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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARKED IN TOWN

Streams in the Desert was the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer Service. One of the local services, involving local churches, was held at Caledon East United Church. Those taking part included Betty Ward, Anne Kozluk, Dorothy Phillips, Helen Devins, Deanna Bootle, Jo-Anne Smith, Cheryl Smith, Flo Coffey, Robin Holder and Rev. Warren Ball. Turn to page A9 for more scenes of World Day of Prayer.

Photo by Bill Rea

Seniors' community contemplated for Caledon village area

By Bill Rea

It might not be enthusiastic yet, but there is a lot of interest being expressed in the proposal for a seniors' lifestyle community just north of Caledon village.

Heather Glen Seniors Village has shown interest in developing some 200 acres in the area. There has been no formal application made yet, but about 80 people were out last Thursday night for an information session. The meeting was hosted by the Caledon Village Association, and Heather Wilkinson, chair of the association, stressed nothing was officially on the table.

"This really is in its infancy stages," she observed, com-

menting it could be a seniors' residential community in the making.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison was pleased to see the attention this proposal was receiving, pointing to the need to accommodate older residents here. She said the Town doesn't want to see them leave.

"There is a great need for this kind of housing in Caledon," Councillor Richard Pa-

terak observed, adding this could represent "social capital."

Paul Mondell, representing the proposal, confirmed there has been no formal submission made. He also commented that as a planner, he tries to get people engaged early in such a development. He also stressed that housing for this growing demographic is becoming a big issue. A presentation has

already been made to the Caledon Seniors' Advisory Committee in 2012.

Mondell said he spent about 10 years working in the United States and noticed quite a difference in the way they make provisions to house seniors in their communities; both those who are and are not active. He said he's wondered why a better job of catering to lifestyle needs of people late in life can't be done here. There are many seniors who don't go south for the winter, so he suggested something could be done for them.

Addressing the lands being eyed, Mondell said they take up a 200-acre farm that had been slated for development on what is now the Provincial Greenbelt. He agreed there are points on the property that are environmentally sensitive, as he argued the boundaries that the Province applied to the Greenbelt were somewhat arbitrary.

Mondell also said he has discussed this with Town councillors and has received a soft endorsement of the idea. The attitude so far, he said, is more thought is needed on this.

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Stay away from waterways as spring approaches

Following one of the coldest winters in recent memory, conservation authorities remind residents of the dangers near streams, rivers, ponds and lakes as spring gets closer.

Slippery, unstable stream banks and frigid water temperatures lead to hazardous conditions close to any body of water. This year more than ever it will be important to keep family and pets away from the edge of all waterways.

Environment Canada monitoring shows this winter has been the third coldest in 50 years. Bone-chilling cold through December, January and February has led to wide-

spread ice cover in GTA rivers and streams, as well as the Great Lakes.

Warming temperatures and spring rainfall are likely to speed up melting ice and snow. This will lead to higher, faster flowing water and potentially quicker ice break-up in watercourses. There could be increased risk of localized flooding in low-lying areas and in areas where ice jams might occur.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and conservation authorities in the GTA will continue to closely monitor changing conditions.

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Quote of the week

"We were very excited to see that."

Belfountain Public School Principal Tim Pedersen, recalling his reaction to the news that his school has been named Caledon's Environmentalist of the Year.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13
The Caledon Horticultural Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Cheltenham Firehall, 14190 Creditview Rd. in Cheltenham. Plants I know and love will be the topic of conversation with Brenda Heenan. The guest fee is \$3.

Adjustments After Birth Postpartum Support Group meets at Caledon Parent-Child Centre, 150 Queen. St. South, Bolton from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. An inclusive program for families presented by CPCC and Brampton/Caledon Community Living. Come play and connect with other families to explore the various issues that surround parenting a child with special needs. For details, visit www.cp-cc.org or call 905-857-0090.

“Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking?” Al-Anon Family Group is for you.” The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or <http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca>

Free HST Information Session, presented by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be from 2 to 4 P.M. at Jobs Caledon, 18 King St. East in Bolton. Aimed at small businesses, CRA will provide an overview of HST, including what is taxable and what is exempt, simplified accounting methods, filing returns, remitting HST and special cases. A question and answer period will follow. For registration, phone 905-584-2300, ext. 200 or email sbec@ccs4u.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
Is over eating a problem? Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Claude Presbyterian Church, 15175 Hurontario St. (Highway 10). For more information, call 416-615-2300.

Navy League Caledon Branch Pancake Social will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy St. All proceeds going to support the Bolton Sea Cadets program. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
The SouthFields Village Residents Group will hold it's next quarterly public meeting. It will start at 7 p.m. at SouthFields Village Public School.

Let's Get Together: Sharing the Journey of Parenting a Child with Special Needs at Caledon Parent-Child Centre, 150 Queen. St. South, Bolton from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. This group is for mothers needing additional support following the birth or adoption of a child. Registration is required. Group and child care are offered free of charge. For details, visit www.cp-cc.org or call 905-857-0090.

Bethell Hospice will be holding a volunteer information session from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, contact Louise Stinson at lstinson@bethellhospice.org or 905-838-3534, ext. 2245.

Bolton and District Horticultural Society will meet at Albion-Bolton Community Centre, starting at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be Ash Trees at Risk

— Emerald Ash Borer, with speakers from Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests. Admission is free to members, and guest fees will be waived for this meeting. Guests are asked to RSVP to bolton@gardenontario.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Lectio Divina Meditation Group meets from 11 a.m. to noon. Looking for an escape and rejuvenation? Come and join us for tea and meditation. All are welcome. Located at Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St.

Lifetree Cafe meets St. James' Church, at 6025 Old Church Rd. in Caledon East. This free venue for conversation runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and everyone is welcome. Tonight's topic will be Pass or Fail? The State of Education. Call 416-579-9977 for more information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Caledon Central School (Kennedy and Charleston, Caledon village). This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall. Weigh-in from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m.; with the meeting running meeting 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Call Ruth at 905-857-3237 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

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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

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Caledon Chamber Concerts presents Trio Voce in a concert with music by Haydn, Dvorak and Schubert at St. James' Anglican Church, Caledon East at 8:00 pm. Tickets \$30 for adults, \$15 for students 16 years and under. For information or tickets call 905-880-2445.



Belfountain Public School Caledon's 2014 Environmentalist of the Year Named

By Bill Rea

The environment has been a major part of the curriculum at Belfountain Public School, and that has not gone unnoticed. Mayor Marolyn Morrison announced last Tuesday that the school has been selected by the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) as Caledon's Environmentalist of the Year. The award is in recognition of the school's contribution to the stewardship of Caledon's natural environment.

School Principal Tim Pedersen said they got the news last week. "We were very excited to see that," he said.

