... so I don't really see the reason to move forward with this type of bylaw at this point in time."

After Doyle spoke, there was time for members of the audience to share questions and comments (each person was given two minutes) and this went on for about an hour.

Many different concerns were raised by community members, such as: loss of farmland; increased traffic congestion; loss of rural community character; lack of affordable housing; and strong mayor powers subverting democracy.

Groves attended the Democracy Caledon meeting, as did members of Caledon Council. Groves was given five minutes to speak amid the question-and-answer period.

"Some of the lands that are within this draft zoning bylaw, they go back to 2004... some of these properties have also had public meetings," said Groves. "Some of the other properties have had applications... when an application is filed, you have 'X' number of days, and if we don't deal with the application it's taken to the (Ontario Land Tribunal). So, we will have someone at the tribunal making decisions for what the town of Caledon should look like in terms of development."

Groves said there's holding provisions in the proposed zoning bylaws that address things like secondary plans and servicing.

Groves said she spoke to every member of Caledon Council about her mayoral decision before she made it.

"I had no objections from any member of Council on that... they were fine with it," said Groves.

This statement was disputed by Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen after the meeting.

"That was a misleading statement to make, at least as it relates to me. The Mayor called and spoke to me for about 10 minutes on the Sunday evening, two days before the March 26 Council meeting. She explained what she was planning to do and tried to assure me that there would still be safeguards in place to allow further public and Council input and/or control," wrote Sheen in an email. "To be clear, I did not express support for the move. Instead, I told her I had only received the agenda on the weekend and did not have any time to review or understand the dense material nor discuss it with anyone to help me understand all the implications..."

Groves said she encourages people to reach out to the town for information about the 12 applications.

"We will be addressing servicing, we will be addressing the financial implications. We will be addressing what our community is going to look like through this process," said Groves.



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The Community Insights Workshop Series will assist the County as it works to develop its Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan. The County's goals for the Workshop Series are to:

- Equip a diverse range of stakeholders with the knowledge and tools necessary to foster economic development within local communities.

- Gather important community feedback and economic development priorities that will inform the direction and goals of the County's Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

"Dufferin County understands that our local communities and municipalities each have unique economic aspirations and needs. The Community Insights Workshop Series will allow us to learn more about diverse perspectives, foster community engagement and ensure that our Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan is based on comprehensive data and analysis. We encourage local industries, municipalities and community members to attend the



workshop series. Together, we will chart a course towards a prosperous and inclusive future for Dufferin," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White.

The County is partnering with local municipalities, the Dufferin Board of Trade and Headwaters Communities in Action to develop content and facilitate the Community Insights Workshop Series. By harnessing the collective expertise, insights and aspirations of the diverse communities in Dufferin County, the County aims

to develop a robust strategy and action plan that will catalyze inclusive growth, foster resilient communities and create a long-lasting legacy of sustainable local development.

"Dufferin County understands that a growing economy contributes to a thriving community, and as outlined in our Strategic Plan, we are committed to advancing county-wide economic and workforce development as we work to create a community that grows together. We invite community members and stakeholders to share their insights and shape the development of our Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan," said Dufferin County CAO Sonya Pritchard.

The Community Insights Workshop Series invites participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including upper and lower-tier municipalities, local industry, not-for-profit organizations and residents. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute ideas, share perspectives and collaborate on key priorities and initiatives. The first round of workshops will invite participation from members of the following local industries and municipalities:

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- Real estate, Wednesday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., Monora Park Pavilion, 500 Monora Park Road, Mono

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Vendor market coming to Orangeville Curling Club

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Here is a bit of fun: Toni Lugano is bringing the bigger version of her "lawn sales" to the Orangeville Curling Club this weekend,

Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ms. Lugano will bring her tremendous range of prom dresses and luxury women's clothing on sale for wildly inexpensive prices. She sources her items primarily

from wholesalers in the US, having been in the retail clothing business for years. The extent of her collection is impressive and the young women among you will be delighted to find the perfect dress for this year's prom.

Nor are dresses and gorgeous clothing the full extent of the market, for the Curling Club will see a goodly number of other local vendors join the sale. Among them are Amoni Gem Lounge with beautiful jewellery, Blaze Beauty and Aesthetics (make-up artist and sales), Mobile Teeth Whitening, Jules Boho Shop for custom items and Massage Therapy, Trust the Travel Bug (a personal travel agent), and One Small Cog Senior Services, to name just a few.

