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75 YEARS OF SERVICE: The Orangeville Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary last Thursday (April 25) at the Monora Park Pavilion. A dinner was held, with special guests, and presentations were delivered reflecting back on the Lions' 75-year history. From left: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Orangeville Lions member Yasmine Slater, Orangeville Lions President Frank Grey Jr., Lions District A9 Governor Bill Yelland, and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones gathered to mark the anniversary.

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Orangeville residents seek property tax relief after years of delays on Veteran's Way development

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

A development in the Hansen Boulevard-Veteran's Way area has been going on much longer than expected.

Some residents feel it has been long enough to merit some sort of tax exemption or land tax rebate for the inconvenience.

Aiken Crescent resident Shane Moores brought that idea to council during its April 29 public meeting. He said the subdivision development has been in the works for the past 10 years. And that's not a reasonable timeframe.

"We fully appreciate the need for new developments within Orangeville that will help all our residents have access to high quality services and lower the tax burden on all of us," he said.

"It's been on and off now for 10 years, resulting in deforesting, increased dust pollution, dangerous driving by truck drivers and construction equipment."

One of the biggest grievances is the restriction of road access in the area to emergency vehicles and snow-clearing equipment, he said.

Some recent history of the project: On Feb. 17, 2021, council granted draft approval to a plan of subdivision known as the Edgewood Valley Phase 2B Plan.

The lands subject to this subdivision development are southwest of the Blind Line and Hansen Boulevard intersection, immediately to the west of the Meyer Drive and Mason Street residential area.

The 2B Plan will permit the lands to be subdivided to accommodate 51 single detached dwelling lots, 17 on-street townhouses, and a low-density residential block of about 50 condominium townhouses.

It will have open space conservation lands associated with the Lower Monora Creek South tributary. The development will include a stormwater management pond block at the northwest corner of Hansen Boulevard and Blind Line.

The 2B Plan draft approval is subject to a three-year term, which lapsed on Feb. 17.

If all conditions are not met within this period, the draft approval expires, and the applicant would need to start the process over and submit a new draft plan of subdivision application to pursue this development.

The Planning Act enables a draft approval

lapsing period to be extended. An applicant can request an extension of their draft approval period and council may grant the extension before the lapsing date.

Council can extend the draft approval for any duration it feels is necessary.

If an extension is not granted, the draft approval would expire upon the lapsing date.

The lands changed hands in July 2022. The new owner, NG Citrus Ltd., requested an extension of another three years on Dec. 7, 2023. The new lapsing date would be Feb. 26, 2026.

The two-year draft approval extension was granted during council's meeting on Feb. 5, despite Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor's belief that the municipality has gotten "the shaft" throughout the course of the development.

Taylor was hoping an agreement could be reached to open a bridge in the subdivision area to connect Hansen Boulevard and to have a section of the roadway paved. But he's learned that there are intricacies involved in a bridge and associated road work.

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Family Transition Place hires new executive director, following announcement of Norah Kennedy's retirement

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) has named a new executive director.

Family Transition Place's board of directors announced in a press release on April 26, that Lynette Pole-Langdon has been named as the incoming executive director. Pole-Langdon will be replacing the current executive director, Norah Kennedy, who announced her retirement in February.

"I love our community; I love our agency and being part of the work that we do at Family Transition Place. I'm really excited that I can continue my career here and continue to work with our amazing staff, and lead the organization forward to build on the great work that has happened under Norah's leadership," said Pole-Langdon.

Pole-Langdon has served Family Transition Place in various capacities for over 20 years.

In 2001, she joined FTP on the front lines

as a clinical counsellor on the counselling team and, over time, advanced in roles to the counselling team lead, manager of counselling and community education, and finally as the director of counselling, education and community mental health initiatives.

"Having extensive experience in the leadership of a team, Lynette also brings a wealth of knowledge of the sector, compassion, ambition, and integrity to the role," FTP said in its press release.

"FTP's board of directors unanimously believes Lynette genuinely carries the agency's values in her heart and demonstrates them through the way she chooses to conduct herself. She has not only shown her capability to lead, but has a very thorough understanding of FTP's historical growth and trajectory, the agency's clients, staff members, and the needs of the community."

As she prepares to take on the role of leading Family Transition Place, Pole-Lang-



don said her focus is carrying on with FTP's mission of supporting the holistic well-being of those affected by gender-based violence and promoting healthy relationships in the community through education.

"I want our organization to continue to be one that people reach out to for support," she said.

"For me, I really believe that leadership is about building relationship and whether it's internally with our staff or externally with our community partners. It's something that I'm really looking forward to doing in this new role."

Pole-Langdon will be working closely with Kennedy over the coming months, with the official transition scheduled to take place on Aug. 1.



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NEW LEADER: Family Transition Place has hired Lynette Pole-Langdon as its new executive director. She'll be replacing the current executive director Norah Kennedy when she retires in Aug. 1.



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Celebrate Opening Day of Orangeville Farmers' Market on May 4

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Enjoy fresh air, fresh food, and free family fun this Saturday when the Orangeville Farmers' Market opens for its 33rd outdoor season.

The event takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 4 and the Orangeville Business Improvement Area is saying, "May the Force be with you" to all the Star Wars lovers who stop by.

The Orangeville Farmers' Market will continue to be held on Second St. by the intersection with Broadway, every Saturday until Oct. 19. The market offers shoppers a wide range of locally grown produce, helping to bolster the local agricultural community.

"The local food movement has taken hold because consumers recognize the benefits of eating food grown or raised close to home. If the health, environmental, and economic benefits aren't compelling enough, the taste will get you every time," said Alison Scheel, executive director of the Orangeville Business Improvement Area (OBIA) in a media release. "Local food tastes better, period. Now in its 33rd year of celebrating local food, the Orangeville Farmers' Market has a long history of offering a wide variety of fresh from the farm vegetables, fruit, meats, and treats. The only way to find fresher food closer to home is to grow it yourself."

In addition to a unique local shopping experience, attendees can venture into

neighbouring Alexandra Park for some family fun.

There will be live music, free bucket truck rides courtesy of Orangeville Hydro, petting zoo fun, free face painting, and a game or two from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., all courtesy of the Businesses and Merchants of Downtown Orangeville.

When the market begins at 8 a.m. on May 4, there will be an Opening Day Bell Ringing with the Town Crier and local dignitaries.

"Stay to shop the market, chat with friends old and new, and stop for a bite to eat," said Scheel. "Market Saturdays are special and represent small town living at its very best."

She added, "Discover the real benefits of a 'love local' lifestyle."



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

READY FOR RETURN: The Orangeville Farmers' Market was busy through 2023 and it is expected that momentum will continue when it opens for the season on May 4.

'Wind phones' for people who are grieving coming to Orangeville

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There are few better ways to cope with the grief of losing a loved one than being able to speak with them on the other side.

In a manner, of course.

Heidi Vanderhorst is the co-chairperson of the grief and bereavement working group that's part of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team. One of its newest initiatives are "Wind phones."

"It's really just placing a rotary phone that's not connecting to anything in a private place, an accessible place," she said. "That allows people who are grieving a chance to reach out and speak to their loved one."

It's hoped the phones will be launched May 7 to coincide with National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

The wind phone is something that started in Japan and has since spread the world over as a means to help people through grief.

Wind phones provide a special line that, when used with an open mind, provides a means for one's words to float with the wind "that brings their whispers back again," reads a plaque designed by the working group.

The team's goal is to install as many as six rotary phones throughout Dufferin Caledon. Confirmed locations include Bethell Hospice, the friendship garden outside Headwaters Health Care Centre, Hereward Farms, and the Shelburne Cemetery.

One more location is needed. And Vanderhorst said that's how Orangeville's council can help out.

The working group asked council when it

met on April 29 to secure a location, maintain the location, and inform the group when repairs are needed.

Some of the suggested locations include Kaycee Gardens, Mill Street Park, and Greenwood Cemetery.

"I absolutely love the idea," said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

"You touched my heart when I read this," said Councillor Joe Andrews. "Let's just make it happen because I think it's a brilliant idea."

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor spoke about a family friend who recently died. Her husband hung wind chimes and would imagine his dead wife spoke to him by way of those chimes.

"[It] allowed him to heal and get through what was an awful time for him and the family," Taylor said.

He suggested Kaycee Gardens would be an optimal place for a wind phone, especially given the joy with which it festooned each Christmas.

"I still have my parents' phone number still in my phone," said Coun. Debbie Sherwood. "I still want to call them every day."

She suggested Greenwood Cemetery or even Dragonfly Park would be suitable places for a wind phone.

"This is just a beautiful thing," she said.

Coun. Tess Prendergast suggested having two wind phones in Orangeville, one at Greenwood Cemetery and another at Kaycee Gardens.

"However we need to have that happen, I feel like you have the support of council," she said.

A location will be decided in time for the May 7 launch.

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Wednesday, May 15	6:30 p.m.	Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre	Mayor Post's Town Hall	
Thursday, May 16	5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers and by Phone	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee	1 289-801-5774 ID: 632 885 679#
Thursday, May 16	6 p.m.	Main Floor Boardroom and by Phone	Heritage Orangeville	1 289-801-5774 ID: 107 557 720#

*Start time of Council and Committee meetings is subject to change
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TOWN NEWS

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Orangeville council weighs Broadway housing development

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville council is trying to balance the town's need for housing and its desire to protect a tree canopy in the area of a Broadway housing development.

The subject property is 515 Broadway on the north side of Broadway, east of Veterans' Way and south of the former Orangeville-Brampton Railway line.

The owner has revised the proposed development to permit eight blocks of three-storey townhouse dwellings on a common elements condominium road. In November 2022, MHBC Planning submitted a zoning bylaw amendment and draft plan of subdivision applications on behalf of the property owner, 2857802 Ontario Inc.

It was deemed incomplete by the town in November 2022. Additional materials were received in December 2022 and the application was deemed complete by the town in January 2023.

The plan is to build 57 townhouse dwellings on an internal private road. Each unit will have at least two parking spaces for a total of 130 spaces.

Vehicle access will be at the Broadway and C Line intersection. A 1,246 square metre private amenity feature is also proposed to serve the residents of the development.

Council voted when it met April 29 to approve the necessary bylaw and zoning amendments to allow the proponent to go ahead with the 57 townhouses on a private road.

Councillor Debbie Sherwood was disappointed by the lack of a long-term care facility as part of the development.

"I am very much a supporter of affordable housing, but I think that it was very critical that we have this 160-unit facility for our seniors and the long-term care home facility," Sherwood said. "We need them here."

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said his support for the development boils down to the need for housing.

"We need housing in our community," he

said.

But he isn't without concern, he said. One of his worries is for the removal of trees in the area. Some of the trees have been marked to indicate that they will remain.

"We've been through it before where developers have said that they will leave the trees," Taylor said. "And then the trees are gone."

Another one of his concerns is for the nearby businesses and how the construction activity, without proper planning, will impact them.

"There will be lots of trucks and materials and whatnot," he said. "And we just can't have our residents disrupted and we can't have the businesses disrupted."

The parcel of land is owned by 714415 Ontario Limited. The numbered company is represented in the development by MHBC Planning Ltd.

The representative said there is a tree inventory and preservation plan that's being respected. Further, the developer added another metre and a half buffer zone from nearby businesses to save as many trees as possible.

"Our commitment is to save as many trees," he said. "It's good for us too."

The disruption to the area is going to happen, but the developer is willing to work with the town to devise a plan that will limit as much of that ruckus as possible.

"I think that progressing our community is a great thing," Taylor said. "And that's why I can hug you."

But, he said, there are times when plans for construction projects don't always go as planned, as spelled out in the initial stages.

"Then they cause inconvenience for our residents," Taylor said. "And then the phone calls start and the emails start. And there's he said, she said, and there's problems."

That needs to be avoided.

"We need a plan that's not going to disrupt," he said. "My encouragement would be is that

we discuss that and arrange for it before we start to shovel."

Meanwhile, Coun. Tess Prendergast shared some of her reservations about the proposed development.

"What we really need in Orangeville is downsized housing for seniors and entry-level housing," said Prendergast. "I'm not sure if this satisfies that, but it's a little late in the game to change."

She asked if there could be some form of compensation for trees that are removed, either monetarily or by way of trees planted elsewhere in the development.

"It's not something that we explored admittedly for this development because it didn't meet the policy criteria where offset compensation would be pursued," said Brandon Ward, the town's planning manager.

Prendergast said site grading can be used as a reason to remove trees from a development. She said there needs to be a way to ensure against grading being a "scapegoat" for tree removal.

"We look to the site plan process and that's sort of the next stage of this," Ward said. They're currently evaluating the land use stage of the process.

"But, that said, tree protection is an important consideration," he said.

Coun. Rick Stevens asked if the land earmarked for a proposed long-term care facility will remain empty or will the developer return in a few years to ask for more townhouses.

The developer's representative said the project still has a licence for a long-term care facility. The early model for the facility could not be accommodated by the site, he said. And the developer doesn't want to deviate from building the best facility for long-term care.

