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Golden Girl at Girls Night In



Brooklin High's Maggie MacEachern speaks to over 100 staff and students at the third annual Girls Night In event at Brooklin High last week. MacEachern was captain of Team Canada's gold medalist world U18 team this past winter.

photo credit: Girls Night In photos by Usman Asad and Mary Tuano

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Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



This might get your goat

Students and teachers recently protested the provincial government's education changes. It brings to mind an old joke about Marie Antoinette during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. While heads are being lopped off, a courtier runs up to her, panicking. "Madame, the peasants are revolting." To which she snaps, "Indeed, and you're not so much to look at yourself."

Meanwhile, in the current epoch, perhaps it went thusly:

"Let's cut stuff. Education first. The public generally doesn't support teachers. Summers off. Short work days. Great benefits and pension. It's safe."

"Sir, there'll be quite a hue and

cry..."

"Hugh and who?"

"Um, teachers will complain. Probably have marches with clever placards. The usual."

"It'll toughen them up."

"Right you are, sir. Our cuts will make them all more resilient. We can go with that. Brilliant, Mr. Premier. Why didn't I think of that?"

And so it went as expected. About 600 Brooklin High students took to the streets on April 4, joining thousands of others across the province. The peaceful, organized march along the Carnwith sidewalk (they weren't allowed to protest on school grounds) did feature some witty sig-

nage. But what was not lost was how in tune today's teenagers are with what will happen to their classrooms.

Here's a for instance. One fellow I know, a high school teacher, has a colleague who teaches grade 12 physics and is expected to have 39 in his September class. You don't have to be intellectually superior to grasp what a disaster that will be for the majority of those kids. Will it make them more resilient, to quote Education Minister Lisa Thompson? How exactly does flailing in academic quicksand prepare teens for anything other than misery?

Then there's the ridiculous requirement for all high schoolers to take four online courses to graduate. Beyhan Farhadi, a University of Toronto PhD candidate and former teacher whose thesis is on e-learning, asserts that it's a terrible idea. Those of us who've taught online courses know full well about the following:

- They're too often a quick and easy route to a credit as the con-

tent is minimal

- For teachers, it's mostly online marking and written feedback, neither in real time, which students need.
- For students, there's zero social interaction with fellow students nor are they able to develop a proper relationship with the teacher. It will be 440 hours (each high school credit is 110 hours long) not spent with a trained professional
- Research indicates that only the more self-motivated, independent students succeed

And, let's not forget the "snitch" line to report on teachers who chose to teach a modern health curriculum rather than the one steeped in a bygone era which the ministry ordered.

As for qualifications to direct the next generation's education, prior to her election as an MPP, Ms. Thompson was the general manager of The Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative. I "kid" you not.

Correction

In the April 12 issue, we provided incorrect information about where the proceeds to Tammie Kip's recently published book "Your Extraordinary Self" are going. The proper information is as follows: Some proceeds from each sale are directed to the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity and books are also being donated to various local not-for-profits such as Denise House and Federated Health Charities.

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Between May and October 2019, the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation will be conducting larviciding programs, under the authority of Durham Region's Medical Officer of Health, to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent the development of vectors of West Nile virus.

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The granular formulation of the larvicide VectoBac 200G and/or the granular formulation of the larvicide Bacillus sphaericus (VectoLex CG - Registration No. 28008 under the Pest Control Products Act, Canada) might also be placed in sewage lagoons in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

All larvicides will be applied by Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks licensed applicators or trained technicians.

For more information on the locations and dates of treatment on:

Regional and Municipal property - contact the Durham Region Health Department at 1-888-777-9613 or visit durham.ca for additional information about West Nile virus

Ontario Ministry of Transportation property - contact Ontario Ministry of Transportation at 1-416-235-5462 (collect calls accepted) or email westnileinfo@ontario.ca for additional information.



Spring Fair Has New Theme

This year's Brooklin Spring Fair (May 30-June 2) will have a new theme: Come on out and Show Us Your Dairy-Eh! Last year was for the bees but this year they're calling the cows home! The Brooklin Agricultural Society is excited to bring attention to our dairy industry by celebrating all things dairy at the Fair.

The Demolition Derby will return on the Thursday night while the

Ram Rodeo Tour will take place on Sunday afternoon (times to be announced).

Buskers will be at the Courtyard Stage and new family entertainment pieces will include the Ride All Day pass. Details are still being finalized.

