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BIKING IN THE WINTER?: The Albion Fat Bike Festival ripped through the community on Sunday (Jan. 12). Held at the Albion Conservation Park, the event features individuals riding mountain bikes with much wider tires than you may be accustomed to seeing on a bike. Fat biking came into the riding world approximately 10 years ago and has gained popularity in southern Ontario. Now in its fifth year in the community, the local event brought out approximately 75 riders. For more, see Page A4.

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Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and daughter, tragically killed in Tehran plane crash, remembered by community

Written By **BROCK WEIR**

They were beautiful inside and out. That is how Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and her daughter, Reera Esmaeilion, are being re-

membered by the people left behind after losing their lives in a Tehran plane crash early last Wednesday (Jan. 8) morning that killed 176 people.

Dr. Eghbalian, who was born and raised in Iran, was co-owner of Aurora E&E Dentistry on Wellington Street East with her husband, Dr. Hamed Esmaeilion. Having moved to Canada in 2010, the family had strong roots in Aurora, Richmond Hill and Caledon, opening up their Aurora practice in 2017 with the philosophy of "respect, caring and listening" being central to their approach.

Dr. Parisa and Reera are understood to have returned to Iran over the holidays to attend a family wedding and were due to return to Canada – and be welcomed home by Dr. Hamed – after transferring to a connecting flight from the fatal Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, which left Tehran on January 8.

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Mayor Thompson says Caledon's Official Plan will be 'aggressive'

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Town of Caledon had a busy 12 months jam packed full of hard work, planning and engagement. Mayor Allan Thompson looks back on notable accomplishments from 2019, and what the community can look forward to going into the new year.

When asked what key achievements stand out for 2019, Mayor Thompson reflected on both the big wins and the small.

"Of the key accomplishments, I'm happy we were able to bring some (high speed) broadband into Bolton. We got the fire station completed, and we've paved over at least four kilometres of roads in Caledon this past year, and that's unheard of," says Thompson. "We had a very aggressive work

plan last year, and there was a lot of small wins as well."

On Oct 8, 2019 The Town of Caledon selected Vianet to install and set up over eight kilometres of fibre optic cable in south Bolton with high speed broadband internet service.

"Having access to high speed internet is absolutely vital in today's economy," Thompson said. "The new fibre in the Bolton Industrial Park will provide Caledon businesses access to the services and technology they need to compete locally, nationally or internationally. Our Council has never wavered in trying to find solutions to addressing this vital community need. During this term of Council, we are focused on taking even more action to bring broadband to more homes and businesses in Caledon."

But if he could have it his way, he would install fibre-optic broadband all over Caledon for residents. He would also have liked to accomplish opening the Southfields community centre, which he indicated is long overdue. The facility will be opening in the Spring.

Mayor Thompson describes the biggest project that he is most looking forward to in 2020 - the Town's Official Plan.

"This is a total makeover. The last 40-year document served us well, but we do have to (give more focus to) growth. I don't want it to be developer led, I want it Caledon made, by Caledon residents. So, we got a huge engagement plan to engage the community on how our community is going to look going forward, and this is going to be the most aggressive work plan that we've ever put together on an official plan," explains Mayor

Thompson. "It will take two years to finalize, but we have a year to get the work done. And this is the year."

Mayor Thompson alongside the rest of Council look forward to working with residents and the community to gather ideas, information and opinions on what the Town can do going forward.

"There's going to be a lot of interesting meetings coming up as part of the Future Caledon Initiative. There's going to be a lot of great ideas, things we haven't even heard or thought of, that a lot of times come from residents. We're really looking forward to this. I think that is the biggest part of the work plan this year," says Mayor Thompson.


He added, "This isn't just planning for the next five to 10 years. The decisions we make are going to have an impact on our children's grandchildren too. We have to make sure we get it right."

MPP Sylvia Jones as well as MP Kyle Seeback are on their own paths to shape 2020, and Mayor Allan Thompson looks forward to working alongside them.

"MPP Jones really stepped up and took the leadership role in regards to the transit matters. It's been extremely great working with the Town and getting the Minister's attention and I'm very appreciate of that initiative," comments Mayor Thompson. "I'm looking forward to working with MP Kyle Seeback as well. We all serve our residents, and we all serve our community and it's extremely important that we have good relationships with all our partners."

For more information about Caledon's Official Plan please visit caledon.ca/officialplan.

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THANK YOU CALEDON COMMUNITY: Caledon Meals on Wheels raised \$37,000 through its Match our Meals program over the holidays. The popular initiative was helped by a \$10,000 donation made by Bolton Tim Horton's via the general public.

Caledon Meals on Wheels raises \$37,000 through popular Match our Meals initiative

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Bolton Tim Horton's challenged the community to help raise \$7,500 to support Meals on Wheels this past holiday season. Now, the local franchise has announced the Match Our Meals donation program was a major success.

The community participated in two forms of donating. Caledon Meals on Wheels had an ongoing donation button on their website for members of the community to click, and donate in the comfort of their own home.

Through their partnership with the Bolton Tim Horton's, owned by the Stafford Group, the community worked to donate a total of \$7,500 to Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Whatever members of the community donated, the Stafford Group matched it up to a limit of \$7,500. But, because of the generosity and dedication from the community, their matched donation went up from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

"We started the Match Our Meal donation because we realize there are many seniors with low incomes in our community who need the food and need the additional subsidy that Caledon Meals on Wheels provides so they can have nourishing meals," said Brad Stafford, owner of the Bolton Tim Horton's.

Between the community support and the Match Our Meals program, Caledon Meals on Wheels and the Bolton Tim Hortons raised \$37,000.

The Caledon Meals on Wheels was established in 1984 and supports members of the community by providing meals, services and social programs. The non-profit and volunteer-driven agency works to keep residents healthy, well-fed, nourished and happy.

"As an agency, we want to ensure everyone has access to a nutritious meal each day and to our programs and services that support healthy aging," says Executive Director Christine Sevigny. "We are grateful to The Stafford Group at the Bolton Tim Hortons who launched Match our Meals with a \$7,500 challenge, and this yet they surprised us by once again increasing their match level."

Caledon Meals on Wheels provides several service, programs and support for Caledon seniors including matching volunteers and seniors together for friendly visits, social and wellness groups, and administers Project Lifesaver, which is a program designed to assist with seniors or those living with cognitive disabilities, who may be at risk of wandering.

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Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and daughter, killed in Tehran plane crash, remembered by community

The plane crashed shortly after take-off, leaving victims' families – and international governments – searching for answers.

Amid escalating tensions between the United States and Iran in the first week of 2020, the potential for a conflict in the Region was being watched closely by, among others, including Manijeh Ghotbi, the Office Administrator at Aurora E&E Dentistry.

Ms. Ghotbi tells The Citizen's sister newspaper, The Auroran, that she was closely monitoring the situation on the evening of January 7, checking in with Dr. Hamed just before she went to bed around 10.15 p.m., to make sure Dr. Parisa and Reera had safely left the country. Dr. Hamed, she recalls, told her they had just boarded the flight 45 minutes before and was told before take-off that everything was okay.

"In the morning, I woke up and turned on the TV to see what happened to see if war was going to start and I saw the news that the Ukrainian airplane had crashed," says Ms. Ghotbi. "I knew they were in a Ukrainian airplane and I didn't even want to think about it. It sounds terrible, but I was hoping it was another Ukrainian plane and not theirs. I called Dr. Hamed to see what was going on and he didn't answer – and then I thought something was happening."

Looking for answers, she came into the Aurora office to gather contact information of the family's friends. It was there, she heard back from Dr. Hamed that something tragic had happened.

"He was crying, devastated," she says, noting he shortly thereafter began making preparations to return to Iran to identify the remains of his wife and daughter.

As news began to break, Aurora E&E Dentistry was inundated with calls of condolence, as well as patients and friends delivering flowers, candles and other mementos, adding "Dr. Hamed so appreciates everyone who was beside us through the week."

"[Dr. Parisa] was the most wonderful person I have ever met," says Ms. Ghotbi, who knew the dentist for three years as an employee. "She had a very big smile, was funny, happy and full of energy, and she always made you smile. She was very wonderful, very pretty and beautiful inside and out. She was very nice with patients, helping them and making them very comfortable. Whoever came here to the office, they wouldn't think it was a dental practice, but a second home.

She added, "Reera was so cute, funny,



MOURNING TWO BEAUTIFUL SOULS: Caledon East dentist Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and her nine-year-old daughter Reera Esmaeilion were on Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 when it crashed, just minutes after taking off from Tehran International Airport last Wednesday (Jan. 8). The pair are pictured above with husband and father Dr. Hamed Esmaeilion.

pretty, and nice. She was very talented, bright and smart. She spoke three languages – Farsi, English and French – fluently with her reading and writing. She came here some of the days after school and she was very friendly with the little kids here when they came into the office. She could make a connection to anybody very easily. She was so friendly with the biggest smile, big beautiful green eyes. It is hard to even talk about them like this. It is hard not having them around anymore."

In an interview with CBC News, Dr. Hamed held back tears as he described his thoughts and feelings after learning of his wife and daughter's fate. The morning of Jan. 9, he made a call to Reera's school to notify them of the situation.

"Usually I call them when she's absent, usually she is not, and I told them Reera was going to be absent forever. That was a hard moment for me," Dr. Hamed said. "She was an amazing girl. We had a very, very great relationship. She was a funny girl and she was the best of everything."

He added, "I had to force her to play piano everyday. (I would say) Reera, you have

to play 30 minutes, and she would tell me 'no, it's 25 minutes'. (Then) I Google that, and it's (supposed) to be 25 minutes for a nine-year-old. So, she knew things like that."

Dr. Hamed was supposed to pick his wife and Reera up from the airport upon their arrival back to Canada. He was planning out his day when he got the call.

"When I'm thinking about both of them, on that plane, what they were thinking about at the very last moment, I can't answer that question," Dr. Hamed continued. "I will miss them forever. There's a hole in my heart now and I can't fill it up."

Outside of the dental practice, the family was remembered in other parts of the community, including over at the Aurora Public Library, where the couple donated books for Farsi-speaking readers.

"Our deepest condolences to the Iranian community who lost their loved ones on Flight 752 en-route from Tehran," said the Library, posting to social media a photo of Dr. Parisa with an array of books she and Dr. Hamed had donated for the Farsi community. "Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and their

daughter, Reera, will be missed by our Library community."

Dr. Hamed and Dr. Parisa also owned a dental practice in Caledon - Log Home Dental.