The school was an early adopter of Education for Sustainable Development, using sustainability as an integrating context for teaching and learning, decision-making, civic engagement, community partnerships and campus practices.

Pedersen the school was nominated by the Caledon Horticultural Society.

"They're quite involved with our school on a very regular basis," he observed, adding they regularly work with the Grade 3 students, going outside and into the environment.

He added the environment is a big part of the curriculum, with a focus on biodiversity and sustainable development throughout all the grades.

"We're very excited and very honoured to have won the award," Pedersen remarked. "I think it's a testament to very dedicated staff and community that wanted to focus on environmental stewardship. Plus, we live in one of the very beautiful areas."

The Horticultural Society is very excited about the recognition too.

Society President Jules Maule-ffinch said volunteers were asked to mentor the

students about three years ago in the environmental projects that were part of the Grade 3 curriculum, coming up with "Fun things for the kids to do."

"They like to have the hands-on approach," she added.

Maule-ffinch said the school had a butterfly garden that required little maintenance, and there was a vegetable garden that offered a wide scope of ideas for experiments, etc.

Volunteers from the society spend about 90 minutes with the students every two weeks. They have also facilitated presentations from such groups as the Lyme Disease Association, and the had a bee keeper in to give a talk.

Maule-ffinch said they though that was an appropriate nominee for the award.

"It was a good fit," she said, adding it helps get all the students at the school involved. "These are individuals who will go on and do other good things," she said.

"Congratulations to Belfountain Public School for their work in Caledon," Morrison said. "The school provides exciting learning activities at all grade levels to enrich the standard curriculum. Its obvious commitment to Caledon and to the natural environment is most deserving of this Environmentalist of the Year recognition."

The award will be presented at the Town's Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards ceremony April 7. The school will also be inducted into the CEAC Stewardship Grove on the Trans-Canada Trail in Caledon East June 25.

Additionally, the school gets the honour of directing a \$500 Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award to its favourite Caledon-based environmental stewardship project.

Tap into spring at the Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival at Kortright

Celebrate the sweetness of springtime at the Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival which runs until April 6.

The festival attracts thousands of visitors annually to Kortright Centre for Conservation in Vaughan to celebrate the flowing of sap and the making of pure maple syrup; a truly Canadian tradition. Festival goers will discover the magic of traditional and modern maple syrup production while enjoying live entertainment, maple syrup walks, samples, children's activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, a visit to the Sugarbush Shop and pancakes with pure maple syrup.

The festival takes place at Kortright, as well as Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Stouffville. Both locations will be open daily during March break with activities for families looking for fun outdoor activities.

Kortright will host a special Maple Syrup by Lamplight evening March 22 at 7:30 p.m. This special evening begins with a guided twilight tour of the maple sugar bush, including a visit to the sugar shack and learning about old fashioned and modern methods of maple syrup production.

Advance tickets are required. The cost will be \$12 for adults (\$10 for members) \$6 for children and seniors (\$5 for members) and \$30 for families. To purchase tickets, call 416-667-6295.

Kortright is at 9550 Pine Valley Dr. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.maplesyrupfest.com

Summer program Register for CVC's Conservation Youth Corps

Registration for Credit Valley Conservation's (CVC) popular Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) program is now open. High school students can earn volunteer hours by participating in environmental stewardship activities. Spaces are limited, so students are encouraged to sign up now.

"CYC helped build my knowledge of nature," said Chandini Chandrabalan, CYC participant and student at Gordon Graydon Secondary School in Mississauga. "The program showed me different ways to help my community. I got the chance to develop my leadership, communication and work habits."

This is the eighth year CVC has offered the program to high school students in the Credit River watershed. Participants volunteer in groups of seven with CVC staff for one week of the summer. The first volunteer day consists of an orientation session at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The remaining days are work days spent completing conservation, restoration and ecological monitoring projects. The program runs for nine weeks during the summer.

Each year, approximately 250 students work on a range of activities that benefit nature, while earning up to 35 of the 40 volunteer hours needed to graduate high school. Activities include tree planting, managing invasive species, aquatic and terrestrial monitoring, fish and wildlife habitat construction, community gardening, trail maintenance and much more.

Volunteers have an opportunity to learn about the environment through meaningful experiences, explore different areas of the Credit River watershed and meet new people. The CYC summer program also looks impressive on a resume as well as on college and university applications.

All training and tools are provided. The only thing volunteers need to bring is lunch, a refillable water bottle, appropriate footwear and a good attitude.

For more information about CYC and to register, visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/cyc or call CVC at 906-670-1615 or toll free at 1-800-668-5557.



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Concept still needs lots of work

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Blair Gagnon, financial consultant with Heather Glen Village, said it's a federally-incorporated, not-for-profit organization with a board of directors from Rotary clubs in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). He said that Rotary, representing the grass roots in the community, has a vested interest in the needs. He added they know their membership is aging, and that has to be addressed.

The aim, he said, is to establish an ongoing, aging-in-place community. that includes addressing a number of issues, such as health, wellness, education, security, lifestyle before it can be determined what such a community will look like.

Gagnon pointed out there are small pockets of seniors' housing which really don't provide for the opportunity to solve these issues. These projects need to be larger in order to bring in the needed social infrastructure.

Gagnon commented that by 2015, there will be 1.6 million people in Ontario older than 55, and about 341,000 of them will live in Peel Region.

The current proposal calls for a compact urban community, consisting of about 2,000 dwellings to accommodate about 3,000 people. This community needs to be walkable, Gagnon said, so the residents can interact. They are also looking a mix of housing types, including singles, semis, row houses and low-rise apartments. One point he made is it will allow people to downsize, yet stay in the community, as their circumstances change over time.

The property, which stretches between Highway 10 and Kennedy Road, would be developed in stages over several years, Gagnon said. There will be various residential densities and plenty of green space.

Mondell added the environmental component of the development is important.

"It's not in the middle of nowhere," he added, pointing out hospitals in both Orangeville and Brampton will be accessible.

"It's compact," he said. "It's walkable, it's livable, it integrates with the environment."

Gagnon added it will be within an hour from the centre of Toronto, and close to major highways, meaning it will be easy for family and children to visit. He said one of the most common problems with planning seniors' housing is the travel time for family, so finding a location in the GTA is important.

Heather Glen will be the sole owner of the property, Gagnon said, adding that will ensure the use carries on in perpetuity. It will be a life-lease community, with the owners taking care of all services and facilities.

He added it will have a positive impact on the municipality, commenting the infrastructure will be inclusive to the area.

"We want to be your partners in this community," he told the meeting.

He also observed that the larger the project, the more amenities that can be added, because there will be more people to use them.

Among the amenities currently on the table is a village centre core, complete with medical services, as well as recreation and educational facilities. It would serve as hub, with various activities like theatre, swimming, a library, curling, bowling, etc. Gagnon added they would be open to the public.