For information, visit brooklin-springfair.com

Heritage Society Hosts Doors Open Walk

The Brooklin Heritage Society Janes Walk and the Town of Whitby will host two walks on Sat., May 4, from the Brooklin Legion. The first will start at 10:30 am and the second at 1:30 pm.

Wear walking shoes as Whitby's Heritage Planner and the Heritage Society take you on a guided historical walk through downtown historic Brooklin.

Bring a camera to capture your adventures and binoculars to get a good view of birds and other wildlife. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Follow the Doors Open signs; they'll lead you where you need to go. Site volunteers will be happy to share their knowledge. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant or visit many of our great downtown shops.

Tag us in your photos @TownOfWhitby and share on Facebook or Twitter with #WhitbyDoorsOpen.

For more info:
<https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/en/whitby/brooklin-heritage-walking-tour>



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Durham's Ugly Problem: Human Trafficking

By Richard Bercuson

Canada's longest and most important highway, the oft maligned 401, is also the repository of what has become a dirty secret: the emergence of human trafficking. In Durham region alone, between Bowmanville and Pickering there are over a dozen hotels and it is usually there that this underbelly of society thrives.

Such was the opening message at Brooklin's April 13 Town Hall, hosted by Councillors Rhonda Mulcahy and Steve Lee.

This first-ever event, held at the Brooklin Legion, had about 30 attendees and featured talks from Durham Police Detective Sgt. Brad Chapman, Kate Moore from Safe Hope Home, and Durham District School Board Trustee Nikki Lundquist. Councillor Elizabeth Roy was also present, offering a personal tale of someone in her family's descent into the lifestyle.

Chapman, who grew up in Pickering and has been a police officer for 19 years, informed the audience of how and where the problems begin and grow.

"A couple of those hotels accept cash," he said, "and while they do cooperate with us, it hasn't stopped the problem."

Luring with gifts
Traffickers, aka pimps, lure young girls, with money, gifts, and, most importantly, their attention. "A 15 year old girl with a \$300 purse, two phones and expensive nails is a dead giveaway," he said. "When I see that, I immediately suspect something."

He described two types of pimps: the Romeo pimp and the Gorilla pimp. The Romeo pimp showers girls with the attention they crave then uses that to lure them into the sex business. The pimps take all the money. He knows of one who made over a quarter million dollars in a year selling 15 year olds for sex in local hotels.

In other instance, one of the more sordid stories he told, a 12 year old was being pimped by her parents. Now 30, the woman has been sober for just over a month, the longest stretch since age 12.

The Gorilla pimp, however, uses violence to achieve his goals.

Addressing cravings
"There are huge barriers to break

down," he said, "because the girls are getting what they crave." They're "recruited" at various venues: fast food restaurants, libraries, or any place that young teens might go to. Of course, social media play a major role and are the homes of many victims and pimps. "Now it's just so easy with the internet," he added.

The profile of such victims, who generally cross all socio-economic levels, includes having expensive gifts, dating older guys, and school grades dropping in addition to fancy nails and hair. Often victims have few friends, are naive, and thus susceptible to advances.

However, with the DRPS now having a dedicated unit to deal with the issue, more arrests are being made. As well, grade 9 female students in all schools are given an education in sex trafficking.

Education is power
"Education and information are power," Chapman said. "The harder the pimps have to work and the more difficult we make it for these people, the better it is."

Councillor Roy, whose 19 year old niece in Detroit, has become just such a victim, chimed in, "You just don't know. You have to be in tune with your kids. They need to know it's okay to share."

Kate Moore works with Safe Hope Home, an Ajax-based organization which provides assistance, guidance and, in a few cases, housing, to trafficking victims ages 16-29. The organization's operational budget is government funded but requires extensive fundraising to directly support the girls it works with. Moore says it's biggest cost is for trauma therapy.

"We try to empower the girls to rebuild their lives," Moore says. "We have a 3600 approach in that we try to provide them with every-

thing they need."

The idea behind this, she emphasizes, is that if they don't meet the girls' needs and the trafficker does,



Brad Chapman



Kate Moore

pimps.

The Town Hall's final speaker was DDSB trustee Nikki Lundquist who talked about one problem being how society commodifies girls' bodies. "What are we allowing our girls to do?" she offered. "We need to talk to the girls, but we also need to talk to the boys and have frank conversations."

In the end, those in attendance left with a much clearer understanding both of the scope of human trafficking in Durham as well as what is being done by the police to stop it and organizations to help victims and educate the public.