It is a new venture to share with so many other fine vendors in the Curling Club and Ms. Lugano is happy to be giving this a try. It is a good opportunity, she feels, to give

those businesses a chance to be seen out from their regular locations and let people know who they are. With so many prices rising so quickly elsewhere, this one-day market will give people the opportunity to purchase some nice things for reasonable prices.

"People in retail work really hard and it is not always easy to draw attention to your business if it's at home based," said Ms. Lugano. "Lots of these vendors are working on new ideas and it's exciting to have them join me."

Ms. Lugano's history in the clothing business goes back some time when she was a costume designer and maker. She was involved with the pageant world and made tutus for every occasion.

Lugano Vendors' Market at the Orangeville Curling Club is Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Achill Choral Society holding afternoon show

Achill Choral Society is holding a spring concert in the community this weekend.

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Continuing the themes of joy and hope, Achill will perform a delightful collection of folk songs arranged by Bob Chilcott, Ron Smail, Steven Hatfield and Paul Halley's "Song For Canada."

The event takes place April 28 at 4 p.m. at Westminster United Church.

It will be an afternoon of uplifting music under the direction of Shawn Grenke and collaborative pianist Nancy Dettbarn.

Tickets are available at Achill.ca and Booklore at 121 First St., Orangeville.

TOWN OF MONO | OPP Detachment Board Vacancy

The Town of Mono is seeking applications from qualified individuals to become the Town of Mono Community Member of the Mulmur, Melancthon, Mono OPP Detachment Board.

On April 1, 2024, the Province of Ontario proclaimed the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019 which mandates that communities serviced by the OPP replace their Police Services Boards with OPP Detachment Boards. The Province of Ontario has directed that the Township of Mulmur, Township of Melancthon and Town of Mono shall form one OPP Detachment Board.

The key responsibilities of the OPP detachment board include:

- develop a local action plan and policies;
- determine objectives and priorities for the detachment;
- prepare estimates for the board's operation and submit to every municipality served by the detachment;
- provide an annual report to every municipality served by the detachment;
- advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided by the detachment;
- consult on the selection of a Detachment Commander; and
- monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander

OPP Detachment Boards are empowered to make local policies for policing services after consultation with the Detachment Commander.

Appointees to OPP Detachment Boards should be active members of their community with an awareness of community safety issues and programs within their local community. Boards meet a minimum of four times per year. Appointees are required to undergo a police record check. Sections 33 & 34 of the Community Safety and Policing Act sets out the eligibility requirements.

To apply, visit bit.ly/twnapplication

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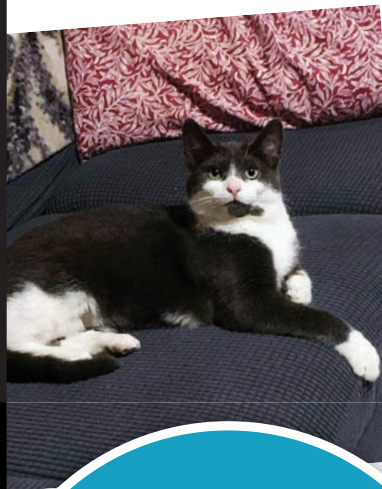
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Tractor: Massey Ferguson # 362 WD, open station c/w 932 q/t loader and material bucket. Hour meter reads 2769hrs. 6' George White snowblower, Dearborn farm equip 2 furrow plough, 3pth grader blade, Ford flail mower, 2 barrels of diesel fuel.
Garden Tractor: John Deere E140 rider mower c/w 48' mower deck, garden trailer, Stihl FS 56 RC whipper. 4000 watt generator.

Household: Solid dining room suite w/table, chair, buffet/hutch, futon, coffee and end tables, bedroom furniture, lamps, desks, sewing machine and supplies, quilts, fine china and glassware, small appliances, nick knacks, Corelle dishes, occasional chairs, Spalding 11x11 screen house (new in box), Cook master electric smoker (new in box), camera equip; dvd player etc; and general household items and furnishings.

Antiques: Hoosier cabinet c/w flour sifter,cookbook holder and sugar bin, ornate china cabinet, wicker, cabinet, gate leg table, book shelves, blanket box, drop leaf desk, hall bench, jug, bowl, basin and stand set, coffee grinder, fish scale, typewriter, office specialty chairs, desks, Northumbria fine china (Lake Louise pattern), figurines, fur coats, carboys, bottle capper, new wine and beer bottles, and much more and boxes not yet opened.

Special Interest: 1980's original IBM computer with keyboard, printer, monitor and disks.

