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Who is this Brooklin athlete?



See the story about Elle Riley on pages 4-5



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Aftermath of The Snowpocalypse

Dave Speed and Hector Moreno didn't have to ponder this question for more than a few seconds: Had you ever before seen anything like that snowstorm?

Speed, Whitby's Fire Chief, harkened back to 1999 when Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman called in the army to help with a snowstorm. Moreno, who is Whitby Manager of Roads and Transportation, went back further, to 1990. Except, as he pointed out, that storm's dump was over three days.

Which is to say that what we experienced placed huge pres-

ures on our resources. There were complaints about roads not yet plowed, windrows untouched, and sidewalks perhaps cleared but devoid of salt. Before the storm, around 700 Whitby residents had signed up for the seniors windrow program. Even more have registered since.

"We did struggle to meet the public's expectations," Speed admits. "It was very unusual. Our setup was not designed for that much snow in such a short time."

Moreno's department has access to a special weather provider that gives forecasts three times a day. As the storm approached,

Moreno explains, he and his staff were looking at projections days in advance, deciding what equipment would be activated, where and when. The problem was that the forecast couldn't provide conclusive information regarding the rate of snowfall. "I don't think we'd ever be able to adequately staff for a 55 cm storm," Moreno adds.

After the initial 5 cm fell, it became clear they were facing something unusual. As Moreno said, it became "all hands on deck" mighty quickly. He himself managed about four hours of sleep each night during the storm.

For the most part, while the hilly remnants of the event remain on our lawns, Speed and Moreno are preparing a report to council on what was done and why. To that end, they've been meeting with each councillor to obtain a list of the key complaints and where they were centered.

"The number of complaints were relatively small compared with the population," Speed says. "We did a pretty good job under the circumstances."

Still, the two state they're keeping an open mind as to what would need to happen in the event of a similar storm. Moreno refers to needing to be mindful of their fiscal responsibility. In other words, running out to buy more equipment and hire more staff isn't necessarily the solution at this time.

Morale among staff during those harrowing hours was high, even with the fatigue. "There was a sense of pride in the job they did," says Moreno.

Meanwhile, with neighbours helping neighbours, we experienced first-hand what a sense of community we do have, with or without plows.

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Residents who wish to speak virtually at the meeting must register with the Town Clerk by noon the day of the meeting. Forms are available at whitby.ca/Delegation. For comments or questions about the budget, contact the Financial Services Department at treasury@whitby.ca or by phone at 905.430.4300 x1952