For more information about this topic, visit **StopHT.com**. To learn more about or donate to Safe Hope Home, visit **safehope-home.com**.



Councillor Steve Lee hosts the Town Hall. (Seated left to right) Brad Chapman, Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy, Kate Moore, Nikki Lundquist, Councillor Elizabeth Roy

New Name-Same Goal: Brooklin Lacrosse Club

By Sam Laskaris

Brooklin's Major Series Lacrosse squad has a new name. The franchise's Board of Directors has voted to drop the moniker Redmen and simply be called the **Brooklin Lacrosse Club**. The change is effective immediately.

The name change has occurred weeks before the start of the 2019 campaign. GM Brad MacArthur

added it will logistically take a bit of time for all changes to take place, on and off the floor, to reflect the squad's new name.

"This is an unprecedented name change for us," he said. "And to have it occur so close to the start of a new season makes it more challenging. We're asking for patience from everybody as we make all nec-

essary changes to reflect our new name of Brooklin Lacrosse Club.

"While we now have a new name, the goal remains the same," said Dean Link, the president of the Brooklin team. "We want to not only win the Major Series Lacrosse championship this year but we are also setting our sights on winning the national Mann Cup title."

Brooklin will play its regular season home games on Wednesday nights during June and July. The six-team MSL will again include the Brampton Excelsiors, Oakville Rock, Six Nations Chiefs and two-time defending Mann Cup champion Peterborough Lakers.

The team begins its regular season on June 2 in Cobourg versus the Kodiaks. The home opener will be on June 5 at 8 p.m. at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre, also against Cobourg.

Brooklin Girls Provincial Champs



Three Brooklin girls, Reese Van Olsen, Camryn Penny and Emily Jackson, were members of the Rebels Crush team of the Durham Rebels Volleyball Club (DRVC) which captured the 2019 Ontario Volleyball Provincial Championship 12U title on April 15. The two-day Ontario Volleyball Association's championship finals were held at RIM Park in

Waterloo.

Prior to the OVAs, the Crush competed in nine 12U and 13U tournaments around the province, winning gold in Scarborough, Kingston, Barrie, and Stouffville.

DRVC offers competitive and recreational youth volleyball programs

throughout the Durham Region with 11 rep teams competing in the Ontario Volleyball Association.

In the photo: Reese Van Volsen (back row, middle - 4th in), Camryn Penny (front row, second from right), Emily Jackson (front row, far right)

Gym Ringette Coming To Brooklin

The Brooklin Community Centre gym will be the site of Durham's first ever gym ringette game. It will take place on Sat., April 27, at 5:15 pm. Two teams of U9 (under age 9) girls, the Pickering Lightning and Whitby Wild, will compete,

The game is to promote gym ringette, a summer program run under the auspices of the Whitby Ringette Association. It costs \$95 to join the program

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Town of Whitby

April 26, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on April 26 at 4:30 p.m. to watch a movie with popcorn and treats or May 1 at 3 p.m. to help kick-off Youth Week. whitby.ca/youthrooms

Earth Day

Get involved in a community clean up! Various activities and initiatives will take place throughout the community including Pitch-In Brooklin on April 27. whitby.ca/earthday

Doors Open

Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., have a unique, behind-the-scenes look at some of the community's most notable and historically significant buildings, landmarks and businesses. whitby.ca/doorsopen

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Public Meeting
April 29 at 7 p.m.

This dedicated public meeting is aimed at collecting resident feedback on development applications, initiatives and projects being considered or undertaken by the Town.

Committee of the Whole
May 6 at 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
May 13 at 7 p.m.

The meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315 whitby.ca/civicweb

Notices

Yard Waste Collection

Residents are reminded to place their yard waste out on their regular garbage collection day. Be sure to bundle branches and brush and keep within weight limits. whitby.ca/waste