Tools: Genie garage door opener(new in box), lawn mower lift, Makita 16 mm drill, 4.5'angle grinder, Craftsman sabre saw, tap and die set, B&D/DeWalt skill saws, new anvil, vise, clamps, screwdrivers, levels, files, air hammer, Bosch hammer drill, trouble lights, Poulan 50cc chainsaw, storage racks, pipe wrenches, 7' new tile saw, Campbell Hausfield portable air compressor, miter saw, garden hose/reels, pressure washer, B&D new pruning saw, B&D router, easy out set, new socket sets, wrench sets, Mastercraft 1/2' impact gun, battery chargers, air tools, jacks, Toro blower vac, shop vac, car ramps, Waterloo tool chest, wedges, King bench grinder,sprayer back pak,, rope, chain, gas cans, ladders and so much more. Many items are brand new. Qty of cement block, bricks, paving stones

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM (CLIFF) CHAPMAN

It is with great sadness we announced the passing of William (Cliff) Chapman on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the age of 88.



Cliff was the youngest brother of 4 other siblings Bob (predeceased), Ross (predeceased), Ola, and Orval (Patricia predeceased).

Cliff made many happy memories with his wife Cecelia at their home in the country, where he was most happy in the garden or enjoying a good meal (steak, bacon and eggs) with family and friends. Cliff always liked to raise a glass at the end of the day, tell a good story and have a trip down memory lane.

Cliff worked in his community helping many with odd jobs, and brought joy to all the family, friends and neighbors as he assisted with fixing many projects.

Cliff was a loving father to Gwen/Wendy (Rob), and step-dad to Julianne (Mark), and Wayne. Proud grandfather of Mackenzie (Zoe), Laurysa and Myles who held a special place in his heart. Fondly remembered by his nephew Thomas and his nieces Beverly, Shirley, Pat, and Sue to name a few.

A special thanks to the staff on the Lake unit at Maple Grove Community, Brampton. We would also like to extend a special thanks and appreciation to his private personal assistant Indy, who always advocated for Cliff as well as had him smiling and looking dapper.

Friends and family were welcomed at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50) Bolton on Monday April 22 for a funeral service in the chapel at 12:00 noon. Interment followed at Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Alzheimer Society.

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

OBITUARIES

BERNICE (BUNNY) LEARMONT

With family by her side and with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Bernice (Bunny) Learmont (née Green) on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the age of 96. Beloved wife for 68 years to the late Stuart Learmont. Loving mother to Wendy (Chris). Cherished Nana to Brad (Michelle), Greg (Laura), Kevin, and Melanie. Proud Great-Nana to Ella, Jackson and Carter. Sister to Derek Green (Nancy) and the late Kathy.



Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life to be held at a later date.

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CLARK, RICHARD DAVID EDWARD (RICK)

Peacefully at Southlake Hospital Newmarket on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 at the age of 73. Beloved husband of Janice Clark. Dear step-father of Willow, Leif (Shelley) and Jesse (Ada). Cherished Grandpa to Erin, Ayla, Bryliegh, Avia, Scarlett, Kingsley and Lux. Dearest great-grandfather to Brooklyn. Remembered by his sisters Carol Jamieson (Joe) and Susan Clark (Bill). Rick will also be greatly missed by his nieces and nephews Joseph, Timothy (Joanne), Bill, and Julianne, other relatives and many friends.



Rick worked in various capacities for the Town of Orangeville for 26 years and retired at 65. Rick was a passionate Leaf and Blue Jays fan. He was deeply involved in his community with his sports activities and at Compass Community Church. He had a deep faith and spent his life serving in his church; teaching, providing leadership for men's ministry, serving on the board of elders and providing prayer and encouragement for others. Rick touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held at Compass Community Church Hwy. 10 & Hockley Rd., Mono, Ontario on Monday, April 29th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to your local Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmclair.com

UNA LOUISE (BABE) GARDNER (NEE MCCLENNAN)

Peacefully at Caressant Care, Arthur at the age of 101. Beloved wife of the late Victor (Bud) Gardner. Dear mother of Ken Gardner (Sandra Pilatzke) and Georgia Percey (Ian). Cherished grandmother of Adam Gardner, Jennifer Gardner (Caleb Ward), Erin Haug (Mark) and Ryan Kelly (Lisa Baudet). Loving Great-grandmother of Matthew, Tyler. Predeceased by her brother Ken McClelland. Babe will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Centre of would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmclair.com

ROSIE JONES

MARCH 26, 1924 - APRIL 16, 2024

It is with deep sadness that the family of Rosie Jones (nee Cook) announce her sudden passing on April 16th, 2024, at the age of 100. She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Leslie, Glenn (and wife Natalie) & Jeffrey Groves, Keith (and Michele) & Kevin Jones and her 5 great grandchildren, Brittany, Erin, Madelaine, Dalton and Delaney, her brothers Ron Cook (and wife, Jean) and Bernard Cook, her nieces Pauline, Gillian and Theresa and their children and grandchildren, and sister-in-law June Jones and her son, Martin Jones.