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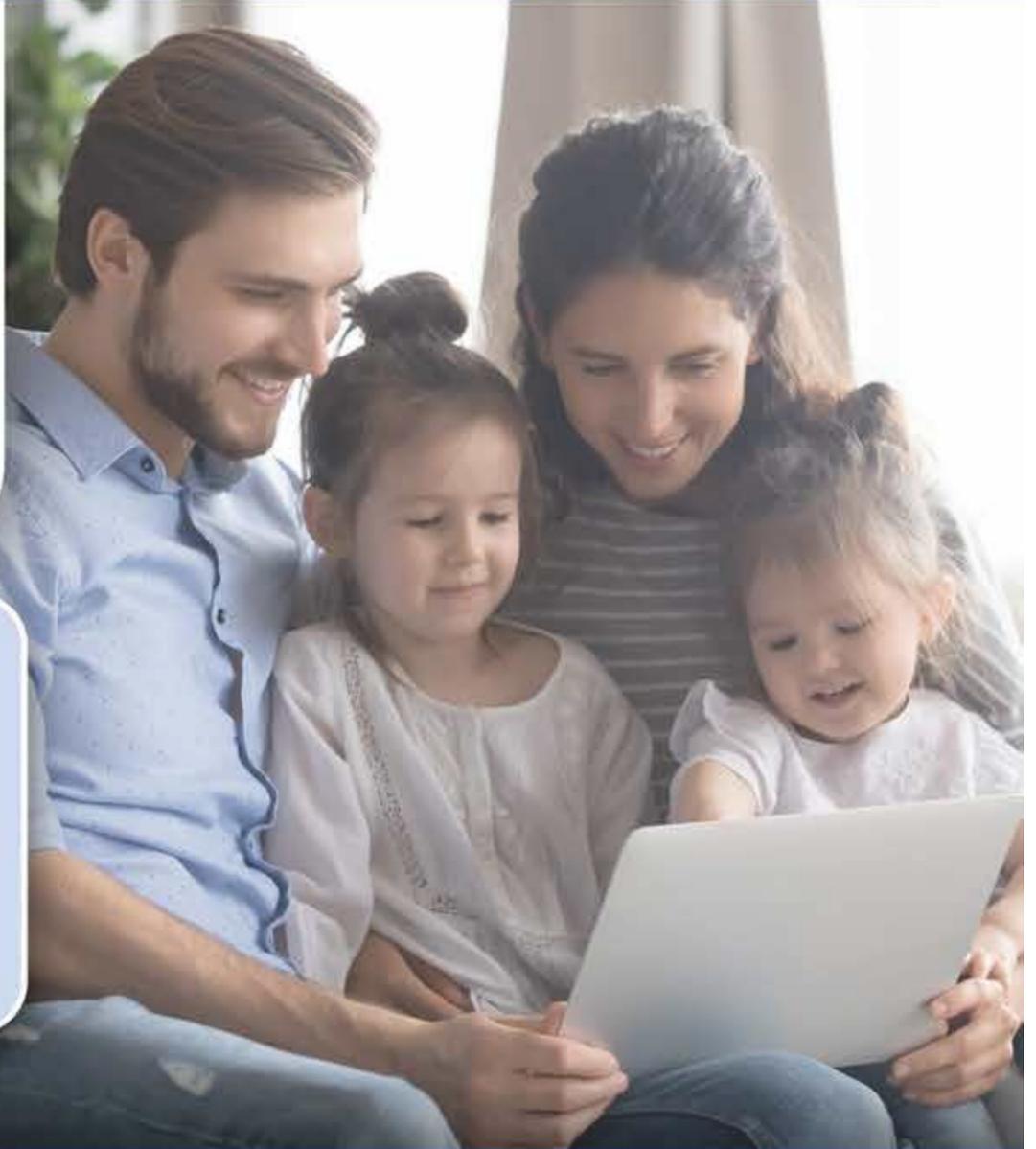


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Brooklin Athlete Competing in TV Event

One of the more unique “reality” TV shows is the TVO Kids’ All Round Champion. Brooklin’s Elle Riley, a provincial record holder and a nationally ranked hurdler, is participating in the weekly series of the show’s fourth season.

kids in the event along with an as yet unknown special coach. That show has not yet



As her mother Liza recently explained, the show auditions and selects 10 athletes, five boys and five girls between the ages of 11 and 16, to compete in a cross section of sports. The uniqueness steps in when each athlete has to coach the other nine in their particular specialty while not competing, but being assisted in the coaching by a well known nationally ranked athlete in that sport.



In Elle’s case, as a hurdler, she did not participate in the hurdles but had to coach the rest of the

aired. **Casting call** Each year, the show puts out a casting call to various Canadian sports bodies seeking athletes