whitby.ca/earthday

2019 WHITBY IN BLOOM

SPEAKER SERIES

MAY 22

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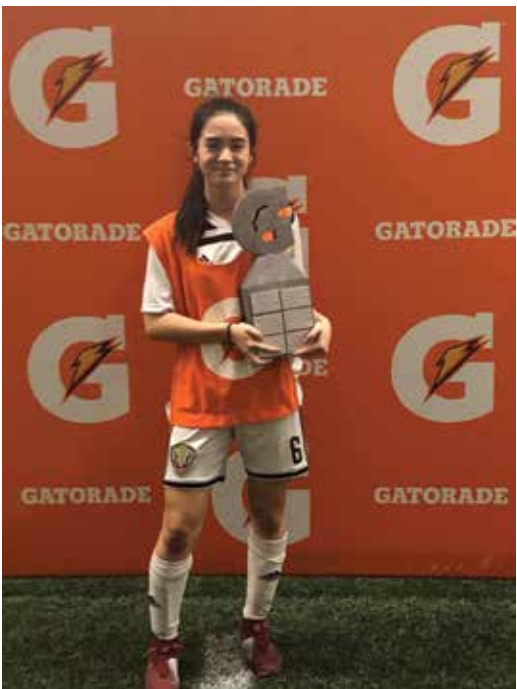
The Town is changing and growing for the better. And we need a brand that represents who we are today and who we want to be going forward.

On April 30, the Town is launching an engagement campaign to gather additional feedback from the community. This is your opportunity to get involved, make your mark and help tell Whitby's story. whitby.ca/brand

Soccer Player Representing Canada In Spain

Local soccer player Kaiya Bogers, who plays with United FA, will represent Canada at the 2019 Gatorade 5v5 tournament in Madrid, Spain. Her team along with Oakville SC qualified for the global final.

A winger and attacking midfielder, she was part of the 2018 Provincial Project program and has aspirations of playing for at the university level after she



penalties in the gold medal game. graduates from Brooklin High School. Over the last year, her club won the 2018 OPDL Charity Shield (as best team in the province), 2018 Ontario Futsal Cup, and the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Futsal Championship in Ohio which qualified them for the 2019 National Futsal Championship in Kansas where they finished second, losing in

CLOCA Hosting Earth Day Tree Planting

The public is invited to give nature a helping hand at Central Lake Ontario Conservation's annual Earth Day is Every Day Tree Planting. The event will be held at the north entrance of Heber Down Conservation Area, 5000 Cochrane St., Whitby, (Beside the Whitby off-leash dog park) on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am until noon. A Google Map is available at www.cloca.com.

The event is FREE and will run rain or shine. Those wishing to participate are asked to register at www.cloca.com or call 905-579-0411, ext. 142.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to plant 300 potted white spruce trees that will eventually grow into a mixed forest habitat. The public is asked to dress for the weather, bring a hat, sunscreen, boots and a refillable water bottle. Central Lake

Ontario Conservation's (CLOCA) Earth Day is Every Day event is a great opportunity for families, scout and guide groups, churches, businesses and students to assist and enjoy nature.

"We would like to say "Thank You" to RBC as this is their 8th year of sponsoring the event by purchasing planting stock and providing staff to help plant," says Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "Not only will these trees help fight climate change but once mature they will also provide wildlife habitat and help enhance ground-water resources."

For more information please visit www.cloca.com or contact Gord Geissberger at the Authority office (905) 579-0411, ext. 142, email: ggeissberger@cloca.com.

Whitby Earns Data Council Award

The Town of Whitby has been awarded platinum-level International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 37120 certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD), a global leader in standardized city data. Whitby is the 11th Canadian municipality to receive certification, joining a network of cities, like London, Dubai and Los Angeles, from around the world.

"As a Town, we are committed to operating in an open and transparent manner," said Mayor Don Mitchell. "This certification demonstrates that commitment and will help us profile what makes our community a great place to live and do business, on the global stage."

The ISO 37120 provides a standardized system of 100 indicators that can be measured by a municipality to gauge its social,

economic and environmental performance - key contributors to a community's quality of life. Whitby earned a platinum-level ranking by reporting on 95 of the 100 indicators. The results of these indicators can be shared with other ISO-certified cities to compare best practices and develop innovative solutions to shared challenges.

"Data is an important part of sound decision-making and continual improvement," added Matt Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer at the Town. "This certification provides the opportunity to learn from a global network of municipalities and apply these learnings locally."

Whitby's ISO 37120 data can now be viewed at dataforcities.org. The Town's data was reviewed by an independent third-party to ensure consistency.

"Swing Into Spring" At WindReach Farm

WindReach Farm, an inclusive, barrier-free organization, offers programs and services to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. We are excited to announce our first of our Open Houses for 2019 on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sponsored by our Annual Program & Event Sponsor, Ontario Power Generation, this popular event will feature our annual Sheep Shearing where you can get an up close and personal view of professional sheep shearing and the opportunity to meet the wonderful volunteers who turn the wool into weaved products available for sale at the Farm.

In addition to our delightful farm animals, which include baby lambs and chicks, you can enjoy a variety of family friendly activities including our popular accessible hay wagon rides. This is a great event for family and friends of all ages!

