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## New Development Damaged

Firefighters responded to a structure fire in a new development on the west side of Colgan on Thursday, May 9. A home under construction in the luxury neighbourhood was destroyed and another was damaged by flames. No injuries were reported. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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# Wastenot Farms: Creating something good from organic waste

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Many people see food and organic waste as garbage – Jocelyn Molyneux of Wastenot Farms in Mono sees solutions and possibilities.

Wastenot Farms is a vermicomposting biorefinery where worms do the majority of the work by eating organic material and turning it into valuable fertilizer for gardens and plants.

These aren't your typical earthworms. They are Red Wigglers, the best type of worms to use for composting because they will eat and process anything organic.

While Red Wigglers are not a native species in Canada, they are not considered a risk because they do not have any kind of negative environmental impact.

Jocelyn started her career in waste management after achieving a Masters Degree in applied environmental science.

However, she was not impressed by the way the company she was working for was cutting corners to turn a profit.

"That's what I studied in my Masters program – who is willing to put in the extra effort?" Jocelyn explained. "With pretty much everything in environmental studies, it's more effort or more cost because you are taking responsibility. I studied why people sometimes go the extra mile, and why they do not."

Jocelyn began working with worms in a very small way.

"I had some of these Red Wiggler worms in a backyard composter," she explained. "I put some food waste out, and two days

later the food waste was gone. I had this 'light bulb' moment where I thought this is so easy, the worms are doing all the work. My next thought was, 'why aren't we doing this on a commercial scale? I knew there was a demand for this service in tenant offices in larger buildings downtown (Toronto)."

She started doing the composting for many of these large buildings.

Currently, the Wastenot Farms operation employs close to 3 million Red Wigglers that eat organic waste material and produce manure that has the nutrients that help plants thrive. It is a totally natural process that turns waste into a viable product.

Its not a simple as it sounds to produce a quality product all the time.

Alana Maule, Wastenot Farms operation manager, has a degree in molecular biology and does research and testing to ensure quality control.

The farm sources raw materials from a variety of other businesses that produce organic waste. The worms will eat and process anything organic. They eat everything from coffee grounds to waste wool from a sheep farm.

Oddly enough, the one material the worms won't eat is seeds. They instinctively know that seeds belong in the ground for a purpose.

"They are mother nature's intestines," Jocelyn said of the way the worms process the waste.

Finding new workers isn't necessary as the worms naturally reproduce and the workforce is constantly being replaced and



**WORM FARM** – Wastenot Farms in Mono produces soil additives from organic waste products. The farm uses millions of worms to process the waste and produce a natural soil product. Jocelyn Molyneux, and her team – Alana, Brett, and Cat – use their knowledge of composting to create the final product.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

growing.

The end result is high value soil additives that are produced in the most natural way possible.

Adding just one handful of manure to your potted plants will produce good results and help a plant thrive.

The brand name for the final product is Jocelyn's Soil Booster. The products are

sold locally at Harmony Whole Foods in Orangeville, Rock Garden Farms in Caledon, Alliston Botanix, and the Hockley General Store in Mono.

Products are also available online through Amazon.

You can learn more about Wastenot Farms and their products by visiting online at [www.wastenotfarms.com](http://www.wastenotfarms.com)

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## Stevenson Memorial Hospital currently under investigation

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Stevenson Memorial Hospital is under investigation by the provincial government, and investigators are seeking input from the public regarding their experience at the hospital.

A statement issued, says "The Government of Ontario recognizes that Stevenson Memorial Hospital is an important part of the community of Alliston [and] New Tecumseth and surrounding areas. In order to ensure optimal hospital performance and service delivery, it has ordered an investigation into the hospital."

As part of the investigation, investigators are seeking input from the public regarding the care experience and services offered at the hospital.

Feedback will remain anonymous and only common themes will be included in the final report to the Minister of Health.

A survey is available online at the Stevenson Memorial Hospital website.

The survey requests information regarding patient experience and quality of service while attending the hospital as both an in-patient and visits to the emergency department.

If you would like to use the survey to include your input, the survey will be available until May 23, 2024.