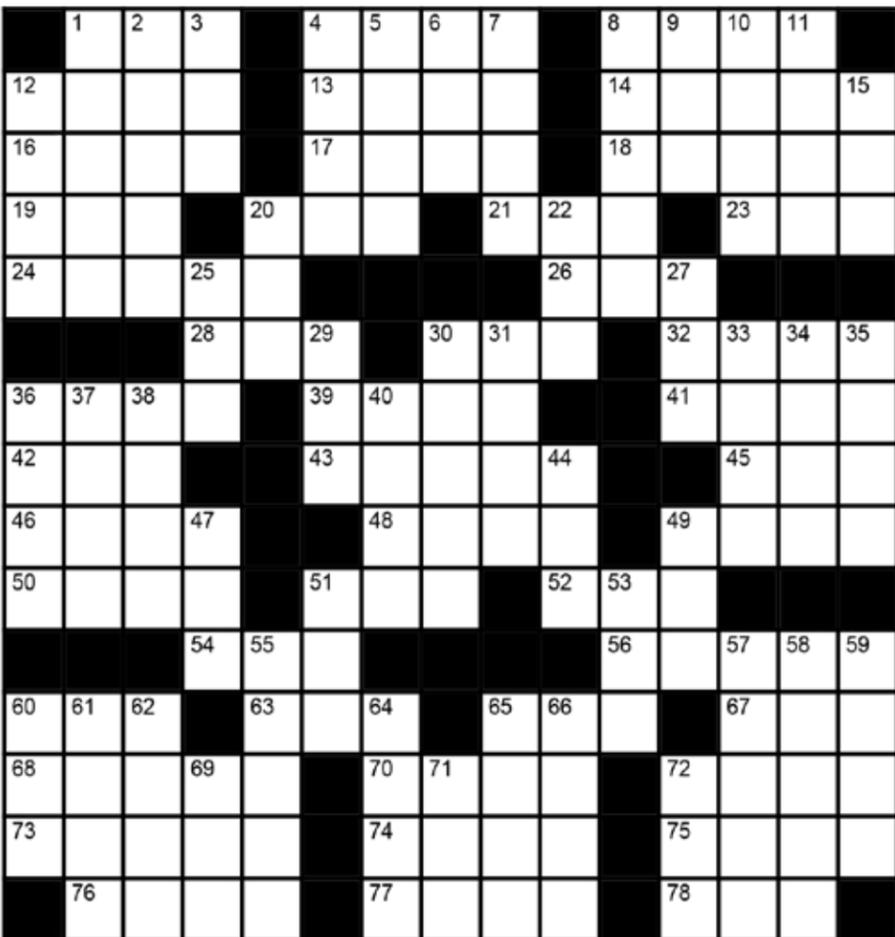
who are among the top in their disciplines to participate in this non-elimination series of events. Elle, a grade 11 student at Bill Crothers Secondary School that specializes in being a home for high performance athletes, was selected as the track athlete. She went through multiple interviews before being accepted on the show to compete in five win-

ter and five summer sports. While the shows were taped months ago, they are in the midst of being aired now with the first five having already been on TV. The one-hour episodes are on TVO Kids every Wed. and Thurs. at 5 pm for a half hour each or on Sunday for a full hour.

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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword



- 26 Pick, with “for”
- 28 Hit the slopes
- 30 Cousin of an ostrich
- 32 Accomplished
- 36 Bogus
- 39 Same: Fr.
- 41 Can of worms?
- 42 Aquarium denizen
- 43 The physical body of a human being
- 45 London’s Big ____
- 46 Think or believe (archaic)
- 48 Sweetheart
- 49 Mimic
- 50 Infinitesimal amount
- 51 ____ Royal Highness
- 52 It has a certain ring to it
- 54 Batiking need
- 56 Malaysian dish on a skewer served with peanut sauce
- 60 Blood-typing letters
- 63 Farm animal
- 65 Be behind
- 67 Adam’s madam
- 68 Evening hour
- 70 “Cleopatra” backdrop
- 72 Mountain goat’s perch
- 73 Valentine symbol
- 74 Mouselike animal
- 75 Two-masted sailing vessel
- 76 Dog biter
- 77 Chinese dollar
- 78 “Dog Day Afternoon” character
- 8 Emit a single short high-pitched signal
- 9 Blight victim
- 10 Street fleet
- 11 Cap site
- 12 Facts
- 15 “____ to Billie Joe”
- 20 Moo goo gai pan pan
- 22 “____ rang?”
- 25 Any doctrine
- 27 Can opener
- 29 United Nations agency to promote trade
- 30 High guy in Dubai
- 31 Arizona city
- 33 Newborn
- 34 Legal claim
- 35 11,000-foot Italian peak
- 36 Son of Ramses I
- 37 Achilles, e.g.
- 38 All the time
- 40 Hamburg’s river
- 44 QB’s cry
- 47 Roll of bills
- 49 C.E.O.’s degree
- 51 Chop down
- 53 Bring into play
- 55 “Fiddler on the Roof” role
- 57 ____ firma
- 58 Benefit
- 59 Safecracker
- 60 Baseball bat wood
- 61 Complain
- 62 White House office shape
- 64 A deadly sin
- 65 Earthenware pot
- 66 To think; to imagine; to fancy (archaic)
- 69 Afore
- 71 Debtor’s note
- 72 “60 Minutes” network