Entrance fee is \$25.00 per car. Don't worry about lunch as we have refreshments available for purchase. Please leave your pets at home.

Celebrating our 30th year, WindReach Farm has supported individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with physical, psychological and intellectual challenges. As a registered charity, WindReach Farm officially opened its doors on June 16, 1989. Specially designed to meet the needs of individuals with a variety of disabilities, it includes fully wheelchair accessible pathways, trails, buildings, barns and stables. Offering five core programs, WindReach welcomes both the special needs and able-bodied communities.

It is the result of Para Olympian Equestrian rider Sandy Mitchell's, lifelong interest in working on the land. Born with cerebral palsy, Sandy was able to integrate his personal passion with providing a similar opportunity for other persons with disabilities.

Media are invited to participate in related photo and interview opportunities throughout the day. WindReach Farm is located at 312 Townline Road in Ashburn.

For more information contact: info@windreachfarm.org or call 905-655-5827, ext. 227.



Meet the March Trivia Night champs!

(left to right) Vince Pileggi, Christine Smith, Jim Smith, Susan Bruce, Terry Bruce, Kim Pileggi

In the three events to date, we've sent Prostate Cancer Canada Network Durham \$345 in donations!

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Brooklin Pool Store Grand Opening

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

Join us for a BBQ and to take advantage of great opening day specials, or book your pool opening for your chance to win great prizes!

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Community Calendar

Fri., April 26: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
(4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council
at Brooklin Library

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required. For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

Sat., April 27: 9 am-Noon: CLOCA Tree Planting

For Earth Day is Every Day
 At Heber Down Conservation Areas on Cochrane, next to off-leash dog park
 Register at www.cloca.com or call 905-579-0411, ext. 142.

Sat., April 27: 9 am-11 am:
Pitch-In Brooklin

At all Brooklin parks
 Check it out on Facebook to win prizes
 For more info, email: Michael_argue@hotmail.com

Sat., April 27: 10 am-3 pm: WindReach Farm Open House

Entrance \$25 per car
 Enjoy hay wagon rides, sheep shearing, refreshments
 (Please leave pets at home)

Sat., April 27: 7 pm: "The Joy of Music" concert at Brooklin United Church

A variety program featuring popular music and show tunes.
 Tickets are \$20. and available from the church office 905-655-4141

Sun., April 28: 7:30-9 pm:

Trivia Night At MichaelKelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas.
 \$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's.
Register by emailing your name and number of team members to:
editorofbtc@gmail.com
 Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served.
 Hosted by the BTC
 with all proceeds to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

Fri., May 3-Sat. May 11: Beech Street Theatre Company Presents: Earthkraft

A comedy by Michael Khashmanian
 At Brooklin Community Centre
 Six shows: 4 evening + 2 matinee performances. For dates and times, visit bstconstage.com
 \$27 per ticket online through web site or at the door. Seating is limited

Sat., May 4: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm:
 St. Thomas' Anglican Church
 Spring Market Bazaar

Sat., May 4

- Grand Opening of CB Pools/Spas
 30 St. Thomas St. <https://cbpools.ca/>

Sat., May 4: 10:30 am and 1:30 pm:
Doors Open Brooklin Heritage Walk

In historic downtown Brooklin
 Meet at the Brooklin Legion parking lot

Sun., May 5 - 6th

Annual Autism Awareness Run/Walk (5k Run or 1k walk)

8 am registration - 9 am opening
 From Anderson CVI in Whitby
 All proceeds to our charity CCRW and will pay for our program SOAR, a summer employment program for teens and young adults with Autism.
 A Family Friendly event centered around supporting the autism community.
 Face painting, live music, refreshments, live mascots, prizes and more! We will also be protesting the new OAP plan and will have local MPPs and petitions on site.
 Contact details:
Kara Onofrio: 416-333-3858
autismangels.com

Sat., May 11: 11 am: Big Bucks Euchre
 At Odd Fellows Hall, 42 Bagot St.

Regular progressive- No partner needed
 \$10 includes lunch, excellent prizes
 Advance tickets only
 Proceeds to Camp Trillium camps for kids with cancer and their families
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Wed., May 22: 7:30 pm
Whitby in Bloom Presents:
Carol Pasternak on

"Drama in the Butterfly Garden"
 At Brooklin United Church
 Learn how to focus on the life in your yard.
 Will feature a book signing of "How to Raise Monarch Butterflies, a Step-by-Step Guide for Kids."
 Space is limited.
 Register and reserve your spot early at whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom.