He also said the community would employ about 500 people at full build-out.

As well, he said the time frame for the phasing of the development would depend on the market.

Gagnon said the next step would be to take the feedback that's been gathered and work with stakeholders to come up with a community plan.

Mondell added the key to success here will be the people who look at the project because they're convinced it's real.

"We have a lot of heavy lifting to do," he said.

Gagnon told one man at the meeting there will internal roads, with parking, as well as golf carts and scooters.

"It will be a car-friendly environment," he said.

There will be a variety of unit sizes available, but Gagnon said it's too early to

comment on what the rates would be. He did say they would be affordable to much of the population. He pointed out it's hard to sell a life-lease project if it's not priced at a level the market can handle. He added banks won't provide funding if they don't see the economics working.

Paterak pointed out that since the lands are on the Greenbelt, that part shouldn't be as expensive.

Mondell said they are hoping to approach the Province with the idea that development like this should be considered in such an area of the Greenbelt.

There were a number of people intrigued by the idea, but there was concern it could become too popular, with people flocking from the cities to the south and taking all the units. Gagnon countered that aging people are likely to want to stay in areas with which they are familiar.

There were people at the meeting wondering why put it on the Greenbelt.

Mondell commented a lot of the Greenbelt lands are environmentally sensitive, but these ones aren't, repeating they were slated for development.

He also didn't think the southern edge of Caledon is the place for something like this. Developments there would be more suitable for young families.

Mondell also said this will be high-amenity, low-density housing," he added.

One man at the meeting thought this was a great idea and was appreciative that it was being brought forward. But he was also concerned that the land is on the Greenbelt. If this development were to go through, he was concerned that would set a precedent.

He also pointed out they are looking at a wind-swept area. "Do you really want to build up here in that environment?" he asked.

"This is a wonderful idea," Wilkinson declared. "Absolutely needed."

She added something like this could give Caledon an identity as a place where people go to retire.

She also took a show-of-hands vote that revealed most people in the room liked the concept, and maybe a little more than half liked the proposed location.

There were also concerns about how it could be guaranteed that only seniors would be living there.

Gagnon said the target market will be those 55 and older, adding the amenities would be designed for that age group.

"You can't discriminate," Mondell said, but added the amenities won't be attractive to young families.

One woman said that wouldn't have attracted her when she was younger.

"There's no bloody way I would have been caught dead there," she declared.

Public education to be graded at Lifetree Café

The state of public education will be examined at Lifetree Café this coming Wednesday (March 19).

The program, entitled Pass or Fail? The State of Education, will feature filmed stories from Nikhil Goyal, TED talk speaker and author of One Size Does Not Fit All: A Student's Assessment of School, and Sajan George, founder of Matchbook Learning, a school-turnaround organization.

"Thirteen years of being in the system annihilated my creative potential," observed Goyal, a recent high school graduate. "School stunted my creative prowess. I came to the realization that I was seen not as a human being, but as a test score."

He now advocates a number of changes for the educational system.

Participants in the program will discuss the current state of public education and what changes might improve the system for schools, parents, and students.

The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m. and admission will be free. Snacks and beverages will be available.

Lifetree Café is at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd., Caledon East.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting.

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Police asked all to be extra careful over March break week

OPP Central Region is reminding the public that the annual school March break is here.

Chief Superintendent John Tod, regional commander of the OPP Central Region, is reminding the public that “there will be many children playing in areas during the day that we are not used to seeing them.

Please watch for children at all times.”

Outdoor enthusiasts are also being reminded to use caution as milder weather is in the forecast and this will no doubt compromise the quality of snow and ice conditions.

“Although winter is still very much upon us, safety and planning ahead should be

ant component of any outdoor activity in the coming days and weeks as snow and ice conditions can start to change hourly,” Tod added.

Motorists are being reminded that OPP’s Distracted Driving Campaign is continuing.

Distracted driving has become the main factor in motor vehicle related collision

deaths. Inspector Dom Beckett, manager of the Central Region Traffic and Marine Unit, is asking motorists to “please keep your eyes and attention focused on the road; that is where it needs to be all the time. Distracted driving related deaths can be reduced if drivers change their behaviour and pledge to always reach for safety and not for their phone.”



GARAGE FIRE

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services were called out last Thursday to deal with a fire at a house on Golfdale Court. Firefighters from Palgrave got the call at about 10:15 p.m. Upon arrival, they found a two-storey home with a heavily involved working fire in the attached three-bay garage. Occupants were accounted for and firefighters started an offensive fire attack. They used several large hand lines to control the fire and prevented it from penetrating into the house. Crews worked in adverse weather conditions to bring the fire under control at approximately 12:30 a.m. Twelve fire apparatus and approximately 30 personnel were on scene. There are no reports of any injuries. Damage is estimated at \$300,000, and the cause of the fire is under investigation. Firefighters from Palgrave, Caledon East, Bolton and Mono Mills Stations were involved, along with Caledon OPP, Enbridge gas and Peel EMS.

Increased penalties for handheld devices

From the Desk of Inspector Tim Melanson, Caledon OPP

No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway while holding or using a hand-held wireless communication device or other device that is capable of receiving, transmitting telephone communication,

SUV stolen in Alton

Caledon OPP are looking for whoever is responsible for the theft of a 2003 silver Mazda Tribute from a driveway on John Street in Alton.

Police report they were called to investigate the incident shortly after midnight March 1, and it’s been determined the theft happened sometime after 10:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

Police are reminding residents to contact OPP Communications Centre immediately at 1-888-310-1122 to report any suspicious activity or suspicious vehicles in the area. Information such as suspect physical descriptions, suspect vehicles and direction of travel are useful tools for investigators.

Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact them at 905-584-2241 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

electronic data, mail or text messages.

This means the driver of a motor vehicle cannot talk, text, read or listen to messages while holding the device in his or her hand. The device must be secured to the car by some means or wireless technology must be used. GPS units or entertainment devices such as an i-Pod must also be securely mounted.

Once mounted and properly secured, all devices may be used, however, no programming of the device is allowed. You cannot answer your phone and then pull over.

You can use your device when the vehicle is off the roadway or is lawfully parked on the roadway (this does not mean that you are stopped at the traffic lights or stop sign or in heavy traffic); the vehicle is not in motion; the vehicle is not impeding traffic.

Fine Structure

The set fines for the offences are \$225, plus victim surcharge and court costs. The total payable amount is \$280 for each of the following offences under the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario effective March 18 — Driving a motor vehicle with a display screen visible to driver; and driving a motor vehicle while holding or using a hand-held communication device.

Caledon OPP has new operation manager

Caledon OPP Staff Sergeant Michael Garant has some new responsibilities.