"That's where we are today," he said. "We will continue to work on providing or finding the appropriate location for that long-term care (facility)."

Community invited to attend Hug-a-Tree and Survive program

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin County residents are invited to attend Hug-a-Tree and Survive this month, which is an AdventureSmart program that helps lost children survive in the woods.

"Hugging a tree can help children remain safe and be found," said the County of Dufferin in a press release. "Staying near a tree offers some protection from the elements and keeps lost children in the same place, which makes it easier for searchers to find them. Hug-a-Tree will teach children how

to not become lost in the woods and what they should do if they become lost."

There will be two Hug-a-Tree sessions this May:

- Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at the Grand Valley and District Fire Department (2 Industrial Drive, Grand Valley, Ont.)
- Saturday, May 25, 2024, 1 p.m. at the Museum of Dufferin (936029 Airport Rd, Mulmur, Ont.)

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ORANGEVILLE'S FAVOURITE CAR SHOW: The Cruisin' on First Classic & Custom Car Show will return to Orangeville every Wednesday night this summer at the Canadian Tire parking lot. The show welcomes everyone and has special theme nights.

Cruisin' on First Car Show returning to Orangeville, opening night upcoming

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Car enthusiasts in the region can bring out their special vehicles when the Cruisin' on First Classic & Custom Car Show gets underway later this month.

The annual summer event features all sorts of classic cars and trucks as well as some beautiful custom rides at the Canadian Tire parking lot in Orangeville.

Organizer, David Murphy, has been running the popular show for 10 years. Previous to David taking over, another club called 'The Road Hazards' ran the show.

"I've been going to that car show since I was kid," David explained. "They've always had them at the Canadian Tire. I heard the people that used to run it, couldn't do it anymore. I went to them and said 'I would like to take it over.' I thought I could learn how to do it and eventually put my own spin on it."

While everyone is welcome to bring their vehicles on any given show night, there are special themed nights throughout the summer.

"Every week, everybody can come," David said. "The special nights are to bring car clubs from out of the area. We have the Mustang Rodeo, Corvette night, GM night, Mopar night, and a hotrod night. We also have a special night for car enthusiasts who are under 30 years old."

The show also features special nights for different decades and a special English car night.

As well, the show will feature the popular Hagerty youth judging night where young people can vote for their favourite car.

David also hosts other car shows throughout the summer at different locations.

These include the Blues Cruise at the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival. A show at the Orangeville RibFest, and a big show at the annual Orangeville Fall Fair.

Opening night for the Cruisin' on First Classic & Custom Car Show is Wednesday, May 15.

The show will take place every Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire parking lot through to Sept. 25.

Special Olympics Dufferin fundraising for programs at local grocery stores

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

Special Olympics Dufferin is joining forces with two local grocers to raise funds to help athletes with intellectual disabilities continue to participate in sports.

Special Olympics Dufferin athletes – Kristoff, Christopher, Sarah and Cole – gathered at Foodland in Shelburne on April 25 to kick off the provincial-wide fundraiser, which raises funds for Special Olympics Ontario. Customers of Shelburne Foodland can donate to the program during checkout at the till, and the same fundraiser is being held at the Sobeys in Orangeville (500 Riddell Rd.).

"We love to support our local Special Olympians. They're a big part of our family here at Foodland and we'd do anything for them," said Shelburne Foodland store manager, Heidi Piel. "It's great that we can do this for them because it helps them thrive in the world and gives them good goals; it's wonderful."

"It's a really nice connection for us because the staff at Foodland are so lovely. We're so grateful because this brings awareness to our community about what Special Olympics does," said Lisa Carlson, community coordinator for Special Olympics Dufferin.

Special Olympics Dufferin is a sector of Special Olympics Ontario, a charitable, non-profit organization which provides year-round sports training for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The primary objective of the organization is to contribute to the physical, social and psychological development of people with intellectual disabilities through positive experiences in sports.

In Dufferin County, about 40 athletes are participating in the Special Olympics. During the winter months, Special Olympics Dufferin runs three sports – swimming, basketball,

and curling – and during the summer they run bocce ball, which is their biggest program with around 32 athletes participating.

In previous years, the local Special Olympics group has been able to offer other sports programs including soccer, softball and track but has had to pull back due to a lack of volunteers and coaches.

"We actually don't run a lot of sports because of issues getting volunteers, but we keep trying and working at it," said Carlson.

As a parent of a Special Olympics Dufferin athlete, Carlson spoke about the benefits that participating in the program brings to those with intellectual disabilities.

"Special Olympics has been transformative for Cole and I've seen it for many athletes. I've seen so much growth and transformation, and it's helped them grow as people; to have confidence and overcome obstacles. It's why we keep doing it."

Other parents also shared the experience the children have had since joining the sports programs with Special Olympics Dufferin.

"It's life-changing really. There's usually a lot of waiting or sideline watching, but this allows her to be right in the game in a way that she really hasn't been before," said Michelle, whose daughter Sarah is part of the program.

"Sport is a great way for them to learn. It's a way to build up self-confidence that they're achieving something. They're getting stronger physically but it also supports them mentally and emotionally all the way through," said Ingrid, whose son Kristof is an athlete with Special Olympics Dufferin.

The money raised through the Special Olympics fundraiser at Shelburne Foodland will go towards Special Olympics Ontario to help organize games and competitions throughout the year for participating athletes.

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Orangeville Wolves special needs hockey team competes in Boston

Team helps players build confidence and skills out on the ice

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

While it can be difficult to find a sports program that accommodates individuals with special needs, the Orangeville Wolves ensures they have that opportunity.

Since 1999, the Orangeville Wolves has provided hockey programming to people with disabilities, helping them to build confidence, develop skills out on the ice, and feel a sense of belonging.

The Orangeville Wolves are a part of Special Hockey International (SHI), a league with teams across North America. The SHI Annual Tournament was held from April 25 to 27 in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Orangeville squad travelled there by bus to take part.

While the team played well on the ice and had lots of fun, there was a hiccup when travelling.

On the way home from the tournament on April 28, there was a collision between the Orangeville Wolves bus and a pickup truck on the QEW in Lincoln, Ont.

The driver of the pickup truck was sent to the hospital with minor injuries.

"[There were] no serious injuries to anyone on the bus, however, it did delay us by 4 hours," said Orangeville Wolves head coach Martin Porteous.

The Orangeville Wolves play every Sunday on home ice, welcoming all ages and skill levels.

"This program was developed for people with special needs to have a team to call their own, and to be recognized in the community as an athlete," said Porteous, who's been leading the team since its inception.

Throughout the Orangeville Wolves' season, they play eight home games and six away games, in addition to several practice sessions.



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TEAM SPIRIT: The Orangeville Wolves hockey team gather in front of the team bus that they travelled on to Boston, Massachusetts for the Annual Special Hockey International (SHI) Tournament that took place from April 25 to 27.

The teams they play against this year are located in Kitchener, Brampton, Innisfil, Barrie, Grey Bruce, Grandravine and Woolwich.

The SHI Tournament in Boston had teams from all over Canada, the United States, and even England.

The Orangeville Wolves fundraised to cover the cost of a hotel room and travel with the team bus for all its players.

The annual tournament provides the team with opportunities they might not otherwise have, Porteous noted.

"It's a little bit overwhelming sometimes for some of the players, because some of them on the team have never been on a bus before or stayed in a hotel room," said Porteous.

"This is just a phenomenal program – that we are lucky enough to have places to take these kids and adults to play other teams. The tournament is just one of those exceptional events that gives these kids memories forever."

David Vahey, whose son Solomon, 11, plays for the Orangeville Wolves, said the Boston trip had a really positive impact on his son.

"It was amazing. The whole crowd saw Solomon skate on his own to centre ice for several face-offs. It felt great for Solomon to receive a rink-full of applause for momentous things for him like passing to another player. Where most wouldn't blink an eye, he had an arena full of people happy to celebrate with him," Vahey said. "His smile and glee was visible to everyone at the rink."

The Orangeville Wolves started 25 years ago with just seven players, one of whom still participates in the program today. There are now over 20 players who make up the team.

Porteous said he wasn't sure what he was getting into when he was asked to coach the Orangeville Wolves. At that time, he wasn't even aware that the program was for people with special needs. But after his first session out on the ice, he never looked back.

"I just fell in love with the whole concept, and these kids and adults, and everything about the program," said Porteous.

Over the years, he's observed significant changes in those who play for the Orangeville Wolves. In the past few, three kids

who struggled to stand up on skates are all skating on their own now.

"Things don't happen overnight for any athlete, but they have progressed greatly, as have our senior players, and, more advanced players," said Porteous. "They get coached the same way. Pretty much everybody does the same drills. I teach them all different aspects of the game, very simple aspects – passing, shooting, teamwork, and skating. It's just a great program."

He added, "I've had kids who cried for two years straight, and I've taught them to love hockey."

Vahey's son Solomon has been playing for the Orangeville Wolves for the past three years.

While he could barely skate when he started, he's excelled greatly out on the ice and has become very enthusiastic about the sport.

"He's actually interested in skating now and I can see that he's got a lot of team spirit," said Vivian Petho, Solomon's mother. "He gets very excited when other people score."

She shared that the hockey program has been great for building Solomon's confidence and a sense of camaraderie with his teammates.

"It really creates a sense of belonging, like you're part of your community, you're part of a team – and that means something," Petho said.

She also noted the importance of offering sports programs like the Orangeville Wolves to people with disabilities who may not fit the mould of regular sports teams.

"Everybody should get a chance to play if they want to, and having an organization like this gives the opportunity," said Petho.

"It has given a lot of people a chance to go out there and play a sport that they want to play without having to worry about judgment and the other parts of trying to play on a team."

While the Orangeville Wolves' season is now complete, its players will be back on the ice in the fall.

Canada shouldn't exempt sanctions for Russian-sourced titanium: Seeback

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Canada intends to allow Russian-sourced titanium into Canada to be used by Airbus, according to unnamed government sources, who spoke with the Globe and Mail.

The decision to grant the sanctions exemption has been slammed by the Ukrainian

Ambassador, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and defence experts.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who serves as the Shadow Minister of International Trade, issued the following statement in response to the decision.

"Justin Trudeau talks tough but has quietly dropped sanctions on one of Vladimir Putin's

lucrative mineral exports. Russia will now use the profits from these titanium sales to further fund its war against the people of Ukraine. This is yet another betrayal of the Ukrainian people by Justin Trudeau, just like when he sent Putin a gas turbine to help export Russian natural gas to Europe; or when he allowed Putin to purchase Canadian-made detonators to be

used in Russian landmines that were then used against Ukraine," said Seeback.

"Common sense Conservatives will continue to support Ukrainians as they defend their sovereignty from Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion and call out Justin Trudeau's blatant hypocrisy when it comes to his phony support for Ukraine."

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Ten Rock Capital Mortgage clients share \$25,000 after winning annual draw

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

Rock Capital Mortgage, in collaboration with MCAN Financial, distributed funds to clients during their annual cash prize draw event held recently.

Clients and their families gathered at the Pulpit Club in Caledon Village on Saturday, April 20, for a luncheon provided by Rock Capital and MCAN, where they received their cheques. Additionally, clients had the chance to enter a draw to double their money.

Trevor Haining of Bracebridge, Ont., emerged as the winner of the double draw and accepted the prize alongside his family.

"We've been with Rock Capital for three years," he said. "It's a great feeling to have some extra cash in your pocket."

With the windfall, Haining and his family are planning a trip to Alaska.

Rock Capital Mortgage won the money through MCAN Financial's annual draw, receiving \$25,000 to distribute at their discretion.

The decision was made to divide the sum among their 10 clients, granting each guest \$2,500.

Janelle Van Gerven, Marketing and Events Coordinator for Rock Island Mortgage, noted their goal to help clients amid an uncertain economic climate.

"It's a tough economic time, so we thought everybody could use \$2,000 or \$2,500," she said. "Because this is going specifically



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: Winner of the Rock Capital Mortgage annual cash prize draw Trevor Haining, and his family, are joined by the MCAN Financial Team at the Pulpit Club in Caledon Village on April 20. Trevor was the double draw winner so he took home \$4,500. Nine other winners each took home \$2,500.

towards their mortgages, it should cover a month, or possibly two, of mortgage payments."

Van Gerven explained that an in-person lunch event was chosen to distribute the cheques efficiently while fostering personal connections.

"The idea behind the event is to gather everyone so we can give them their cheques all in one exciting day and provide lunch in

the process. It's nice to also put faces to our clients," she said. "Our principal broker is also a member at the Pulpit Club, which is how we got the location."

Ryan White, representing MCAN, expressed that the event was a gesture of appreciation to clients for their ongoing business and to give back to the community, and he said that customer satisfaction is paramount at MCAN.

"We understand that mortgages and finances aren't the most exciting topics," he said. "And we understand that Canadians are under a lot of stress; the cost of living is high, and mortgage rates are very high right now as well."