Sat., May 25: 9 am-1 pm:
Brooklin Horticultural Society annual plant sale At Grass Park.
 Also \$55 Rain Barrel Fundraiser. Barrels can be ordered at www.RainBarrel.ca/
Brooklin by May 14. Pickup at Brooklin United Church on May 25, 9-1. Locally grown healthy perennials, annuals, vegetables & more for sale! Vendors selling gardening decor & supplies. BHS members on site to answer gardening questions. Details at: www.brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com/bhs-plant-sale.html.

Sun., May 26: 9 am - 12 pm:
Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides
 Hosted by Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides
 At Brooklin's Pet Value store
Visit: walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981

Thurs., June 13: 1:30 pm:
 14th annual "Fore the Future" Charity Golf Classic
 At Royal Ashburn Golf and Country Club.
 Proceeds to programs supporting children and youth in care throughout Durham.
 For more information or to register, contact Sian Gibson, Executive Director sian.gibson@durhamca.ca

Sat., June 15: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:
Nova's Ark's 9th Annual Friendship Walk.

3 km walk from Grass Park
 led by Bing the camel
 Fundraiser to help maintain our unique program facility.
 Music from The Working Dawgs, face painting and hands-on interaction with therapy animals.
 Nova's Ark Charity is a not-for-profit organization based in Brooklin that provides individualized programs for people of all ages and abilities.
 To register for the Friendship Walk or to make a donation, visit www.novasark.ca.

French Family Storytime:

Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English! Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

Tuesdays: 7:25 pm:
Brooklin Toastmasters Club
 Practice public speaking
 at Brooklin Community Centre & Library.
 Contact John Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or phone 905-683-4439 or Patricia Romano at promano257@outlook.com or phone 905-626-7055.

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Big Blue passes on

When my daughter was two, we inherited a swing set from our neighbours. They were moving and their kids who were older teens had no use for it anymore. My daughter was delighted.

The set, an older metal version like I grew up with, needed some TLC but, after a few repairs and a coat of paint, it worked great. It quickly became her favourite toy and was constantly in use.

On hot summer days, we'd run the garden hose down the plastic slide, turning it into an impromptu water slide. The grass at the bottom wore away leaving a giant mud puddle to splash in.

Crowded set

At her fifth birthday party, she and her guests managed to cram 13 kids onto the structure. This required my dad, my brother and my husband to hold onto the supporting frame to ensure it didn't tip over. The kids had a blast.

The next year, the seat on the two-person swing cracked. My father replaced the broken seat with a wooden plank and the swing was back in

action.

Over the years, it required many repairs. At times I'd squeeze my behind onto one of the swings and listen to my daughter's angst while we swung. Sometimes she would share a secret, sometimes a funny story, and sometimes she shed a few tears.

Like all toys, the set started to show its age. Last summer, it earned the nickname "the blue death trap" while my husband saw it as "the blue liability." My daughter called it "Big Blue."

And then...

It weathered one more winter and, finally, "Big Blue" had had enough. It was beyond repair. One day last week, a man with a truck arrived, dismantled the blue warped metal, and carted it away. I felt relief that the safety hazard was gone. But as I watched him drive away, I realized I was also saying goodbye to part of my daughter's childhood.

That night, when I told her Big Blue was gone, she just shrugged. "Its okay. It was really old. I can go to the park to swing if I want to."

And so another milestone passes.

Help Stop Water Theft In Durham

The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department is asking Durham residents to help stop water theft by reporting suspicious activity around hydrants. The Region has plastic rings to help the public quickly identify which hydrants are permitted water filling stations.

The plastic ring contains the Regional logo, identifies the hydrant as a permitted filling station, and provides a contact number. Every year, thousands of litres of water are illegally taken from Durham Region fire hydrants. Water theft has the potential to damage the fire hydrant, rendering it inoperable when it is needed during emergencies, and poses a threat to local water quality. If a hydrant doesn't have a plastic ring and someone is taking water from it; they are stealing water.

The Region has a Hydrant Permitting program and a Water By-law, which detail how companies can obtain a permit to legally take a specified amount of water for a cost. Through the permit program, only approved water haulers should be filling up at hydrants. Hydrant permits can be obtained at any of Durham Region's depots; for contact information visit www.durham.ca/Depots.