- Across**
- 1 Carpentry tool
 - 4 First light
 - 8 Call’s companion
 - 12 June 6, 1944
 - 13 United Nations agency concerned with civil aviation
 - 14 Grassy plain
 - 16 Adjutant
 - 17 Multiple independently targeted reentry vehicle (a type of missile)
 - 18 Put in
 - 19 Casual attire
 - 20 Amalgamate
 - 21 Reply to a captain
 - 23 “Comprende?”
 - 24 Sound

- Down**
- 1 “Farewell, mon ami”
 - 2 Walked through shallow water
 - 3 Caustic chemical
 - 4 Kind of store
 - 5 Battery contents
 - 6 Combat
 - 7 Astronomer’s sighting

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Like the other participants, Elle was forced into trying sports completely new to her, like fencing and power lifting. As Liza said, "You learn to grow from doing that. She had to learn to be uncomfortable and persevere among a group of very high achievers."

Elle, who trains in the Durham region, holds provincial records in the 200 and 300 m hurdles and is nationally ranked in that latter event. Her goal is to one day compete for Canada.

To watch previous seasons of All Round Champion, visit https://www.tvokids.com/school-age.AllRoundChampionTV/?ref=page_internal



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When Development Arrived

By Jennifer Hudgins

In the spring of 1954, Myron Vipond so upset Brooklin townsfolk that a petition was started to halt him in his tracks. What had he done?

Vipond had just severed and sold 100 acres of his Brooklin farmland to four Toronto lawyers, Montgomery, Mitchell, Ferguson and Cassels, to build 600 ranch style houses. For over 50 years, there'd been virtually no residential and commercial construction in the area. So it explains why the sale elicited a strong negative reaction from people who had been content with the status quo. However, the petition opposing the development did not affect the outcome.

The first building permit from Whitby Township was obtained by the developer on July 8, 1954,

and Meadowcrest Homes broke ground in September. The following year, construction began on what became known as "the subdivision" and it was finished in 1958, expanding the village to the west of Baldwin Street. This brought in a period of growth on a scale never before seen in Brooklin.

Early buyers

The first three houses sold quickly. Bill Vipond was the first to take possession at 23 Montgomery Avenue in 1955 and lived there with his family until his death in 1991. Allan and Eleanor Holman moved to 24 Montgomery shortly after. They had bought the property directly from those lawyers as real estate agents did not yet exist. In 1956, the Ballards bought the furnished model home.

Those three houses were surrounded by land waiting to be developed. Water came by hose from an Artesian well, later to be replaced by the famous water tower erected in 1962. The waste management was through septic tanks until the mid 1980s when the town brought in sewers.



At the time, Vipond Road was just a farm track and Cassels Road a dirt lane which slowed construction to a crawl. After the first three houses were built, Meadowcrest Homes ran into a few snags, so the building stalled for a while. People pre-ordered their houses and so, to keep up with the demand, lots were sold to other builders.

Check out the price!

In late 1955, General Motor workers went on strike and out-of-work buyers were given a price reduction if they chose to finish off the interiors themselves. A three-bedroom, one bathroom finished house on a 75' x 110' foot lot sold for approximately \$12,000.

Brooklin certainly benefited from the services that came along with the subdivision. Meadowcrest Public School, for instance, opened in 1958 and within six

years construction of Brooklin's post office at 2 Price Street was underway. The Bell Telephone Company erected a building and a new fire hall was built. In 1961, the Brooklin Public Library opened. More importantly, the development nay-

sayers discovered that the "subdivision newbies" were thoughtful, caring people who contributed much to the community.

For several decades, there was no further major development until the mid-1990s when construction began east of the village between Queen Street and Thickson Road.

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Whitby Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Ends

The Whitby Autonomous Vehicle Electric (WAVE) shuttle pilot project will conclude testing in this month. The pilot project's conclusion was announced at the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee (TEC) Meeting on February 2, following additional updates on the WAVE shuttle pilot project. More than 250 passengers had the opportunity to ride the WAVE shuttle over the course of the four-month pilot with a total of 2,390 kilometres driven in both autonomous and manual mode (including set up time).

The project garnered valuable information on the technological capabilities and limitations, weather, accessibility, insurance and policy surrounding autonomous vehicle integration into public transit. Specific insights and data for the project are being compiled by the project partners. This will help to inform future preparations for autonomous vehicles on public roads and public transit systems. The shuttle manufacturer, Local Motors, is ceasing operations, the TEC learned.