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# Community philanthropists announce the establishment of legacy fund

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A group of community philanthropists has announced the establishment of the Jody J. Levac Legacy Fund in honour of Jody Levac, president and CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Levac recently announced his retirement.

This is the first legacy fund in honour of a hospital president and CEO established in Simcoe County.

This fundraising initiative aims to celebrate and honour Mr. Levac's outstanding contributions to Stevenson Memorial Hospital and his dedication to advancing healthcare in the community while creating a legacy gift in his name.

Under Mr. Levac's leadership, Stevenson Memorial Hospital has undergone significant growth and transformation over the last 10 years, enhancing its services and infrastructure to better serve the needs of patients and their families.

The Jody J. Levac Legacy Fund will continue its legacy by supporting the hospital's ongoing redevelopment efforts.

Donations made to the Legacy Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000, thanks to other community donors: Sylvia Biffis, Dr. Ted Vandevs, Rory MacKinnon, Darlene Blendick, Gary Sim, Mike Martin,

Brian and Patricia Snell, Alan Dresser, John Swinden, and Debbie Hudson, doubling the impact of every contribution.

The funds raised will be directed towards a future naming opportunity within the new hospital building.

"On behalf of my father, Lou Biffis, our family, and the Nottawasaga Foundation, we are incredibly grateful for Jody Levac's leadership and dedication to Stevenson Memorial Hospital," said Sylvia Biffis, Director of Convention Sales for the Nottawasaga Inn Resort. "The Nottawasaga Foundation's longstanding relationship with Stevenson and working alongside Jody on a shared vision for the Hospital's redevelopment has been integral in our commitment of support. I am honoured to be a part of this legacy fund to celebrate Jody's dedication to Stevenson. The establishment of the Jody J. Levac Legacy Fund provides an opportunity for the community to express their appreciation for his tireless efforts and to contribute towards the future of healthcare in our region."

Mr. Levac assumed the role of President and CEO at SMH in January 2014. He earned accolades for his effective leadership during pivotal times such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

His tenure witnessed significant milestones including advancing the SMH redevelopment plan, which attained Stage 1.3 functional pro-



**IN HIS HONOUR** – A Legacy Fund has been established in honour of Jody Levac, president and CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH). Mr. Levac recently announced his retirement. He has been with SMH since 2014. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

gram approval. Under his stewardship, SMH attained commendable recognition from Accreditation Canada.

"Jody's unwavering dedication has helped bring the community together and has ignited a spark of collective action," said Dr. Ted Vandevs, community advocate and philanthropist.

"Now, fuelled by appreciation for his advocacy and persistence, the community stands ready to show our appreciation and continue his legacy."

To donate to the Jody J. Levac Legacy Fund, visit online at <http://bit.ly/JodyJLevacLegacyFund>.

## National Public Works Week celebrates town employees

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

National Public Works Week is coming up from May 19 – 25, and there will be an opportunity for the public to see the inner workings of Town infrastructure as well as some of the valuable equipment that keeps the Town in shape.

This year's theme is "Advancing Quality of Life for All."

The theme highlights the way public works professionals contribute to, and enhance the quality of life in all the communities they serve.

This year there will be a free mulch giveaway during the Brendan Holly Wastewater Treatment Plant tour.

If you want mulch for the garden, bring your car or truck and take advantage of this opportunity to use the mulch to get your garden looking good for the warm weather.

There will be public tours of the Wastewater Treatment plant on Thursday, May 23, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to see the inner workings of a facility that you may have always wondered about.

Staff will give a guided tour and explain how they treat wastewater before returning it to local waterways.

On Friday, May 24 there will be a Touch-A-Truck event, held at Alliston Memorial Arena.

This is an opportunity to see

Town trucks up close. There are several different types of vehicles used by the Town for things like street sweeping, snow removal, road maintenance, and general maintenance.

Town workers will be on-site during the event to explain how each vehicle works.

There will also be giveaways, a food truck, and tree education by Professor Pricklethorn.

During the event, there will be a chance to help Fill a Truck with non-perishable donations to the local food bank.

Most children love the Touch a Truck event, having the chance to see some of these big working vehicles up close.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Your permanent record

There are few things that are dreaded more when you're in elementary school, than when a teacher glares at you and says, "That is going to go on your permanent record!"