Inspector Tim Melanson, detachment commander,

er, has announced Garant has been promoted to the post of Operations Manager.

Garant began his OPP career in 1992 and reported for duty in Port Credit. He then moved to Caledon in 2000 and transferred to Premier’s Security Detail in 2002. He then returned to Caledon in 2007 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2009.

“Staff Sergeant Garant brings a wealth of experience to his new role as Operations Manager to the Caledon Detachment,” Melanson observed. “Staff Sergeant Garant’s experience as a leader will serve him well in his new role.”

“I am looking forward to new challenges that this position will provide me,” Garant said. “I am pleased to work closely with the membership of this detachment to continue to provide quality policing to the residents of Caledon”.

Garant replaces Brian Knowler, who served as Caledon’s Operations Manager from January 2012 until December 2013.

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Holistic approach to health has helped cancer patient

By Bill Rea

Conventional medicine has its place, but there are also alternatives, and people owe it to themselves to be aware of that.

The philosophy is practiced at the Naturopathic Wellness Centre in Caledon East, and Michelle Bellerose epitomizes that.

The Toronto resident has been working at the clinic only a couple of weeks as an intake co-ordinator, but she hopes to advance herself. She has had some health distractions over the last several months, but naturopathic methods have been a big help.

“I still have some personal development to tend to,” she said, adding that has to be dealt with before she’s able to treat people.

Bellerose, 45, said homeopathy depends on clarity of the doctor to see the complete condition of the patient.

Her problems got serious last May, when she was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, an especially aggressive form of the disease. At the time, she was told her prognosis was poor. She was also told at diagnosis that the cancer had spread to her lymphnodes, meaning it was Stage 4 cancer.

“There’s no Stage 5,” she said. “It means it’s very dire.”

An oncologist urged her to undergo chemotherapy, but Bellerose said she had done some studying and was aware of the profound secondary impacts of that treatment. She had also seen a friend die from the ravages of chemo. But she also knew there was a lot of evidence that this was a chance to make radical changes to her life style and work on a holistic approach, with her understanding of it.

“This was a tailor-made opportunity to put my money where my mouth was,” she said, adding the quality of life while undergoing chemo was a factor too.

Bellerose said she understood it was a gamble to try these ideas that she held near and dear, and she urged people to be careful if they are thinking of doing the same thing. “I am not counselling anyone to walk away from standard care or not,” she said, adding she believes it’s important for people to realize they have choices.

When she was diagnosed, Bellerose said the tumour was “relatively small,” and she considered the possibility of just getting a lumpectomy. Oncologists at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Mount Sinai Hospital all said surgery was possible, after three or four months of chemo.

“That was pretty depressing for me,” she said.

Bellerose said it took a couple of months to find a surgeon in Cornwall who was

willing to perform a mastectomy. He also told her there was no medical explanation for her still being alive. The tumour had grown, but had not attached itself to the chest wall.

The operation was performed in December.

Bellerose said an oncologist at Princess Margaret reported there had been no spread of the cancer. “She could offer no explanation either, except to say I had been granted a reprieve,” she said.

She observed that she had been encountering doctors who weren’t interested in hearing about the protocols that she had been following over the last couple of months. She stressed she was not knocking doctors, pointing out they are simply following the mind sets they’ve been trained to follow.

The protocols involve things like dietary changes. Bellerose pointed to the importance of research when adopting a diet, stressing that cancer patients can’t follow a one-size-fits-all model.

She said she chose to follow a ketogenic diet, which eliminates carbohydrates and sugars, and replaces them

with fats. Bellerose explained cancer cells lack the ability to switch from glucose to fats for energy, so cutting sugar starves cancer.

It was not just the physical issues that needed to be addressed. Bellerose said she had to take personal inventory of her life, which considered her emotional well-being and attachments to negatives from her past. Attitude is important too, she said. “What you think becomes your reality,” she observed.

She added it was important that she not feel the situation was a terrible calamity.

“Things don’t come into our lives that we lack the ability to cope with and turn around to some advantage,” she observed. “For me, this diagnosis was a gift.”

Bellerose said she had been living out of balance, and “very much created the perfect storm that made this inevitable.”

Part of the problem stemmed from physical and emotional abuse she endured as a child, as well as some of her activities as an adult. But Bellerose explained awareness of these facts doesn’t mean one has to be fatalistic, or blame those respon-

sible for abuse. They provide tools to change one’s self. She said children have no defences, so they develop ingrained responses that they carry forward.

“We can let go of the person that we’ve become,” she said.

Bellerose stressed the importance of people taking the responsibility to educate themselves about their condition and focus on the steps they need to take. For a lot of people, she said taking responsibility is hard to face, since they have been trained to put their faith in the authority of a doctor. Being an active participant in one’s own care has an impressive success rate, she said, although she added it’s important to know when to consult someone who knows what they’re doing. One of the keys is for people to keep looking for someone willing to work with them, in accordance with their values and wishes.

“You have to be prepared for a certain journey,” she said. “It’s going to have it’s ups and downs.”

Exercise is important too, because she said cancer hates it. “Exercise oxygenates the blood,” she said, adding it also improves stamina and attitude.

Spiritual relationships come into play as well. Bellerose said patients with families there to support them do better than those who go it alone.

“These are all just as important as the food you put in your mouth,” she said.

Bellerose said these insights have been around for hundreds of years, but it’s only recently that they’ve been brought together in a coherent approach

The prognosis is looking positive, as far as Bellerose is concerned. She said a pathology report has stated there’s no cancer in the chest wall. There are swollen lymphnodes, but she said that’s normal after this kind of surgery.

“I made a really, really rapid recovery from the surgery,” she said, adding she’s been leading a full and normal life for more than six weeks. But she also said she will never take for granted that she could slip back into the sloppy behaviour that she believes led to the cancer.

“I’m working every day to live in awareness and take nothing for granted,” she said.

When asked if she was optimistic about the future, her reply was simply “Why not?”

She also said her husband has been supportive during this time, helping her make the lifestyle changes.

“The whole family is affected by the situation,” she said, adding he’s taken on some parts of the diet and other changes. “You can’t expect the world to change around you.”



Michelle Bellerose

Getting known for burgers

There’s a lot that’s interesting about the Red On10n Restaurant and Bar on Highway 10 at King Street in Victoria, including the name. Manager Leroy Patterson said the name is actually a rather whimsical play on the location; namely Red On (Highway) 10 n(orth). He also commented that inkeeping with the name, they use red onions in the food, as opposed to white. While the name may be whimsical the food and it’s presentation is aimed at being good. Patterson, who also cooks, has some 30 years experience in the restaurant business, stresses the quality of the food, rather than trying to be fancy. “I’m not recreating anything here,” he said. “It’s already created.” “We’re like a family restaurant,” Patterson commented, specializing in burgers, steaks, pastas and all-day breakfast, as well as daily specials. It’s also possible to have something to drink, as the restaurant is now licenced. Patterson stressed their aim is to “just try and make it good for you.”