Local Mayor Allan Thompson was one of the first to offer his condolences.

"The Caledon community joins with all Canadians in mourning those lost in the tragic plane crash in Iran, which included Caledon East dentist Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and her daughter Reera Esmaeilion. Our heartfelt sadness and sympathy to Dr. Hamed Esmaeilion," Mayor Thompson posted on his social media accounts. "In memory of those who died, and the tremendous impact to their families and friends, all glafs at Town of Caledon municipal facilities have been lowered to half-mast."

The lives of the victims of Flight 752 were remembered in a vigil hosted in Oak Ridges at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning by the York Region District School Board, the York Catholic District School Board, the York Regional Police and the City of Richmond Hill.

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Fat bike riders brave rain and ice to cross the finish line

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Rainy, chilly and icy weather conditions don't stop dedicated bike riders from keeping their wheels moving.

The trails at the Albion Conservation Park were covered in ice, while rain refused to let up on Sunday (Jan. 12). But the race must go on. The Albion Fat Bike Festival is hosted by Ontario's Premier Endurance Mountain Bike Event Company, Substance Projects. Now, you're probably asking yourself exactly what I think you're asking. What's a fat bike?

"Fat biking is pretty much mountain biking but with wider tires. Traditionally they started off being a 26-inch rim with a 4.0-inch wide tire, which then varied in range down to 3.0-inch and up to 5.0 inch," explains owner and CEO of Substance Projects, Dan Marshall. "In Southern Ontario and most of Canada, we tend to focus on riding in the snow, as it's thought of as a winter bike or a snow bike, and in many parts of the world they use them as a beach bike."

Normally, you would think biking is a summer activity. Getting out on trails, side roads, any available path possible, to get in some exercise, but also to enjoy our natural environment. Fat biking allows biking activities to go on all year round.

With thicker and wider tires, they provide more traction and grip to weathered conditions. Several riders mount their bikes with studded tires, which are spikes that bite firmly into icy roads and trails.

"We're now seeing subtle evolution in the technology, including a big thing, which is the studded tires. Generally, there is a good range of tires. By doing different kinds of studs, and different patterns of studs,



PHOTO: ALYSSA PARKHILL

DON'T KNOW IT UNTIL YOU'VE TRIED IT: Fat biking has been gaining in popularity in Ontario ever since bursting onto the scene as a sport 10 years ago.

you're able to get a better grip in a wider range of conditions," says Marshall.

Fat bikes came into the riding world roughly 10 years ago, but really gained popularity in the past five to seven years. It gives riders more experience and dedication to be able to continue training in the outdoors in chilly, wet, or icy weather.

"It's a great way for people to get out-

side and ride a bike out in nature, out in the environment, instead of on their trainer all winter long. In the winter, there's a lot of days you can't cross-country ski, or you can't downhill ski, and you can't really snowshoe, but if you've got a bike reasonably set up, you can still get outside and enjoy the natural environment, no matter what the weather," says Marshall.

The Albion Fat Bike Festival has gone on for the past five years, with Substance Projects running the past two. SuperFly Racing previously ran the festival but asked Substance Projects to step in because of their focus being on fat bike racing in the winter.

Marshall fell in love with mountain biking at a young age and through years of figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, that love for biking remained.

"I've been racing mountain bikes since I was in my teens. I tried a variety of different jobs but decided that I actually really enjoy riding bikes and organizing bike races, and doing course design. So I decided that's what I'm going to do," explains Marshall. "We started 10 years ago and started running some bike races starting with mountain bike and endurance bike races, specifically. In the summer we run endurance mountain bike series, as well as a gravel race series, and about four years ago we started running a winter fat bike series as well."

He added, "It's evolving and changing as the fat bike market evolves and changes, and it's a lot of fun and we've met some amazing people. They're all a bucket of crazy, and we love them all."

Approximately 75 riders participated in the Albion Fat Bike Festival, and every single one crossed the finish line with a smile on their face. The overall winner for the race was Nathan Silverthorn.

The next race will be held in Parry Sound at the Georgian Nordic Outdoor Activity Centre on Feb 1.

For more information, please visit Substance Projects social media pages on Facebook and Instagram, and the website substanceprojects.com that will be soon be active in the near future.

Conservative leadership elections opened on Monday, with rules set

Written By MIKE BAKER

The Conservative Party of Canada officially opened its 2020 Leadership election on Monday (January 13), giving candidates until the end of February to apply.

With the opening of the race, the Leadership Election Organizing Committee (LEOC) has also set the rules governing the election, including candidate requirements and fees.

"With this announcement, the Conservative Party's leadership race is officially ready to open, and it's a process designed to test the organizational abilities of our next leader," said Dan Nowlan, Co-Chair of

LEOC. "It's not only your ability to fundraise, but more importantly your ability to inspire Canadians to join our party, and to do so under tight timelines similar to the pressures of an election."

The financial requirement to become a Verified Candidate in the 2020 Conservative Leadership election will be a total non-refundable registration fee of \$200,000. Additionally, Verified Candidates will be required to obtain 3,000 signatures of endorsement in total from party members.

The financial and member endorsement obligations will be structured as follows:

A person entering the race will submit a

\$25,000 instalment of the total registration fee, as well as a first instalment of 1,000 signatures of endorsement. These signatures must be from members residing in at least 30 different electoral districts across at least seven provinces and/or territories. Once accepted, this person becomes an Approved Applicant.

For an Approved Applicant to receive the list of Conservative Party members and the Leadership election voters list, they will submit a further \$25,000 instalment of the registration fee, plus submit a full compliance deposit of \$100,000, and a further instalment of 1,000 signatures of endorsement. At this

point, they become an Authorized Contestant.

Approved Applicants and Authorized Contestants will have until March 25 at 5PM ET to submit the full remaining registration fee, and the full remaining signatures of endorsement to become a Verified Candidate. Only Verified Candidates will have their name on the Leadership ballot.

To vote in the 2020 Conservative Leadership election, Canadians must be a member of the Conservative Party by April 17, 2020. The winner of the Conservative Leadership election will be announced in Toronto on June 27.



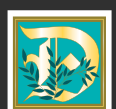
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Caledon housing market sees modest increase in 2019

Written By MARK PAVILONS

House prices in Caledon enjoyed a modest increase in 2019, joining the GTA market.

But these increases are growing faster than people's incomes, placing a strain on affordability.

A report released by Zoocasa compares how 2019 home values have increased relative to local household incomes in the GTA.

Specifically, they compiled 2019 median home prices in municipalities within seven GTA regions including Peel Region and compared them to the median after-tax incomes earned in each to see how much home values have increased or decreased as a percentage of local household earnings.

Peel Region overall experienced the second-highest year-over-year median price increase, up 6% to \$700,000 – a difference of \$40,000, accounting for 53% of local incomes. Individual municipalities saw price growth between 4 to 7%, accounting for 31% to 64% of incomes.

Caledon Homes experienced a \$30,000 hike, to an average of \$850,000, the 5th highest in the GTA.

Caledon is behind King (\$1.27 million), Vaughan (\$918,000), Oakville (\$910,000) and Markham (\$880,000).

Caledon outpaces its Peel neighbours Brampton (\$698,000) and Mississauga (\$685,000).

York Region as a whole experienced a 2% growth in median home prices, to \$850,150, a difference of \$20,150 that accounts for 24% of local incomes.

Nearby King Township saw the second-largest decrease in median prices in the GTA, falling 2% to \$1,270,000. That's a difference of -\$20,000, and accounting for -20% of local incomes.

The remainder of York region saw year-over-year prices changes between 2 to 5%, accounting for 22 to 54% of local incomes.

Coupled with a decline in MLS listings, that effectively put the boil under price growth in 2019 – home prices rose an average of 4% across the GTA year over year to

\$819,319, requiring buyers to come up with \$32,079 more than they needed the previous year. Sold home prices in Toronto rose 5.6% to an average of \$883,520 over the course of the year.

However, home price jumps were even more significant across median home prices – the mid-point of the market most likely to impact middle-income buyers. Prices rose 6% in the GTA to \$710,000, a difference of \$40,000. To put that into perspective, that would most impact buyers looking to purchase a condo unit within the city of Toronto, or move-up housing, such as a semi-detached house, in other GTA municipalities.

As well, a common narrative in Canada's hottest markets is that home price growth has steadily outpaced that of local incomes.

The findings reveal that the City of Toronto experienced the greatest increase in median home prices throughout 2019, with gains nearly equivalent to an entire year of after-tax income; median home prices rose by 8% to \$720,000 – a difference of \$55,000 that accounts for nearly 94% of the median Torontonians' after-tax income of \$58,264.

The largest increases took place in Toronto Central, where median prices rose 9% year over year to \$705,800, a difference of \$55,800, accounting for 96% of income. That's followed by Toronto West, which rose 8% to \$715,000, up \$55,000 and accounting for 94%, while Toronto East experienced a 6% increase to \$740,000, up \$45,000 and accounting for 77% of income.

On the other end of the scale were some of the GTA's northern-most markets, with Simcoe County and York Region home to municipalities with the smallest price increases, accounting for the least proportion of local incomes.

By comparison, Orangeville saw median home prices rise 5% to \$551,500, a difference of \$26,500, accounting for 36% of median incomes. Likewise, in Halton region, home prices rose 4% to \$770,000, a difference of \$32,500 – accounting for 37% of incomes, with individual municipalities increasing 4 to 7%, accounting for 34 to 53% of incomes.

