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Santa's Early Gift to Brooklin: Winchester Rd. West AND East (+ Ashburn Rd. South)

Winchester Rd. is now temporarily open in both directions until April, 2025, with some minor lane restrictions.

A full eastbound closure will resume in April until September, 2025.

As well, Ashburn Road south of Winchester has re-opened.

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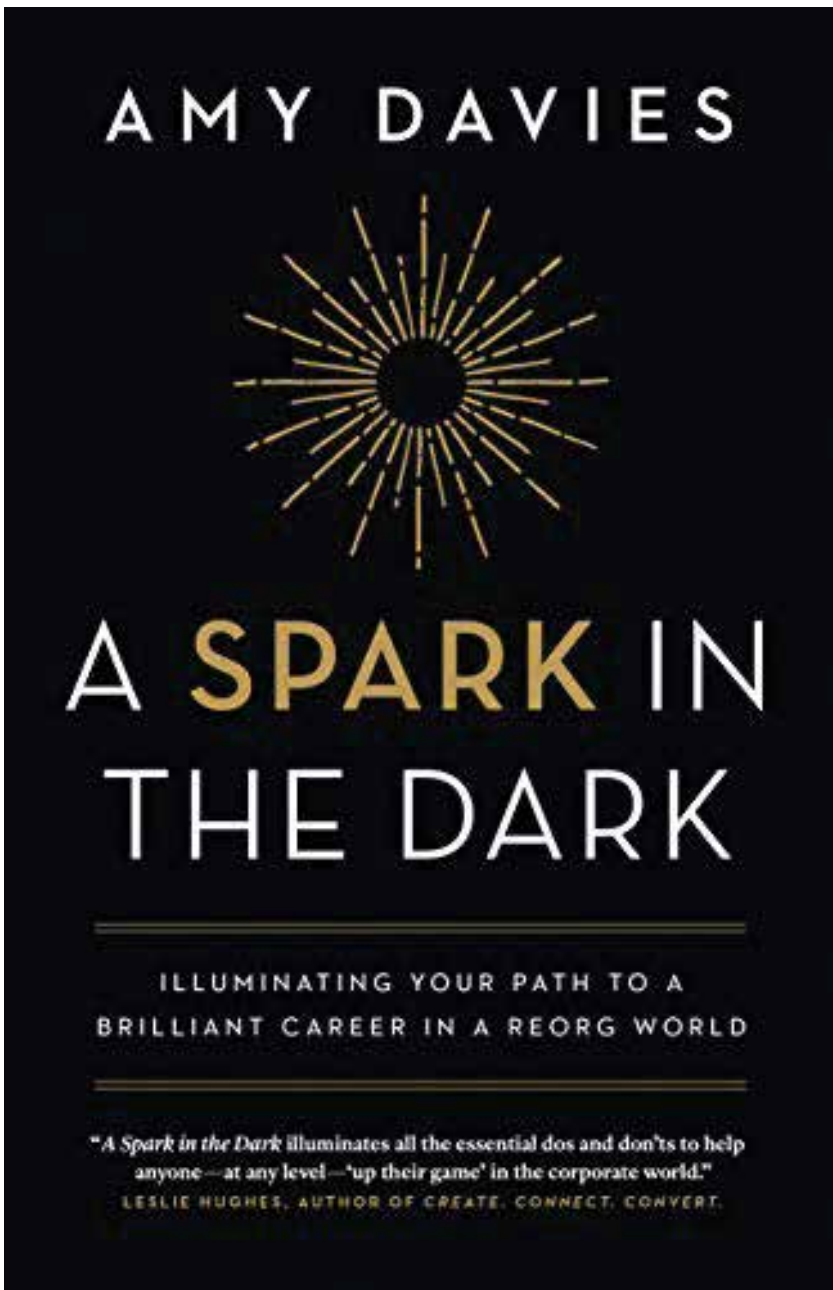
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A Guide For Career Building



Brooklin's Amy Davies was one of three local authors who spoke at the BAM Lions Club inaugural Meet the Authors night on Nov. 12

Here's what her new career guidebook offers (in her words):

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In this guide, career expert and entrepreneur, Amy Davies, offers practical insights and skill-building exercises to help you thrive in today's corporate reorganization culture. Learn how to map the reorg world, navigate layoffs, distinguish a job from a career, leverage imprinting to make a great first impression, master soft skills like communication and presentation, network with ease, tackle career barriers, unlock your



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Less than half the picture: The Shoe

By Richard Bercuson

The news photographer had a keen eye for the dramatic.

It was just a shoe, a brown penny loafer, sitting upright in the middle of a road. In and of itself, it didn't tell much of a story and seemed completely out of place for a front page. Then again, this was a tabloid, a paper known for splashy headlines and sensationalized photos.

Your eyes stared at the shoe for a moment till they ventured to the headline and article alongside it. The memory remains a bit fuzzy on this point, but the gist of it was

something like this: Six Youths Killed in Hemmingford Car Accident.

While the facts were superficial by the time the press got hold of it, this much was true about the Nov. 23 crash. The six, between the ages of 16 and 21, were in an old VW Beetle on a two-lane road south of Montreal. The Beetle was struck head on by a large sedan that crossed the median.

The driver who hit them was drunk.

In those days, there was no MADD

nor police RIDE campaigns. I was once informed that pretty much nothing happened to him.

The three guys and three girls had had a dinner party at the apartment John shared with Martin in Montreal. They'd been celebrating Michael having just been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and two of the girls were being driven home.