And that includes the souvlaki, wings and burgers. “We get a lot of compliments for our burgers,” he said. They also have a versatile menu, complete with veggie selections in the burgers and pastas. The restaurant opened around the end of August, and is well positioned to cater to the travelling public. Patterson said that means “fast, friendly service” is important. “Our servers are very friendly,” he said. “They get along with everyone.”

By Bill Rea

Tav’s Real Estate Corner

The New Generation of Real Estate

This week’s theme:

“IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE ASK A BUSY AGENT”

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
February	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
March	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
April	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
May	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
June	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
July	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
August	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
September	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
October	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
November	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
December	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500

Source: Toronto Real Estate Board

Explanation: This chart plots monthly MLS® sales for the current year and the previous three years. The recurring seasonal trend can be examined along with comparisons to previous years for each month.

Spring has almost arrived and you have been discussing a possible move. Well I hate to tell you but typically March to June are the busiest months where you can get the highest price for your home. Discussions should be taking place as you are reading this article. The first thing you would do is to contact a realtor and interview them, and if you’re comfortable with them look at their most current sales. Some realtors tend to state sales from years in the past and have dramatically cut back for one reason or the other. You know the saying “if you want something done, ask a busy person”. It seems that if you have something that needs to be done, you should give it to someone who is less busy and has more time to devote to the task. But, I’ve learned, it doesn’t really work that way. There’s a reason why busy people are busy, and people with time to waste have time to waste. Top producers can give you an indication of sales based on performance. Remax has an excellent system that take into account volume of sales. Putting your place on the market now assures you that at the highest time of the year your home is being exposed to the highest volume of buyers and then encourages you to command the highest price for your home and in your pocket. Some agents have resources to give you ideas with curb appeal and may top producers have certified stagers on staff. This is a good indication of volume and usually indicates the seriousness in the agent willing to sell your home. He or she is willing to invest more money and has more invested in selling your home and is helping you get your home in the best possible light with ideas for curb appeal and placement of furniture. This can get up to 5-10% more for your home in some cases. I wanted to highlight some developments in my real estate career. I have teamed up with the top producing office worldwide right here in Caledon - Remax Realtron Realty Inc. This allows me to be associated with other world class agents and other top producers. Recently Remax featured in the Globe and Mail top producers and myself and a couple of local colleagues were in the article. Also, I was featured and recognized in our trade magazine in the front cover and two full pages of editorial inside REM magazine (Real Estate Magazine). In the last year I’ve sold over 75 million dollars. This is an unprecedented number in this area through Remax corporate. I was invited to go to the first of its kind for top producers only called an Elite Retreat. Here we met other top producers across the country and worldwide. I was the only one from Peel to attend this historic event (Elite Retreat in Boca Raton).

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Pictured above Tav Schembri with Remax President and Co-Founder Walter Schneider at the Boca Raton Elite Retreat Top Producer Invitation.

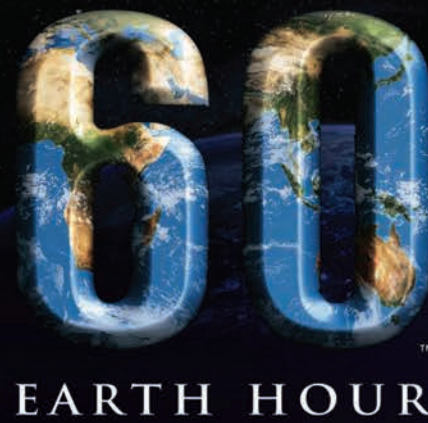
Town News



To promote awareness of Earth Hour and climate change, The Town would like to invite you to join us for a free screening of Chasing Ice

Date: March 29, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Landmark Cinemas in Bolton.
Space is limited. If you would like to attend this movie screening please register early online at www.caledon.ca/chasingice

For more information on Earth Hour, visit www.earthhour.org or e-mail the Town at environment@caledon.ca.



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Community Consultation for The Village of Bolton Heritage Conservation District Study – Presentation of Draft Report

You are invited to attend a community consultation meeting on March 25, 2014, at which ERA Architects will present the draft Village of Bolton Heritage Conservation District Study Report and solicit community feedback.

What is the Village of Bolton HCD Study Report?

The draft Village of Bolton HCD Study Report identifies and evaluates the cultural heritage value of the Study Area, assesses whether the Study Area, or a portion therein, merits designation under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, and recommends a proposed HCD boundary, as well as identifying other planning tools that may help to conserve the cultural heritage value of the Study Area.

How can I get a copy of the draft report?

The draft Village of Bolton HCD Study Report will be available on the Town of Caledon website (caledon.ca/BoltonHCD) as of March 12, and hard copies will be available upon request.

What is the format of the meeting?

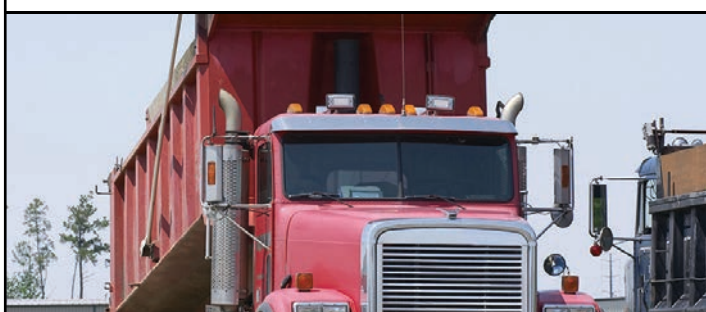
The purpose of the meeting is to present the draft Village of Bolton HCD Study Report and to get your feedback. The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m., however, the hall will be open from 6:30 p.m. to allow for a public review of display boards.

When and where is the meeting?

The community consultation meeting is to be held:

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (presentation starts at 7:00 p.m.)
Location: Albion-Bolton Community Centre, Hall B
150 Queen Street South, Bolton L7E 1E3

For additional information, please contact:
Sally Drummond
Heritage Resource Officer
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6
(905) 584-2272 x. 4243
sally.drummond@caledon.ca



Half Load Restrictions are now in Effect

The Town of Caledon hereby advises that Half Load Restrictions, as per Town of Caledon By-Law 95-52 and 95-53 as authorized by the Highway Traffic Act, will be in effect on all Town roads from March 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014.

The weight restrictions to half loads is 5 tonnes per axle on all Town of Caledon roads. Further, the Town of Caledon, at its sole discretion may move up/extend the effective date of half load restrictions depending on weather and road conditions. Changes will be communicated on the Town of Caledon website and through public advertisements.