Collision update

An update was provided on the Durham Region Police Services' investigation of the December 16, 2021, WAVE shuttle's single-vehicle collision, confirming the

shuttle was operating in manual mode at the time of the incident. The hazard mitigation safety systems, used when in autonomous mode, were not engaged when the incident occurred. The shuttle was not in service at the time, and the lone occupant, the safety attendant who was operating the vehicle, is expected to make a full recovery. The incident is not related to the closure of Local Motors.

The WAVE shuttle pilot project was the first-ever autonomous shuttle integrated into an existing transit service in Canada. Durham Region Transit (DRT) Route 300, a six-kilometre shuttle route, began and ended at the Whitby GO Transit station, making a loop through the Port Whitby area. The project team will arrange for the removal of smart technology infrastructure and signage from the route.

Whitby Mayor Don Mitchell offered, "I would like to thank Whitby residents and all project partners for supporting this pilot that will help to advance autonomous and sustainable technologies and innovation, locally and around the world. This project represented a number of local and global firsts and we were proud to have hosted it in our Town."

Project Partners

The project was supported by the Government of Ontario, in funding through the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN), which is led by the Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI), in addition to funding from project partners at the local, national and international levels, including:

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- OVIN: funding to support this technology commercialization and demonstration project
- Ministry of Transportation: regulator for autonomous vehicle pilots in Ontario
- Metrolinx: provincial transportation agency
- SmartCone: project lead, provider of smart infrastructure

technology

- AutoGuardian By SmartCone: operators of the intelligent infrastructure and autonomous shuttle
- Town of Whitby: host community for pilot
- Region of Durham: traffic and signal operations
- Durham Region Transit: transit service
- Local Motors: shuttle manufacturer
- Ontario Tech University: Automotive Centre of Excellence for autonomous vehicle maintenance
- Durham College: outreach and engagement support
- Transport Canada: regulator for importing the autonomous vehicle shuttle

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



How to "veganize"

We often think of going plant-based as a whole new way of eating. But to keep it simple, we can start with some favourite recipes and just re-do them. Rather than reinventing the wheel, with a few tweaks, you can still enjoy some of those meals.

These can be re-made using different ingredients. It's what I call "veganizing" the recipe. For example, for spaghetti sauce, you can switch out the ground beef for canned green lentils, Beyond Meat or even chopped cremini mushrooms. I make a yummy spaghetti sauce from scratch and have used various alternatives, my favourite being ground Veggie Ground Round, my least favourite being bulgur wheat.

When my kids were young, they would look at dinner, then back at me and ask suspiciously, "Is there tofu in this?" Mostly, they couldn't tell.

Baking substitutes

Baking is a great way to experiment with substituting animal-based products for plant-based ones. I still make the same banana bread and oatmeal cookie recipes I've used for 35 years. But instead of a real egg, I use a flax egg. You can also substitute egg with applesauce or mashed ripe banana.

Dairy is easily replaceable and there is a wide variety of non-dairy kinds of milk. Generally, in baking, you would use coconut milk as a replacement as it's sweeter and fattier, making for better baking. Soy milk tends to add a strong flavour in cook-

ing. I prefer an oat milk latte, but you can also experiment with nut milks.

For many, the hardest is to replace cheese. It's been a long haul getting cheese alternatives that taste good and I've thrown a few brands out. A good spreadable cheese alternative is a Canadian brand, made from cashews, called Nuts for Cheese. I've served it to guests who didn't realize it wasn't dairy cheese. You can also try coconut oil based cheeses. Farm Boy has its own store brand available in sliced, shredded or block style.

I'm always cautious when someone tells me something tastes just like meat. I used to love the taste of meat. Since going vegan 11 years ago, I have given up on the illusion of finding something that tastes like a steak. I've learned to enjoy the wide variety of foods from many different cultures that don't base all their meals around meat. You can easily find more substitution ideas online.

Recently I made a terrific "parmesan fake cheese" and have been sprinkling it on salads, soups and pastas to add a nice sharp flavour. It's from the blog www.theminimalistbaker.com.

Parmesan cheese alternative

- 3/4 cup raw cashews
- 3 Tbsp nutritional yeast
- 3/4 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder

Instructions

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