To report suspected water theft, please email WaterTheft@durham.ca, or call 905-668-7711 or 1-800-372-1102 ext. 3488 with details about the location, company name, license plate, and/or a photograph if possible. For more information, visit durham.ca/WaterTheft.



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Deputy Mayor - By Rhonda Mulcahy



Put A Lid On It!

I helped deliver these handy new blue bin covers to a test pilot group last week in Brooklin. Residents on Rossemarie, Matthewson and part of Carnwith will use these covers for the next little while and we will see how they work out.

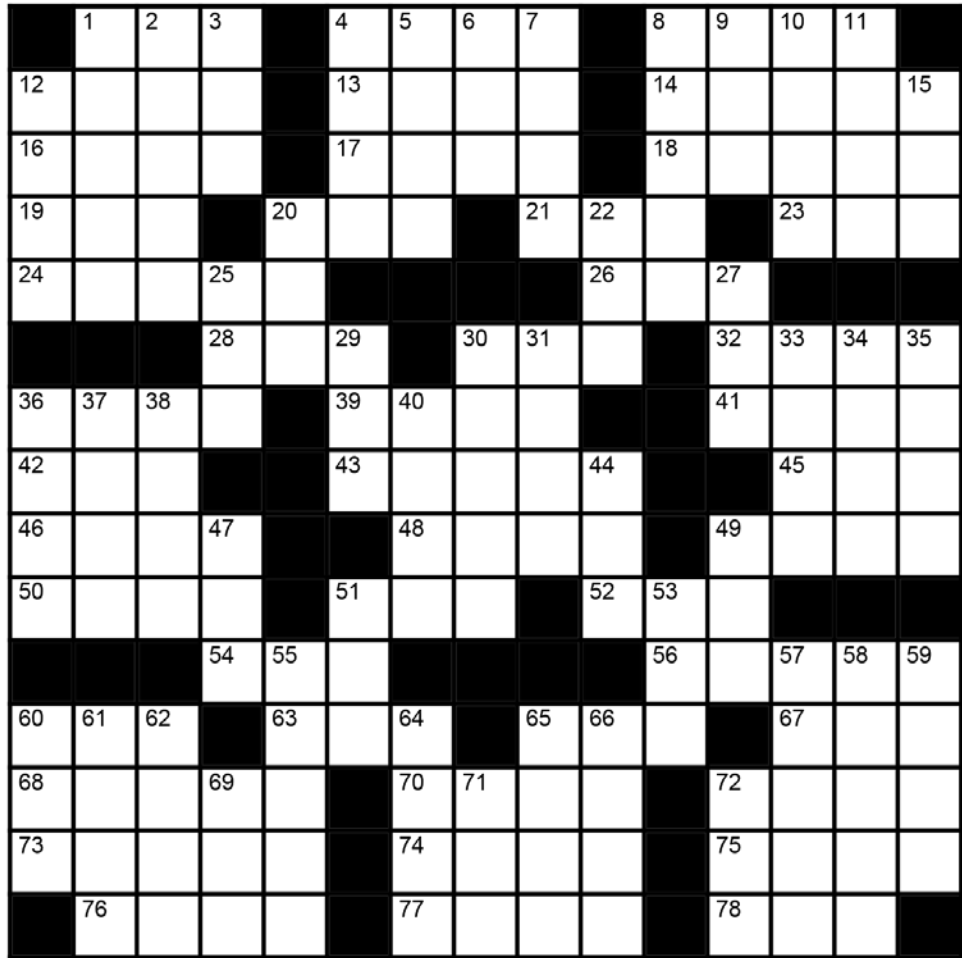
The lids are made from recycled tires from our Durham Region land fill sites. We are hopeful this will cut down on the recycling day wind storms making a mess of our paper bins.

Watch for our collaborative website whitbyfirst.ca to launch this week.



Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword



Across

- 1 Triangular sail
- 4 Gulf war missile
- 8 Shade of black
- 12 Spiral-horned antelopes of the African bush
- 13 Pound of verse
- 14 Garbage
- 16 Without purpose
- 17 Diatribe
- 18 Skylit rooms
- 19 Three-way joint
- 20 Ring bearer, maybe
- 21 Tiny toiler
- 23 Symbol of sovereignty
- 24 Sheik's bevy
- 26 Trouble
- 28 Seed vessel having hooks or prickles
- 30 It's higher on the hwy.
- 32 Whitish
- 36 Sign of healing
- 39 Vicinity
- 41 Tickled-pink feeling
- 42 Usher's offering
- 43 Sick and tired
- 45 Work unit
- 46 Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 48 Supermarket section