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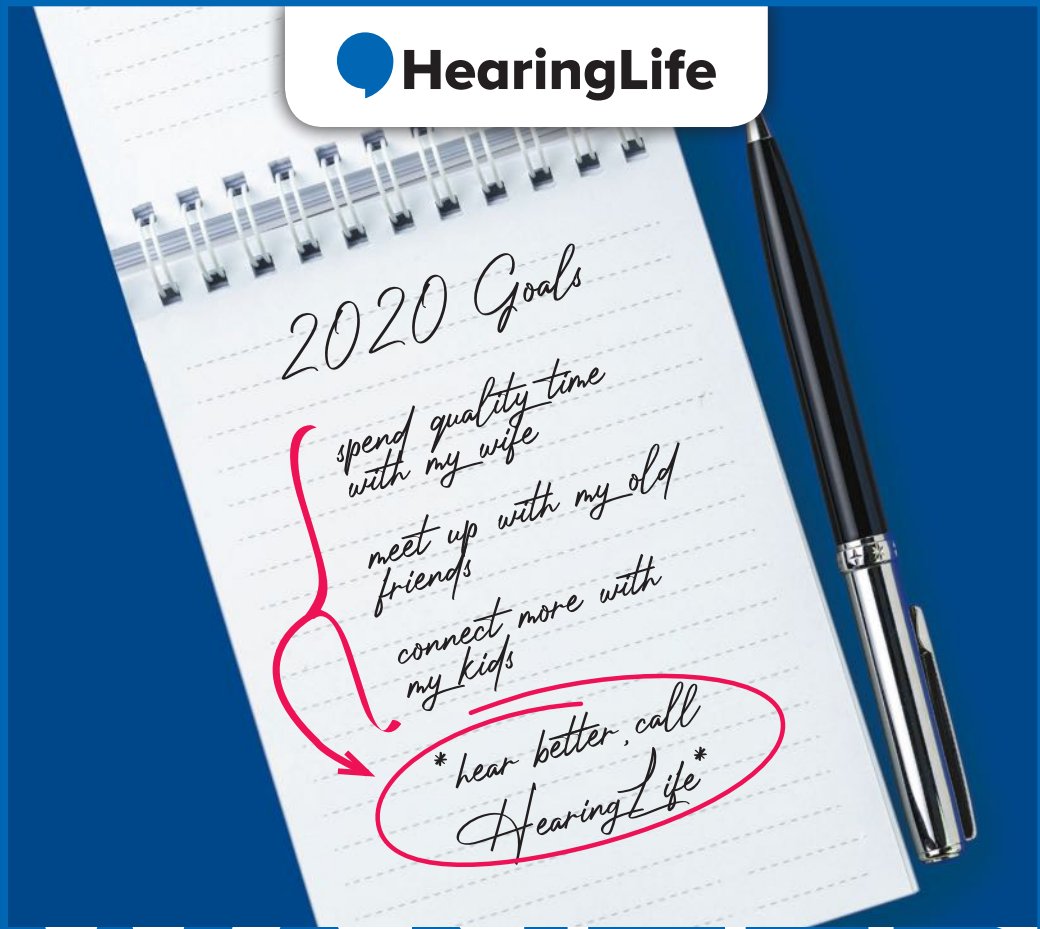
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Caledon's Adult 55+ Strategic Plan to become age-friendly

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Adult 55+ Strategic Plan was approved back in 2015, and within the five years there have been several accomplishments, but, as with anything, there continues to be room for improvement

Katie Sawyers, Coordinator of Adult 55+ alongside Nora Martin, member and past president of the Seniors Task Force, presented to Council on Tuesday (Jan 14), a new action plan to improve and broaden the current Strategic Plan to an Age Friendly Action Plan.

Since the development of the Adult 55+ Strategic Plan in 2015, there have been several accomplishments and developments. A series of internal studies were completed in 2017, which was advocated by the Seniors Task Force to consult on housing, age friendly studies and transit feasibility.

Three key accomplishments presented by Sawyer and Martin is the advocacy of alternative housing options for older adults, increasing awareness of programs and services offered and revising the Adult 55+ Strategic Plan to meet the requirements of an Age Friendly Action Plan.

"This document was designed as an effort to prepare and plan for the future of Caledon residents. The development of the 55+ Strategic Plan followed a frame work, that is consistent with the elements of age friendly designation through the World Health Organization," explains Martin in the presentation.

Staff, as well as the Senior Task Force, are confident and committed on the transition of the Adult 55+ Strategic Plan to an Age Friendly Action Plan by extensive review, checklists, consultations, resources and approval from Council.

"Working from a document that is over five years old is challenging, as items indicated on the plan are outdated and com-

" This document was designed as an effort to prepare and plan for the future of Caledon residents.

Nora Martin
Coordinator Adult 55+

plete. Housing is an ongoing challenge due to the timeline for development and land use restrictions," says Martin when discussing certain challenges staff and members of the Seniors Task Force endure throughout the years.

Mayor Allan Thompson agreed with the presentation, noting items such as these are needed to be presented and discussed as the work of the new Caledon Official Plan is in the works.

"With the Official Plan that we're working on, it's essential that we have your input going forward," comments Mayor Allan Thompson.

He added in regards to the housing challenge, "73 per cent of the detached homes, two bedrooms or more are owned by seniors. 65 per cent without a mortgage or line of credit. That is going to grow and if we don't find a solution on how to allow seniors to be able to downsize and stay in community, we're going to have a surplus of detached homes within the next 10-year period."

The World Health Organization (WHO) describes an age-friendly community as "inclusive and accessible urban environment that promotes active aging." Creating an age-friendly community allows for services to better accessible for seniors.

For more information about the Adult 55+, please visit caledon.ca/adult55.

Vacancy: Seniors' Task Force

The Town of Caledon is currently recruiting for a community-minded resident to serve on the Seniors' Task Force.

The purpose of the Seniors' Task Force is to assist with and advise on the implementation of the Town's Adults 55+ Strategic Plan and other initiatives regarding older adult matters within the municipality, as needed.

The Task Force meets once a month for three hours during the day.

The resident member must have the capacity to attend meetings and participate in scheduled working groups. Working group time commitments are arranged by individual members on an as needed basis.

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Year in Review

As the Town begins to embark on a new year, I want to reflect on Caledon's journey throughout 2019.

Caledon is truly a resilient and diverse community to live and work in. We stood up to and overcame challenges such as the Bolton flood, while making changes to protect our natural environment. We also looked to innovative solutions in transportation and technology to address connectivity in our growing community.

The past year has been successful thanks to much community involvement. Residents, businesses, Town staff and community partners have worked together to break world records, reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, and offer new recreation facilities and programs.

In 2019 you provided feedback and insights with respect to Council priorities and our long-term economic development needs. In 2020, we're excited to start and also move forward on a number of projects, initiatives and campaigns. One of those projects is our Official Plan review. I encourage everyone to get involved, share your story and stay informed about the process. Visit future.caledon.ca to do just that.

On behalf of Council I look forward to continued collaboration and success for Caledon in 2020 as we strive to fulfill our vision of making Caledon one of the most liveable and sustainable rural/urban communities in Canada.

Allan Thompson

Mayor Allan Thompson

JANUARY

Southfields Community Centre Construction

Construction continued on the new 65,000 square foot community centre in Southfields which will include a pool, fitness centre, program space, library and more, to be operational in early 2020.



Community Climate Change Plan

The Town initiated a task force to guide the update to its Community Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). Called Resilient Caledon, the plan update will highlight actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the community for the realities of a changing climate and extreme weather.



FEBRUARY

New Online Recreation Registration

The Town launched a new platform that allows for secure online registration, more ways to communicate with residents, and a comprehensive facility rentals system, all within a clean, user-friendly interface.

MARCH

2018-2022 Council Work Plan

Caledon Council established key priorities: sustainable growth, connected community, improved service delivery and good governance, and began implementing the four-year plan.

APRIL / MAY

Road Improvements

Full reconstruction work began on Castlederg Sideroad, followed by Mississauga Road (July) and The Grange Sideroad (July), totaling 12.4 lane km improvements for motor, cycle and pedestrian travel.

JUNE

Cheers Caledon! Guinness World Record

Cheers Caledon! Craft Beer and Cider Festival set the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the largest cider tasting event.



Community Cat Program

Caledon's Animal Services division began implementing the Community Cat Pilot Program to help manage feral cats within the community.

AUGUST

Alton BMX Pump Track

The Town, Alton Village Association and Lynx & Hare Cycles opened the new BMX Pump Track in Alton, providing asphalt berms and mounds for cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

Track and Field Improvements at Humberview

The Peel District School Board and the Town officially opened the revitalized track and artificial turf field at Humberview Secondary School.

SEPTEMBER

Public Transit in Mayfield

To better serve residents during peak commuter hours, the Mayfield transit line was introduced.



16th Annual Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament

The tournament raised \$77,000 for the Great War Flying Museum to complete a major hangar expansion that will attract more visitors, provide space for its vintage aircraft, improve safety and create more space to host events.

OCTOBER

Bolton Industrial Park Broadband Upgraded

Through a competitive process the Town selected Vianet to install over 8km of fibre optic cable and increase access to high speed internet in the south Bolton industrial area.

Bolton Fire Station

The Roy B. Clarkson Fire Station opened. This 21,000 square foot, energy-efficient facility will enhance the Town's emergency response capability.



Financial Awards

For the eighth consecutive year, the Town received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of North America.

NOVEMBER

Public Transit in Bolton

A new local transit line in Bolton includes 27 new bus stops during peak commuter hours.



Digital Main Street

The Town and the Downtown Bolton Business Improvement Area (BIA) received provincial grants to establish Digital Service Squads to help small businesses improve their online capabilities.

DECEMBER

Future Caledon

The Official Plan Review's online and in-person consultations were launched allowing residents and businesses to inform a vision of Caledon for the next 20+ years.





Let's clean up our act, before the Messiah arrives

by Mark Pavilons

Just when did we begin to lose faith?

It's no secret that Christianity has been waning, slowly slipping year after year.

In Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, 65% of American adults describe themselves as Christians when asked about their religion, down 12 percentage points over the past decade. Meanwhile, the religiously unaffiliated share of the population, consisting of people who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular," now stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009.

Both Protestantism and Catholicism are experiencing losses of population share. Currently, 43% of U.S. adults identify with Protestantism, down from 51% in 2009. And one-in-five adults (20%) are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009.

A declining share of Canadians identify as Christians, while an increasing share say they have no religion – similar to trends in the United States and Western Europe. The Pew survey in Canada, conducted in 2018, found that a slim majority of Canadian adults (55%) say they are Christian, including 29% who are Catholic and 18% who are Protestant. About three-in-10 Canadians say they are either atheist (8%), agnostic (5%) or "nothing in particular" (16%). Canadian census data indicate that the share of Canadians in this "religiously unaffiliated" category rose from 4% in 1971 to 24% in 2011, although it is lowest in Quebec. In addition, a rising share of Canadians identify with other faiths, including Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism and Buddhism, due in large part to immigration. The 2018 Pew Research Center survey found that

these five groups together make up 8% of Canadian adults.

There are many reasons for these statistics, but those are best left to the religious experts among us. I'm the sure the Pope is struggling with this, too.

Again, our western arrogance and ignorance hinders our progress, as we ignore some cultural lessons staring us right in the face.

Why don't we find out why those other religions are growing and how those believers practice their faith? We may be surprised, and discover more about tradition, love, family and the unifying power of faith than we're aware.

Of course, the one step forward, two back philosophy sometimes hinders our progress.