Oh no! Not your permanent record! You'll be carrying the mark of Cain like a neon sign bolted to your forehead, or maybe you'll have to wear a scarlet letter on all your clothes so everyone knows you have a blotch on your permanent record.

My Grade 7 homeroom teacher – a lovely woman, who would have fit in nicely as a guard in a Second World War internment camp – told us a blotch on our permanent record meant we would never get into university, or get a decent job, and we would be life-long losers. Yes, she really said that.

The blotch on your record meant you were doomed for eternity.

She would threaten you with adding something to your record every chance she got.

I'm pretty sure my permanent record is collecting dust somewhere in a school archives, or more likely was shredded and put in the trash years ago.

Despite the threats, I realized that no school, employer, or police agency, has ever

requested a copy of my permanent record. In fact, no one has ever even requested an actual diploma to prove that I even graduated high school.

I would like to think, that girl who sat next to me in Grade 5, and eventually went on to become a teacher herself, realized what a nasty thing it is to threaten a kid with writing something bad about them on their permanent record - and that girl who is now a teacher, has decided not to be that kind of teacher.

But I'm sure it still happens.

There is an online forum that I am active on, and it occasionally has posts about school nightmares.

One parent told her story. Her young daughter had been having a difficult time in school for several years. She complained the teachers picked on her and always gave her a hard time. The kid started a new year, and was suddenly enjoying school, getting good marks, and was a lot happier.

The parent was determined to find out why things had changed.

During a parent/teacher conference, the parent asked a lot of questions. The teacher finally admitted he did not read reports on kids coming into his class.

He reasoned that the reports were only someone else's opinion, and he did not want to judge one of his new students by what another teacher said about them.

They pulled the kid's record. Sure enough, the original teacher labelled the daughter as trouble. The next year, the new teacher saw this report and treated the daughter as if she were going to be trouble. The trend continued for several years all because one teacher didn't like the student.

The current teacher, the one who did not pre-judge his student by reading the opinion of others, said he found the daughter to be pleasant and polite in the classroom, and a good student.

There seems to be very little forgiveness when it comes to writing down some people's wrongdoings.

When it comes to criminal or anti-social behaviour, you have to keep a record. A guy who has a long rap sheet and continues to be a menace to society needs to be kept on a short leash.

However, some people make mistakes and never make another one.

The TV show Border Patrol, documents border crossings and focuses in on people who did ridiculous things, like bringing in a

dozen chickens in a suitcase, but declaring they are not carrying any kind of meat. Those circumstances never end well.

There was one fellow trying to enter the U.S. to attend a sporting event. He was denied entry, because they discovered he had an assault charge – 40 years earlier – as the result of a street fight.

The customs people determined he was a threat, because of that incident, which he said he could barely remember.

Think back to a time you have done something, probably in your youth, that now, you are not proud of.

Would you be happy if someone brought it up at a social event in front of other people decades later?

"Hey Bob, remember that time you got drunk, and drove your car over the neighbour's dog, and we buried it in the back forty, and the neighbour asked you the next day if you had seen his beloved pet?"

Think back – for many people, that's not all that far-fetched, is it?

Sometimes letting bygones be bygones is the best course of action.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Homes Away from Home

Taking a leaf out of some of our historic documents in the past, I'm writing this in two parts.

It rarely fails to bring a smile to my face when I come across an old postcard or letter where the writer has settled down to jot down their thoughts to the intended recipient, only to a break for one reason or another, and, noting with a simple "later," picks up where they left off after a day or two before hitting the post office.

Sometimes they are simple postcards back home to check in, catch relatives up on what they have been up to; other times, they can be a bit more exciting, like a missive from a more exotic part of the world or from a swanky ocean liner or train like the Orient Express.

What comes after the "later" often picks up directly where the writer left off, but other times the break in writing sessions can serve as evidence of "sober second thought," perhaps showing some additional perspective on the events in question, written a bit removed from the heat of the moment.

I'm starting this week's column about 10 days prior to when it's due to arrive at your door – setting fingers to keyboard just a few

days before heading to the airport to spend some time on the west coast with friends.