I was supposed to attend. Martin promised me the night before that he'd call me at home - no cell phones back then - as I was coaching a hockey game and would be back around 9:00 pm. At home I waited for his call in front of the TV.

I've often wondered what the drunk driver was doing that night.

Martin and Michael were close friends and colleagues at the Loyola News college paper, two fine young guys with whom a group of us shared many fun times. So when we got together this past Nov. 23 for a third reunion, decades later, we again shared reminiscences.

For the last ten years, our donations have gone to a journalism award at Concordia that we created in their memory, the easiest gift of dough I've ever made.

As for the shoe, Martin believed his loafers made him look more dapper.

Driving drunk, even slightly? Don't. Just don't. Please.

FESTIVE RIDE WEEK 1 RESULTS

2,606 VEHICLES STOPPED

60 ROADSIDE BREATHTESTS ADMINISTERED

16 PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING

FESTIVE RIDE RESULTS WEEK 2

2,162 VEHICLES STOPPED

232 ASDS ADMINISTERED (APPROVED SCREENING DEVICE)

17 PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR IMPAIRED



Tips for the Holiday Binge

By Brittany Dunbar

Throughout the year we have festivities to celebrate milestones, religious holidays, birthdays and more. Do these gatherings make you nervous about food selection or lead you to binge eat all that is available, only to leave you feeling guilty?

Here are some of the biggest mistakes people make during special occasions.

First, start by eliminating the "good food/bad food" mentality.

Food is fuel for the body. People tend to approach Christmas with something like, "Yum, look at that platter of sweets. I can only have one though because it's bad for me so I'll stick to the fruit platter that's good for me."

Stop right there! Eat the beautifully decorated sugar cookie! When we have this mentality, it already sets us up for failure, that eating too many bad foods leads to a cascade of emotions which really does more

harm than good.

Another mistake is skipping meals and snacks throughout the day to save calories for the evening potluck. This truly is a trap for overeating and to potentially binge eat. Going too long without food will inevitably compromise your willpower and therefore you will overeat once you set your sights on the food table.

Continue to eat three meals and supplement with snacks, just as you would otherwise. Of course, one of those three might be the special brunch or dinner itself. Fill your plate with protein-rich options to maintain the fundamentals of nutrition and then let those delicious carb-filled pastries fill your plate for

dessert. It doesn't need to be a compromise because this is an occasion, not your everyday life!

If you found yourself completely full after a festive event, be reminded that you are a person, and one huge meal will not be the end of the world. It is best to get back on track the next day and perhaps move your body to feel better.

I also encourage you to drink plenty of water, especially if the prior night consisted of "libations." Staying on the path of health and wellness doesn't have to be rigid; it's about balance after all!

We hope you enjoy your next holiday or special occasion.

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Council Approves “Strong Mayor” Budget Amendments

The final budget amendment, unanimously approved by Council, results in a 3.99 per cent budget tax levy increase for each of the following years: 2025, 2026, and 2027.

On November 29, Mayor Roy provided a directive (**Mayoral Decision #02-2024**) that she will not veto the budget amendments, as allowed under **Strong Mayor Powers**, and that her veto period be shortened to just one (1) day, wrapping up this year’s budget process.

The final budget will result in a 3.99 per cent tax increase to the Town’s budget tax levy or an estimated 1.4 per cent increase on the total residential bill for Town services for 2025. This represents an increase of just over 24 cents per day, per average household for the delivery of important services residents rely on, like waste collection, snow clearing, and parks maintenance. This budget also focuses on delivering on the key action items of Whitby’s **Community Strategic Plan**, investing in Council-approved initiatives like the Whitby Sports Complex, a new fire hall, and

firefighters to support growth.

This is Whitby’s first multi-year budget, with projections included for 2026 and 2027. Tax increases of 3.99 per cent and 3.99 per cent have also been adopted or an estimated 1.4 per cent and 1.5 per cent increase on the total residential bill for Town services for 2026 and 2027 respectively. These numbers will be reviewed annually with continued efforts to find efficiencies and new revenue opportunities.

The Town’s \$186.5 million operating budget will support the continued delivery of the Town’s programs and services, including fire services, waste collection, parks and trails, maintenance of roads and community facilities, recreation, libraries, and many other important services. The budget also includes \$50.8 million in capital investments like:

- continued construction of the Whitby Sports Complex;
- land purchase, design, and construction to support a new Fire Hall in West Whitby, as well as 20 new firefighters to staff it;
- playground redevelopments at multiple park locations, including Vipond, Sato, Powell,

and D’Hillier;

- waterfront improvements, including around the Historic James Rowe House;
- new and improved multi-use path and cycling connections;
- new traffic safety and calming measures, including pedestrian crossings and traffic signal replacements/signage; and road maintenance, resurfacing, and reconstruction.

Quick Facts

- The adopted budget builds upon and amends the **provincially legislated** Strong Mayor’s Budget (presented November 18) and the Draft Budget (prepared by Staff and presented on November 4).
- The 2025 to 2027 adopted budget will soon be made available on the Town’s website, whitby.ca/Budget. To learn more about the 2025 budget process, visit the **Connect Whitby project page**.
- Mayor Roy is proposing that Staff review Town services and costs to provide services in 2025, with the assistance of external resources, to find further efficiencies for the 2026 and 2027 budgets.
- For every residential property

tax dollar collected, 35 per cent (or approximately one-third) stays with the Town of Whitby. The balance of property taxes collected by the Town is sent to the Region of Durham (52 per cent of the property tax bill) and the School Boards (13 per cent of the property tax bill).