Quebec recently enacted a new law that bans many public employees – including teachers, police officers and judges – from wearing religious symbols in the workplace. Advocates of the measure say it promotes the separation of church and state, but opponents already have challenged the law in court, saying it targets Muslim women and erodes religious freedom. I don't know how I'd react if someone told me I couldn't wear a cross or crucifix.

France banned head scarves and other religious symbols in public schools in 2004, and banned full-face veils in all public places in 2011. A ban on face veils is also in force in other European countries.

Pew Research Center didn't ask Canadians for their opinions on these laws, but most people across Western Europe favor at least some restrictions on Muslim women's dress.

These matters seem trivial when we consider the biggie – the end of

Editorial

An unusual challenge

IT WAS PROBABLY no coincidence that last Monday (Jan. 13) we received an emailed news release from group known as We Need a Law calling for all the candidates to succeed Andrew Scheer as leader of the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) to declare whether they are "pro-life" or "pro-choice."

After all, Monday was the opening day of the 2020 CPC leadership race, when the Leadership Election Organizing Committee (LEOC) also set the rules governing the election, including candidate requirements and fees.

"With this announcement, the Conservative Party's leadership race is officially ready to open, and it's a process designed to test the organizational abilities of our next leader," said Dan Nowlan, Co-Chair of LEOC. "It's not only your ability to fundraise, but more importantly your ability to inspire Canadians to join our party, and to do so under tight time lines similar to the pressures of an election."

As you might suspect, the We Need a Law release authors want Canada to have legislation limiting pregnant women's right to have an abortion.

As matters stand, Canada is one of the few countries in the world which lack such legislation, and the issue is being raised at a time when many U.S. states have passed legislation which bans abortions if there is any sign of a fetus's heartbeat, and some expect the Republican-dominated U.S. Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision which declared abortion bans illegal.

In last October's federal election, the leaders of Canada's two major parties happened to both be Roman Catholics, but Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Mr. Scheer clearly had opposing views on this highly controversial subject, Mr. Trudeau's stated view being that all Liberal candidates should respect the right of women to choose to end a pregnancy. While he and Mr. Scheer appeared to agree that Parliament need not return to the issue, Mr. Scheer had been on record as personally anti-abortion.

And while most observers saw the Conservatives' lack of a serious commitment to deal with climate change as the real reason the party failed to win as many seats as the Liberals, some critics of Mr. Scheer have suggested that his failure

to come out as "pro choice" was just as important.

In the press release, We Need a Law said Canadians "are watching with a keen eye as candidates for leader of the Conservative Party declare their intentions. This includes pro-life Canadians who want to know what a future leader is willing to do about Canada's complete lack of abortion restrictions."

"Generally, it is assumed that this means pro-life individuals and organizations are scrutinizing each leadership hopeful for whether they are 'pro-life' or 'pro-choice', but some in the pro-life movement see it differently.

It quotes Mike Schouten, Director of We Need a Law, as saying Pro-life Conservatives "should be less concerned about whether a future leader thinks like them and more concerned about whether he or she realizes that pro-life conservatives make up an integral part of the party's base."

Noting that the pro-life movement was instrumental in Mr. Scheer's successful leadership bid, and has the potential to play a large part in the upcoming race, the release said a successful candidate "needs support from the pro-life movement. Pulling out tired lines like 'not re-opening the debate' or claiming that abortion is a 'settled issue' in Canada could be detrimental to a leadership campaign."

Would it be? We wonder.

As matters stand, we suspect that while few Canadians are "pro-abortion", ever fewer would like to see a return to criminalization of the procedure.

However, the issue continues to be clouded by several factors that could and should be dealt with by legislation.

One is a dearth of information on the extent to which lack of any laws has led to an increase in the number of abortions, given the countering effect of medicines that effectively terminate a pregnancy.

Another is the uneven access to both abortions and anti-pregnancy meds, with some provinces having few hospitals or doctors willing to perform abortions or prescribe the medications.

Perhaps in the circumstances what we really need is more active promotion of child-bearing, rather than restriction of women's choices.

days.

All of our pettiness, avarice and ill gotten gains will be turned to dust when we face judgement.

Just who will come to judge us?

The word messiah in English means a savior or a "hoped-for deliverer." The word moshiah in Hebrew actually means "anointed." In Biblical Hebrew, the title moshiah was bestowed on somebody who attained a position of nobility and greatness. For example, the high priest is referred to as the kohen ha-moshiah.

In Talmudic literature the title Moshiah, or Melech HaMoshiah (the King Messiah), is reserved for the Jewish leader who will redeem Israel in the End of Days.

One of the principles of Jewish faith is that one day there will arise a dynamic Jewish leader, a direct descendant of the Davidic dynasty, who will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, and gather Jews from all over the world and bring them back to the Land of Israel.

All the nations of the world will recognize Moshiah to be a world leader, and will accept his dominion. In the messianic era there will be world peace, no more wars nor famine, and, in general, a high standard of living.

Aren't these things we all long for? Some people believe that the world will "evolve" by itself into a messianic era without a human figurehead. Judaism rejects this belief, pointing to our own history dominated by greed, power and enslavement.

Others believe in Armageddon,

that the world will self-destruct, either by nuclear war or by terrorism.

Reliable prophecies from all religions predict world peace, but after a large scale prolonged calamities.

Even Nostradamus predicted a Third World War, destruction of the Middle East, and increasing devastation caused by global warming. This year is pivotal, scholars say. Stay on your toes, people!

Prophets speak of the arrival of a human leader, of a magnitude that the we can only imagine. His unique example and leadership will inspire mankind to change direction.

Signs of the pending arrival of the Messiah, and the "end of days," include an increase in wars and conflicts; more weather incidents like earthquakes, floods, and famine, and an increase in anti-semitism.

We've seen all of these things in recent years, and they're increasing.

How long have we yearned for world peace? Recent actions in Iran have certainly derailed it for the time being and we are seeing the fallout from this most recent horrific incident.

As we wait, patiently, for the "second coming," perhaps we should strive to improve our society, our species and our fellow men and women. Maybe we can get a head-start on the next phase of our world by ushering in all of those ideals we all wish and pray for.

Maybe if we make world peace and winning the battle against evil our priorities, the better off we will all be.

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Flight 752: collateral damage

One of the main causes of death for airline passengers in recent decades is being shot down by somebody's military. Not the very biggest, of course: accidents account for nine-tenths of all deaths in civilian airline crashes, and terrorist attacks and hijackings cause most of the rest. But a solid 2.5% of the deaths are due to trigger-happy people in military uniforms.

That's 1,379 passengers killed in commercial airliners that were shot down because they were off-course or simply mis-identified, out of a total of 57,767 deaths in all the 'major incidents' (more than 50 deaths) in aviation history.

The first was an El Al plane that strayed into Bulgarian airspace in 1955, the second an off-course Libyan airliner shot down by Israel over the Sinai Peninsula in 1973. The last of the military shoot-downs in which actual fighters were involved was an off-track Korean Air Lines jumbo jet shot down by a Soviet fighter in 1983. All 269 passengers and crew were killed.

Since then the killing has been done by surface-to-air missiles, with no visual identification. The first of these was in 1988, when the U.S. Navy ship Vincennes, operating illegally in Iran's territorial waters, shot down an Iran Air jet bound for Dubai with 290 people

aboard in the mistaken belief that it was a fighter plane. They all died.

Ukrainian Air Force missiles shot down a Siberia Airlines flight over the Black Sea in 2001 during a military exercise, killing 78. In 2014 Russian-backed rebels fighting in eastern Ukraine shot down a Malaysian Airlines plane and killed all 298 passengers and crew.

And now 176 people, the great majority of them Canadian citizens or residents, have been killed just off the end of the runway in Tehran by a young Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps technician who thought he was shooting down an American drone. At least his commander acknowledged his personal responsibility – "I wish I was dead" – but the Iranian government lied about it for three days.

Technically, this kind of mistake is inexcusable. You don't even need high-cost military technology: a free Swedish app called Flight Radar 24 will give you real-time flight data on your phone for all civilian airliners in the air in your vicinity. What we are dealing with here is mostly human error – but human error driven by paranoid politics and huge time pressure.

You can't do anything about the time pressure: decisions really do sometimes have to

be made in seconds if you suspect that you have a 'hostile' incoming on the radar. The paranoia might be easier to address in principle, but it's equally inevitable in practice: all the shoot-downs happen in countries that are in acute military confrontations of one sort or another.

And that's the point, really: all these shoot-downs are fundamentally a political phenomenon, not a technical malfunction or mere human error. We live in a far more peaceful world than our distant ancestors did, but our deepest cultural traditions are still tribal. Once a confrontation gets going, we quickly turn into Yanomamo villagers.

You can't imagine an 'accidental' shoot-down of a civilian aircraft over Canada nowadays, for example. Back in the Cold War Days, however, there were surface-to-air missile systems in Canada, designed to shoot down Soviet bombers but perfectly capable of making the same sort of mistake that killed a plane-load of Canadians over Tehran last week. Nobody is invulnerable, and nobody is immune to the paranoia.

On the other hand, don't despair. The great majority of the world's people now live in countries where the risk of war is very low or entirely absent, and the cities are not surrounded by anti-aircraft missiles. We

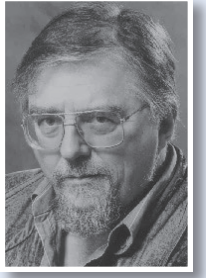
have already travelled a very long way from the time when every human society lived in constant fear of all its neighbours.

This is still a work in progress. The past century has seen the most destructive wars in history – which was inevitable, given the growth in technology, wealth and population. But it was also the first time that people ceased to see war as natural, honourable, and potentially profitable, and latterly warfare has gone into a steep decline.

There could still be back-sliding, especially if the climate crisis overwhelms us, but so far the trend line is promising. The world's population has more than doubled in the past half-century, but the number of people killed in war is less than a tenth of what it was in the previous half-century.

However, the planes are much bigger, and there are now around a million people in the air at any given moment, so there are also more people being killed in shoot-downs. It's never any consolation to tell people that things are getting better on average when they have been devastated by a personal loss. But for what it's worth, they are.

GWYNNE DYER
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On the education front

Several important announcements by the Ontario government over the past two months have been lost in all the noise about current contract negotiations. Those announcements have put skilled trades at the front and centre for the first time in a long time and that's good news. Why? Because enrolment in trades programming has been consistently falling for some time now and that means the day might come when your plumbing goes down the drain, your dwelling falls in to disrepair and the elevator your riding in doesn't quite go all the way to the top. Trades are the like the engine of a car. The trades are what keep everything else moving.