It hasn't been all that long since I last saw them. I was in Los Angeles last November to celebrate the milestone of a dear, long-time friend. At that time, however, said milestone was the predominant focus of the trip, including extensive preparation for the big event. As valued as the reunion was – the first one we've had since the start of the global pandemic – it was nothing short of a whirlwind and, before too long, we all agreed that we deserved a bit more of a leisurely time to catch up, particularly after 27 years of friendship.

The concept of "home" means different things to different people. It always has, but perhaps these concepts have either been augmented, enhanced, or redefined in the midst of a housing crisis.

Given my own experiences with housing transition over the past few months, I've come to see that as much as dwellings can be defined by their four-plus walls, for some "home" can mean the people you're with.

That's very much how I feel about the people I'm due to visit. They, and their environments, are homes away from home – despite the geographic and political border

that separates us.

I feel the same way about a city in upstate New York that has been the destination of our annual family vacation for almost a quarter-of-a-century now. Although I don't have permanent roots there, the experiences we've had and the friendships made along the way, feel like the next best thing.

And yet, as excited as I am about this trip, and all the opportunities it will afford to renew connections, I have to admit there is a degree of trepidation.

Given how divided and heated the political climate is for our neighbours to the south at the moment ahead of what promises to be a federal election unlike anything we've seen before on either side of our parallels, there is a sense of urgency amid this trepidation.

Will this be a grand finale of sorts?

Will there be more opportunities to get back to a place that will bear a resemblance to what's known and loved as it is?

If there are, will it be under the same circumstances or in an environment radically different from the one we know now?

Will future visits still have the sense of being a homecoming, or will the tables turn, making the GTA a new home-away-from-

home destination for them, pending the fickle finger of fate that is the American electorate?

Only time will tell.

Later...

Back on home turf after 10 days south of the border, I'm not sure if I came back any further enlightened on what the future might hold.

Interacting with friends in various parts of California, ride share drivers, and other assorted strangers, there seems to be a sense of trepidation over what's ahead.

While I had a marvellous time catching up with well-loved friends and the unifying drive of renewing bonds that had slightly atrophied during, and were tested by the global pandemic, there was the sense of entering a tinderbox with a book of unlit matches just on the horizon with plenty of striking surfaces strewn on the road between said horizon and the here and now.

Indeed, and perhaps jokingly, were conversations of how to come north if things turn, well, south – questions of just how

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# Restoring universities to the original mission

About a month from now, hundreds of thousands of students in cap and gown will attend graduation ceremonies on university campuses across Canada.

The students will graduate with a lot of knowledge regarding topics such as philosophy, sociology and political science.

The one topic they won't have explored, however, might be the most important one of all – and that's the question of what constitutes an ideal society.

The Greek philosopher Plato founded the Academy around 2,400 years ago, regarded by many as the first university in the West. At the top of the curriculum at Plato's Academy was the subject of what constitutes an ideal society.

Plato's ideal state included features such as justice, harmony and the greater good of society.

But what about our society? What do we believe are the essential building blocks for creating a more civilized society, one that brings the greatest amount of freedom, peace and prosperity to its citizens?

Universities are the ideal place to explore these sorts of issues. After all, advancing knowledge and exploring new ideas are a fundamental part of a university's DNA.

Over the years, I've had dealings with many universities around the world. I've funded research centres related to entre-

preneurship and technological innovation and given guest lectures on campuses in Canada, the US and Europe.

But until recently, it never occurred to me to consider what was the overriding purpose of a university. In conceiving and drafting the framework of an ideal society, universities should look at all aspects – everything from the arts and sports to business and medicine. They should also consider the ideal structure of government – one that ensures individual liberty and places certain checks on the power of elected officials.

One of the ways we currently do that is through our charter of democratic rights and freedoms. But what about other rights, including, most importantly, economic rights? Why has no society ever enshrined an economic charter of rights, and what should those rights be?

My belief is that economic charters of rights will help create economic democracies, and economic democracies – where the greatest number of people enjoy the greatest amount of wealth – are the foundation for democracy itself. I also believe that an economic charter of rights would be one of the cornerstones of any ideal society.

The composition of an ideal society isn't just something for ancient philosophers to ponder. It's a noble quest that we should

likewise pursue – and our universities should be leading the way.