- Whitby is middle of the pack among the Durham lakeshore municipalities when it comes to property taxes.
- Recent changes to Bill 23 saw the loss of over \$5 million to-date in developer payments to the Town for the future purchase of parkland.
- The Town has implemented a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) and is looking at other non-tax revenues to mitigate property tax increases. The MAT alone is projected to raise \$175,000 to \$263,000 in non-tax revenues annually.
- The Town’s tax rebate program to support low-income seniors and low-income homeowners with disabilities will increase to \$522 this year. **More Information**
For more information on the proposed budget, visit connectwhitby.ca/Budget.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

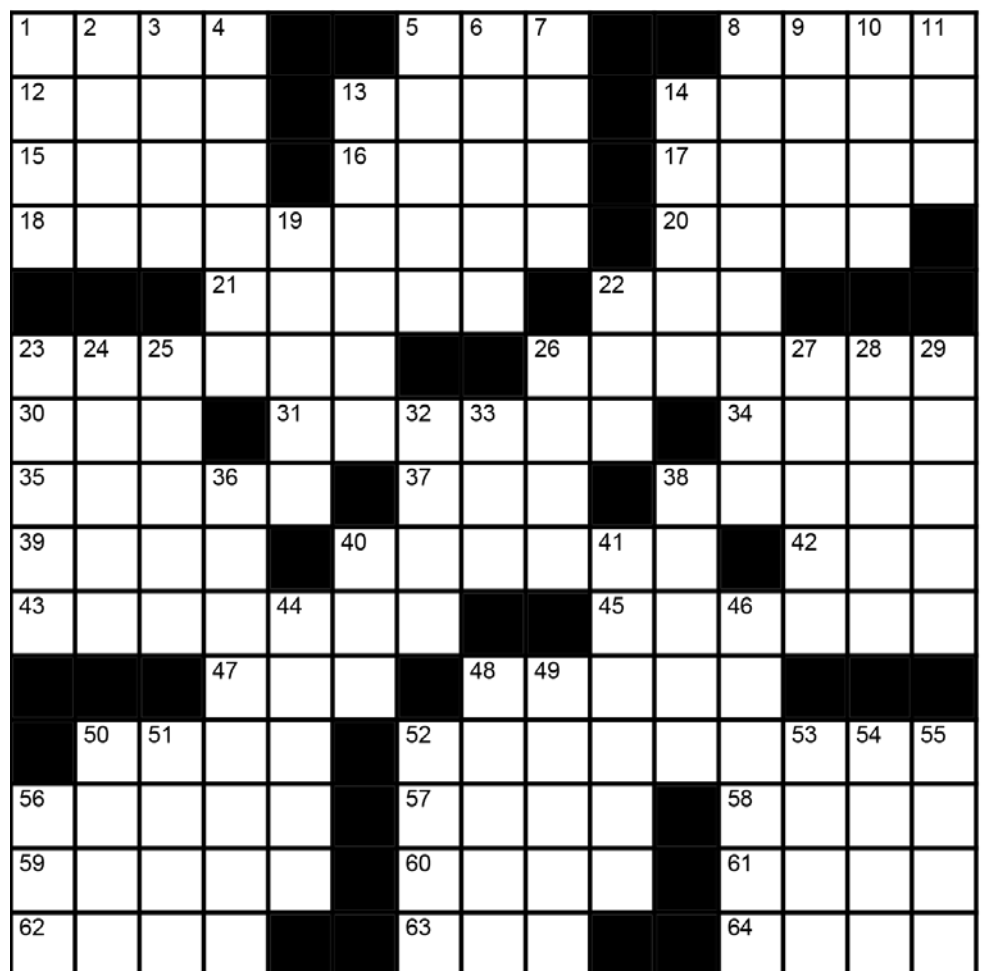
Across

- 1 The sixth month of the ecclesiastical year in the Jewish calendar
- 5 U.S.S.R. successor
- 8 “Immediately!”
- 12 Whittle (down)
- 13 Influential German idealist philosopher
- 14 Parting word
- 15 Tabloid twosome
- 16 Pitch-black
- 17 A kind of lively dance, in 2-4 time; also, the music to the dance
- 18 Herb Tea
- 20 ___ reflection
- 21 Quarters
- 22 Check for accuracy
- 23 Relax
- 26 What’s left
- 30 Stick in the water
- 31 Terrestrial isopod
- 34 A content word that denotes an action
- 35 Grammar topic
- 37 Aquarium denizen
- 38 Sun: Prefix
- 39 Window ledge
- 40 Any of various rich and elaborate cakes
- 42 Summer cooler
- 43 One who tries
- 45 A workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering
- 47 Workout unit

- 48 Vision-related
- 50 Tableland
- 52 The processes of bearing offspring; reproduction
- 56 Flips (through)
- 57 Sixth Jewish month
- 58 “Unforgettable” singer
- 59 Swagger
- 60 “Ol’ Man River” composer
- 61 Oaf
- 62 Hollow
- 63 Web browser entry
- 64 Squeezes (out)

Down

- 1 Vast
- 2 Strip of wood
- 3 The chief solid component of mammalian urine
- 4 Type of propositions that are assumed to be true in order to prove another proposition
- 5 Type of: carnivore
- 6 A linen tape used for trimming as a decoration
- 7 Eyelid problem
- 8 Accommodative.
- 9 Round building
- 10 Many millennia
- 11 Part of a litter
- 13 A loose robe
- 14 Fits
- 19 Corpulent plus
- 22 Engage in passive relaxation
- 23 Contemptible one
- 24 Spring locale
- 25 Face-to-face exams