She was predeceased by her loving husband Roy Jones, her daughter Vivianne Groves (nee Jones) and son, Barry Jones as well as brothers James Cook and William Cook; and will be sadly missed by her son-in-law Paul Groves and daughter in law, Linda Jones.

A private service will be held at a later date, when she will be reunited with her late husband in Owen Sound.

Memorial donations can be made in the name of Rosie Jones, to the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, 25 Centennial Rd, Unit 1, Orangeville, ON L9W 1R1

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Centre in Shelburne for their loving and compassionate care of our Rosie. Rest in Peace Nanny.

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MEGA MULTI-FAMILY INDOOR YARD SALE - Friday, May 3rd, 4pm - 6pm. Saturday, May 4th, 8am - 12 pm. Orangeville Christian School, 553281 County Rd 16 (Veteran's Way) Mono Mills, ON. Why drive around from sale to sale. This is one stop shopping! Rain or Shine!

COMING EVENTS

ODE YELLOW BRIAR MOTHER'S DAY SILENT AUCTION, raising funds for the Orangeville Library, Children's Department, Mill Street Library. April 23 to May 4, 2024.

PERSONALS

ST. JUDE NOVENA PRAYER: "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, please pray for me. Saint Jude, worker of miracles, please pray for me. Saint Jude, helper of the hopeless, please pray for me. Amen."

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IF YOU WANT to keep drinking, that's your business. **IF YOU WANT** to stop drinking, that's our business. Call Alcoholics Anonymous Hot Line, 1-866-715-0005. www.aanorthaltonerin.org.

DRUG PROBLEM? We've been there, we can help! Please refer to georgianheartlandna.org for a complete list of Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Call anytime 519-215-0761.

ARE YOU A WOMAN living with abuse? For safety, emergency shelter, and counselling call Family Transition Place, (519)941-HELP or 1-800-265-9178.

FOR INFORMATION regarding **HEART and STROKE**, call Dori Ebel (519)941-1865 or 1-800-360-1557.

IF YOU or a FAMILY MEMBER are struggling with gambling, Gamblers Anonymous is there to HELP. Call: 1(855) 222-5542 or visit www.gatoronto.ca.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUPS meet monthly for spousal & family support. Call (519) 941-1221.

LA LECHE LEAGUE Orangeville offers breastfeeding support. For more info call Erin at 519-943-0703.

ORANGEVILLE OVER 65 - Single Social Club. A place to meet and make new friends. We meet every Thursday at 5:30pm. Many activities. For information call Ken 519-278-6341 / Betty 519-942-3090.