"So we're looking to assist where possible and bring some joy to people's lives."

White said that MCAN's philosophy is an 'everyone wins' approach to business.

"We believe in a win-win-win approach," he said. "We gain great business, we have great clients, and give back to the community."

Much like Rock Capital, MCAN said that they prefer a personal approach, which is more welcoming and stress-free for everyone involved.

Social events such as this luncheon present an opportunity for two groups of people to come face to face and recognize the human element behind it all.

White emphasized the significance of such events and said that he would like to see similar initiatives replicated by other groups nationwide, with the goal of giving back to their respective communities.

"I'd like to see the financial world do more of this and help out the average Canadian and give back," he said.

The event was the first of its kind for Rock Capital Mortgage, and the second annual giveaway for MCAN Financial, but all parties have said they are looking forward to continuing the giveaway for years to come.

Headwaters Health Care Centre announces new Patient Experience Framework

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has released its four-year guide to ensuring quality patient experience at the hospital.

The local hospital announced its new Patient Experience Framework in a press release on Monday (April 29).

"Everyone at Headwaters has a role to play in creating exceptional patient experiences. We are dedicated to building a strong patient-centric approach throughout Headwaters, from every area of care to each patient experience," said Annette Jones, vice president of patient experience and chief nursing executive. "As we look ahead to a new year and expand our Patient and Family Advisory Partnership, I am confident that our patients, families and caregivers will see even more of their voice represented in how Headwaters cares for them."

Developed by and for patients of Headwaters Health Care Centre, the Patient Experi-

ence Framework will act as a guide for how patient experience is defined, measured and delivered. The four-year master plan was built on the hospital's foundations, which include governance and leadership support, 24/7 high-quality care, engaged teams, patient and community collaboration and partnership, and patient-focused quality improvement.

"Developing exceptional patient care is the tide that lifts all boats. When patients, families and caregivers voice their concerns, they play an active role in shaping their healthcare journey. We take your feedback very seriously to ensure continuous quality improvement that patients can expect at Headwaters," said Juliann McArthur, manager of the Patient Experience office.

Headwaters has identified six growth opportunities to enhance patient experience at the hospital. These opportunities will focus on:

- Patient and family voice: expanding the Patient and Family Advisory Partnership, which will allow for their voice to be a part of major initiatives. Also conducting surveys to measure and track patient and family interactions and care to help improve the patient journey

- Quality and clinical excellence: refine protocols for staff to better communicate with patients and families, supporting their decision-making participation

- Equitable care: identify how patients and families can be supported with accessible ethnoculturally relevant and appropriate resources

- Policy improvement and measurement: use patient experience data to drive action and improvement in care delivery

- Staff engagement and development: provide opportunities for staff to attend

service excellence training, mentorship and other educational programs to strengthen the patient's experiences

- Innovation: create patient-friendly access to technology and information through new tools and programs.

"Drawing from my family's firsthand experience at Headwaters, I have the privilege of serving as a Patient and Family Advisor. This partnership between patient and hospital empowers me to collaborate with Headwaters' management team, utilizing our collective insights to identify and execute on areas of growth and improvement. Patient and Family Advisors like me play a critical role to drive positive change for the best possible care," said Shane Moores, co-chair of the Patient and Family Advisory Partnership.

To learn more about sharing your patient experience at Headwaters or to become a part of the Patient and Family Advisory, visit www.headwatershealth.ca.

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Orangeville residents seek property tax relief after years of delays on Veteran's Way development

The deputy mayor acknowledged in February that frustration about the project is high in the community.

Moore asked that council take action to push the developer to at least complete the roadway access between the Veterans' Way community and Hansen Boulevard. And he asked that council find a way to quell dust pollution if the land in question is to be vacant any longer.

"My understanding is they [the developer] don't have the funds to complete the proj-

ect this year or next," Moores said. "We're expecting another two to three years of delay. Is there some way of tamping down the dust?"

Mayor Lisa Post said Hansen Boulevard is a significant thoroughfare for the town and the connection in that area is important.

Tim Kocialek, the town's general manager of infrastructure services, said one of the reasons behind the delay has been that the land had changed hands among three developers.

"It was difficult for them to be able to coor-

dinate the project to be able to construct the road," Kocialek.

He said a single developer now owns the parcels of land in the area and work has started to design the road. All parties want to see the development completed sooner rather than later.

Regarding Moores' request for a land tax rebate, Post said there's nothing in provincial or municipal tax policies to allow for such a break.

"Tax rebates within the town are limited to

very, very specific pieces that do meet a criteria set out in the Municipal Act," she said.

Taylor said council hasn't been lax or sat back on the situation.

"We are beyond frustrated with the fact that the residents of your area are in the situation you're in," he said. "We have uncovered every stone, had every conversation, been aggressive, been polite. Whatever that we could possibly do to change the trajectory, the living conditions in the area in which you live."

Check-in phone calls for older adults now available in several languages

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A program aimed at supporting adults 55 and older in Dufferin-Caledon just became more accessible.

The Telecheck program, which provides older adults with scheduled check-in phone calls to help them live independently, can now make calls in a variety of languages.

The recent improvement to the program was made possible in partnership with the Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services.

"TeleCheck's collaboration with Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services demonstrates innovation and leadership in

our community's health and social system. Our volunteers are thrilled to extend our team capabilities with the language interpreters at Polycultural so that more diverse older adults can be supported with system partners," said Jennifer McCallum, manager of TeleCheck.

TeleCheck is an award-winning, free, and confidential telephone check-in service to support adults 55+ independently living at home, and connects clients with vital community health services, or a friendly social connection. Clients can tailor calls based on individual needs. TeleCheck volunteers support their clients, every day of the week.

Polycultural Immigrant & Community

Services is a charitable, not-for-profit, community-based agency that provides support and services for seniors, newcomers, refugees, and immigrants in Orangeville and across the Greater Toronto Area.

The new collaboration ensures that TeleCheck services now reflect linguistic diversity by breaking down language barriers, ensuring that older adults from various cultural backgrounds feel comfortable and understood in Bengali, Hindi, Portuguese, Urdu and Yoruba.

The above language interpretation options are available through Polycultural staff, with the potential for additional languages to be added in the future.

"In the year since launching our Orangeville site, we've witnessed the richness of the multicultural tapestry in Dufferin-Caledon," said Fatima Medeiros, program manager at Polycultural's Orangeville site.

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To arrange a call with language interpretation or language-specific services, current and new TeleCheck clients can fill out a self-referral form at headwatershealth.ca/Areas-of-Care/TeleCheck.

Mono Pickleball Club makes community donation

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

After a member of the Mono Pickleball Club saw that the Orangeville Food Bank was holding a Spring Food Drive to help with a sharp rise in demand, they took it to the club to see how they could help.

The club decided to hold their own food drive last week, which raised 300 lbs of food and \$200 in just 48 hours.

The donation was made at the new Pickleball Courts in Mono College Park in the Cardinal Woods subdivision in Mono on Friday, April 19.

The Pickleball Club began in 2022 with 44 members and now boasts some 200 avid members.

The club raised some of the funds for the new facilities at Mono College Park with the Town of Mono supplying the remainder.

The new courts will be opened on May 1.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

SUPPORTING FOOD BANK: Mono Pickleball Club members gathered at the courts in Mono College Park on April 19 to make a donation of 300lbs of food and \$200 to the Orangeville Food Bank.

There are six dedicated courts which will host friendly play, competitions for men and ladies as well as clinics and instruction.

The Club is a community-based non-profit organization.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

IODE WELCOMES MAYOR: Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post (centre) made an appearance at the Lord Dufferin IODE's monthly meeting on April 23 at the Lord Dufferin Centre (32 First St.). She was the guest speaker for the meeting and spoke on a variety of topics. It was an opportunity to ask the mayor questions and learn more about her role. To her left is Lord Dufferin IODE president Jessica Cereveny and IODE member Mary Gilman is on her right.



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Infrastructure Services

Notice of Complete Application & Public Meeting Application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. OPZ-2023-01)

The Town of Orangeville has received a complete application to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for lands known municipally as 11A York Street, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 and will hold a Public Meeting on:

Monday June 17, 2023, at 7pm
Council Chambers, Town Hall
87 Broadway Orangeville

Public Open House prior to the Public Meeting: An informal open house will be held in the Atrium outside the Council Chambers from 6 to 6:45pm prior to the Public Meeting.

Lands Subject to this Application:
The subject property is situated on the south side of York Street, mid block between John Street and Bythia Street. The subject property is located in a mature tree lined residential neighbourhood with a variety of older detached dwellings on lots with different frontages and depths. Immediately south of the subject property is Kay Cee Gardens, 2.7 acre public park that contains conservation lands including Mill Creek. Refer to the location map of the subject lands included.

Purpose and Effect of the Application:
The purpose and effect of the application is to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to permit the development of 12 freehold townhouse dwellings on a private road located at 11A York Street. Common elements include the private road, amenity spaces, a sidewalk, and three visitor parking spaces. The existing detached house is proposed to be demolished.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment redesignates the subject properties from "Low Density Residential" to "Low Density Multiple" on Schedule C of the Official Plan to permit townhouses. The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment rezones the subject property from Residential, Second Density (R2) to Multi Residential Medium Density (RM1) Special Provision to permit townhouse dwellings with site specific regulations.

To View or Join the Public Meeting:
You are invited to attend and participate in this meeting, either in-person or virtually and there are many ways to provide your input on this application. Instructions on how to view the meeting or participate in person, are available on the Town's website at: <https://calendar.orangeville.ca/meetings>

To phone-in to the meeting to raise questions or comments, call **1-289-801-5774**, after 7 p.m. on the evening of the Public Meeting and enter Conference ID: **130334890#** when prompted. Callers will be invited to provide their questions or comments following the conclusion of the meeting presentation(s).

To make a presentation to Council at the Public Meeting, submit a Delegation Form found on www.orangeville.ca to councilagenda@orangeville.ca by 10 am on Monday November 6, 2023.

Written comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting and can be addressed to the Mayor and Members of Council, and/or the staff contact provided below. All written comments received will become a matter of public record and will be considered through the review of this application.

Information Available:
For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact **Matthew Mair, Development Planner, Infrastructure Services at 519-941-0440 Ext. 2267** or by e-mail at mmair@orangeville.ca during normal business hours or visit the Planning Division.

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LOCAL Arts & Entertainment

Theatre Orangeville's new show, *The Darktown Strutters Ball*, amazes audiences at the Opera House

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Darktown Strutters' Ball is a remarkable show. It opened for its World Premiere at Theatre Orangeville on April 25 and runs until May 12. Starring Leslie McCurdy and Cassel Miles, with Nicholas Mustapha as music director, this is truly a must-see.

Five friends get together with the intention to create a new show, based on a smaller show Leslie wrote some years ago. Its theme was *Darktown Strutters Ball* by Afro-Canadian, Shelton Brooks. It was the first jazz song ever recorded. Shelton Brooks has been proclaimed as the music industry's first superstar.

The stage is an open set with the grand piano, the bass and the drums, a cabaret bank of lights behind. Nicholas Mustapha is seated at the grand piano, looking ready for anything this show may throw at him. Along the back of the stage are Matthew Leombruni on bass and Matteo Romaniello on drums.

Coming on stage, already in conversation with each other, are Cassel Miles and Leslie McCurdy, who wrote the show. They are talking about this show and how they are going to put it together with the help and the input of the three brilliant, young musicians.

Thus, it begins and progresses. Yet, there is no fiction here; no artistic license is taken. The storytellers, Leslie and Cassel, tell their own true stories and, likewise, the compelling and true stories of the Black singers and their own struggles from the 1920s to now.

The Darktown Strutters' Ball is a tremendous roll call of the music and the people who



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

OPENING NIGHT: *The Darktown Strutters' Ball* is on stage now at Theatre Orangeville. Starring Leslie Mc Curdy (Playwright) and Cassel Miles, alongside the wildly talented band consisting of Nicholas Mustapha (Musical Director), Matthew Leombruni (Bass) and Matteo Romaniello (Drums).

wrote and performed it over all those years. You could be surprised time and again, by what a lot of those old tunes you remember and what good times they were. How Leslie and Cassel analyze the Black music of recent

and present years, later on in the show, are revelations into what is to admire and what is not.

To prove intent, they start the show with Brook's song, *Darktown Strutters' Ball*: "Oh,

honey, don't be late. I want to be there when the band starts playin'..."

Still, this compelling Black history of great music may well inform you for the first time about the strange and difficult lives Black musicians lived in the music industry.



Let us tell you here: these two brilliant singers/actors bring every note of the history and songs they talk about to the stage; they sing in the voices of the Black musical heroes they honour. Cassel sings Paul Robeson, for example, with his *Old Man River*, reaching successfully for those low dark notes. Further on, he gives us *Unforgettable* with Nat King Cole, keeping the lilt and that silky smooth voice just as your memories might serve.