- 26 Preside over
- 27 Dutch pottery city
- 28 Husband of Bathsheba
- 29 Key material
- 32 Have on
- 33 Wager
- 36 The quantity a glass will hold
- 38 Containing or characterized by a great deal of water vapour
- 40 Acquire
- 41 To the rear
- 44 Brewer’s need
- 46 Resembling a pendent spear, formed by dripping water
- 48 Harmony
- 49 Oyster’s prize
- 50 Ration (out)
- 51 Viscount’s superior
- 52 Capital of Azerbaijan
- 53 Small recess
- 54 Stick together
- 55 Hardens
- 56 Trip producer

DRPS: Project ATTIRE Results and Auto Theft Awareness Campaign



Auto theft has become a significant issue in Durham Region, the GTA, and across the province over the last few years. In Durham Region alone, there has been a 100 per cent increase in vehicle theft from 2021-2023. In December 2023, DRPS created a separate unit dedicated to auto theft and called it Project Attire in an effort to address this issue.

This project, in collaboration with Équité Association, focuses strictly on auto theft investigations and recovery. These investments made by the Ontario provincial government have had an impact. So far in 2024, we have seen an eight per cent decrease in auto thefts and more than 50 per cent of stolen vehicles have been recovered.

In just one year, the



Project Attire team has conducted 865 auto theft investigations, and laid 341 charges against 81 individuals.

DRPS is seeing a concerning pattern: Many of those responsible for these thefts are already out on bail or are under specific probation conditions set by the court for a previous

crime. This situation highlights a troubling issue of recidivism — the tendency of individuals to reoffend after having been arrested or convicted for prior crimes. Since January 2023, approximately 25 per cent of those charged with vehicle theft were also charged with failing to comply with a release order or breaching probation.

In an effort to raise awareness about auto theft, DRPS is excited to announce that a newly wrapped Durham Region Transit bus will be traveling throughout the Region, displaying important information about auto theft. This bus will direct the public to a page on our website drps.ca/autotheft where there are additional tips and resources to help safeguard your vehicle.

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Optimist Club of Brooklin Awards scholarships to Local Youths

The Optimist Club of Brooklin awarded its annual scholarships to Jeevan Elliott and Madelin Kristmann. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship to put towards their post secondary studies. The scholarships recognize exceptional youth who have demonstrated their contributions to the service of our community through school and community organizations.

Jeevan is attending post secondary to become a pilot through the University of Windsor's Aeronautics Leadership program. He says, "Winning this scholarship means a lot to me because it acknowledges the work I have done over the past few years. Working with the ABBI (Achieving Beyond Brain Injury) foundation, Holland Bloorview Rehab hospital and the ALS society was a way for me to bring something positive from our family's difficult experience after my brother had his stroke and my Grandmother passed away from ALS.

"Helping to raise awareness and education about Pediatric Strokes and brain injuries is such an important cause and helping fundraise for the foundation will help many other children with brain injuries pursue post secondary education through their scholarship program. I am very grateful to the Optimist Club of Brooklin for recognizing my efforts and contributions to the community and am so appreciative of this award!"

(For more info about ABBI: <https://achievingbeyondbraininjury.com>)

Madelin is attending Carleton University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology. "As a long-time member of the



Jeevan Elliott



Madelin Kristmann

Junior Brooklin Optimist Club," says Madelin. "I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to apply for this scholarship and be apart of the club. Receiving this scholarship will help me immensely in furthering my education in the upcoming year and inspires me to continue to give back to the community."

Applications are blindly judged by a panel of Optimist members and prominent community members. "There are many amazing young people in our community which made it a tough decision" says Brooklin Optimist Scholarship Chair, Tanja Coughlan. "We know the financial burden that post secondary education can place on families, so offering these annual scholarships is something we're committed to

doing. It's also in full alignment with our motto of 'bringing out the best in kids.'

Driven by ideas from their volunteer members, the Optimist Club of Brooklin offers a number of events throughout the year, some paid and some

free, but all focused on making Brooklin an amazing place to live for the community. The profits from paid events go towards funding scholarship and other community initiatives.

The Club also offers two other scholarship programs: a public speaking contest and an essay contest. More information about the scholarships and other Optimist Club of Brooklin initiatives can be found on their website at <https://brooklinoptimist.org/>

Brooklin Student Named Junior Fire Chief



Chris Hadfield Public School student Colin Lepre, in grade 6, has been selected as the 2024 Whitby Junior Fire Chief.

Colin was selected from graduates of this year's Junior Firefighter Summer Camp for his outstanding knowledge of fire safety, active engagement, and willingness to assist his peers.

He celebrated his achievement with a special school presentation and a fire truck ride to Whitby Fire Station #5 where he began his first day as Junior Fire Chief learning how firefighters extinguish vehicle fires, techniques for auto extrication, and the responsibilities of a Fire Chief. He also had the unique opportunity to lead a mock emergency scenario and explore various roles within the fire service.

"Being selected as the Junior Whitby Fire Chief is a real honour and I look forward to learning alongside the Whitby Fire Department this year," said Colin

Over the next year, Colin will accompany Whitby firefighters at several community events, furthering his understanding of fire safety and community engagement.