Labour Minister Monte McNaughton recently announced that "for too long we haven't viewed these challenging positions as a viable first option," adding "we have to challenge the stigma...and encourage more Ontarians to consider a path other than university." To that end, the Ontario government is investing over \$75 million dollars in an initiative to promote the skilled trades including advertising, an investment of

about \$42 million in SHSM* programming and \$20+ million allocated to pre-apprenticeship programs with a further \$12+ million towards a youth apprenticeship program. In an economy that Mr. Ford describes as "booming," there are apparently thousands of jobs going unfilled for want of qualified candidates. I can attest to this personally, our business is doing well but hiring qualified skilled trades employees is proving virtually impossible. It's about time we seriously questioned the government about their online learning proposals (and all those leaked memos!) and started talking about hands-on learning.

SHSM programming, for those who are unfamiliar with the term, provides options for students in high school to graduate with a Specialist High Skills Major in a particular area. They are able to direct and focus their learning, in grades 11 and 12, in a specific skill while still meeting all standard Ministry of Education requirements. They take a "bundle" of courses geared to their area of interest and / or participate in co-operative education opportunities. Students can choose from

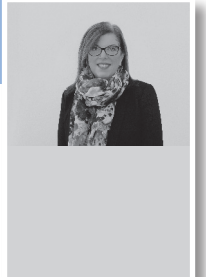
Hospitality and Tourism, the Arts, Business, Construction, Manufacturing and more. It's a start but there's more to be done.

Schools would benefit from a further investment in machine shops and auto tech. Remember those? I might be dating myself but do you recall the days when one could take a car apart and put it back together again or learn the inner workings of machining metal parts? "Shop" (as some of these courses were collectively known as colloquially) was where students who were good at working with their hands, who were proficient in math and more, would learn to read blueprints, diagrams and technical drawings and where one would be exposed to career opportunities that led to college and/or a career in the trades. Many of those shops have now disappeared entirely from schools due to funding cuts. Yet, independently owned small businesses are considered an economic driver, with those employing 99 staff or less, making up 69.7%* of the total labour force and many of these owned and operated by persons skilled in a particular trade. It just makes good economic

sense to focus more education dollars towards this kind of hands-on education. I'm holding a great deal of faith that this new influx of trades related cash be put to good use.

With one in five jobs expected to be generated in the trades over the next five years, stepping up to support trades education is both necessary and crucial. I invite the Ford government to go one step further and actually consult with those small businesses that drive our economy. Then, while you're negotiating with the unions about classroom size and educational supports, consider also adding to the programming roster and return "shop" to more schools. Make an education in the trades as easily accessible as we make a university-focussed education because no matter what you do and where you go in life, chances are high that folks owning or working in a successful business in the trades helped pave the way.

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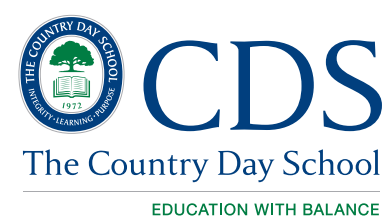
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Two arrested following theft from vehicle in Caledon

Officers from the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police arrested two parties following a theft from vehicle investigation in Caledon.

On January 5th, 2020 a resident from Inglewood reported that their vehicle was entered by unknown suspects, while it was parked in the driveway of their residence. The complainant advised that a number of items were stolen from the car, which included debit and credit cards.

As a result of the investigation, officers were able to identify and locate the suspects in Brampton. The suspects were arrested by members from the CSCU and charged with the following offences:

Alex Payne, 27, of Brampton, was charged

with:

- Fraud under \$5000
- Use of credit card;
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000 X two counts;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Fail to comply with probation order;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - methamphetamine, and
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - opioid.

Cierra Willis Ditommaos, 23, of Brampton, was charged with

- Theft under \$5000 from a motor vehicle;
- Trespassing at night;
- Use of credit card;

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Fraud under \$5000.

Both accused were held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

Caledon OPP would like to remind residents to always remove all valuables from their vehicles and to lock their cars.

Provincial AMBER Alert program proven a success in 2019

January 13th marks International AMBER Alert Awareness Day, honoring the memory of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman who was abducted and murdered in Arlington, Texas on January 13, 1996. The AMBER Alert program is being used in Canada, the United States of America and many other countries around the world.

In Ontario, eight AMBER Alerts were activated in 2019. That included 12 abducted children within the province in 2019. Of those 12 children, 11 of them were located safely and six out of the eight suspects were arrested. All eight abductions in 2019 were familial. All AMBER Alerts in 2019 were requested by municipal or regional police service investigations and issued by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on their behalf. The OPP is the authorized issuer for AMBER Alerts in Ontario.

AMBER Alerts are distributed through Canada's emergency alerting system, Alert Ready. Alert Ready was designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians. It was developed with many partners including federal, provincial, and territorial government agencies, Pelmorex, the broadcasting industry and wireless service providers. The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), requires all FM radio, AM radio,

over-the air television stations, subscription-based broadcasting service providers and, as of April 2018, wireless service providers, to distribute these alerts. Government officials developed a specific list of the types of alerts that are considered a threat to life, which includes AMBER Alerts.

Once a child is abducted there is no way to determine the exact location the abductor is headed. It is important to alert the entire province, which is consistent with all other provinces in Canada. The AMBER Alert on April 25, 2019 concluded at a distance of over 290 kilometres and the AMBER Alert on May 14, 2019 concluded at a distance of over 400 kilometres within a few short hours.

Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) believes that knowledge is power when it comes to preventing citizens and businesses from becoming victims of cybercrime.

Everyone is a target for malicious online activity, and Caledon residents are no exception. Cybercriminals extort money and personal data from unsuspecting victims by taking advantage of low cyber security awareness. Individuals and businesses can take steps to protect their data by managing risks, reducing threats and minimizing harm.

Caledon OPP along with cyber security experts, want to safeguard Caledon residents from becoming victims of cybercrime. This January, join us to learn:

- How Cyber Threats Work and How They Affect You
 - How to Protect Yourself Online
 - Reporting Fraud and Scams
 - Preventing Cyber Threats
- Date: Wednesday, January 29th, 2020
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Royal Ambassador, 15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen editor@caledoncitizen.com, call (905) 857-6626 or 1-888-557-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

The Electric Vehicle Society "Caledon" Chapter is holding their inaugural meeting on Wednesday January 29th 2020 at 7:00PM. Location is the Town of Caledon Parks & Recreation South-Fields Village Storefront, 12550 Kennedy Road, Bldg. A-Unit 5 in South-Fields Village, Caledon.

We are a non-profit group advocating for electric mobility. Whether you're new to EVs or you've owned one for years, we welcome you! We invite anyone to come out for our free meeting and learn more about the Electric Vehicle Society and the world of electric cars!

For more info, you can check out our National Website at www.evsociety.ca.

Traditional Robbie Burns Supper, Saturday, January 25, 2020. Doors open at 5:00pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hillsburgh. \$35.00 per person

Festivities begin with the piping in of the haggis at 6:00pm followed by a traditional Scottish meal of cock-a-leekie soup, beef & sausage pie with 'neaps & tatties' and decadent sticky toffee pudding!

After the meal, we'll enjoy a little Scottish entertainment.

Contact Helen / Ted (519) 855-6597 to order tickets.

Or email Standrewshillsburgh@outlook.com

Call today, seating is limited.

Caledon East & District Historical Society
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

St. James Church, Caledon East

Speaker: Mattison Innis

The History of the Innis Family Farm

Visitors \$5. All welcome.

Sunday, February 2, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Caledon Chamber Concerts presents the Venuti String Quartet. This concert replaces the one that was cancelled last October. The concert takes place at St. James' Anglican Church, Caledon East. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students 16 years and under, and will only be available at the door. Season ticket holders may use their ticket from the October concert. For more information or to reserve tickets call 905-880-2445.

Jason's Quest First Gala

In Support of Single Parent Families with children with special needs

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Please contact Jason Scorch for more information at jason.scorch@hotmail.com or 647-688-0023

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) Seniors Social and Wellness Programs (55+) is an interactive, fun and educational program held weekly at no charge: Monday at 35 Victoria Crescent, Mono Mills 1:00 - 3:00, Wednesday at the Cheltenham Baptist Church, 14520 Creditview Road, Cheltenham 10:00 - 12:00, Friday at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Avenue, Palgrave, 9:30 - 11:30.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

An evening of euchre is held the first and third Friday of the month at Terra Cotta Community Hall. Play will start at 7 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$3 per person, and proceeds raised will go to the operation of the hall. For more information, contact John or Cheryl at 289-344-0033.

Cardball will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 10 a.m. to noon. Darts will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 951-9376.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton Real Life. Real People. We're a non-profit group which meets weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-in is from 6:30PM followed by a meeting at 7:00PM. The annual fee incl. a semi-monthly magazine is \$48 and monthly dues are only \$15. What do you have to lose? Get started now! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at Cheltenham Baptist Church 14520 Creditview Rd. Wednesday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 10 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments following. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

Town looking for nominations as Community Recognition Night looms

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Several residents of the Caledon community shine bright with their dedication and hard work to provide support, updates, information and general leadership within the community.

The Town of Caledon is giving those an opportunity to nominate who you think shines the brightest.

Community Recognition Night allows Mayor Allan Thompson, as well as members of Council, to honour and celebrate the hard work and achievements of the volunteers we have in Caledon.

The Community Recognition Night is broken down into two award sections. Volunteer Service and Citizen Achievement.

Caledon residents are able to nominate other residents who they feel should be celebrated for their hard work within the community.

For Volunteer Service section of recognition, members of the community can be nominated for their roles in:

- Community and social services
- Environmental leadership

- Sports and recreation
- Arts and Culture

For Citizen Achievement, residents can be nominated for:

- Sports Achievement
- Arts and culture
- Distinguished Citizen

"It's so important that we recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions and achievements of our residents; they are the very fabric of our communities and a key part of the Caledon story," says Mayor Allan Thompson.

The Community Recognition Night was created in 1984, and used to be called the Caledon Celebration of Volunteers. Format and scope of the event has changed throughout the years but the focus has remained intact to celebrate member of the community who contributed their time and effort to better others and reached levels of achievements.

The Awards event will take place during National Volunteer Week on April 19 - 25.

For more information, please visit caledon.ca/crn.