So, too, Leslie sings, "J'ai Deux Amours," as did Josephine Baker, singing in French, so clearly and charming. Later, though, she recites "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" from Gil Scott Heron. Leslie is a revelation herself, belting some and tender with other songs. She is pure dynamite.

Amongst the five of them, they handle bits of many songs, of which several were concerned with the Civil Rights movement. Telling it so we can understand. They brought us in and we wanted to hear it all and know it in a way we never have.

A conversation between two friends, who refer to their three other friends where this show should go next. It's funny and straightforward tough, but it moves along and Cassel even does a great tap routine for us. Nicholas Mustapha is a delight on the piano.

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- In favor of
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- Pulpits
- Leisure activity
- Fertility god
- Financial obligations
- When you anticipate getting somewhere
- Spanish river
- Sporting events
- Type of tree
- Ceased to be
- Persons
- Synthetic resin
- Relates to photochemical reactions
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- Former Cowboys coach
- City in Finland
- Run batted in
- Got through
- They darken skin
- In a harmful way
- Form of weaving
- City of Angels
- hoopster
- Caucasian language
- Syngman __, Korean president
- Sun up in New York
- Paddled
- Fishes
- Affirmative
- Nimble
- Doctor of Education
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- A small island

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Hebrew unit of measure
- Swedish rock group
- College army
- Favor over another
- Called it a career
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Israeli statesman
- Hurries
- Slog
- Midway between south and southeast
- Benedictine monk
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Family of regulator genes
- Surrendering
- Political action committee
- S. American plant
- Long-term memory
- Bark
- Breathes in
- Take hold of
- Everyone has one
- Valentine's Day color
- Drivers' licenses and passports
- Outer walls of castles
- Enters with force
- One thousandth of an inch
- Deceased Chinese politician
- Sugary secretion of plants
- Expressed pleasure
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- A sharply directional antenna
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Suspect of repeated break and enter at local restaurant apprehended

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged an individual as a result of break and enter to a restaurant on Main Street in Shelburne.

Dufferin OPP responded to the report of a break and enter at a local restaurant in Shelburne on April 29, shortly after 1:00 a.m. Upon arrival, police noted the rear door ajar and broken wine bottles inside the establishment.

The investigation revealed the suspect stole alcohol.

Officers reviewed security footage and were able to identify the male suspect. The suspect was charged accordingly and released from police custody.

A few hours later officers responded to a second break and enter to the same address. After reviewing video surveillance, the suspect was confirmed to be the same male police charged earlier that day. The investigation confirmed the male stole alcohol again.

As a result of the two investigations, Mitcho BOGLIS, 70-year-old from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Break, Enter a place - commit indictable offence - (two counts)
 - Theft Under \$5000 - (two counts)
 - Failure to comply with undertaking
- None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this break and enter is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (8477).



Suspects apprehended for theft of nearly \$50,000 worth of aluminum

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals following a break and enter investigation.

Officers were dispatched to a commercial address on Simpson Road to investigate a theft on April 22. The preliminary investigation revealed a break and enter that occurred on April 20.

Aluminium products valued at approximately \$48,000 were taken.

On April 23, an officer patrolling the Bolton area observed the vehicle seen in the surveil-

lance footage during the break of enter. With the assistance of Caledon OPP's Community Street Crime Unit, the two occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

As a result, David BALOGH, 28, of Scarborough, was charged with:

- Break, enter a place
- Possession break-in instruments
- Fail to comply with probation order - two counts

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing. Jozsef TOTH, 33, of Toronto, was charged with:

- Break, enter a place
- Possession break-in instruments

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 23, 2024, to answer to the charges.

None of the charges have been proven in court.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.



Two people charged with impaired driving, one registers three times legal limit

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation related offences over the past couple of days.

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the area of County Rd. 109 in Amaranth for a possible impaired driver on April 28, just after 5:00 p.m.

Officers located the vehicle and driver of concern a short time later and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Michael CASLICK, a 39-year-old male, from Kincardine has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check in the area of Main Street and Ojibway Road in Shelburne. A driver entered the area and officers were led into an impaired operation investigation.

Kathryn TAYLOR, a 45-year-old female, from Shelburne has been charged with:

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

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

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Theatre Orangeville's 'The Darktown Strutters' Ball, amazes audiences

He treats us to his own brief composition, written specifically for this grand piano, a sparkling moment on its own.

Matthew and Matteo, brand new to Theatre Orangeville, are fine additions to the whole, for the music in this production is the glue that keeps it rolling out the stories.

This is a very demanding production but the artists have stretched their considerable talents to make it marvellous. At the end, we,

the audience rushed to rise for a very enthusiastic standing ovation.

During the Opening Night reception, catching a few words with Cassel, he was emphatic about the mastery of David Naim's input, fine-tuning the details of the content and delivery as director of the Darktown Strutters' Ball.

"This show is a thrill for me," Cassel Miles told the Citizen.

Leslie was being called for photos but she stopped to say how excited she was with the production. A bigger job for her, she was so ecstatic to have written it.

A quick word with members of the audience proved they were dazzled by the energy, the music and the entire experience.

Be sure to see this wonderful couple of hours of theatre. For folk who are not able to come to the theatre, there is a single chance

to see it live streamed and that is on May 9. For tickets, subscriptions to the new season, 2024/25, and more details, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the charming people at the Box Office: 519-942-3423. Drop in to visit the Box Office at 87 Broadway and, while you are there, they have a donation box you can "tap" to help with the very important "I Love My Theatre Orangeville" fundraising campaign.

Elmer Iseler Singers stage a composers workshop at the Canadian Music Centre

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Last Saturday, April 27, Caledon's Elmer Iseler Singers (EIS) invited six new composers to the Canadian Music Centre.

"Saturday was really exciting," said Lydia Adams, EIS conductor and artistic director, "to meet with the composers and a poet and work on their pieces."

She marvelled, "You put out a call and these responses come back from across the country. They're prepared to get on a plane and come to Toronto. It shows the need for these educational incentives."

Adams wanted to say how much the EIS appreciates the Takla Foundation for supporting the EIS initiative. Takla Group is a family-based foundation in Caledon.

As well, "The Canadian Music Centre has been a great space to work. The connection is a very positive one," said Adams.

Six "marvellous" composers came, with different ideas, wondering about their own compositions: a composition needs to get into singers' voices.

One score sounded like a round, all different ways in different octaves, we were told.

Likewise, "If something trips this choir up," Ms. Adams informed us, "you can be sure that would trip most any choir - visual or awkward - rewrite or visualize."

Experimentally, one used the placement of the vowel. One case was all syllables.

There was praise for this: this composer's family shies away from difficult conversations. So, they were not all words.

"It was great," said the conductor. "Beautiful dynamics."

The EIS has been doing workshops since Dr. Elmer Iseler was conducting, having founded the choir in 1979. Following his death, Ms. Adams has been the conductor and artistic director since 1998.

Micheal Colvin, inspired by the poem, Sure on a Shining Night, "has done beautiful work on the text; he has chosen the Elysian part of that poem," Ms. Adams instructed us.

Michael Colvin, who has a 25-year-plus career opera tenor, recently came back from performing in La Scala in Milan, Italy. He has sung in London UK, Spain and France at l'opera de Paris. He performs frequently in the Canadian Opera Company's productions.

Choral music was "my early training at church," Colvin said. "I do love it - it's no coincidence that I am composing music for choir now. What a thrill it was to do this workshop."

From the age of 11, he knew his life was in singing.

"I went to the COC studio under Richard Bradshaw," Colvin told us.

In the absence of performing during the Covid shutdown, Colvin had only written pop songs. Suddenly having this free time, he filled the time to compose more seriously, writing a version of "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis.

Without any formal training in composition, "The well of inspiration is very deep because I had so many influences," Colvin offered, adding shyly, "Still getting used to calling myself a composer."

He sent Sure On This Shining Night to Adams to apply for inclusion in the workshop.

"I'll be honest, I wrote as a side hustle while I was singing in Salzburg. With long hours of empty time, I wrote Shining Night," Colvin told the Citizen.

As he started to cut back on his singing, Mr. Colvin said he would like to do more composing.

His invite to the workshop created a huge boost for his interest in mentorship. Adams put him in touch with composers Matthew Emery and Stephanie Martin as mentors.

Colvin added, "Lydia let me conduct my piece with the choir; it was amazing."

While more opera roles are booked, but mainly characters for comic relief or the "bad guy," his interest in composing is strengthened by signing up with Matthew Emery. They are looking to compose to have their music performed. Mr. Colvin's sudden progress in composing has "taken me by surprise," Adams admitted. "Sometimes, it's easy to write that hook; the challenge is where to go next with the piece."

It's an interesting and fortuitous time for Colvin. Philosophical about his composing, "Basically, I'm doing okay or fooling myself. You need to surround yourself with people who will tell you the truth, like it or not."

Steven Webb is another of the six composers. Working on his Ph.D in composition at the University of Toronto, part of his submission is his "Plant Music." Essentially a percussion production, in the end, plants are fitted with instruments and indeed prove they make music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO4o8e5l-BE>

"Having the opportunity to work with the EIS," he began, "to write a piece and use this opportunity to work with such a high-level

choir, was an extremely good place to try 'The Going' by Thomas Hardy and work through what worked."

Mr. Webb has worked with quite a few choirs across the country but never had the opportunity to work with EIS.

He too admits to the ongoing need to hear his work sung. Sometimes, that feels like it would work but once you hear it sung, there are differences.

What surprised him at this workshop, was the musicality and dedication of the singers, willing to get off the score and try new things and experiment, which was really helpful.

The Going is about the lives of everyday people, about saying goodbye.

"It is overwhelming, a bitter sweet good bye of a son at the time of going to WWI, which Hardy wrote on the day a friend died," he related. "It's short, one stanza long, so I had to work at pulling every emotion out."

Steven Webb's work so far has attracted an invitation to be performed in September at a concert at the Canadian Music Centre.

In September too, an album, electronic, all based on percussion, is coming out.

He comes from a musical family out of South Africa, where he took traditional piano exams, taking a classical route. In Canada, he did music at the University of Manitoba.

Not satisfied with playing the music of others led him into composition.

When he remarked, "My music really reflects my outlook on life," we asked what that is.

"Cautious optimism in these challenging times," he replied. "I create art to inspire and bring us together and inform and educate. I make art to very much show I am interested to capture the human experience."


Mr. Webb hopes to have had the opportunity to work with groundbreaking choirs as he "very much enjoys working with other people."

He has a first album coming out and is doing more. He says he wants to contribute to Canadian musical output.

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File: Z01-2024
DATE OF PASSING: April 23, 2024
DATE OF NOTICE: May 2, 2024
LAST DAY TO APPEAL: May 22, 2024

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Grand Valley passed By-law 2024-21 on April 23, 2024, under section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990, c.P. 13, as amended,

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT any person or public body may, **not later than 4:30PM** on:

Wednesday May 22nd, 2024

appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (<https://olt.gov.on.ca/>) by filing with the Town Clerk, a notice of appeal, setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the applicable fee made payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the OLT. A notice may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

PURPOSE & EFFECT OF BY-LAW

The purpose and effect of **By-law 2024-21**, is to restrict the keeping of chickens and other birds within the urban area of Grand Valley and the Estate Residential and Hamlet Residential zones.

SUBJECT LANDS

The property affected by this amendment is the entire Town of Grand Valley, therefore no location is required.

An electronic copy of the Zoning By-law can be made available for viewing, please contact the Town Office at 519-928-5652 during regular business hours (9:00 AM to 4:30 PM) or contact the Town Planner, Mark Kluge, at mkluge@townofgrandvalley.ca.

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Junior C Northmen win home opener with late game tie-breaker

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior C Northmen won their season and home opener with a late game tiebreaker on Friday (Apr. 26) night on their home floor at Tony Rose Arena.

A big crowd turned out for the first game of the season when the Northmen hosted the Barrie Bombers.

The game started with a fast pace, as most of the scoring for the whole game took place in the first half of the first period.

Barrie opened the scoring just 47 seconds into the game.

The Northmen responded when Jack Fitzpatrick hit the back of the Bombers net just over a minute later.

After a second Barrie goal, it was a tie game when Luke Downard scored 18 seconds later.

Fitzpatrick got his second of the game to give the Northmen a 2-1 lead.

Both teams scored one more in the first period, with Northmen, Cameron McClintock, notching a goal to give the Orangeville squad a one-goal lead going into the second period.

It was again a tie game when Barrie scored early in the second period.

Josh Presley scored for Orangeville to give the Northmen a one-goal advantage.

Both teams scored two more times in the period giving the Northmen a 7-6 advantage with one period remaining.

Fitzpatrick got his third of the night, followed up by a goal from Logan Marshall.

The Bombers scored in the third period to make it a 7-7 game, but with plenty of time still on the clock.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HOME OPENER: The Orangeville Junior C Northmen host the Barrie Bombers at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville on Friday, April 27, in the first game of the season. It was a good match with both teams playing well. The game was tied in the third period. The Northmen scored to take an 8-7 win in their home opener.