The Junior Fire Chief for the Year Contest is supported by the Durham District School Board and is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Metro Inc. and McDonald's Whitby.

"Colin embodies the qualities we seek in a Junior Fire Chief," said Whitby Fire Chief Michael Hickey, "His unwavering commitment to fire safety and his enthusiasm for learning make him an outstanding candidate for this position. We are excited to welcome him to our team for the upcoming year."

To register for Junior Fire Summer Camp, visit whitby.ca/Active this April.

For more information about Whitby Fire, visit whitby.ca/fire.

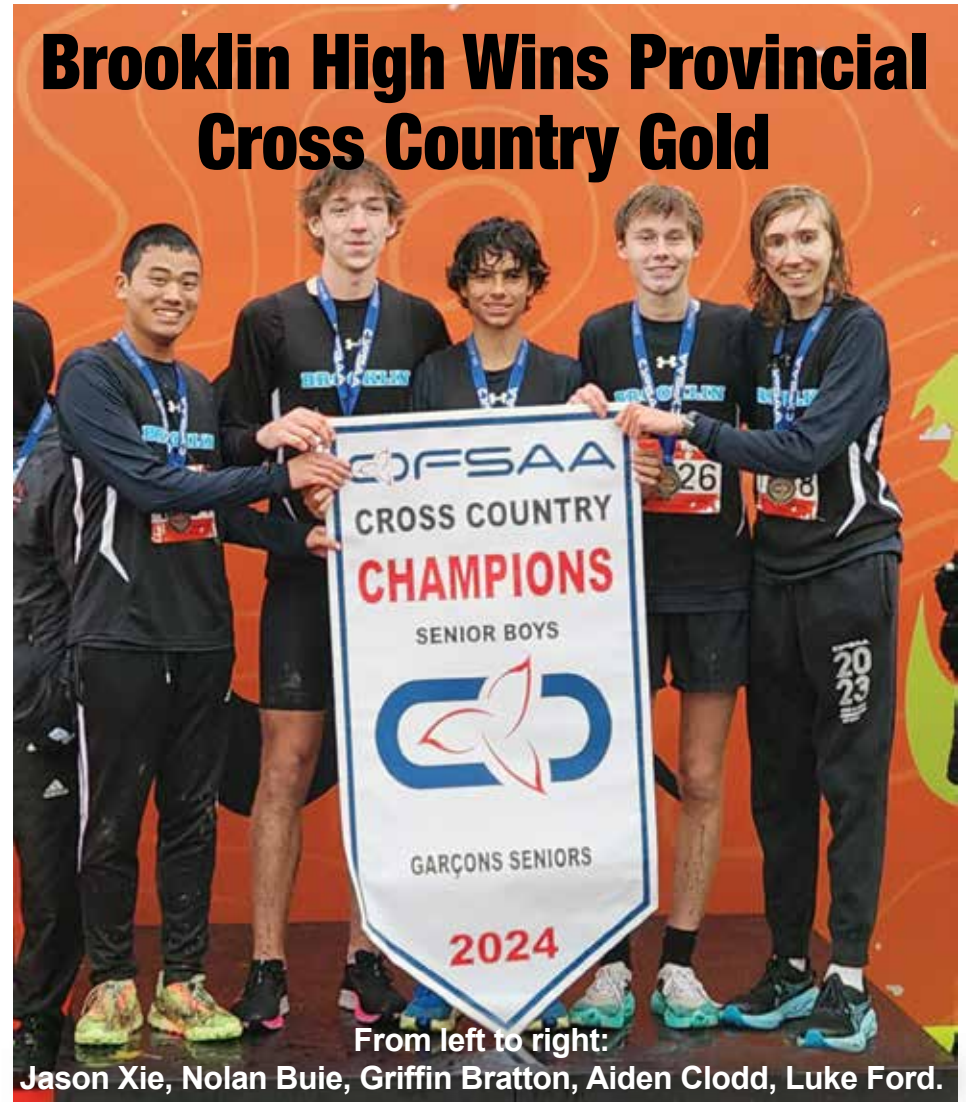


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Brooklin High Wins Provincial Cross Country Gold

From left to right:
Jason Xie, Nolan Buie, Griffin Bratton, Aiden Clodd, Luke Ford.

Brooklin High School came first as an overall team at the recent OFSAA provincial track meet. There were five runners, with four scoring to win as a team.

Boys results:
Aiden Clodd 11th
Nolan Buie 14th
Luke Ford 28th
Griffin Bratton 45th (racing up an age category)

Girls results:
Kaiya Fujioka 10th out of 270 racers in the Senior Girls race and Alexandria Jackson 24th out of 264 racers in the Junior Girls race. Charlotte Clodd 79th out of 266 racers in the Novice Girls race.