Universities can get the ball rolling by inviting some of the world's best minds and accomplished people to talk about the framework necessary for building an ideal society. They should convene symposia and open forums and begin mapping out a blueprint for what that society would look like and what we need to construct it. And they should create new faculties solely dedicated to this topic.

That doesn't mean throwing out many of the features that have made our society a magnet for people from around the world. Instead, it's a chance to make our

society greater yet – to add new elements that would enrich the lives of its citizens while shoring up many of the shortcomings that are currently holding us back.

The ancient Greeks thought the creation of an ideal society was a noble pursuit and ended up building one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever seen.

We should also take up the same challenge. A society that stops striving for greatness is a decaying society.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Geological time
- Ooze
- A set of eight
- Obstruction
- Swiss mathematician
- Philosophy
- The night before
- A timid person
- Unifies
- Gangs
- Alternative name
- Acumen
- Cathode-ray tube
- Tantalum
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Humiliate
- Earthy pigment
- Air Force
- Adult males
- Stiff untanned leather
- Before
- Atomic #18
- Beer mug
- Nostrils
- Type of chef
- Midway between north and east
- They \_\_\_
- Splits
- Walk in a timid manner
- Preserved animal skin with hair
- Popular donut shop item
- You smear it on bagels
- Don't know when yet
- Equal to 10 amperes
- Synthetic acrylic fiber
- One point south of due east
- Of mixed ancestry
- Home of the Pyramids
- A way to change color
- Excessive fluid

**CLUES DOWN**

- accumulation in tissues
- Untangle
- One from the U.S.
- Academic terms
- San \_\_\_ Obispo, in California
- Not healthy
- Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- Arugula genus
- VIII
- Makes a monarch
- Tormentor
- Commercials
- Sprinkle
- Make a mistake
- Freshwater fishes
- Vermont town
- Man-made device
- Entrap
- Places to store important things
- Accumulate
- Greek mythological nymph
- Gregory \_\_\_, American dancer
- Denotes past
- Becoming popular again
- Indicates position
- Came before
- An extra seed-covering
- Cheerful
- Deli sandwich staple
- Skateboarders love them
- Mandela's party
- Sierra lake
- Nickname for Elizabeth
- Remove from record
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Former NFLer Newton
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Work unit
- Town in Cambridgeshire

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# Beauty and body art businesses reminded to notify health unit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Owners and operators of beauty or body art businesses are being reminded by the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit that they must notify the Health Unit before opening or if they renovate or provide new or additional services.

This includes services that are provided from a residential address.

Beauty and body art businesses are personal services where there is a risk of exposure to blood or bodily fluids.

Services include but are not limited to, tattooing, body and ear piercing, hairdressing and barbering, manicures and pedicures, micro-blading, needling, waxing and electrolysis.

They also include facials and skin

services, permanent make-up, and eyelash extensions.

Business owners and operators are responsible for making sure they comply with Ontario's Personal Service Setting Regulation.

Anyone planning to open a new business, renovate, or add services to an existing business must notify the Health Unit.

Notification must be submitted in writing using the online Notification Form for PSS Businesses at least 14 days before opening or offering the new services.

The business will be inspected by a public health inspector.

Business owners can find out more information about public health regulations for operating a personal service by visiting online at [www.smdhu.org/PSS](http://www.smdhu.org/PSS).

# Alliston Lions Club collecting old smartphones to be repurposed for visually impaired people

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Alliston Lions Club has launched a new initiative in partnership with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

They are collecting unwanted smart cell phones that can be repurposed for people who are visually challenged.

The phones can be modified to assist people with visual impairment by providing magnification and flashlights. They can turn a voice into a text format and create a voice from incoming messages.

In addition, the repurposed phones can

be adapted to use a larger screen. There are several other modifications to cell phones that can be used to help people with visual impairments.

The Lions are embarking on a new challenge of collecting used photos and donating them to CNIB.

The CNIB cleans, disinfects, erases data, and repurposes these phones for people in the New Tecumseth area.

If you have an unwanted phone, you can drop it off at the drop box in front of the Lions Hall at 60 Boyne Street in Alliston.