Orangeville's Logan Marshall scored midway in the period and the Northmen held steady on defence for the rest of the game for their first win of the season.

The final was 8-7.

There are 15 teams in the Ontario Junior

C Lacrosse League this year, playing in two Conferences.

The Northmen are in the Western Conference along with Brantford, Wilmot, Ferris, Halton Hills, Six Nations, and Barrie.

Teams will play an 18-game regular sea-

son schedule before going into the playoffs.

The Junior C Northmen will return to Tony Rose Arena on Saturday, May 2, to face the Brantford Warriors.

Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Orangeville goalie beats the odds with Rochester Knighthawks

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Rochester Knighthawks goalie, and Orangeville veteran, Rylan Hartley, is back between the pipes in the NNL after being out with an injury since early December.

The Knighthawks were an underdog heading into the playoffs and rated with a 3 per cent chance of winning a berth by the experts who follow the league.

However, the Knighthawks rose to the challenge and won two games to make the number eight seed for the playoffs.

The Knighthawks won 11-10 over the Georgia Swarm on Friday, April 19, then followed up with a 12-3 win over the Philadelphia Wings on Sunday, April 21, to win the playoff berth.

Former Orangeville Northmen, Kyle Waters and Tyler Halls also play for the Knighthawks.

Rylan has been playing in the NNL for four seasons with his first year in San Diego before moving to Rochester.

"We didn't worry about the small things, we worried about what we could control,"

Rylan said in an interview after the win over Philadelphia. "I think that's what we did from the front and back end. After this week, it's great for us and we're going to keep rolling. Our defence – they're huge. In this game they went to bat for 60 minutes huge. The defence needs to be credited for what's on the scoreboard."

Rylan credits the fans and his family for being behind him when he was off due to injury.

He was finally cleared by his doctor to play

after an absence of three months.

Making the playoffs was a big deal but it was short-lived.

The NNL has a single elimination format for the quarter-finals, so if you lose a single game, you're done

The Knighthawks took a 9-6 loss in Saturday's game to end their season.

Rylan has a long history in lacrosse, winning the Founders Cup in 2016 with the Northmen, and the Minto Cup in 2019. He was also the OLA MVP.

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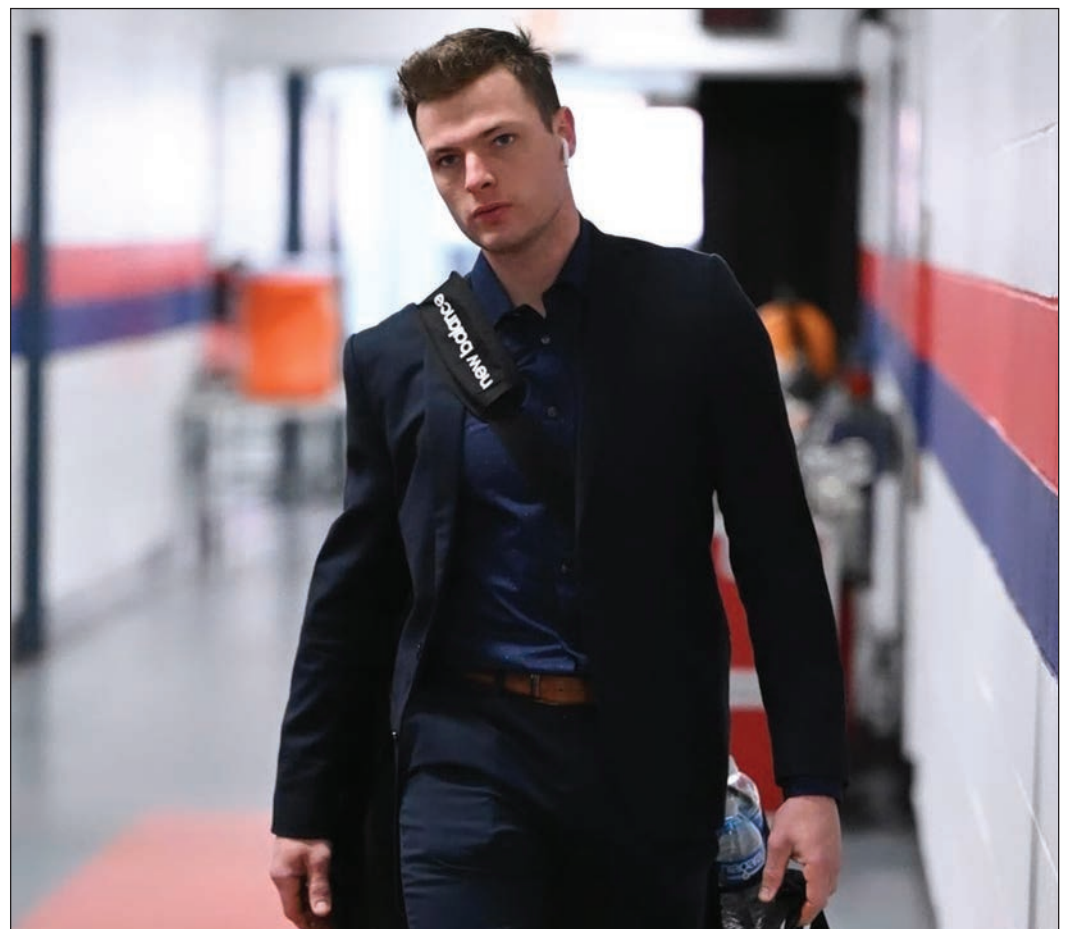
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BEATING THE ODDS: Rochester Knighthawks goalie, Rylan Hartley, enters the arena before the Knighthawks game against the Philadelphia Wings on April 21. Rylan was back in goal for the Knighthawks after being on the injured list for just over three months.

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Caledon Special Olympics athletes preparing for Provincial Games

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

After a long wait, Caledon Special Olympics athletes will be attending the Special Olympics Ontario Spring Games.

The games will be held from May 23 to 26 in Waterloo. The games were originally supposed to be held in 2022, but had to be put on hold because of the pandemic.

Over 750 athletes from all over Ontario will be going to the games to participate in powerlifting, gymnastics, basketball, 10-pin bowling, and swimming competitions. Four athletes from Caledon will be competing in swimming and one will be competing in 10-pin bowling.

Eduarda Domingues, a long-time volunteer with Special Olympics, was one of the people to help start Caledon Special Olympics and

remains enthusiastic about the program.

"It's all about the athletes," said Domingues. "We're trying to get more and more people involved... once you start volunteering you never go back."

Caledon Special Olympics athletes have been training hard for the Spring Games and will soon be finishing up their swimming training, which has been ongoing over the winter. Athletes heading to the games will also receive individual training sessions soon.

Domingues said the excitement of the Spring Games is amazing for the athletes.

"It's so fun," she said.

Seeing new athletes have an amazing time playing sports and making friends is Domingues' favourite part of being involved with Special Olympics. She said it's been great to see new faces getting involved in Caledon.

Domingues shared a story of a new athlete who came out to play basketball this past winter.

The athlete quickly picked up the sport in a scrimmage and his mom was amazed to see how great her son did at a new team sport.

What stood out for the mom was the smiles on everyone's faces, and from that day they kept on coming back each week. Domingues said Special Olympics is great because athletes are encouraged to try new things while still having safety and fun as the top priority.

"Some athletes are very competitive, but for a lot of these athletes this is their social time, this is their friend circle," said Domingues. "It's just as much social as it is sports and competition... friendship is just as important."

Caledon Special Olympics is a non-profit and its goal is to keep sports as inexpensive

as possible for athletes and their families.

There's an upcoming bingo fundraiser for Caledon Special Olympics.

It's taking place from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 5 at Delta Bingo in Brampton. Tickets for the event are \$20, with all proceeds going to Caledon Special Olympics. More information about the event can be found on Caledon Special Olympics' website.

Jason Scordia, a well-known Caledon Special Olympics athlete, is competing in bowling at the upcoming Spring Games. He said he's been enjoying practicing over the winter, and he recently got second place at a bowling tournament.

Scordia and his fellow Caledon Special Olympics athletes will be going for gold this May, as they travel to the games that are the pinnacle of competition for Special Olympics athletes in Ontario.

United Way invests \$1.5 million in 51 programs to address rising demand

With demand for community services at an all-time high, United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin is investing \$1.5 million across 51 programs in the communities it serves.

The funding is in response to critical issues that the United Way tries to combat,

such as homelessness, food insecurity and poor mental health.

"Through the application process, the ask from community partners last fall was more than 2.5 times what was available to distribute, which meant some difficult decisions and ultimately a number of pro-

grams going without funding", said Banda. "However, we remain committed to focusing the dollars we do have on the most pressing and critical issues our community is facing and we are very excited about the programs we are able to support and the opportunities ahead to work with our partners."

New programs supported through this round of funding include Art Not Shame, Ball 4 All, the Arab Women's Society of Guelph, the Orangeville Food Bank and the Sanguen Health Centre Community Van.

Last fall, the Community Health Van was facing a potential closure, due to a lack of funding. Responding to emerging needs as they arise and helping to fill gaps in the community is what makes United Way funding unique and vitally important.

"The Guelph/Wellington Sanguen Community Health Van program is grateful to be the recipient of a United Way grant! With this generous support we can continue to offer nursing care, social support, peer support and harm reduction support to individuals within the City of Guelph and throughout the County at a time when so many community members are in need", said Lindsay Sprague, director of community programs at Sanguen Health Centre.

"Better is possible and United Way is proud to be able to continue to fund a network of services that support the well-being of our entire community", said Glenna Banda, executive director at United Way. "Ensuring that programs and services are

there to address the current and deepened community challenges we are facing right now is more important than ever."

Funds are invested based on identified community needs through five funding streams - From Poverty to Possibility, Healthy People, Thriving Communities, All That Kids Can Be, Rural Communities and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. These funding streams support collective approaches to addressing several critical and complex issues, including poverty, mental health, homelessness, isolation, and hunger. Local agencies apply to receive United Way funding, and a dedicated group of volunteers manage the distribution of funds. Grants are issued for two-year terms.

"United Way plays a critical role in our community, ensuring that our community's most pressing needs are supported and the programs and services that are relied upon continue to be able to offer services. Community donations fuel this work and we are grateful to those who believe in our vision of a shared responsibility for social good," said Banda. "We continue to fund-raise all year long to continue to try to do more to support the ongoing needs in the community."

For a complete list of funded programs, visit unitedwaygwd.com.

Donations to United Way are accepted year-round, online at unitedwayguelph.com or by calling the United Way office 519-821-0571. Donations, as always, will stay 100 per cent local.



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CONTEST WINNER: Carol Buchanan (left) is presented with a \$50 Shoppers Drug Mart gift card by Orangeville Citizen office manager Carolyn Dennis on April 22. Mrs. Buchanan won the Orangeville Citizen's prize draw at the Orangeville Lions Home and Garden Show.

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Mono Mills firefighters hosting open house for seniors, families

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Firefighters from the Mono Mills Fire Station are inviting the community to join them for an open house and pancake breakfast on June 1. The open house runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Victoria Parks Community Centre (35 Victoria Crescent). At the open house, there will be chances to learn about fire safety, emergency vehicles on display, auto extrication and fire extinguisher demonstrations, and a free pancake and sausage breakfast. The Caledon OPP and Dufferin County Paramedic Service will also attend the event.

Todd Hillhouse, a volunteer firefighter and public education officer at Caledon Fire Station 308 in Mono Mills, explained the open house has been happening annually since 2005, when he became the public education officer for Station 308. Hillhouse said the open house takes place in June to coincide with Seniors Month. "In our catchment area, there are a lot of seniors... the idea is to provide some programs related to fire safety in the home that can help ensure their safety and help contribute to them staying in their home," said Hillhouse. A main focus for Caledon Fire is education surrounding safe cooking. Hillhouse said

cooking is still the number one cause of fires in residential units in Caledon. "We'll run sessions where we provide some tips on that using our fire safety trailer which has a little kitchenette," said Hillhouse. "We are also going to have a display with smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and talk about the do's and don'ts, and just how to maintain your alarms in your house, and if you're not able to maintain them, what programs are available." Hillhouse said the fire extinguisher demonstration will be great as in an emergency, there's no time to learn how to use one if you don't know how. "We'll teach you how to properly use a fire extinguisher, and what applications it works in

and what you shouldn't use it for," he said. Hillhouse said kids always enjoy watching the auto extrication demonstration at the open houses. "It's really interesting to see, it's more than you would get watching it in a movie or on TV," said Hillhouse. They also enjoy being able to sit in the fire trucks and ask as many questions as they like about the machines, he added. The free pancake and sausage breakfast is also a highlight of the event, said Hillhouse. "It's a great event, everybody's welcome," he said. "It really helps to get to know who are your local firefighters here in the community who live in the community with you."