Make Valentine's Day memorable this year by taking your special date, friends or family to dinner and dance!

Last year's event was fantastic...the hall was decorated in a party atmosphere and a party it was! We had some guests who danced to every song! Tickets at \$100 pp, available now through boltonrotary@gmail.com, include Italian-inspired plated dinner service, DJ Dave Puzzo from Dolce Entertainment, OPEN premium bar, silent auction...net proceeds from the event go to Caledon Female Hockey Association.



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ARTS & Entertainment



Sharyn Ayliffe to take over GM position at Theatre Orangeville

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Sharyn Ayliffe will be the new General Manager for Theatre Orangeville, beginning in March, 2020.

“We had over 50 applicants in answer to our notice of invitation to apply for General Manager for the theatre,” said David Nairn, Artistic Director of Theatre Orangeville, in conversation with the Citizen. “The notice spider-webs through the theatre world. We interviewed about 15 applicants – got down to the final strokes. Sharyn was applying; she submitted her application exactly like everyone else. There were initial interviews with the last five.

“We have to do our due diligence,” he stated by way of explaining why Ms. Ayliffe, who had been working for the theatre for some years and was so well known, had to go the same route as all the other applicants.

“There were terrific people who applied; it was very difficult to choose among them. The process was done by committee, which is the best way but the ultimate decision lies with me. I bear the responsibility for that. So, it was a little bit delayed because of my illness; any road, it is very exciting. She’s going to be sensational at the job and she already knows how TOV works. There were really excellent people who live near at hand – some excellent people.”

For the last several years, Sharyn Ayliffe has been the Program Manager for Theatre Orangeville.

“One of her first responsibilities will be to replace herself,” Mr. Nairn mentioned. “What a wonderful opportunity to have someone new in that position. She’s been doing it for the last eight years.

“Sharyn is stepping into very big shoes. I’m very excited for Sharyn and to be working with her – she’s a passionate, an understanding person – the Creative Partners [On Stage] has grown under her management. It [General Manager] is all a ton of work but



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NEW WOMAN AT THE WHEEL: Sharyn Ayliffe, who previously served as Program Manager at Theatre Orangeville, will be taking over from the outgoing Bernadette Hardaker as the company’s GM.

she’s excited by it.” He added, “The one thing I’m really super happy about is Bernadette [Hardaker, the current GM] has offered to come back for a day here and there. Her experience will be very helpful in some areas.”

Speaking of Ms. Hardaker, Mr. Nairn’s comment was, “It’s a terrific move for Bernadette. Marilyn [Logan, former GM] is

still a big part of our lives as is Cathy Reid. Universally, the feed back from the theatre community and our near family actors, it’s been such a universally positive reaction to the news. I’m very thrilled for Sharyn and excited for the company.”

His reaction to our asking for a definition of the General Manger was, “Oh, boy, you don’t want to see that job description. Basi-

cally, it is seeing to the day-to-day financial and administrative health of the organization.”

An exaggerated simplification of the job, to be sure. To elucidate somewhat, he continued, “Our art form is a collaborative one. Diane Bator is the box office manager and she is charged with hiring box office staff because she is the one who knows what is needed. It’s a matter of having great people and trusting them to know what to do and entrusting them to do that.”

He offered, “One of the really important aspects of GM is you need to be a people person. Her insight, compassion and heart will serve TOV brilliantly for quite some time to come.

“When you go through this kind of a process – it’s the third time for me – it was really satisfying to see the calibre of the people who applied for the job, which they did for a variety of reasons and to see that people of that calibre, with that level of life and experience, wanted to be part of this community – different reasons, goals, but they were all really driven by the desire to work here with this community.

“There were some excellent candidates who, once we delved into the level of commitment of time for the job, realized they might not be suited to it. The theatre needs to grow, develop and that requires a fresh take. I think too, when it’s a smart, clever, dynamic, energetic person – that is going to do nothing but inspire the company.

“It is our responsibility to take inclusion further. That leadership will continue to be inspired. Sharyn is very much in tune with that.”

Mr. Nairn put it all this way, “Seeing a somewhat younger person in a position like that, in a position of authority is inspiring but this is not an age thing. Age is not the issue.”

He said, “It is an energy thing.”

Mizzoni sizzles with his best album to date

Written By MARK PAVILONS

Following up on worldwide exposure for his 2019 hit, King’s Len Mizzoni will release what he calls his best album so far.

The prolific songwriter and musician is thrilled with “Forever” and its single “It’s You Always been You.” The album is set for a Feb. 3 release.

Mizzoni said this album is a mixed bag – everything you could want in terms of adult contemporary tunes.

“It’s You Always been You” is an upbeat song about true love that may even get you moving. “Forever” is typical of Mizzoni’s style and eloquence – perfect vocals and an interesting delivery of harmony and chorus. His style is a fusion of old school jazz, pop, dance and even country.

Mizzoni’s popularity on social media and music sites has exploded in the past year, due to his highly successful Better Days in 2019 and

Waves of Indigo in 2018. Both received extensive international airplay in more than 40 countries.

With more than 150 titles in his catalogue, Mizzoni is simply thrilled to be so productive at this stage of his life. He left his music career in the 1980s and has become a successful entrepreneur. He returned to songwriting roughly six years ago and ever since has been a creative powerhouse. His passion and accolades from around the globe, fuel his motivation to keep going.

The new single “It’s You Always been You” has been sent to 150 radio stations across North America and has gone viral on SoundCloud. His list of followers has ballooned to over 5,500.

The new album Forever was produced by Mizzoni and Alexander Dedov, mixed and mastered by Michael Sarracini at Mono Road Music.

For more, visit soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni or visit www.lenmizzoni.com

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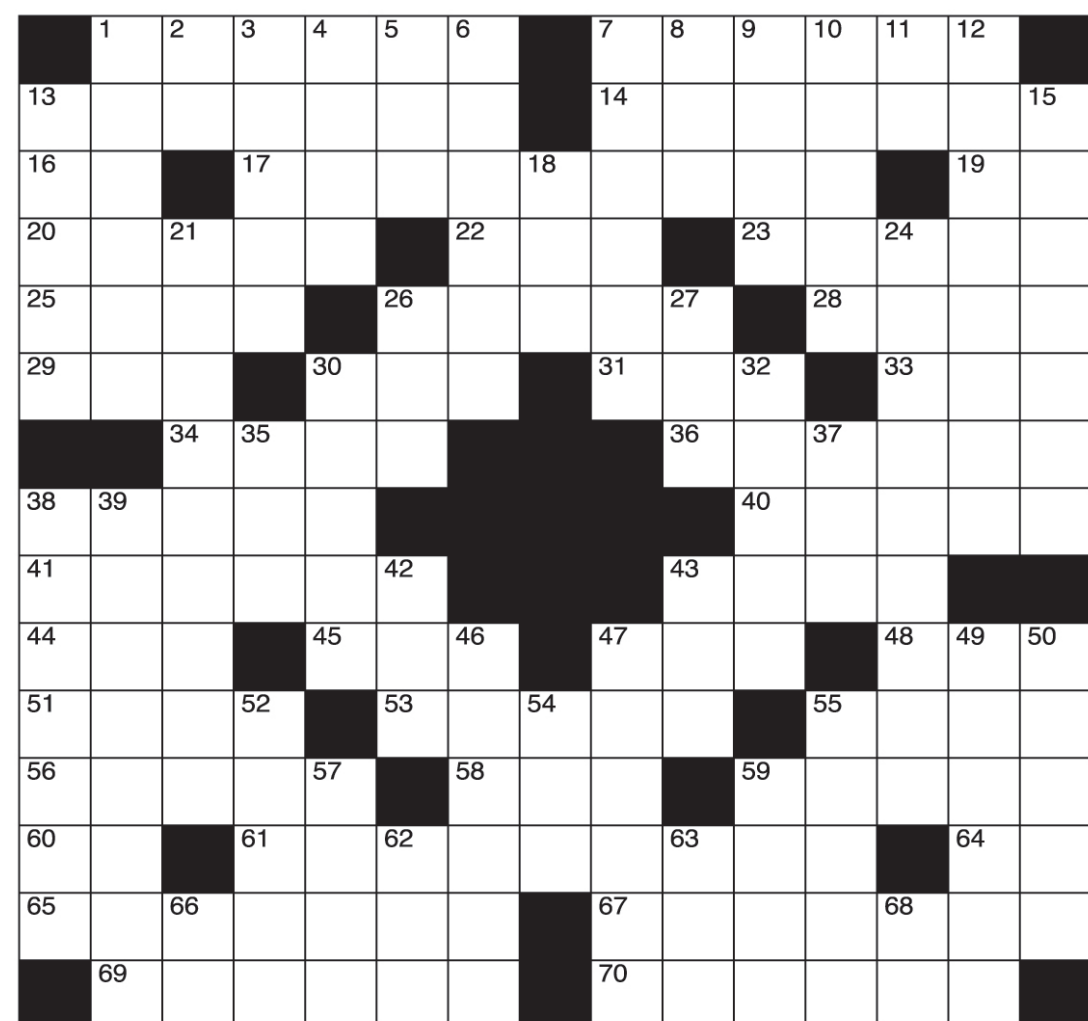
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Recurring TV show
- 7. Throws out
- 13. Iberian Peninsula microstate
- 14. Gossip
- 16. Atomic #20
- 17. Ivy League institution
- 19. Of I
- 20. “He Is ___!”: Scripture excerpt
- 22. Musical genre
- 23. Heavy cavalry sword
- 25. Ancient Olympic Site
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Popular flower
- 29. Shared services center
- 30. Drain
- 31. A way to attack
- 33. Urban Transit Authority
- 34. Spiritual leader
- 36. Postponed
- 38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
- 40. Gazes unpleasantly
- 41. Gets up
- 43. Capital of Ukraine
- 44. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 45. Golf score
- 47. Superhigh frequency
- 48. Swiss river
- 51. Felons
- 53. Succulent plants
- 55. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 56. Deliberately setting fire to
- 58. Infamous singer Zadora
- 59. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- 60. Influential sports mag
- 61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant
- 64. Sixth note of a major scale
- 65. Unit of explosive power
- 67. Large watertight chamber
- 69. Popular street
- 70. A way of watering
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mollusks
- 2. ___, denotes past
- 3. Anchor ropes
- 4. Large Middle Eastern country
- 5. To make a mistake
- 6. Ancient governor
- 7. Extents
- 8. Chinese surname
- 9. NYC subway “residents”
- 10. Essential oil used as perfume
- 11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)
- 12. Session
- 13. Units of land areas
- 15. Goes over once more
- 18. Where wrestlers work
- 21. Italian islanders
- 24. Avenue
- 26. __ Adams, U.S. President
- 27. Rest with legs bent
- 30. Type of flour
- 32. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 37. Stinging, winged insect
- 38. The use of irony to mock
- 39. Arsenals
- 42. Pouch
- 43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. Restrict
- 49. Something comparable to another
- 50. Punishment device made from stems
- 52. Soul and calypso songs
- 54. Formerly OSS language
- 57. ___ bene: observe carefully
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Read-only memory
- 63. Chinese philosophical principle
- 66. American conglomerate
- 68. Tin

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Caledon business owner calls on community to help local causes

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Since launching her own business in Caledon, Crystal Larouche has committed herself to giving back to the local community.