What You Need To Know This Week In Whitby



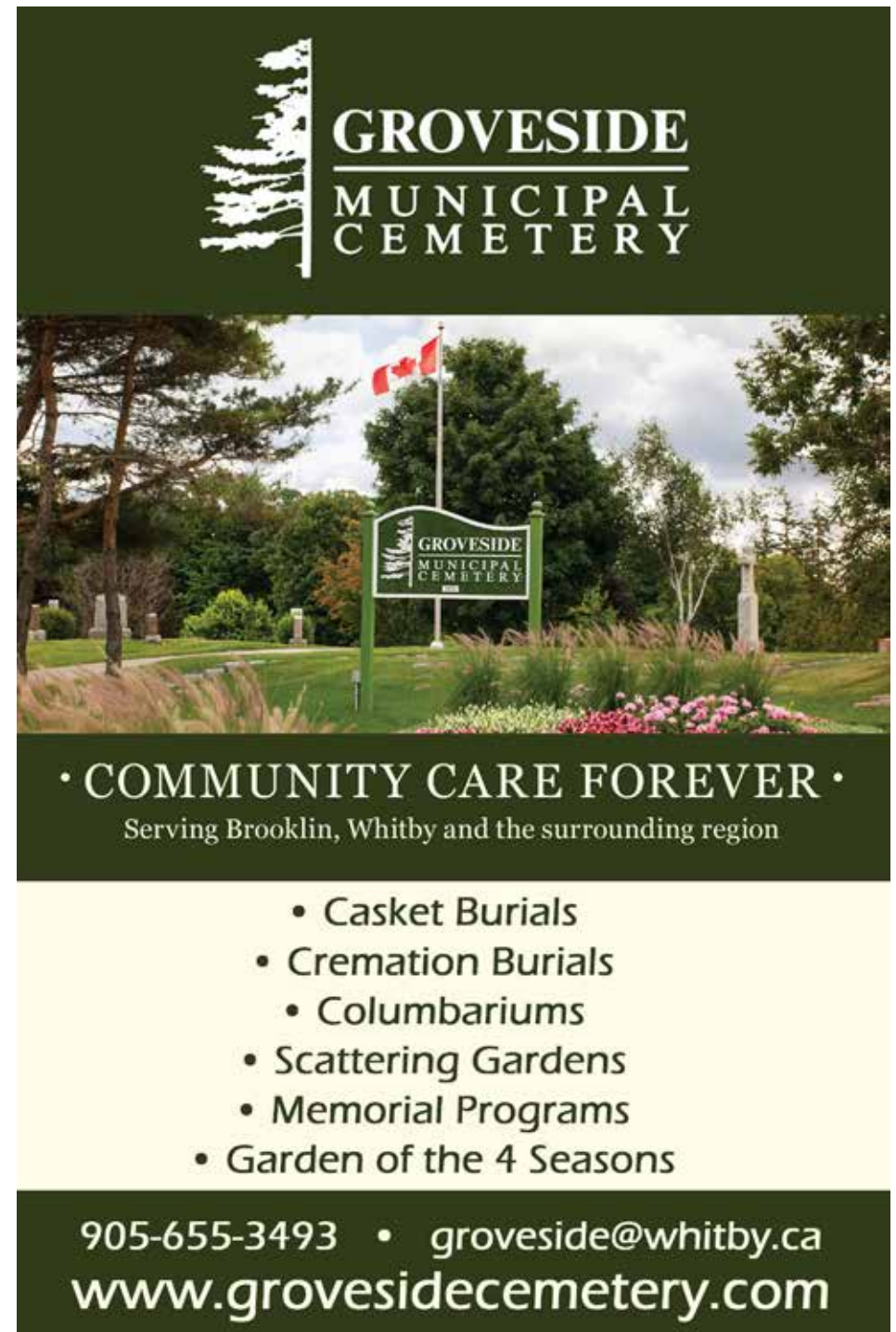
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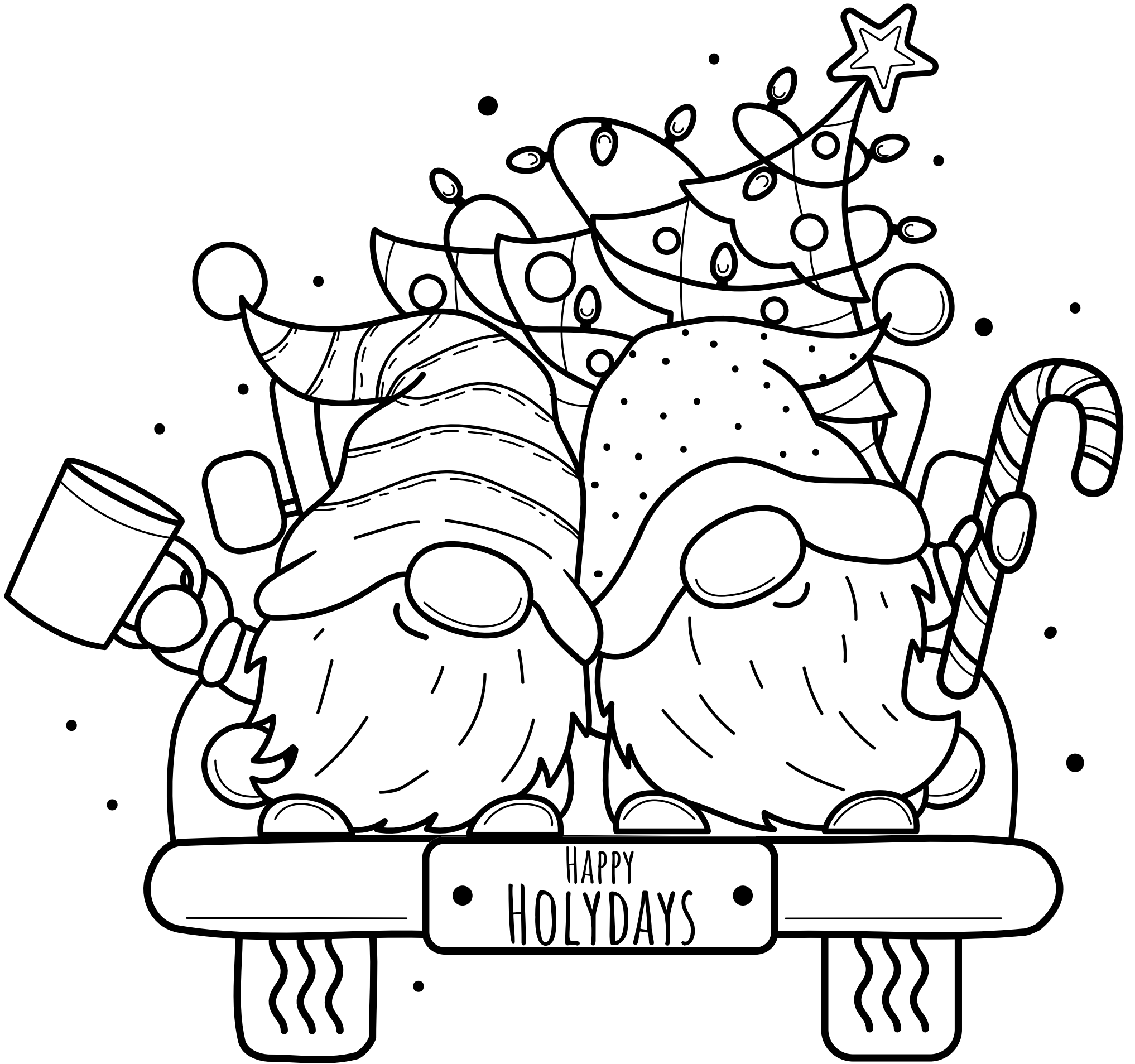
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The Community's Financial Pillar