Museum of Dufferin hosting several events and workshops through May

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) collects and preserves the stories of the people, places and culture of Dufferin County — past and present — and shares them through engaging and inclusive experiences. The MoD offers a welcoming, unique and enriching environment for its visitors, with an eclectic variety of experiences by way of exhibitions, events, programs and tours — there's something for everyone. Here's what's coming up in May at the MoD:



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MoD-Tots: Gifts for Mom | May 1, 9 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon
Join the Museum for MoD-Tots: Gifts for Mom! Create gifts with your toddler for the female caregiver in their life through tot-friendly crafts and sensory play! The cost is \$7 plus HST per child. Learn more at eventbrite.ca/cc/mod-tots-1817659.

Red Dress Day | May 4 and 5
Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5. The day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. The Museum of Dufferin is preparing a display of red dresses that have been donated by the community. Beginning May 4, if you drive by the Museum, you'll see red dresses displayed on the front lawn. Learn more at dufferinmuseum.com/event/reddressday.

Archives Workshop: Hunting For Your House History (Rural / Farm) | May 4, 10 a.m. to noon
Do you own a farm/rural property in Dufferin County and want to learn about its history? Led by MoD Archivist, Laura Camilleri, this

workshop will focus on researching the history of farms and farm families in Dufferin County. Archives staff will guide you through researching the property history — from the issuance of a crown patent to the present. Participants are welcome to stay after the workshop to continue their research. Please ensure that if you bring a address to research that you have the legal description ready. The cost is \$15 plus HST per appointment. Learn more at eventbrite.ca/e/archives-workshop-hunting-for-your-house-history-rural-farm-tickets-862363381087.

MoD Master Class for Kids and Teens: Dragon Painting | May 11, 10 a.m. to noon
No experience necessary, beginners welcome! Master painter Ricky Schaede is back at the MoD, offering a dragon painting workshop for kids and teens. The cost is \$20 plus HST, per participant. Register at eventbrite.ca/e/mod-master-class-for-kids-teens-dragon-painting-tickets-847548449227.

MoD Master Class for Kids & Teens: Octopus Painting | May 11, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
No experience necessary and beginners are

welcome to this class as well. Ricky Schaede will host another workshop, this time teaching participants how to paint octopuses. The cost is \$20 plus HST, per participant. Visit eventbrite.ca/e/mod-masterclass-for-kids-teens-octopus-painting-tickets-848287650197 to learn more.

MoD-Tots: Things That Go | May 15, 9 to 10 a.m. or 11 to noon
Join the MoD for MoD-Tots: Things that Go! Explore planes, trains and automobiles with your toddler through transportation themed crafts and sensory play. The cost is \$7 plus HST per child. Register at eventbrite.ca/cc/mod-tots-1817659.

International Museum Day: Free Admission | May 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 18 is International Museum Day! To celebrate, the MoD is leading special behind-the-scenes tours in its storage rooms with Museum staff. These rooms are not usually accessible to the public, but the MoD is opening them up just for you! How does the Museum keep artifacts and archival documents safe? How are artifacts

chosen artifacts for display? Does the MoD have dinosaur bones? Secret love letters? Find out the answers to these questions and more on this rarely offered tour! You can also try out a scavenger hunt and take part in other fun activities throughout the galleries! No registration required and admission is free.

MoD Studio Workshop: Create Your Own Cookbook | May 25, 1 to 2 p.m.
In this workshop, your family or group can try building their own cookbook! This one-hour studio workshop will go through the basics of bookmaking and provide historical examples from our collection for inspiration. Supplies will be provided so you can take your cookbook home to add in more recipes! While you're at the MoD, you can also check out the new exhibit on Food and Drink for more inspiration. The cost is \$20 plus HST per family/group. Learn more at eventbrite.ca/e/mod-studio-workshop-make-your-own-cookbook-tickets-884294317107.

MoD-Tots: In the Rainforest | May 29, 9 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon
Join the Museum for MoD-Tots: In the Rainforest! Explore the jungle with your toddler through tot-friendly rainforest themed crafts and sensory play. The cost is \$7 plus HST per child. Register at eventbrite.ca/cc/mod-tots-1817659. The Museum of Dufferin, located at 936029 Airport Road Mulmur, Ont., features three galleries and four historic buildings that host long-term and short-term exhibitions and art shows. The MoD is also home to the Dufferin County Archives.

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Phones in the classroom

If you have ever been in a conversation with someone and their phone rings, and they answer it, you know what an awkward situation you are thrust into.

Suddenly, you are the person who doesn't matter. Whoever the person is on the other end of the phone, has replaced you in that conversation.

For me, that's pretty much a conversation finisher. I won't stand there like an idiot, while the other person discusses their upcoming fishing trip or who's coming over for Christmas dinner, and relegates you to being a bystander.

Unless you are on a heart transplant list, or your wife is going into labour at any time, the polite thing to do, is to let the call go to voice mail, listen to the message later, and return the call if necessary.

When I was a kid, I was helping, sort of, my father do some work on a drain pipe in the backyard of our house. It was a summer day, and I heard the telephone ring through the open window.

When I pointed this out, my father said, "let it ring."

I insisted we should answer the phone. He said, "I'm not a slave to a machine. Just

because a bell is ringing, doesn't mean I'm going to stop my valuable work here. If it's important, they will call back."

That really stuck with me. Before cell phones, people really did run to answer the telephone, just because a bell told them to.

Most of the telephone calls I get via my landline these days are nonsense calls. There is either no one there or someone is trying to sell me something. I still have a landline because it makes a huge difference when doing a telephone interview.

However, it is still frustrating to answer a call and hear dead air, which is a signal that someone at a call centre is waiting for someone to answer an automatically dialled call before flipping a switch and deciding to speak.

I usually hang up before they start their spiel about telling me my computer is infected with a virus and I need to pay them to 'fix it'.

The province has just announced it is introducing 'new measures' to crack down on cellphone use and vaping in a school. It's not legislated, so I assume it's guidelines for teachers.

Reports say both parents and teachers have shared the 'growing problem of cell-phone distractions in class.'

What took them so long, and why does it need some kind of provincial decree to tell a kid not to be on their phone during class time?

A kid shouldn't have to be told not to be on their phone during class. That's just common sense.

It must be frustrating for a teacher to be at the head of a classroom only to see a student focused on a phone rather than listening to the lesson.

The problem obviously starts at home. I don't know why a kid needs a phone in the first place. Anyone they want to speak to, and if you're a kid, that's another kid you know at school, is probably only a few feet away for the entire day.

The parents are paying for the kid's phone. They should explain the phone is a privilege and should apply rules about its use before the kid leaves home.

Pretty simple – this phone is for emergencies only, don't use it in the classroom.

The fact that this problem requires action by the Ministry of Education is disturbing.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The report says teachers will undergo mandatory training regarding kids using cell phones.

Haven't teachers already undergone training on how to control kids in the classroom? Isn't this why they go to teacher's college?

Every kid knows the teacher is in charge when the bell rings to signal the start of the school day.

It's pretty simple - make an announcement at the start of the school year.

"I'm Ms. Crabapple, your new teacher. The use of phones is not allowed in this classroom. If you have a phone, it must be turned off and kept in your backpack or locker."

If a kid complains about the rule, parents need to back up the teacher and let the kid know the teacher controls the classroom, and they must abide by the rules.

I can't think of a single reason why a parent would insist their child be given permission to use a phone during class.

Phone etiquette in general needs to be observed by everyone, not just in the classroom.

War in Africa

"We could see an all-out war between all the tribes and that is really the doomsday scenario. At this point, it's not unrealistic," the head of an international non-government organisation that is working in Sudan told the Al Jazeera news agency last week. (She asked them to withhold her name to protect her in-country team in North Darfur.)

'Doomsday' is a strong word, but the fighting in Sudan is probably already killing more people per day than are dying in the wars in either Ukraine or the Gaza Strip. An estimated nine million people have fled their homes in Sudan since the war began just over a year ago, and severe hunger is already setting in there on a Gaza-like scale.

So why, you might well ask, have you heard so little about it?

I'm not pointing any fingers here. This is a twice-weekly column, and I try to ration the number of times I write on Gaza and Ukraine to once a month each to leave some room for the rest of the world. Nevertheless, I struggle to hold them down to that frequency, whereas I have written only once about Sudan in the past year.

'News' has to be about events that people care about, and that is largely a function of distance: the farther away it is, the less important it seems. But there's

another factor at work in the relative silence about Sudan: 'news' needs to be new. That is, it needs to be different from the normal, the usual, the past. Unfortunately, war in Africa is none of the above.

There has never been a time in the last half-century when peace has reigned everywhere in Africa. Once the short century of European imperial rule ended – around 1960 for most of the continent, although it took another generation in southern Africa – it has been back to normal.

There are 54 countries in Africa, which means that there are many opportunities for things to go badly wrong. However, there are also fifty countries in Europe, but apart from the Balkans wars of the 1990s and the current war in Ukraine there have been no major wars in the region since 1945.

Africa is very different. In addition to the big war in Sudan right now, the internal war in Ethiopia between Amhara and Tigray states is starting up again. Major Islamist insurgencies are underway in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Chad, in each case controlling large chunks of the country's territory.

Internal, essentially tribal wars continue in the new country of South Sudan and in various parts of the Democratic

Republic of Congo. The English-speaking minority is in revolt in Cameroon, the Islamist al-Shabaab group still holds most of southern Somalia (the north has broken away), and there are Islamist rebels in northern Mozambique.

Eleven countries out of 54, containing more than a quarter of Africa's population, are at war, and mostly they are at war with themselves. There's nothing new, nothing radically different, nothing for outsiders to be surprised by. THAT's why the rest of the world isn't paying much attention – but why is Africa like this?

Maybe it's because there are at least 75 African languages with more than a million speakers, and probably another hundred with at least a quarter-million. Moreover, only a dozen have more than 20 million speakers. Language is the biggest element in cultural and political identity, so Africa is by far the richest continent in terms of ethnicities and identities.

This is a triumph of sorts, because in Eurasia and the Americas that same spectacular cultural and linguistic diversity was ground down over millennia and finally extinguished by repeated conquest, migration and assimilation.

In Europe, only eight languages now account for 80% of the continent's population. Just two languages, Mandarin

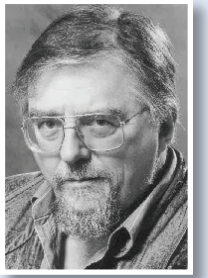
and Hindi/Urdu, will enable you to speak to almost half Asia's population. This homogenisation, accomplished mostly by force, did eventually produce long periods of peace over large areas, like the Roman empire or the Ming dynasty in China.

Africa did not take the same road. Iron-working began in Africa at about the same time as in Europe, India and China, but big empires did not follow. African empires did exist, but they came and went relatively fast and never controlled a large part of the continent.

That's why Africa retains so much of its original diversity in language and culture. This is not a 'post-colonial problem'. Small but frequent wars were the price Africans paid for that rich diversity all through their history, and they are still paying it today.

Since modern communications technologies now make it almost impossible to suppress all those languages and cultures, the only possible solution is to integrate them into broader shared identities. The work has begun, but it will take at least another generation. Meanwhile, lots of wars, mostly internal ones.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Different ways of Caring

Seniors' stories and "how to live like a senior" advice covered a couple of pages in the Orangeville Citizen last week. Pictures of smiling seniors high-fiving each other, gathered together, and it was all fine. They looked as though they were in pretty good nick and there was also an advertisement for an in-home care company; another for building equipment to aid mobility in the home. All the bases were covered, so it seemed.

Yet, after the card games and other activities, those seniors have to go home. Nowadays, it is good to hear, seniors are considered better off living in their own homes, maybe where they have lived for many years. Those might be lonely homes though, for a self-sustaining senior if a beloved partner has left it; if all the youngsters have flown to their own lives. Relationships between an older person and their younger associates, especially their children of any age are as important as any old pal could be.

The obituaries in the Citizen acknowledge the sad passing of seniors, a couple of whom lived over 100 years; others lived well into their 80s. Although those 100 or 80 years may seem to have zipped by, they look like long lives to the rest of us. The burning question is, where and how does a senior person live when aging begins to make them disabled?

Then, the meetings and bright conversations can fade away. A solo life at home can fade away and be replaced by a space in a residence, a room shared with others, every treasure taken away and all that remains are a few happy memories in frames on bedside furniture. These institutions vary enormously as to care, food and stimulation. However attentive the physical care is as to cleanliness and comfort - or not; whatever is the food as to nourishment and palatability; whenever are the diversions of card games, knitting circles, a time outside or hours in a wheelchair watching television: all this can range from excellent to the minimum. The level of each of these needs depends on how much a month the inmates pay to be there but it is never again "home."

Another place can have a resident chef, tables with tablecloths, and attractive settings. The accommodation is private suites, with a main room, bedroom, kitchenette and bath and is meant to be home to well-functioning seniors, ready to leave their own properties and enjoy the convenience of such full service.

At the bottom of the scale is a place of shocking contrast all the way to inedible lunches and dinners. But cheap.