Starting Crystal's Luscious Lashes, located on Queen Street in Bolton, back in 2014, Ms. Larouche has dedicated herself to building up her clientele, while ensuring she helps out non-profit organizations and charities in Caledon any chance she gets.

"I began six years ago, and I started in my home. I was a single mom at the time and I wanted to start a business that could work around my child's schedule, which made it easier for me because I was all by myself," explains Larouche. "I needed to find something that would keep me busy. When I discovered lash extensions, I was getting fulfillments in more than one way. I was still being able to take care of my child and make money, but I think the most rewarding feel-

ing that this business, is I'm giving women self-confidence about themselves."

Larouche graduated with an honour roll Medical Aesthetics Diploma in 2014 from Canadian Beauty College, and went on to get her Classic eyelash certificate from a business in Montreal called Misencil, as well as a Russian Volume Course.

According to Crystal Luscious Lashes website, eyelash extensions are defined as "an advanced technique that lengthens and thickens eyelashes. They are single strands of lashes that are curved to replicate a natural eyelash."

Larouche began a community page on Facebook in 2017 and has since become a strong voice within Caledon. She uses her platform to connect with members of the community on updates going on in the area, in council or for local businesses to promote themselves on Mondays.

On Jan 9, Larouche posted on the commu-

nity page asking for locals to come together to help charities in Caledon. Her post read, "What is 5 bucks to most of you? Just pocket change? Look we have some charity groups in Bolton here that could really use your help. You can send 5 bucks or as much as you want but we really need your help."

Her inspiration came from Harold Janes, who dedicates his time and effort to collect old electronics and bottles, heads over to the recycling centre and donates all the funds he collects from his runs.

"I've been watching Harold Janes, and he's tugging around a trailer, doing all this hard work collecting electronics and empty bottles, so that he can donate all the money. And I thought, why is he doing this all himself? As a community we should be working together and supporting one another," explains Larouche. "We're stronger together as a group, then trying to do things by ourselves. So, I thought, I have a loud voice,

why not make a post?"

She added, "For most Caledon citizens, five bucks is pocket change. If we can get five dollars from everyone in the community, and give it to all these special groups, that would benefit them so much."

Larouche is asking for members of the community to donate five dollars that will be split and given to specific groups, such as Jason's Quest, the Special Olympics and the Meaghan Zaremba Music Room just to name a few.

"Our community should be supporting each other, because we're stronger together than we are working apart," says Larouche.

For more information about Crystals Luscious Lashes please visit crystalslusciouslashes.ca, or head over to 62 Queen St S, to drop off a donation.

King City property the grand prize in 2020 Princess Margaret Home Lottery

Written By MARK PAVILONS

A King City home is the record-breaking grand prize in the 2020 Princess Margaret Home Lottery.

The 9,390-square-foot home on Elmers Lane comes in at \$5.2 million, making it the biggest home prize ever.

The home features an oversized gourmet chef inspired kitchen and breakfast area with soaring ceilings.

French doors open to a three-season lanai that boasts retractable glass walls allowing your family and guests to invite the outdoors to your doorstep.

The exquisite separate coffered ceiling

dining room and living room with fireplace makes grand scale entertaining easy!

The second floor is home to 5 beautiful bedrooms and 4 bathrooms; all with spacious walk-in closets.

The master bedroom is a private oasis complete with 2 walk-in closets, free standing tub and luxurious shower.

The show home features a private main floor library, elevator, lower level underground adult speakeasy with secret passage entrance, wet bar, and washroom.

The lower level also features a whimsical candy shop and large family recreation room equipped with a gas fireplace.

It's awarded fully furnished, professionally

decorated and landscaped.

the home is built by Greenpark Group with interior design by Sarah Baeumler.

"The show home this year is a collaboration of Greenpark's dedication to a high level of architectural details and finishes," said Jack A. Celli, interior design director for Greenpark Group/Jakmar Design Inc.

"Designed with passion and purpose, this home exudes a transitional style elevated by sophisticated elements that will mature and evolve alongside your family," noted Baeumler.

The home is part of the grand prize package, totalling \$6.8 million. It includes a 2,027-square-foot Kawartha lake-front cot-

tage valued at \$1.1 million. Topping the package is \$500,000 in cash.

Viewing opens Saturday, Feb. 15. You can visit the home Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 8 pm and weekends, noon to 5 p.m.

In the past residents have complained to King council that visitors caused traffic and parking chaos on local roads. To alleviate this, parking will be available at Villanova College and a courtesy shuttle will be provided. There is no parking in the subdivision or on the 15th Sideroad.

To see the home and learn about the lottery, visit <https://princessmargaretlotto.com/grand-prize>



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Humberview principal retiring following 33-year career in education

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

After 33 years working in education, Humberview Principal Sue Fried is retiring on Jan 29.

Students and faculty at Humberview Secondary School prepare to say farewell as she enters a new time in her life.

Fried has enjoyed every bit of her career. From launching her career at Port Credit Secondary School in Mississauga more than three decades ago, to becoming a vital presence in the opening of John Fraser Secondary School, also in Mississauga, Sue loved her time as a teacher, before eventually moving her way up to becoming a Principal.

"It started in the South and ended in the North. I was working as a Vice Principal at Judith Nymn and then passed the Principal's process, and Humberview came up. My dad was a Vice Principal at Humberview, when it was an elementary school. And my sister taught here. So, it's like the perfect end to my career," explains Fried.

Fried and her family moved to Ontario from Quebec, where she was born and raised, in 1977. She went to Central Peel Secondary School in Brampton and attended York University in post-secondary.

Like most teachers we all know, Fried always knew she wanted to go into education.

"I always knew I was going to be a teacher. People don't just fall into teaching you have

to take the schooling for it, you have to know you want it. People can fall out of it, but they don't usually fall into it," says Fried.

She added, "I genuinely love kids and so being able to spend time with them and see them flourish and follow their passions. When you give people the freedom to follow their passions, it's amazing what they can come up with. And I love walking around the school in the mornings and saying good morning to people and they tell me their stories."

If you take a peek at Humberview Secondary's twitter page, you'll notice a hashtag pop up in almost every post. #ProudToBeAHusky.

When Fried came to Humberview, she wanted to create a way to show students that teachers, fellow peers and parents are proud of their hard work.

"That's what we've been doing to show our pride and how to show the kids how proud that we are of them," explains Fried. "And I am so proud of them."

Fried hasn't made any big or crucial plans going into retirement. The thing she's most excited about right now is being able to really enjoy the Fall season. She plans on travelling. First stop is going to be a beach, with her husband and enjoy some trips with her kids as well. But, she's letting time and life to take its own course of action.

"I'm not one to set goals, to say 'I want to do this or I want to do that'. I just prepare myself the best that I can and when the door



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HAPPY RETIREMENT: Humberview Secondary School Principal Sue Fried is retiring following a 33-year-career in education in Ontario. Above, Sue is pictured alongside Stan Cameron, Chair of Peel District School Board.

opens I walk through it. Whatever happens, happens next. I'm not planning to do anything, but I know something else will happen," says Fried.

Faculty, students and parents gathered together on Jan 15 to celebrate Fried's career and her new journey in her life; retirement.

She's excited, yet nervous, but going to take the time to relax and really enjoy life. Her last official day is Jan 30.

"I've done so many things and I'm grateful for the opportunity that I've had. It's been amazing," says Fried.

King, York Regional Police combat infractions in new pilot project

Written By MARK PAVILONS

A move by King Township and York Regional Police may just provide some deterrent to bad driving habits.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini urged YRP to place a couple of decommissioned police vehicles at strategic locations around the municipality in a pilot project.

The move is just another way to address the ongoing issues of speeding and other infractions in King communities. The mayor and councillors have long expressed the desire to get motorists to slow down and staff are working on several traffic calming measures.

"I think this is really going to work," Pellegrini said. "I am delighted that the Township and YRP have partnered to pilot 'decoy

cruisers' as calming measures; we will try everything to slow people down."

The method has been used by YRP in the past but vehicles are scarce as almost all are sent to auction after they're decommissioned, as means of cost recovery.

"It is generally a good deterrent when deployed but once removed people, over time, drivers will tend to migrate back to their bad habits," said YRP Superintendent Randy Slade.

He added "almost all of the offenders are all local residents."

Road safety remains one of YRP's main priorities as it relates to community safety, he pointed out.

"Speed reduction, through enforcement and education is one of our 5 pillars contained in our Road Safety Strategy. Speed

plays a role in every catastrophic or fatal motor vehicle collision, although safety equipment has greatly reduced the number of both these types of collisions the human body is limited in the amount of trauma it can sustain to survive. The force applied to anyone, be it driver, passenger, cyclist, and/or pedestrian in any type of motor vehicle collision comes from speed. Road speeds are set based on many factors but are in place to allow drivers the ability to properly react in a timely manner to slow down and/or take evasive measures to avoid collisions.

"As speeds increase above the recommended posted limit it greatly reduces the driver's ability to react to sudden changes that occur on the roadway. As everyone can easily deduce, significantly high speeds

are dangerous regardless of the location.

"However, a vehicle traveling at 60 km/h in a posted 40km/h zone (usually a residential area or school zone) has to be more readily aware of cyclists and pedestrians (children) who may inadvertently enter the road way. Impacting one of these venerable road users at lower speeds can be fatal. Driving at the posted 40 km/h provides drivers a better opportunity of avoiding a collision that has a potential for catastrophic results. It is said that impacting a cyclist or pedestrian at a speed of 30 km/h or higher will result in life altering injuries or death."

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WOLFPACK CHASING A CHAMPIONSHIP: The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack celebrates as Jake Merante opens the scoring in the team's semi-final matchup against Philip Pocock, held in Caledon on Tuesday (Jan. 14).