Notice of Open House

Proposed Idling Control By-law

You are invited to attend an Open House to be held by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon to consider the general provisions of the proposed Idling Control by-law. Your attendance and comments at this meeting are welcome as it is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed by-law and express any opinions that you may have.

Date: Wednesday April 9, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Atrium, Town Hall
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

PROPOSAL

The General Provisions of the proposed Idling Control by-law prohibits vehicles from idling for more than 2 minutes within a 60 minute period and creates exemptions for certain situations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Sara Peckford, Manager, Energy and Environment, at 905.584.2272 x.4047 or via e-mail at sara.peckford@caledon.ca.

NOTIFICATION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Idling Control by-law you must make a written request to the Town of Caledon, Administration Department, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6 or by e-mail at agenda@caledon.ca.

If a person, company or public body does not make oral submissions at an open house or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person, company or public body is not entitled to any further notice regarding the proceedings.

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in the Open House or to access information in an alternate format please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Open House.

Tenders and Proposals

Request For Pre Qualification 2014-16

Pre Qualification of Design-Build for the Caledon Equestrian Park Auxiliary Buildings, Community Centre & Related Site Works

The Town of Caledon Requests for Tenders, Proposals and other public solicitation documents will be advertised and available for electronic download from the Bidding.com bid portal at www.bidding.com/caledon or may be obtained from the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario L7C 1J6, Corporate Services Department, Purchasing & Risk Management Division, Lower Level.

Notice of Open House

Fill By-law

You are invited to attend an Open House to be held by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon to consider the General Provisions of the proposed Fill By-law. Your attendance and comments at this meeting are welcome as it is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes to the by-law and express any opinions that you may have.

Date: Wednesday April 9, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Cafe, Town Hall
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

PROPOSAL

The General Provisions of the proposed changes to the Fill by-law includes:

- The implementation of a Fill Permit Review Committee to support the permit process
- Limited allowance for applications which are non-agricultural
- Increased documentation and security deposits
- Enhanced regulatory monitoring of ongoing fill operations
- Commercial Fill Operations not to be approved through this by-law

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Leo Butko, Manager of Regulatory and Inspection Services, at 905.584.2272 x.4256 or via e-mail at leo.butko@caledon.ca.

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Arts & Entertainment



Rant Maggie Rant to spread St. Patrick’s cheer at Claude Parlour Concert this coming Sunday

The award-winning Rant Maggie Rant will spread a little St. Patrick’s Day cheer this Sunday (March 16), when the ensemble performs at the historical Claude Presbyterian Church as part of the Claude Parlour Concert Series.

This promises to be an opportunity for revelers of Irish heritage and the Irish at heart to enjoy an evening of Celtic music unplugged.

Distinguished by its elegant spire, Chamber Concert series presents Trio Voce

Trio Voce will be the featured performers at Caledon Chamber Concerts next production in the 2013-14 series next Saturday (March 22).

Trio Voce is a piano trio whose single voice transcends the three instruments it comprises. The three individuals of Trio Voce communicate as one voice (“voce” in Italian), whether they are performing the repertoire of Haydn or that of the present day. Their first CD of the trios of Shostakovich and Mieczyslaw Weinberg has garnered critical acclaim and was deemed an “important addition to any serious collection of 20th century chamber music.”

Fanfare Magazine stated the CD exhibited “deeply committed and passionate performances” and “impressive music making, interpretively and technically.”

All three members, Jasmine Lin (violin), Marina Hoover (cello) and Patricia Tao (piano), are established performers who have studied with some of the great masters at schools such as Curtis, Yale and Harvard, have performed in halls such as Carnegie, Wigmore, Lincoln Center and Kennedy Center and throughout North America, Europe, Asia, South America and Australia, and have recorded on labels such as EMI, CRI, Naxos, Centaur, Arktos and Con Brio Recordings.

The March 22 concert will start at 8

Claude Church has been a notable Caledon landmark on the east side of Highway 10 since 1870. This red brick church, a designated heritage site, is associated with the early Scottish hamlet of Claude at Highway 10 and Boston Mills Road. It is now home to many events other than just Sunday service, giving back to the community by sharing performances of quality music of all genres.

A joyful explosion of sound, Rant Maggie Rant will feature music by Haydn, Dvorák and Schubert.

Caledon Chamber Concerts is grateful for funding support from the Ontario Arts Council, an agency of the Provincial government, and from the Town of Caledon.

The concert will be at St. James’ Church, Caledon East. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students 16 years and under, and may be purchased at BookLore, Forster’s Book Garden and Howard the Butcher.

Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 905-880-2445.



Trio Voce consists of Marina Hoover (cello), Jasmine Lin (violin) and Patricia Tao (piano).

Rant is loved by traditionalists, who enjoy their time-honoured approach and style, while listeners of other musical genres are drawn to the band’s fusion of punchy roots/blues/rock guitar and the syncopated world influences of hand drumming spiced with Latin, Middle Eastern and African rhythms.

Based in Stratford, Rant Maggie Rant showcases the talents of Lindsay Schindler (fiddle, background vocals), Glen Dias (lead vocals, recorders, percussion) and Barry James Payne (guitars, harmonica, background vocals) with special guests. Joining them at this concert will be London-based guest musicians Rob Larose (drums, percussion), Steve Clark (bass) and Daev Clysdale (Irish whistle, Irish flute and accordion) from Toronto.

Rant Maggie Rant took home hardware at the 2013 Jack Richardson Music Awards gala in April 2013. The band received a Jack Richardson Music Award in the Traditional Folk/Roots category. The awards recognize musical excellence in London, Ontario, where all of the members of the band have connections and

continue to contribute to the vibrant music scene.

The band has covered a lot of ground over the last two years, performing throughout Newfoundland, on Canada’s west coast, in Quebec and many places south of the border. Earlier this year, the band performed in Sarnia and Port Huron, Michigan, with the International Symphony Orchestra and is scheduled to play Ottawa’s National Arts Centre in April and their fourth annual and perennially sold out St. Patrick’s Celebration show at Toronto’s prestigious folk-roots venue Hugh’s Room, where their latest CD was recorded. Also, they will appear for the first time at the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival in August, as well as with the highly regarded Windsor Symphony Orchestra in November.

Sunday’s concert will start at 7 p.m. Claude Presbyterian Church is at 15175 Hurontario St., just south of Olde Base Line Road

Admission is \$20 online or \$25 at door. Tickets can be ordered at www.ticket-scene.ca



Barry James Payne, Lindsay Schindler and Glen Dias of Rant Maggie Rant will be performing at Claude Church on Highway 10 this Sunday.

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Local girls contributing to The Next Step

By Bill Rea

The Next Step is back for its season on Family Channel, featuring some very talented young people, including two teens from Bolton.