Other drop-off locations will be announced in the future.

# Local hospital appoints interim President

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) is announcing the appointment of Barbara Steed as Interim President and CEO.

Barbara is an experienced healthcare leader, having held roles such as Executive Vice President, Patient Services and Chief Practice Officer at Oak Valley Health, and Executive Vice President, Clinical Services and VP of the Regional Cancer Program at Southlake Regional Health Centre. Some of her accomplishments include:

- System level leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic at the provincial and regional levels;
- Strategic and clinical lead in the first Kids Health Alliance partnership with the Hospital for Sick Children;
- Redevelopment of the vision and operational plan for all hospital clinical programs.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are looking forward to having Barbara join the organization as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, providing her expertise and leadership skills that will guide us into the future," says Norm Depta, Chair, Board of Directors, SMH.



**NEW LEADER** – Barbara Steed was recently appointed as Stevenson Memorial Hospital's new Interim President and CEO. She's held several leadership roles in the health care industry. Steed will start her new role on May 21.

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Barbara will start her role effective May 21, 2024.



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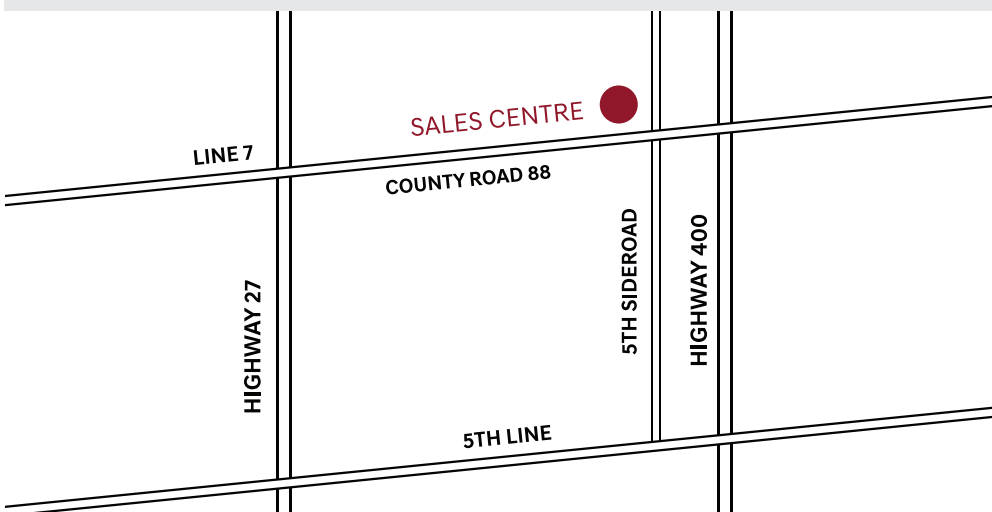
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Humane Society Woof Walk supports shelter and animals

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The annual Alliston & District Humane Society Woof Walk is coming up fast. The fundraiser is in support of the shelter and the animals it cares for.

The Woof Walk will be held at the Humane Society's property near Everett. Visitors can tour the property and get an inside look at the shelter.

There are two trails that will be used for the walk. A 1-kilometre trail provides an easy path through the grounds. A 3-kilometre trail winds its way around the property and the pond.

It should be noted that trails have uneven terrain so you should bring proper walking shoes.

Strollers and wagons for children are welcome but may be difficult to manage on the longer trail, especially if the wheels are not designed to handle uneven ground.

During the event, there will be a free bar-

becue, dog games, shelter tours, a vendor's market, and door prizes.

To participate, you do not have to walk a dog. If you bring your dog, the dog must be leashed and under control. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

The walk will take place rain or shine.

Everyone is encouraged to fundraise by collecting donations using the downloadable pledge form or by collecting online.

The Humane Society takes in many animals that have been abandoned or surrendered. Many of the animals require medical care.

It relies on donations to fund its operations.

The Woof Walk will take place on Saturday, June 8, at the Alliston & District Humane Society Shelter, located at 5545 Concession Rd. 4, Everett.

The gets underway at 11:00 a.m.



**FUNDRAISING FOR FIDO** – The Alliston & District Humane Society Woof Walk is being held Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. The walk starts at the shelter, 5545 Concession Rd. 4, Everett.