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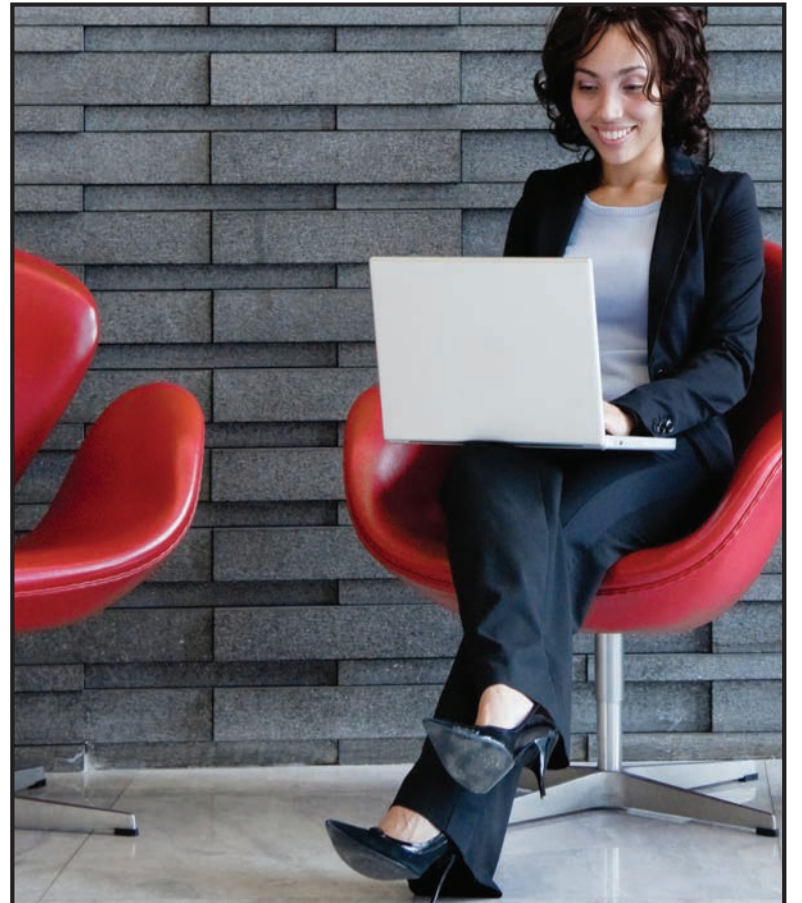
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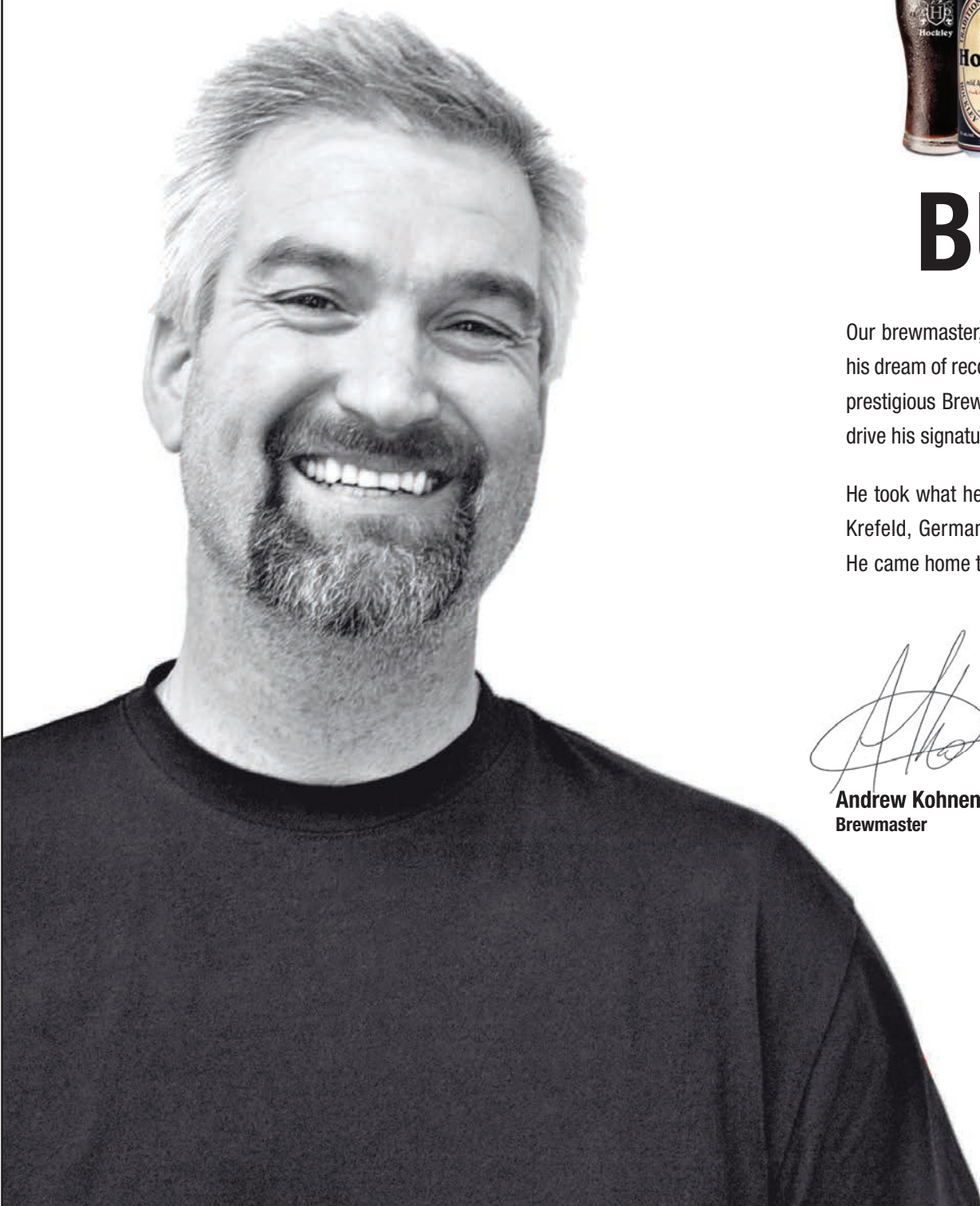
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