By Jennifer Hudgins



Who was the bank manager responsible for helping to shape much of the financial life of Brooklin?

His name was Charles Samuel (C.S.) Thompson, bank manager of the CIBC in the building at the northeast corner of Roebuck and Baldwin Streets. His legacy continues to resonate with longtime residents.

Thompson began his banking career in August, 1905, with the Western Bank in Sunderland. After serving in Toronto and relieving managers in rural branches, he was appointed manager of the Standard Bank in Brooklin in November of 1921. The bank experienced a run on its Oshawa branch in 1924, sparked by rumours about its financial stability. As many Brooklin residents worked in Oshawa or banked with the Standard Bank, the panic quickly spread to the local branch, prompting residents to withdraw their savings. This contributed to the merger of the Standard Bank with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in 1928, ensuring greater security for its customers.

The new brick building

In the year of amalgamation, the Standard Bank initiated the construction of a new brick building at 45 Baldwin Street to replace the old structure. However, before the project was completed, the Canadian Bank of Commerce had taken over and assumed responsibility for finishing the work. During this transition, the bank temporarily relocated its operations to a building two doors to the east on Roebuck Street, ensuring uninterrupted service to the community. Thompson's management carried on in this



new space, where his signature remains etched inside the vault door. Today, the building houses Baldwin Bistro, a popular local restaurant. Thompson retired from banking in 1942 after 37 years, with a reputation for steady and reliable service.

During their years in Brooklin, his family lived at 69 Bagot Street, where Thompson and his wife Pearl raised their three children: Clarence Ernest (born in 1917), Mary Gwendolyn (1921), and A.E. John (1927). In 1946, they purchased the lot next door at 71 Bagot Street and built a new home.

Thompson's commitment to Brooklin extended beyond banking. During World War II, he transitioned to municipal service, taking on the role of Whitby Township Clerk where he worked until 1963. Over the years he added responsibilities such as Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Bookkeeper, becoming a well known figure in the township's administration. His calm and meticulous leadership earned him widespread respect until his retirement in 1966.

Musician

He was also a passionate musician, known for his bass solos

in choirs, quartets, and church services. He performed across Brooklin and Toronto as well as for the openings of new churches in Greenwood and Kinsale. He credited his wife for her patient support and piano accompaniment during rehearsals.

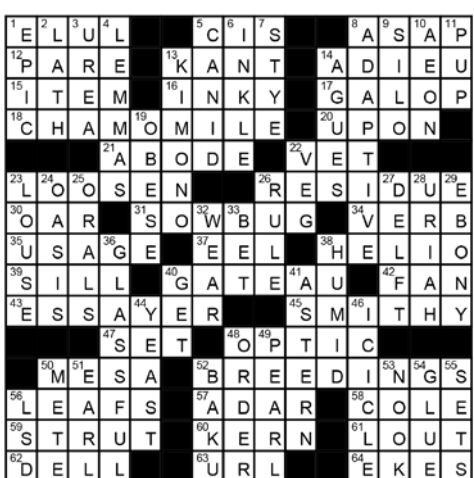
Thompson passed away on December 9, 1972, at Oshawa General Hospital. A longtime

member and past master of the Masonic Lodge, he was honoured with two funeral services, the first conducted by the lodge. He rests with his wife at Groveside Cemetery.

Thompson's story serves as a reminder that there may be times when community strength depends on quiet dedication and enduring commitment.



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A New Dental Office Redefining Oral Health Care

In a world where a confident smile can make all the difference, the emergence of a new dental office promises not only oral health care but also a refreshing approach to dental wellness. Nestled in the Brooklin Boroughs Plaza at 5540 Baldwin St. S., **Brooklin Family Dentistry** opens its doors with a commitment to redefine the dental experience. From its state-of-the-art facilities to its compassionate team, **Brooklin Family Dentistry** aims to be more than just a dental clinic but a sanctuary for smiles.