Yet and yet, what really matters is the continued connection with one's family. I've seen people in such low-level care

who have been months without a visitor. This was the real heartbreak for them, even worse than the depression of where they were living.

For the experts talking about fruitful and happy old age here, there should be more said about keeping the connection of the people the elderly love by visiting and going out together with them when possible.

Many places in the world are home to seniors who habitually live really well to 100 years and more. They can live like this because they remain in their own communities; they continue to live with their families, still useful. These are called Blue Zones, where people live the longest on healthy diets, walking and other natural movements and staying within their communities. These so-called "Blue Zones" are in Italy, Greece, Costa Rica, Japan and even some places in California.

All our lives are lived spontaneously. We have routines, sure, but there is always the impulsive break – a meeting with friends, a digression in plans, an unexpected but welcomed visitor. Healthy longevity is not a mystery – it is the continuance of spontaneity.

Our natural living should not end abruptly and something less begin. Many cultures understand that ripping any person away from all that is known and loved

is not a recipe for a happy time.

Generational continuity is difficult in this very rapidly changing world when so many social norms are being smashed under the extreme weight of anonymous social interaction, where good manners and a cordial tone of conversation can be irrelevant and protocol allows and accepts hurtful conduct as the norm.

I can't imagine what parents teach their children about social behaviour if they and their children too are all preoccupied with their devices, faces down, eyes glued to little screens. Terrifying.

As we sow, so might we reap. The way our children treat us in our dotage may very well reflect how we cared about them in their youth. I have seen the best and the worst of senior living, here and abroad. I watched a sad lineup of folk in wheelchairs, waiting at the door of the dining room for their turn at muck no one wants to eat.

I have been in kitchens overseas where Grandma is still cooking wonderful meals or at least in attendance at the table, still loved and consulted, and I know who is better off.

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Small business is bleeding

Everyone knows you don't kick someone when they're down.

But that's what the federal government's recent budget did to many small business owners who are struggling to stay afloat or striving to take their new ventures to the next level of growth.

While the budget did include some small business relief measures, it also increased the capital gains inclusion rate.

The capital gains hike generated blowback from groups such as the Council of Canadian Innovators (CCI), who claimed the new taxes will stifle tech entrepreneurs trying to grow their businesses and cause "irreparable harm" to Canada's entrepreneur-based economy.

Other groups worried the tax increase was another nail in the coffin for Canada's small business sector. Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), said he was concerned that the budget measures had the "potential to demotivate Canadians from getting into business in the first place."

It's not just crushing taxes that are hurting small businesses. It's also job-killing regulations. Earlier this month, the CFIB published a blog by Simon Gaudreault, Chief Economist and Vice-President of Research at the organization.

Gaudreault argued that we could dramatically increase Canada's productivity by reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation. According to Gaudreault, we could free up 205 million hours of time, or approximately \$11 billion of squandered money, which could have otherwise gone toward more productive tasks.

The CFIB's most recent "Canada's Red Tape Report," published in 2021, had a revealing finding: although red tape ties up many businesses, it chokes the life out of small business. According to the report, the 2020 cost of regulation per employee for small businesses with fewer than five employees was an incredible five times more than for businesses with over 100 employees.

Canada's small business owners tell me all the time how they're being stifled.

An entrepreneur shared the following with me a few months ago: "The barriers to entry, compounded by the burden of taxation and the absence of incentives, have increasingly cast a shadow over the once-thriving entrepreneurial spirit. Like many of my peers, I find myself at a crossroads where the perceived risks outweigh the potential rewards, a realization that saddens me deeply. It is disheartening to witness the erosion of confidence in the entrepreneurial journey, particularly when confronted with the stark reality that the risk-reward balance no longer tips in our favour."

One small business owner and founder bemoaned the current state of affairs by saying that "entrepreneurs are swimming upstream in Canada today." And yet another said: "I will certainly not be endorsing any young person to start a business in this country until things change drastically."

These heart-felt sentiments are a devastating indictment of a system that is crushing the life out of Canada's once-

proud entrepreneurial spirit.

Canada's small businesses are bleeding, and if we don't stop the haemorrhaging by reducing taxes and slashing red tape, a growing number of them are going to go under or simply close up shop.

The National Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities I've proposed would require government to remove excessive regulations that stifle economic growth and unshackle small businesses by eliminating business tax on any small business with fewer than 300 employees.

If we reduced regulations and lower taxes, small businesses could grow like wildfire. It's one of the key principles in the economic charter of rights I've proposed. And it's the badly needed shot in the arm that Canada's economy needs right now.

To learn more about how the charter could help revitalize Canada's small business sector, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

FRANK STRONACH
CREATING AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



Free expression under attack

Americans may wish to look up north to see how the latest attacks on free thought and expression are proceeding. In Canada, governments, universities, and self-regulating organizations consistently undermine fundamental civil liberties that have historically allowed individuals in English-speaking democracies to flourish and innovate: the right to think and to speak.

One recent famous example is the College of Psychologists of Ontario, which harassed former Harvard and University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson because they didn't like his tweets. They demanded that he undergo remedial social media training. He refused, went to court, lost, and may lose his license to practice in Ontario.

There are many other instances in which free speech is being similarly suppressed in Canada. British Columbia nurse Amy Hamm, for instance, was persecuted by her own nurses' association for her off-work sponsorship of a local billboard that endorsed the view of famed British author J.K. Rowling on gender transition issues. Hamm's disciplinary hearing ended this month. She might soon face the same choice as Peterson: Submit to Orwellian reeducation or give up her profession as a nurse.

In Calgary, in 2021, another professional lost her tenured job and career because she stood up for Enlightenment-inspired empiricism. Mount Royal University fired Professor Francis Widdowson — a Marxist with a long history of sympathetic involvement with Canada's native population. Widdowson's thoughtcrime? She pointed out that there was no such thing as "indigenous" knowledge but that facts and data, science, and the scientific method are available to all.

All of that has chilled the ability of Canadians to think, talk, and argue out loud lest they be cancelled, harassed, or fired.

And it's getting worse. Now, thanks to Justin Trudeau's federal government, prosecution and jail could be added to the list of consequences for free-speech "offences."

In late February, the Liberal government introduced draft legislation in Parliament, Bill C-63. It purports to increase online protection for children. Officially named the Online Harms Act, that part of the legislation is laudable.

But what is not praiseworthy are the tacked-on provisions that will further restrict the rights of Canadians to speak, debate, and dissent. For example, the bill creates a "hate crime offence," which in the eyes of the government is "content that foments hatred." Such hatred is defined in the bill as that which "expresses detestation or vilification of an individual or group" based on categories in the existing Canadian Human Rights Act.

For those outside Canada not familiar with the list, it's all-encompassing: anyone "motivated by hatred based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression." To helpfully define "hatred," one aspect of the bill adds this clarification: "Hatred means the emotion that involves detestation or vilification and that is stronger than disdain or dislike."

Note that in this case, it's not actions that are being outlawed but thought, the key word being the allegation that someone might be "motivated" by hate to speak against the cited list of groups. Note as well that a civil servant in the human-rights bureaucracy will now have a hand in deciding whether or not the accused has engaged in emotions "stronger than disdain or dislike" and is therefore potentially subject to a Criminal Code charge.

Just as alarming, when the hate-speech case arrives in court, as the Canadian Constitution Foundation notes, claims will be judged "on a mere 'balance of probabilities' standard rather than the criminal standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt." The bill will even "allow judges to put prior restraints on people who they believe on reasonable grounds may commit speech crimes in the future." So future thought-crimes will be added to past thought-crimes as punishable Criminal Code offenses in Canada.

This will lead to a cornucopia of complaints, given that anyone will be able to file an anonymous complaint to the federal Human Rights Commission alleging that a "hate crime" has occurred. The commission, in turn, will be authorized to investigate, rule, and order "remedies," including prosecution if the government-appointed body concludes that the accused is "motivated" by hate.

Consider a few examples of how this could play out.

Imagine that the atheist Christopher Hitchens was still alive and shredding theists of all persuasions. Hitchens regularly disdained Christians, Jews, Muslims, and others whom he thought were anti-reason. Suppose that Hitchens were in Canada speaking with "detestation" about a religious group or person and then that someone complained about the speech. Hitchens could be hauled in front of a human rights bureaucracy, pronounced "guilty" of "detesting" said group or individual, and the Human Rights Commission appointees could then recommend that he be criminally charged.

Or how about Douglas Murray, a British journalist who publicly disdains the sharia-supremacist strains of Islam and argues that they contribute to antisemitic murder cults such as Hamas? Would he be guilty of fomenting hatred against Muslims if his "disdain" was judged to be "detestation"?

Or consider that both Christianity and Islam have adherents who aim to convert each other and who believe in a literal hell. Preachers in both faiths think they have a duty to warn the unconverted of such an end (with adherents in the other faith presumed to be heading for Hades). Such preachers regularly and publicly express their views on hell.

If a preacher of either persuasion heads down that road, anyone could lodge a complaint with the Human Rights Commission. The federal bureaucrats would then be tasked with sorting out which preachers are motivated by the benevolent desire to save people from the netherworld (as they see it) and which are motivated by disdain or detestation.

Yet another example: Scottish prosecutors just decided not to charge British author J.K. Rowling with hate crimes under Scotland's Hate Crime and Public Order Act, an exact replica of what Canada is now proposing (in Bill C-63). Rowling was placed under the legal microscope for her criticisms of comments by transgender activists and for simply "calling a man a man." (Her sensible position: Some gender dysphoria exists. That does not justify having biological men in women's shelters, bathrooms, or prisons, or on their sports teams.)

The proposed Canadian legislation con-

tains wording that, in theory, might lessen the chances of a hate-offense Criminal Code conviction based on one's supposed motivations. One bit of the bill clarifies that a hate crime offence will not have been committed "solely because it discredits, humiliates, hurts or offends the victim." But again, notice the language — "solely." Also, ponder the fact that Hitchens (were he alive), Douglas, Rowling, and others could still be subject to an investigation and prosecutorial recommendation.

Now imagine being an average Canadian, not famous, and without the funds to legally fight the state's not-so-kindly human-rights inquisitors: You could be forced to defend yourself in court over hate crime charges involving your "motivation."

To be clear, none of the examples I've cited involve violence or calls to violence — unlike the scenario that John Stuart Mill imagined when pondering the limits of free speech: an excited mob protesting outside the house of a corn dealer, calling him a "starver of the poor." That, Mills argued, is the kind of incitement to violence that should be restricted and punished.

Nor do my examples include the kind of actions and incitement by pro-Hamas mobs in U.S. and Canadian cities which are physically restricting access to coffee shops, campuses, schools, skating rinks, synagogues, the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, and in some instances calling for violence against Jews and even their annihilation.

Instead, Bill C-63 is all about speech, thought, and intent.

In Canada, given our bureaucratic legal bent, anyone who, with their words, dared to follow J.K. Rowling's lead would likely face the punishment outlined in Bill C-63: fines of up to \$50,000 and/or life in prison. And this is in a country where criminals convicted of drug dealing, property crime, and even violent offences often receive only a light tap on the wrist.

It's all very Orwellian — and now also all very Canadian. In the Great White North, thought, motivation, emotions, and speech are all about to be criminalized and potentially met with punishments once reserved for irredeemably violent offenders.

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The major bone of contention

There is a saying, "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus," and that's very true. Many of their attitudes towards various subjects are polar opposites of each other and while the various differences between men and women are intended to fill in each other's emotional gaps and make the sum total greater than the individual parts, some of these differences in attitude can create major bones of contention amongst an otherwise happy couple.

And one of the biggest bones of contention between men and women is: The house.

Men and women tend to see the house in a completely different light.

Women tend to see the house as confinement; Men tend to see the house as security.

And what I mean by that is that women are social creatures who see the house as something confining they want to get out of; whereas men are solitary creatures who see the house as something secure they want to get home to.

In the attitudinal differences of the sexes, a man's home truly is his castle and a woman's home truly is her nest.

The problem is, if Momma Bird hasn't been taken out of the nest for a while by Poppa Bird, sometimes she may begin to see the nest as her prison. And that's when Poppa Bird really starts to get chirped at by Momma Bird about it.

A woman wants to take flight from her

prison for the evening, but a man wants to hunker down in his fortress for the night. And this constant tug-of-war in attitudes can sometimes be a major source of friction between a husband and a wife.

How many times do you hear a woman say to a man after he gets home from work "You never take me anyplace?" And they're absolutely right. Men never take them anyplace.

But why? Being complicated creatures, women tend to overthink things. In their continual quest to understand the workings of the male mind (if and when it works), they are at a loss to understand the reason why their man refuses to take them anyplace.

But men are simple creatures and there's actually a very straightforward manly answer to their woman's "you never take me anyplace" complaint: after coming home exhausted from a hard day at work, men just don't want to go anyplace!

By 'Man logic', if we do go out someplace that evening, we're just going to end up back at the house at the end of the night anyway so why bother going out in the first place?