Down

- 1 The southern region of ancient Palestine
- 2 Slacker
- 3 Accept
- 4 Vaccines
- 49 Loot
- 50 Sound rebound
- 51 ___ constrictor
- 52 Ram's mate
- 54 Shepherd's locale
- 56 Exclamation of frustration, rage, shock, etc.
- 60 Chlorofluorocarbon
- 63 Unpaired
- 65 Part of H.M.S.
- 67 International Labor Organization
- 68 To enclose in something wound or folded about
- 70 Word-of-mouth
- 72 Uproars
- 73 Civilian clothes, in contrast with military or other uniforms
- 74 Plenty
- 75 It's outstanding
- 76 Wild or seedling sweet cherry used as stock for grafting
- 77 Slight advantage
- 78 Metal in rocks

- 5 Old Russian autocrat
- 6 Ashes holder
- 7 Numbers to crunch
- 8 Ring-tailed animal
- 9 Poetic adverb
- 10 Retro hairdo
- 11 Retreat
- 12 Kin's partner
- 15 Rat's place
- 20 Outback runner
- 22 Shrew
- 25 Wane
- 27 Trail
- 29 W.W. II fliers
- 30 Jilted of myth
- 31 (New Testament) a Christian missionary to the Gentiles
- 33 Wiped out
- 34 Zeus' wife
- 35 A thief who breaks open safes to steal valuable contents
- 36 Unaltered
- 37 Swamp critter
- 38 A nursemaid or maid in East Asia or India.
- 40 Word processor command
- 44 Pizza order
- 47 The sun
- 49 Poseidon's domain
- 51 Rotten

- 53 Kind of cabinet
- 55 A red fluorescent dye
- 57 Equestrian
- 58 Shakespeare's theater
- 59 Party thrower
- 60 A steep-walled semicircular basin in a mountain; may contain a lake
- 61 A dance deriving from the twist.
- 62 Bistro
- 64 Lavish affection (on)
- 65 Suspend
- 66 Ultimatum ender
- 69 School grp.
- 71 Towel holder
- 72 Trouble

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Burger alternatives

People often tell me they could never stop eating meat and I remember thinking that way once, too. I loved its taste and being raised North American meant we ate meat and potatoes for a lot of our meals.

My grandfather was a cattle farmer and beef was prized by my Dad. When I stopped eating meat in 1989, there were a few jaws that dropped in my family along with genuine concern for my health and questions about my sanity. But fast forward years later, times have changed. People are open to exploring meatless meals and I now find that many of my family and friends are asking me how to cut back on animal products and are even sharing recipes with me.

I always loved beef and there's a texture and taste to most meat that can't be imitated. I've tried tofu hot dogs, meatless deli slices and fake turkey made of gluten. None tasted very good. Sometimes I might miss just having a burger, but I've found some satisfying ones at Copper Branch in Brooklin. They're soy-free and, while they don't taste like beef, they might even taste better.

Another favourite is the Harvey's veggie burger on a multigrain bun. While it's also soy-based, it's also charbroiled which gives it a nice taste with a fine flavour and texture. A & W's new Beyond Beef burger is another alternative to a regular burger that people are raving about.

My summer go-to recipe for family barbeques is the portobello

mushroom burger as I always look for uncomplicated with easy-to-find ingredients. You can also use the marinade for peppers, thinly sliced zucchini, and asparagus spears. Use the grilled veggies in sandwiches, or pasta or serve them on a platter.

Grilled Portobello Burgers

Ingredients:

- 2 medium Portobello mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons plus plus 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon fine-grain sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Remove the stems from the mushrooms by twisting them until they pop off. Rub the cap with a damp dishcloth to clean. In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano, basil, salt and pepper. Add the Portobello caps and toss to coat them in the marinade. Marinate the mushrooms for 30 to 60 minutes, tossing them every 15 minutes (you can also marinate them overnight).

2. Grill until done to your likeness. (Adapted from an Oh She Glows Recipe)

Sheree's Hack: Double this recipe and use the leftovers in burritos and salads.





Brooklin High's Girls Night In



Above: Abby Aubin poses with Puck Art, a fundraiser she invented where students shoot pucks at the letters taped to a board to spell out Bears.
Below: Students get coiffes from Valentinos Grande Salon in Whitby. This was the third year of Girls Night In and was headed by staff members Saamah Jadoon and Sarah Gilbride



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