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Correction

Re: Girls' hockey

Rachael Hanna's name was misspelled Wednesday on page B5 in a story about the District 4/10 high school girls' hockey championship.

Getting it right

Our accuracy pledge

Nothing is more important to us than accuracy. We always strive to ensure the information we provide is factual and correct. But sometimes we make mistakes, and when we do, we will correct them promptly and prominently. If you see a factual error, please contact the newsroom at 519-823-6060 or by email at editor@guelphmercury.com.

Lottery results

Yesterday's unofficial winning numbers:

Pick 3: 4 7 8

Pick 4: 2 3 7 1

Keno: 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, 24, 26, 27, 29, 36, 39, 43, 46, 49, 56, 60, 68

Encore: 1265393

Poker: 2-C, 6-H, K-C, Q-D, 4-C

6/49: 27, 28, 31, 41, 42, 43 Bonus: 46

Ontario 49: 13, 18, 21, 25, 29, 45 Bonus: 5

Breaking from tribal life by moving downtown

You must have heard the buzz around the development and revitalization of downtown Guelph. With several major condominium projects in the works, there is definitely a current shift for people of all ages to move downtown.

Guelph is not alone in this trend. For the first time, more humans live in cities than in rural areas. The percentage is only set to increase over the century. According to a recent *Globe and Mail* article, big-box businesses that were normally destined for the outskirts now want to be downtown. It's a shame that it isn't happening in Guelph, but perhaps it's just a matter of time. Douglas Street seems especially spartan, which is unfortunate as the street itself is lined with character-filled buildings crying out for unique businesses to fill them.

Part of why all this resonates so heavily with me is because even in a growing city we tend to live our lives among a select group of people in closed-off spaces. Through our activities and friends we find community and form tribes, but it is nearly impossible to experience a community that incorporates all of the other inhabitants.

It is that sense of community that feels incomplete to me living in the suburbs, so my family is joining the shift downtown. I work out of a home office and every time I go downtown, I feel invigorated by the energy, the feel of neighbourhood, the market, the bakers,



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cafés and bookstores, and I want to be able to walk every where I need to go. When I hit a snag in writing, I want to be able to stroll around the corner and go to one of several cafés to ponder, or pass the time of day with a friend. We have been lucky enough to find a home backing onto the river with its own dock. One of my life goals has been to someday live overlooking water, always imagining it to be a lake, but I'll take the river. My vision now includes writing on the deck overlooking the river while the church bells chime. Community, connectedness, walking instead of using the car, a view of the water, living near several friends — what more could I want?

Moving means decluttering, sifting through the flotsam and jetsam we have collected over the years. Decluttering experts advise us to get rid of the stuff and keep the memories. I have held onto Fisher Price toys for more than 20 years, from when my children were very young, saving them for future grandchildren. Suddenly such sentiment seemed ridiculous and possibly futile. One

evening I mentioned to a close friend the massive decluttering exercise we had just gone through, adding that the front porch was heaped high with stuff awaiting collection from one of the charity agencies to pick it up. An audible gasp was heard on the other end of the phone. She asked me whether the toys remained on the front porch — with urgency in her voice.

"Do not talk me out of getting rid of them," I said firmly.

She immediately switched to unfair tactics. She mentioned how when her grandchildren come over, the Fisher Price schoolhouse, garage and barn are their favourite toys because they don't play with them anywhere else. I wondered how she knew exactly what toys were on the porch as I yelled: "Stop it! I need to get rid of them."

I told me to return them to my house, insisting I wouldn't regret doing it. I hung up the phone and went to the porch to retrieve them, knowing she is one wise woman.

We have to do what works for us, and moving downtown is the right thing for right now. Speaking to Mike Swan, the gracious owner of Swan Movers about our upcoming move, he summed it up perfectly: "So brave of you to move out of your house even though you love it, and move downtown for that bit of spark."

Melody Wren is a member of the Guelph Mercury's Community Editorial Board.

Maria Sharapova and her Formula 1 Steel & Ceramic Watch with Diamonds

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Normal High -0.4°  
Normal Low -8.5°  
Record High 15.6°/1974  
Record Low -20.8°/1982  
Precipitation  
Today's Normals 1.1mm

TOMORROW

Rain and snow  
H: 3 L: 2

SATURDAY

Rain  
H: 5 L: 7

SUNDAY

Flurries  
H: 0 L: -11

MONDAY

Sunny  
H: -4 L: -12

CANADA TODAY

Calgary sunny 2/-8  
Charlottetown flurries -11/-17  
Edmonton flurries -16/-22  
Fredericton m.sunny -11/-21  
Halifax p.cloudy -7/-15  
Iqaluit m.sunny 22/-30  
Montreal sunny -10/-15  
Ottawa sunny -9/-13  
Quebec C. sunny -11/-18  
Regina p.cloudy -10/-22  
Saskatoon p.cloudy -13/-25  
St John's p.cloudy 0/-9

TORONTO

Toronto p.cloudy -3/-5  
Vancouver rain 7/3  
Victoria showers 7/3  
Whitehorse p.sunny -18/-22  
Winnipeg p.cloudy -12/-19  
Yellowknife sunny -29/-37

RESORTS

Acapulco sunny 32/23  
Barbados p.cloudy 28/23  
Bermuda p.cloudy 26/16  
Havana p.cloudy 26/24

WORLD

Amsterdam p.cloudy 6/1  
Beijing cloudy 7/-2  
Berlin p.cloudy 8/-5  
Brussels p.cloudy 7/0  
Hong Kong p.cloudy 22/15  
Honolulu showers 26/21  
Jerusalem sunny 19/4  
Kiev snow -2/-6  
Las Vegas p.cloudy 19/7  
Lisbon p.cloudy 13/4  
London p.cloudy 10/2  
Los Angeles p.cloudy 18/11

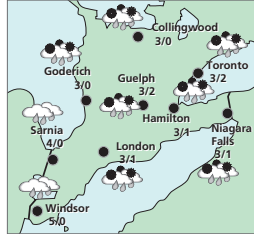
TOMORROW

Madrid rain 11/1  
Mexico sunny 25/6  
Miami windy 26/18  
Moscow snow -4/-7  
New Delhi p.cloudy 26/15  
Paris p.cloudy 8/1  
Rome cloudy 14/7  
Seoul sunny 5/-3  
Singapore p.cloudy 32/26  
Stockholm cloudy 0/-5  
Sydney cloudy 25/21  
Tel Aviv p.cloudy 21/12  
Tokyo p.cloudy 5/0

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