Victoria Baldesarra is back in the role of Michelle while Logan Fabbro is Amanda.

The Next Step is a dance-filled drama that follows the young lives of a group of elite dancers, and the pressures they face, dealing with the demands of holding their places in the dance troupe and their standing with each other.

Baldesarra said her character came on as one of the new girls during the first season, and started off by showing up a number of the dancers already there. But she had been accepted by the end of the season.

She added a lot is going to happen in the coming season. "I feel that Michelle goes through a lot," she said, especially emotionally when it comes to boys.

"It's a lot for her," she added. "At the end of season 2, she finally finds who she is, both as a person and a dancer."

Fabbro said Amanda was a troubled character in the first season, although she worked very hard. But things seem to improve for her in the coming season as well. "I think she finds out who she really is," Fabbro said.

Both girls are 15-years-old, attending Grade 10 at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton.

Baldesarra said she got involved with the production about two years ago, when her instructor at Joanne Chapman School of Dance suggested she go for an audition. She did a demo video with some of the cast members, then re-auditioned in the spring of 2012.

Fabbro also did her audition about two years ago, after having trained at Art and Soul Dance Company in Kleinburg.

She has been dancing since she was three, when her mother put her into baby ballet. "I just loved it so much," she said.

Balancing the demands of an acting career with school can be tricky, but both girls said they are able to cope and maintain high marks at the same time, both averaging in the 80s.

Baldesarra said she had to miss a couple of days school during the first season, and almost all of September shooting the second season. And then there is travel to promote the show.

Fabbro said she found the pace hard too. She admitted when she's not dancing, "I study for school."

And even in the midst of all this activity, both are looking to the future.

"I can definitely see myself going to university two years from now," Baldesarra said. "Dancing and acting will always be there on the side, as Plan B."

Fabbro expressed an interest in someday studying law.

"Dancing and acting will always be with me," she added. "It's not something I can get rid of. It's something I love to do."

The Next Step airs regularly Fridays at 7:30 p.m.



Victoria Baldesarra



World Day of Prayer was celebrated in Caledon

Services were held Friday in recognition of World Day of Prayer. This year's service was composed by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Egypt. The Bolton service was held at Caven Presbyterian Church and involved participants from Holy Family Catholic Church, Bolton United Church, Christ Church Anglican and Palgrave United Church. Those taking part included (seated) Doris Porter, Molly Jakeman, (standing) Ann Green, Marg Boughen, Lenore Gibson, Rita Rynn, Isabelle Bottoms and Rev. Jeremy Louthier. Below, this choir was participating at the service at Caledon East United Church, which involved participants from Salem and Sandhill United Churches, St. James' Anglican Church, St. Cornelius Church and St. John's Church Albion.

Photos by Bill Rea



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Logan Fabbro

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- Top
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- Holiday night
- Dry creek bed
- Esoteric
- Diaper fastener
- Command to oxen
- Zoo creature
- Pledge an oath
- Facial expression
- Gradual
- Pudding
- Desire for food
- Glorify
- Fa's follower
- "Yes ____" (Sammy Davis, Jr. autobiography)
- Seat request
- Treeless plain
- Shoot the breeze
- Scatter rug
- Burden
- Active word
- Kind of feeling
- Lass's counterpart
- Type of chisel
- Alpine ridge
- Cartridge-box contents
- Unit of energy
- Busybody
- Bugle call
- Hen's mate
- Demean
- Entire range
- Chalcedony
- Set up tents
- Mediterranean or Caspian
- Large wine cask
- Parrot
- Fly a plane
- Category
- Theme
- Rural road
- Former Spanish coin
- Sad cry
- Twist
- Window part
- Lodging place
- Give a view
- Ornamentation
- Jazz or Magic
- Along the middle
- Spaghetti or linguine
- Entirely
- Dairy-case selection
- Declare
- Go-between
- Mesa
- Own up to
- Wry
- "Blue ____"
- Sign of crying
- Ship's crane
- Neckline style
- Sit a spell
- Shooting star
- Alum
- Consider
- Pass by
- Alliance
- Last Greek letter
- Guitar's relative
- Brace
- Relay
- Design
- Singing voice
- "The ____ Hunter"
- Likewise not
- Had a snack
- Steep flax
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- Whittle
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- Back in time
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Editorial

Worth a good look-see

There's been a bit of apprehension expressed, which is understandable. But it's also nice to note there's been quite a bit of interest being shown in the idea of a large seniors' lifestyle community, which is being contemplated on some 200 acres just north of Caledon village. About 80 people were out for last week's meeting to get information on what's being proposed and to offer their input, which was clearly welcomed by representatives of Heather Glen Seniors Village. The attitudes reflected a certain understanding in society that the aging population is growing and the rest of us (especially the older among us) are soon going to have to come up with creative plans on how to house them. Needless to say, there are still a lot of details to be worked out. "We have a lot of heavy lifting to do," remarked Paul Mondell, one of the proponents of the project at last week's meeting. It's important to stress this entire project is only conceptual at this stage. There has been no formal proposal made, so assuming it goes anywhere, there's still an extensive public process to look forward to.

There have already been concerns raised, with some people at last week's session wondering if this is an appropriate location, and how we ensure the accommodations will be used by the people they're meant for; namely seniors. These are valid issues, although it would have been unrealistic to expect they would have been resolved after one meeting. One of the reasons why we have this process at all is so there will be a chance to raise the relevant issues, and then find ways to deal with them. So while there's a lot of interests being shown in this idea, enthusiasm seems a little muted so far. This notion deserves further study. If enthusiasm is appropriate, we'll get there soon enough.

Our Readers Write

Local politics as morality play

Since I moved here a few years ago, our Town council in Caledon has come in for a lot of flack, for trying to limit unbridled residential development and for its choice of an industrial partner in Canadian Tire. Epithets like "ignorant", "arrogant", "misguided" and "unqualified" have recently appeared in print. The vitriol is increasingly reminding me of our neighbour Vaughan, where public meetings on development issues can get out of hand. It seems to reflect standards of public behaviour that differ from our tradition. We now know that our Caledon mayor has been the victim of a scam by a recently-convicted tax auditor who falsified documents to frame her. This man acted as a consultant to a local development firm. The mayor of Mississauga has now proposed that some other property developers in Peel be investigated for possible tax evasion facilitated by the same man. How these firms remained unaware that their tax consultant was actually moonlighting from our national tax authority will require some explaining. There are several issues here that are troubling. There is the fact that so far no mayor in this province has suffered similar criminal victimization. There is also the acceptance that invective and threats to sue, activities ill-mannered and tawdry at best, are somehow excused by "press" or "democratic" freedoms. How best can we in our Town entrench a respect for civil due process so that we can maintain our status as a great place to live into the future?