Brooklin Family Dentistry embraces cutting-edge technology to ensure the highest quality of care for its patients. From digital X-rays that minimize radiation exposure to intraoral cameras that provide a detailed view of oral health, every tool is carefully chosen to enhance diagnosis and treatment. The incorporation of advanced software streamlines administrative processes, making appointments seamless and convenient.

At **Brooklin Family Dentistry**, oral health is viewed holistically, recognizing its interconnectedness with overall well-being. The dental team takes the time to

understand each patient's unique needs and concerns, crafting personalized treatment plans that prioritize both oral health and comfort. From preventive care to restorative procedures, every treatment is designed to promote long-term wellness and preserve the natural beauty of the smile.

Central to **Brooklin Family Dentistry's** philosophy is a commitment to patient-centered care. Every interaction, from the initial consultation to follow-up appointments, is guided by empathy, respect, and open communication. Dentists take the time to educate patients about their oral health, empowering them to make informed decisions and take control of their smiles. For nervous patients, options such as nitrous oxide are available to ensure a stress-free experience.

Schedule your next appointment with us today at **(905)995-5353** or stop in and say hello. You can also visit us online at brooklinfamilydentistry.com.

Brooklin Family Dentistry is open Monday to Wednesday from 9am to 8pm, Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm.

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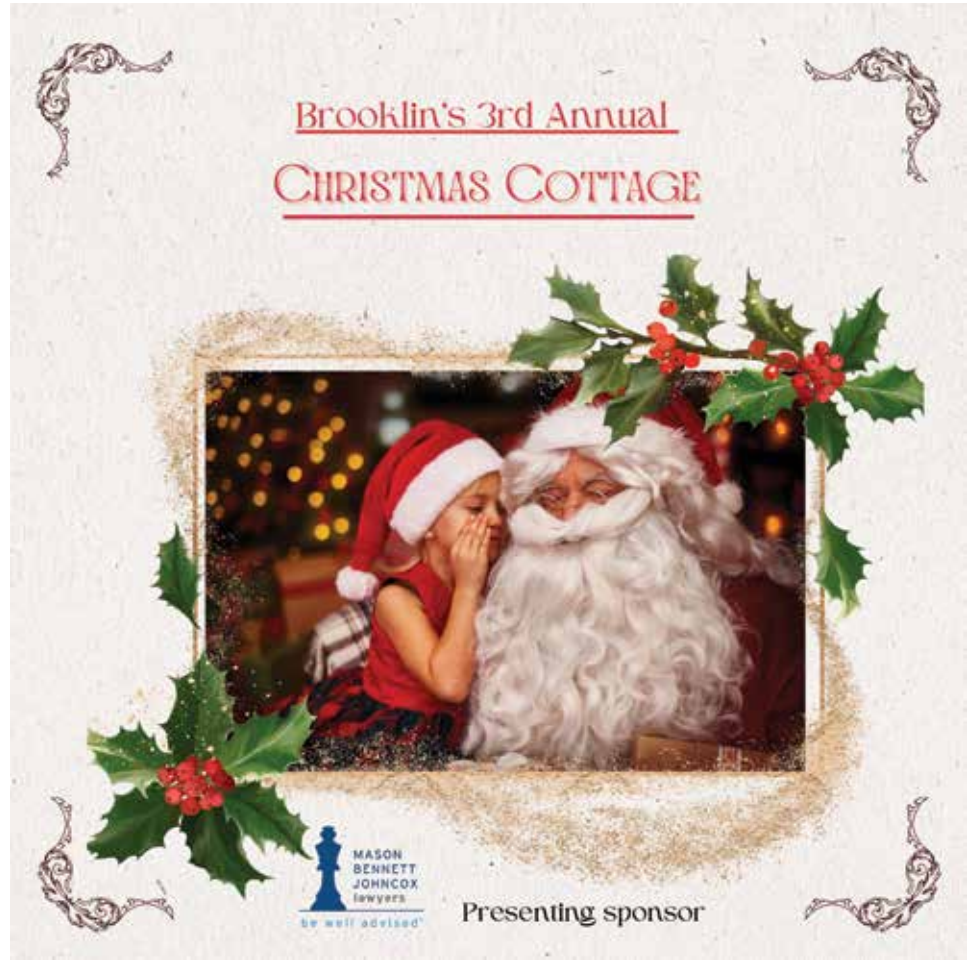
Another Christmas Carol: A Panto Sequel

Dec 27-31

Whitby Centennial Building Theatre, 416 Centre St S

Have you ever wondered what happened to Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and all the other characters from the original Dickens' story? Well, in this hilarious Panto Sequel, Scrooge must seek the help of some friends to stop a now grown up Tiny Tim, who is returning to London from

America with a terrible dastardly plan to take over the family business and become the most powerful man in London. You will get to boo and cheer, laugh and dance in your seat to a score of popular music. But beware...you might see a ghost or two.



Dream Co.'s 3rd Annual Christmas Cottage

Dec 14 & 15

Old Brooklin Community Centre, 45 Cassels Rd

A family friendly event where the kids get to meet and take a picture with Santa, build a Christmas decoration, play games and enjoy some delicious cookies and hot chocolate. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to support our local food bank and

lend a helping hand for those in need during the Christmas Season. Part of the proceeds from the Cottage will also be donated to Feed The Need Durham. Brought to you by Mason Bennett Johncox Lawyers.

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