Robert F. Hall Wolfpack hockey team advance to district finals

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack defeat the Applewood Heights Axemen 6-0 in a blow-out quarterfinal game and defeated Philip Pocock in the semifinals, to advance to the big show.

The quarter-final was one of those games where everything could not have gone more right for the Wolfpack.

In the first period, the boys came out strong. Justin Pulis led the way, entering the zone with complete control of the puck and his teammates were keen on getting in position to create scoring chances.

As the team generated their scoring chances, the Axemen galvanized a few of their own.

Wolfpack goaltender Logan Landriault's heroics kept the Axemen off of the score sheet to preserve the tie, so far at 0-0 heading into the first intermission.

In the second period, the floodgates opened up.

Justin Pulis engineered a nice play in the zone to find Patrick Duffey, who finished off the rebound spilled by the Axemen goaltender.

Shortly after, defenceman Adam Carbonara scores off of the draw, firing blocker side, giving the boys an easy two goal advantage.

Joshua Desrochers soon added a third, Noah Pacheco notched the fourth and Justin Pulis scored the fifth.

In the third period, Nick Amato added the sixth goal. Under Mike Mattachini's tutelage, the team did not create very many offensive chances for most of the third period, respecting their opponent.

Landriault recorded his third shutout of the year.

After the game, head coach Mike Mattachini said he was not overly impressed with the start his team made. With this being the team's first playoff game, he understands the team's first playoff game, he understands the jitters and the excitement that comes along with the package.

Moving forward, it comes down to playing a style of hockey that the Wolfpack have found success using.

Mattachini said, "The style of play we play is right in on the forecheck and I like to play down low. I like to cycle the puck down low so a turnover there doesn't cost us anything. So, we do a lot of that and we play from behind the net a lot, we usually keep one guy way high in the slot to make sure there are no odd man rushes going the other way."

Heading into the semifinals on Monday, the game had to be postponed to Tuesday afternoon. Initially, Robert F. Hall was supposed to compete against St. Roch.

It was discovered, St.Roch's goaltender was ineligible. The goaltender plays Junior

A hockey. It is prohibited for a goaltender of the Junior calibre, to play in the high school league.

As a result, St. Roch was disqualified and Philip Pocock stepped in for a chance to make it to the finals.

In the first period, the Wolfpack got on the scoreboard early. A nice play to maintain control of the puck down low by Noah Pacheco kept the play alive.

The puck emerged through a scramble of players. Patrick Duffey and Eaman Lowe got their hands on the puck, before it was retrieved and finished by Jake Merante for the opening goal.

With just over 20 seconds remaining in the frame, a nice slap-pass from the point was easily finished into an open cage by Pocock's Keanu Fukakusa, tying the game.

Just like in the quarterfinals, the second period seems to be when the Wolfpack shine the most.

Wolfpack goaltender Marcus DiPassio robs Tyler Fukakusa point blank on the breakaway, sparking some much-needed momentum.

Jake Merante entered the zone shortly after, shielded the puck from the defenceman and roofed a nice wrist-shot, top shelf to regain the lead.

He wasn't done there. Merante crafted a nice play, wafting the puck across the face of goal to Michael Kruger who buried the puck in the open net.

With a 3-1 lead heading into the third period, it only took six seconds for Jake Merante to complete his hat trick.

Philip Pocock could not recover from the deficit. DiPassio kept the puck out at the end of the game, facing an onslaught of shots.

After the game, Jake Merante told the Caledon Citizen what needed to be changed to spark the offence and what he will be feeling for the final.

"In the first intermission our coach was telling us, we need to forecheck more, put some more pressure on their defence and that is exactly what he did. We beat them wide, scored a few more goals and we were set," explained Merante.

"I'm going to be a little nervous for the final, but, I think being a little nervous is going to be pretty good honestly. Fight through the nerves and get a big win for the team."

The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack took on the Iona Catholic Secondary School Dolphins on Wednesday (Jan. 15) for the division two, region of Peel hockey championship. Results were unavailable as of press time.

Puck drop was at the CAA Centre at 11:00 a.m. Robert F. Hall sent out notices Tuesday afternoon following the victory, that students are permitted to attend the finals with paperwork to follow.

Our Readers Write

Andrea Horwath has no class

Why would Andrea Horwath pick today, Thursday Jan. 9th, as Premier Doug Ford finalizes the family arrangements to say goodbye to his mother, The Very Popular matriarch to the Ford Family, to address the public about a project the Provincial Conservatives are taking down?

She has no class to do this so close to Doug's Mom's funeral.

And if she considers herself the Opposition, shouldn't she also be coming up with alternatives to everything she is always complaining about? It is so so easy to have a job being an armchair critic, and a good

paying one at that.

Andrea, if you consider yourself a leader... then lead! For everything Doug Ford does that you don't like (pretty much everything by the looks of it) then finish your rants with suggestions of alternatives that might work better.

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Caledon Golden Hawks make Otters swim home after notching big win

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Golden Hawks clawed the Huntsville Otters 6-1 on home ice last week, moving the local squad up to 29 points in total this season.

Recovering from a harsh 1-0 defeat on the road last Thursday in Schomberg, the Caledon Golden Hawks came back with a pulsating victory in Caledon East.

The night did not begin well. With only 52 seconds on the clock, Otters forward Kain Harrietha put the puck past Jason Cumbo for an early lead.

This mishap did not phase the Golden Hawks. The boys rose from their early slumber and got right down to business, capitalizing on three power play goals in the period.

Daniel Butt scored his team leading 22nd goal of the season to tie things up.

A few minutes later the Golden Hawks found themselves on the power play, with new signing Deaglan Small appearing on the unit.

The defenceman, previously with Stayner, made an instant impact to showcase his talent. Small skated end-to-end, beating the Otters defence with a brisk move protecting the puck, and controlling it with one hand. Small caressed the puck across the face of goal and scored his first goal on the forehand with the Golden Hawks for a 2-1 lead.

On the third power play of the period, close to the first intermission, another new signing made an instant impact in the roster.

Brennan Laverty was on the power play unit as well. The Moncton, New Brunswick native sniped home his first goal as a Golden Hawk with some sweet puck control before the shot.

Looks like Caledon has found some gems moving forward with the playoffs coming up.

In the second period of the game, the Otters settled in and created some good chances. The Golden Hawks were forced to neutralize penalties that kept the score line comfortable at 3-1.

Then a fight broke out. Otters goaltender Mitchell Jones slashed Daniel Butt a few times in front of his goal.

Butt returned to Jones' blue ice to retaliate and the boys dropped the gloves. The officials allowed both players to land



PHOTO: ROBERT BELARDI

A NICE MOVE: New Hawks signing Brennan Laverty skates into the zone, shielding the puck from the Otters players.

punches and tackle each other down on the ice before breaking it up.

Butt and Jones were both ejected from the game. Logan Woodrow came in to replace Jones.

The Hawks tested Woodrow's skills heavily in the second period. Woodrow was up to the challenge, keeping out a flurry of pucks for half of the period, until Marc Bottero had enough.

On the power play, Bottero sniped a rocket past the glove of Woodrow for his 16th goal of the season.

In the third period, Laverty was the architect of the fifth goal. He slipped the puck across the crease to Nathaniel Mott for his first of the year.

Laverty scored his second of the night shortly after, of course, on the power play.

He moved in past the hashmarks to the left of Woodrow, stick handled the puck, moving it quickly in front of the goaltender's eyes before releasing it top shelf.

The 19-year-old Laverty finished the con-

test with two goals and one assist. 20-year-old, Small finished with one goal and three assists on the night.

Laverty shared his emotions before the game.

Laverty said, "I obviously had a little bit of nerves, not knowing what to expect. But, once the first shift got out of the way everything settled down and I just played my game."

With regards to welcoming him in, Laverty could not express enough gratitude towards his teammates.

Laverty was welcomed, "with open arms, it has been great. They're a great bunch of guys. I am excited to get these next games rolling here."

Head Coach Stan Kondrotas, spoke highly of the boys who made their debut's.

"Deaglan Small who we got from Stayner. Kid has all sorts of vision and skill and you can't teach that stuff. He brings a lot to our team and everybody is starting to buy in a little bit more."

"Brennan Laverty, he played out in in New Brunswick, Junior A. He came back, I was lucky enough to get my hands on him and he showed some nice hands out there that is for sure," explained Kondrotas.

The Caledon Golden Hawks prepare for a tough stretch ahead this week. The boys travel out to Stayner on Thursday, on the road in Alliston on Friday before returning home to play Stayner at home this Sunday.

Puck drop is at 7:00 p.m. Sunday in Caledon East.

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CHURCH, Ida Augusta
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Peacefully on December 28, 2019, we lost Ida at her home at Chartwell Montgomery Village in Orangeville.

She was an amazing wife to retired lawyer, Robert, and an amazing mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

Ida was born in Toronto to Lancelot and Laurene Montgomery but moved as a small child and was raised in St. Lambert, Quebec on the banks of the St. Lawrence River.

She lived a full and wonderful life, and the most important thing in that life was her family. She was also passionate and very talented at painting. In her youth, she was quite an athlete, particularly at swimming and even helped pace Marilyn Bell in part of her training for the latter's historical swim across Lake Ontario. As an adult, Ida coached girls' hockey, skied, and had a love of horses. She enjoyed travelling and was fortunate to see and enjoy a multitude of countries over the years, as well as enjoying many cruises in different areas of the world.

Ida was a memorable force who touched so many peoples' lives, and those who were fortunate to have crossed her path, will forever treasure her loving spirit, and her zest for life.

A private service was held for Ida following cremation.

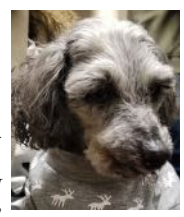
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NEILSON, Alexander (Joe)

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the King Nursing Home in Bolton on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the age of 85 years. Joe was born on December 2, 1934 in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a member of the Toronto Millwright Local 2309 for 50 years. He is the beloved husband of Marion for 60 years. Devoted father of Douglas and his partner Diane Forster, Craig and his wife Kim, Bradford and his partner Paulette Lanzarotta. Cherished Grandpa of Leighanne, Shauna, Sabrina, Troy, Adam, and Rachel. Joe will be missed by so many family and friends. The family will receive their friends at a celebration of life reception at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Saturday, January 18 from 1 to 3 o'clock. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Peel, 60 Briarwood Avenue, Mississauga L5G 3N6.

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