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**MCHAPPY DAY CELEBRATED** – McHappy Day was celebrated at McDonald's restaurants across Canada on Wednesday, May 8. The event raises funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities as well as other local charities. The McDonald's restaurants in Alliston and Angus participated with a portion of the funds raised going to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF). Members of SMHF and McDonalds kick off the event at the Young Street McDonalds location in Alliston.

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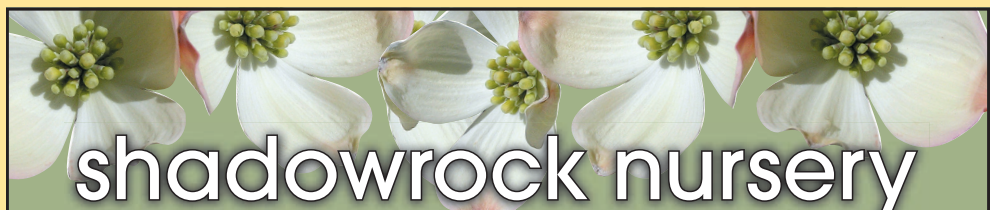


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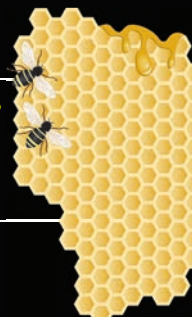
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# SPORTS

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**KICKIN' UP DUST** – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders baseball team takes on Stayner Collegiate Institute on the diamond at Riverdale Park in Alliston on Tuesday, May 7. The Marauders played a doubleheader. In the first game, they gave up a 6-5 loss to Collingwood. The second game against Stayner resulted in a 7-2 win for the Marauders. The team is 2-1-1 for the season. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



**REWARDING HARD WORK** – The Alliston Hornets honoured their players after a successful season that saw them capture the North Carruthers Division championship. The season-end banquet was held at Boston Pizza in Alliston on Saturday, May 11. Cole Turcotte, #17, was named Top Scorer and MVP. The Most Sportsmanlike Player award went to Clayton Goymour, #77. Jackson Young, #27, was honoured as the Most Improved Player. The Rookie of the Year award went to Parker Barnard, #29. The Top Defenceman award was given to Payton Palbiski, #25. Rod Lewis, #31, was named Top Goalie. The Dougie Award, for overall team and community player went to Aiden Landers, #92. The Playoff MVP award was given to Duncan Grube, #23. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**



**HONOURING THE HORNETS** – The Alliston Hornets honoured this year's overage players who have now completed their Junior hockey career. The honours were given at the hockey club's annual year-end banquet, held at Boston Pizza in Alliston. Clayton Goymour, #77, and Rod Lewis, #31, were thanked for their contributions to the Alliston Hornets.

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## Two vehicle collision leaves one driver with life-altering injuries

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a two-motor vehicle collision that sent a driver to a local trauma centre with serious life-threatening conditions.

On May 8, shortly after 10 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP and emergency crews responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a commercial motor vehicle and a passenger vehicle on Tottenham Road between 11th line and 12th line. The driver of the passenger vehicle was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre in critical condition with life altering injuries.

Tottenham Road was closed between 11th line and 12th line for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionist assist with the investigation.

If you or any one you know witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 705-434-1939 or 1-888-310-1122, or you may submit your tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

### POLICE CHARGE SIMCOE POOL COMPANY FOR DEFRAUDING \$489,000 FROM CLIENTS

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged two individuals following a two-year fraud investigation related to pool installations across the County of Simcoe.

Between Feb. 1, 2022, and Nov. 27, 2023,

the OPP received numerous reports of fraud in several detachment areas involving a pool and landscape company.

Clients experienced numerous delays and misdirected communications. The clients' backyards would either be left in disarray with improper installation or, in most cases, the work never started.

Investigations revealed that the accused used the company to defraud more than 16 different clients, amounting to over \$489,000 in losses.