A man has his priorities established; everything he really cares about he has under his roof at that particular moment: his wife, his kids, his big screen TV. (And during the hockey playoffs, that order of priorities is reversed. Women, please take note of this and make allowances for it.)

A man's home truly is his castle. And when a man finally trudges home to his humble castle at the end of the workday war, he has fought the good fight all day and, utterly exhausted, wants to secure the perimeter and entrench himself in his castle fortress for the night.

He pulls up ye old drawbridge, shutters ye old windows, kicks off ye old work boots, and after eating dinner hunkers down for the evening to unwind in ye old easy chair and sits back to relax with a beer and a bag of nachos to watch the hockey playoffs on ye old big-screen TV. (And while he might not say it, many is the time he wishes that ye old wife would just clam up so he can watch the playoffs in peace and quiet!)

And for the duration of the night, as far as the man is concerned, the rest of the outside world can go to the devil. He is on furlough from the battle of life until the next day, when he has to muster up his strength, courage and resolve to go out and engage in the battle of life yet again.

If a wife wants her husband to take her someplace, she may have to approach the subject with her husband in the same way you make an appointment to go see a medical specialist: You have to schedule the appointment a couple of months in advance. That gives the husband enough time to steel himself for the upcoming event. And because the scheduled event is so far in the future, the husband can't see the harm in agreeing to the wife's request

just to get the wife to stop nagging him in the present. But once he agrees to it the wife has got him; he knows the event is coming and when it finally gets here he knows he agreed to it a few months ago so he can't make up an excuse to weasel out of it (if he knows what's good for him) when the scheduled time to go out with his wife is finally upon him.

And so they go out and have a nice time and the wife is appeased until she starts to feel confined again. And another cycle begins.

This is the way it has always been and this is the way it will always be.

Happiest at home after the workday, Dad would sometimes have to be verbally crowbarred out of his easy chair when Mom wanted him to take her someplace special. But once they got there Dad usually enjoyed where Mom wanted them to go.

So, ladies, as you get older you might think you have a stay-at-home lump for a husband, but rest assured that everything in his world is just the way he wants it and just the way he likes it. And remember, you are a significant part of that world.

And men, agree to a get-out-of-the-house opportunity with your wife every now and then. She deserves it.

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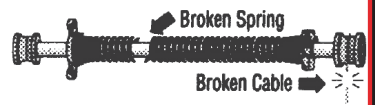
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Caledon Town Hall Players present new comedy, 'Harris Cashes Out!'

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Playwright, Londos D'arrigo's work is returning to the Caledon Town Hall Players stage with their production of his play "Harris Cashes Out!"

In brief, 40 years ago, the play's protagonist Harris Wellborn, playwright/lyricist, had an off-Broadway production; his original show closed one night after a snowstorm. Following that, he tried to write plays and musicals but there were no takers. He barely keeps body and soul together, living in a run-down apartment block, while depending on his domineering sister's charity.

He attempted to run a bed-and-breakfast, unsuccessfully. When all had failed him, Maggie, his bossy sister, moved him into the basic apartment where we pick up his story.

One day though, as director Kim Blacklock told the Citizen, life takes a surprising turn when Harris meets a young lady and her boyfriend, Kim and Jason, who take advantage of meeting him.

The internet-savvy Jason finds a way to sell the stories of Harris' life to people in the world who remember him. How does Jason discover these details and use them for his own profit, all the things Harris has kept all these years? Come and see the show to find out.

They start selling "his stuff" without his knowledge: music, writings and start putting it on the internet and making money.

"It's a lot of fun," Kim Blacklock promised, "A lot of good lines. We can depend on Londos for that."



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PREPARING FOR OPENING NIGHT: From left: Ashley Goldsmith as Kim, Rose Brown as Maggie, Stuart Davidson as Harris and Nick Patel as Jason in the Caledon Town Hall Player's latest play, "Harris Cashes Out!" Opening May 4 and running to May 11.

Indeed, the company produced a d'Arrigo play, "Spreading it Around," last year.

"He came to our production of 'Spreading it Around,'" Ms. Blacklock said, "It was fun to meet him then.

"Harris' writings and music had no success until now – a long time to wait and in all the wrong ways."

She admitted, "Diabolical but very funny in the end."

Published in 2012, Harris Cashes Out! has been produced around Canada and the US but not locally until now. Londos d'Arrigo lives in Toronto. For many years, he was

a comedy writer in Hollywood for Phyllis Diller and others, some of the time from Toronto, decades of working in Hollywood, from here and there, as Ms. Blacklock explained.

"It's interesting to see how different companies interpret his play," she noted. "But rare to meet the playwright."

Director, Ms. Blacklock, told us the rehearsals are going well. As the actors all have day jobs, there are always certain challenges. For this production, the leading man, Stuart Davidson, works shifts which must be accommodated. Yet, there is such

passion throughout the company for the productions and the theatre that a willingness to manage however they might is their pleasure.

Over the 35 years of Ms. Blacklock's involvement, they have lost members and patrons and she commented, "Each has left a legacy within our group, however they had contributed."

Like all community theatre companies, CTHP has its bills to pay; had to survive Covid, "Touch wood, we made it through," she remarked with relief.

Of the play, we asked her what she loves about the characters. She praised D'Arrigo for how he manages to write "awesome characters to relate to," adding, "If I wasn't directing, I'd love to be in it. It's about us getting older – in a good way. Everybody will enjoy it."

She made the point that it is important for there to be community theatre, for the chance to be creative; and do something for their audiences.

"Watch them laugh and cry; they get as much out of it as we get."

Starring Stuart Davidson, Rose Brown as Maggie, Ashley Goldsmith as Kim and Nick Patel as Jason, this "diabolical but very funny" play opens the weekend of May 4 to May 5 and then returns May 10 and 11, with evening and matinee performances.

"This is my creative outlet – to see everybody out and enjoying the shows is an amazing feeling," said Kim Blacklock. "There's nothing like it."

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Smile Cookie fundraiser for Caledon Meals on Wheels well underway

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

A volunteer-run, community-driven, not-for-profit organization that benefits seniors and vulnerable individuals in Caledon and Orangeville will be getting a boost in funding.

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) is partnering with four Tim Hortons franchises in Caledon for the Smile Cookie campaign that kicked off on Monday, April 29 and runs until Sunday, May 5.

For a few more days, people can purchase a Smile Cookie at one of the two Bolton Tim Hortons locations, the Caledon Village Tim Hortons, and the Tim Hortons located at Airport and Mayfield Rd.

The entirety of proceeds from Smile Cookies sold at these locations will go to CMOW. Kim Rodrigues, Executive Director of CMOW, said Smile Cookies bring joy to customers and contribute to the well-being of communities.

Jay MacDonald, the owner of the Caledon Village Tim Hortons, said CMOW is an integral part of the Caledon community.

"We are proud to support their important work through the Smile Cookie campaign. As a Tim Hortons owner, it's incredibly rewarding to see the impact we can make together with our guests in supporting local charities like Caledon Meals on Wheels," said MacDonald. "We invite everyone to join us in spreading smiles and making a difference in the lives of those in need."

Rodrigues said CMOW is a volunteer and community-driven non-profit organization that's dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of seniors and vulnerable individuals in Caledon, Orangeville and surrounding communities.

"With a mission to provide more than just meals, Caledon Meals on Wheels delivers nourishment, companionship, and a sense of well-being to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those recovering from illness," said Rodrigues.

She said CMOW's dedicated team of volunteers and staff work tirelessly to ensure no one in the community goes hungry. The non-profit also offers community programs to recognize the need for not only nutrition, but connection and support.



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SWEET CAUSE: Caledon firefighters helped out with making Smile Cookies at Tim Hortons on Monday, April 29, the first day of the campaign. The Smile Cookie Week Fundraiser is again supporting Caledon Meals on Wheels, which received nearly \$50,000 last year. Smile Cookies will continue to be sold



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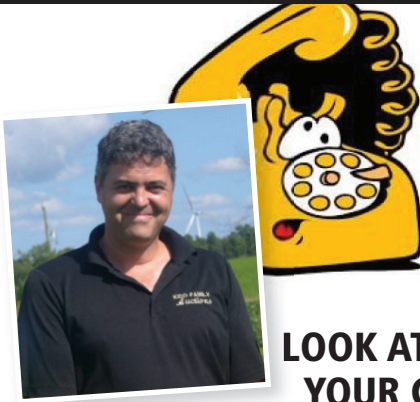
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TRACTORS: 896 Case tractor, 16K hrs, runs well; International 986 tractor, cab, 117hp.
TRAILER/LAWN TRACTOR: Canada trailer, 12'x6.5', folding ramps; JD 345 lawn tractor.
ATV/GOLF CART: 2014 Arctic Cat 500, 1968kms; E-Z-Go golf cart.
MACH/EQUIP: New Holland BR740 Silage Special round baler; Case RBX 451 round baler; Case 8330 haybine; Kongsild Vibrashank cultivator with harrows; Hardi 500gal sprayer; Midwest Ind 3pth backhoe attachment, 21" bucket; NH bale stack cruiser; V-ditching plow; NH 278 sq baler with thrower; NH 273 sq baler with thrower; (4)steel thrower 18' wagons; Deutz Fahr KS 85 rotary hay rake; NH 273 9ft haybine; 45' skeleton bale elev on wheels; NH hay rake; 20' skeleton bale elev.
FARM REL: 300gal Rubbermaid water trough; (2)Marweld elev round bale feeders; 6ft 3pth chain harrows; (2)feeder wagons; chute & crowding tub; (3)round bale feeders; (6)steel trough feeders; (2) mineral feeders with oilers; manual steel chute; skid steer bucket; dual auger snowblower-older; (4) hydro poles; Free standing cattle panels; dual tractor tires 18.4-38.
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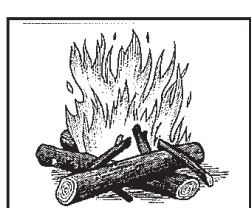
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Missing you on your 32nd Birthday Love Mom and Dad

OBITUARIES

RALPH (ROLF) KOCIALEK

Ralph (Rolf) Kocialek passed away peacefully on Earth Day, April 22, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones.



Ralph was born on September 27, 1938 to Else and Kurt Kocialek in Wuppertal, Germany.

He came to Toronto as a 15 year old where he continued his Lithography apprenticeship and had a long career in graphic arts.

He was predeceased by his wife Jean, who he was married to for 52 years. Together they raised four children on a hobby farm in Amaranth.

His creativity was admired whether he was creating artwork, renovating a 100 year old farm house, building furniture or constructing sandboxes for his grandchildren.

He had a great love and appreciation for the outdoors, spending countless hours planting thousands of trees and creating beautiful gardens. He found joy in playing cards with family & friends and sharing special moments around campfires.

Ralph is survived by his children Kim Vincer (John), Gary Kocialek (Karen), Karin Kennedy (Dave), Tim Kocialek (Stephanie), his grandchildren Scott (Janine), Brian (Mine), Dylan (Ashley), Wendy, Matthew and his dear friend Sheila Dinsdale.

Throughout his life he maintained a vibrant sense of humour which continued until the very end. He was a wonderful father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed.



HAROLD EDWARD MALTBY JUNE 11, 1943 - MARCH 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts and many tears that we announce Ed's passing at Headwaters Health Care Centre. He was a loving husband of Donna for over 51 years. Proud father of Kerry (Rob) and Kevin (Sarah). Adoring grandpa of Jillian and Josie Maltby. Remembered by his sister Betty Mino (Butch - deceased); sisters-in-law Sharon Maltby (Bruce - deceased) and Barbara Orr; brothers-in-law Bob Orr (Ev) and Richard Orr (Carmelina)



Honouring Ed's wishes no funeral service will be held. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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STK# 23007AA • 68,616 KM • 3.6L PENTASTAR V6, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 4X4, LIMITED X HOOD, GRANITE GRILLE/TRIM/ALLOYS, NAVIGATION, HEATED LEATHER, POWER LIFTGATE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, REMOTE START, UCONNECT 4C, APPLE CARPLAY/ANDROID AUTO, ALPINE AUDIO, REAR CAMERA, PARK ASSIST, HID LIGHTING, 20 INCH GRANITE WHEELS,

\$161 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$42,912 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

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2020 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE P250 FIRST EDITION AWD

STK# U009426 • 119,470 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 5-PASSENGER, NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, MEMORY, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 20 INCH ALLOYS, REAR CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, HEADS UP DISPLAY, DRIVE PACKAGE, PARK PACKAGE, MERIDIAN AUDIO

\$131 WEEKLY + HST 84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA

\$34,912 +HST/LIC \$0 DOWN

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STK# U161233 • 100,232 KM • 5.7L HEMI V8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.92 AXLE, 5.7FT BOX, 4X4, NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, UCONNECT12, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS/HEATED WHEEL, REMOTE START, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, REBEL LEVEL 2 GROUP, 22 INCH ALLOYS, ALPINE AUDIO, REAR CAMERA, PARK ASSIST, TOW PACKAGE

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