Matthew TAYLER, 46-year-old from Barrie, has been arrested and charged with:

- Fraud over \$5000 - 14 counts
- Obtaining by false pretences over \$5000 - 14 counts
- Mischief over \$5000 - 3 counts

Jaime GALIPEAU, 47-year-old from Barrie, has been arrested and charged with:

- Fraud over \$5000 - 14 counts
- Obtaining by false pretences over \$5000

Both the accused have been released on an Undertaking and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on June 20, 2024.

### LOCAL POLICE INVESTIGATING THEFT OF VEHICLE ON MAY 10

The South Simcoe Police Service commenced a stolen vehicle investigation in the Bradford West Gwillimbury on May 11.

The owner of a black 2022 Acura RDX reported that he had left his vehicle parked

on Imperial Court on May 10. The following morning the vehicle was observed to be missing.

The owner described the vehicle as being all black, with tinted windows, black/chrome rims, and red brake calipers. The vehicle had yellow headrest covers on the front two seats that say "Guyana" on them.

At the time of the police investigation the owner was in possession of both key fobs for the vehicle. Police have canvassed the area in search of video and information. If anyone has any information regarding this occurrence please contact Constable M. Pavetich at 905 775 3311.

The stolen vehicle has an Ontario license plate – CVXX 611.

### CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION VEHICLE RECENTLY STOLEN

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a theft of a Credit Valley Conservation vehicle from Island Lake Conservation in Mono.

Dufferin OPP received a call for service at Island Lake Conservation for the report of a stolen vehicle on May 10. Officers secured video surveillance where the suspect is observed between 6:40 p.m., and 7:40 p.m., on May 9.

The stolen vehicle is described as a 2012 Dodge Caravan, white in colour, with a Credit Valley Conservation logo on the driver's door.

If you have any information or video sur-

veillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Dufferin OPP is committed to enforcement initiatives targeting this issue and will continue to educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.

### CONCERNED CITIZEN REPORTS IMPAIRED DRIVER TO POLICE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver observed at a restaurant drive-thru.

On May 5, at approximately 5:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a complaint from a concerned citizen over the way a vehicle entered a restaurant drive-thru in Bolton. Officers attended and located the vehicle.

The investigation revealed that the novice driver had a blood alcohol concentration above zero and stolen licence plates were recovered.

As a result, a 23-year-old male from Brampton was charged with:

- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero, and
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 6, 2024, to answer to the charges.

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## Brock's Banter: Homes Away from Home

Indeed, and perhaps jokingly, were conversations of how to come north if things turn, well, south – questions of just how many people we might be able to accommodate if needed.

During previous trips, there were few topics off-limits and there felt to be both a reluctance to talk about politics this time around, coupled with the sense that there was so much to be said if only someone asked.

One ride share driver, for instance, was a very pleasant middle-aged woman who self-deprecatingly described herself as an "old bat" when she was anything but. Settling in to her back seat, it took only a few minutes for her to segue from her monologue on Barbra Streisand's 48-hour-long audio book to another audio book by US politician Liz Cheney and all thing related to the events of January 6, 2021.

Passionate about singer and Senator alike, the daughter of the former US Vice President had the edge, leading to a further monologue on the Biden administration, the Trump tri-

als, and the upcoming election. There was a sense that she was blessedly relieved to get a lot off her chest in what she presumably felt was a safe environment.

I felt this same relief as well.

Not knowing just what kind of environment we would be walking into, I was heartened that the pressures from all directions had not diminished the generally warm and welcoming environment I've always experienced in California. With all they've had to endure over the last few years, no matter what "side" you're on, one might expect their collective light to have dimmed just a little bit.

Not so.

There was a sense of perseverance all around, the determination to do what they can to foster the future they want, and be a either a part of change or preservation. But, in the good sense of pragmatism, they're still open to having a Plan B in their back pockets.

It might, therefore, do us some good to give our collective guest rooms a once-over before too long, just in case!

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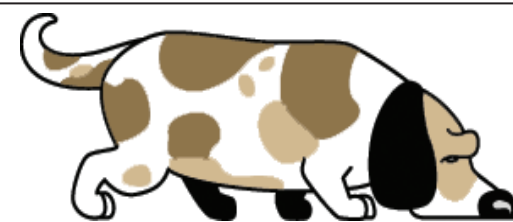
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