Ian Anderson, Caledon

Don't need to jump on marijuana 'bandwagon'

The following letter, addressed to the Town of Caledon, was submitted to the Citizen for publication. Regarding the proposed bylaw on medicinal marijuana production facilities; to begin, as a card carrying Conservative, I am ashamed, but not surprised we have come to the present day belief that "if you can't beat them, join them." Cannabis — the new unholy drug grail. No matter what is decided, please know that my thoughts and prayers will be there with you as the leaders of Caledon. I do pray as you decide what the way forward will be, that you give sober consideration to the far-reaching future ramifications of becoming involved with the effects of cannabis to the human mind and body. Living with multiple sclerosis for 30 years, with its constant pain, if relief was offered through the use of cannabis drug smoke in my lungs, my answer would be "No thanks." I don't believe I am alone. How many production facilities do you think will be required to supply all of Canada anyway? Do we have to jump on this bandwagon?

Linda Groundsell, Bolton

CTHP thanked

Orangeville Chorus, Sweet Adelines International wishes to express appreciation to the Caledon Townhall Players for their generosity in providing benefit nights to non-profit groups in the area to raise funds for their cause. Members and their guests enjoyed yet another fun evening at the presentation of On Golden Pond recently. CTHP volunteers have been providing wonderful entertainment for more than 50 years and we are so fortunate to have this fabulous "amateur theatre providing professional productions" in our small village. Keep up the good work.

Orangeville Chorus, Sweet Adelines International

It happened today

Anyone who wasted any appreciable amount of time, either in their youth or as an adult, reading Mad magazine knows its humour and satire are the products of a group of artists and writers collectively known as "the usual gang of idiots." One of those "idiots" has been contributing to the magazine since 1955, creating such famous features as back cover fold-ins and Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions, and he's still at it at 93. The clever and talented Al Jaffee was born this day, March 13, 1921.

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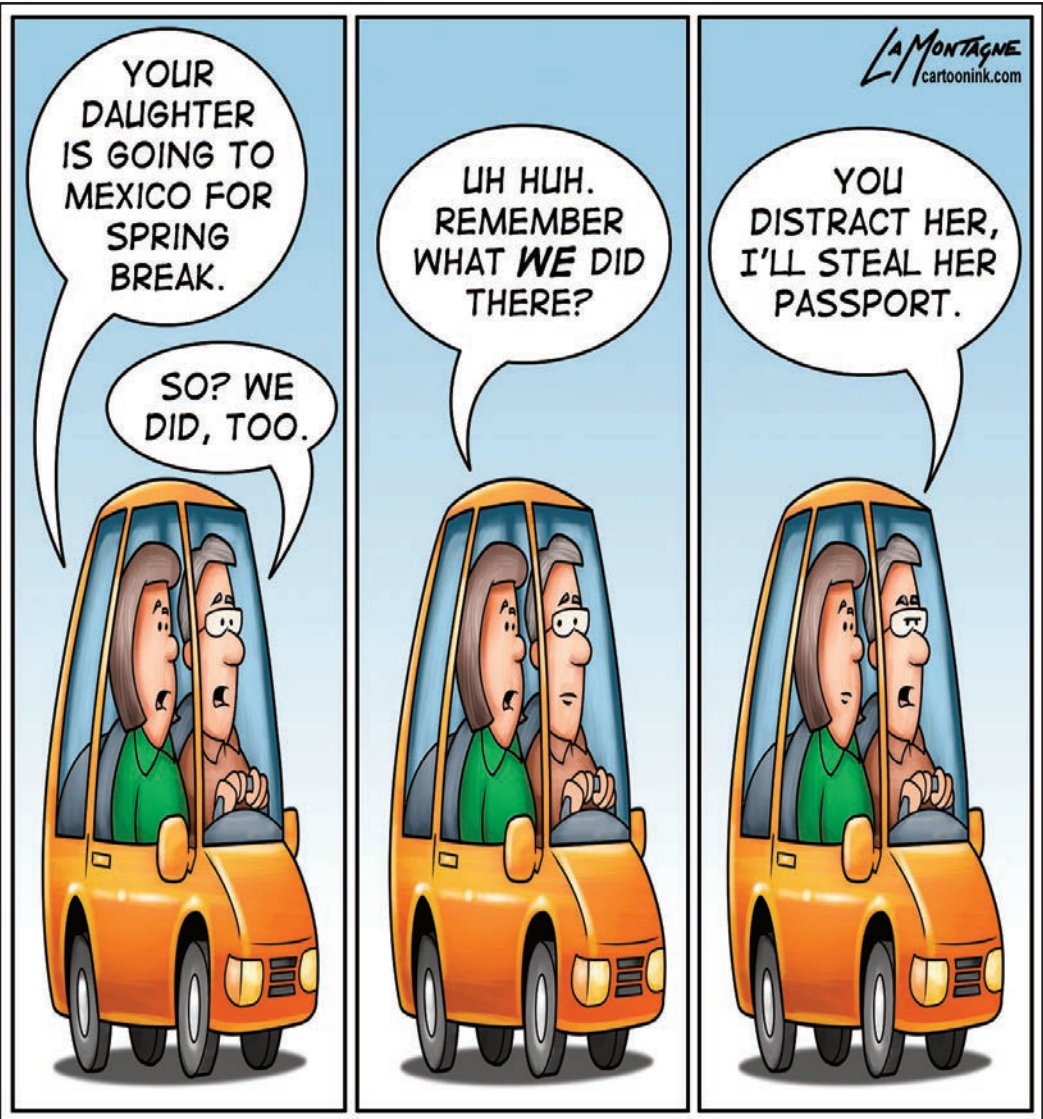
Are you in favour of increasing the penalties for distracted driving?

a) Yes

b) No

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Second cleanest catch basin

The nice thing about attending council meetings is I occasionally actually learn something. Such was the case at last Tuesday's session at Caledon Town Hall. Not only have we come through a hell of a mess this winter, with the ice storm in December, followed by the other dumpings of snow we've had to deal with and the frigid temperatures that kept it all on the ground, but there are more complications to come. As the temperatures start getting warmer (and we have a certain amount of assurance that they will) and the weather starts heating up, all that ice and snow is going to melt, with the resulting water having to flow somewhere. Indeed, one of the points made at last week's meeting was we're going to have to wait until the coming thaw to see just how bad things really are. Among the many points Public Works Director David Loveridge made involved the need to make sure catch basins are clear. A catch basin that's plugged with snow or ice, or any other debris that might have been stirred up over the last couple of months, is going to keep the water from going where we want it to go, meaning it's likely to go places we don't want it to go. He also urged people to keep an eye on the basins by their homes, suggesting they might take the initiative to clear them themselves, since Town staff can't get everywhere simultaneously. That made me think of the catch basin in front of my house. I haven't seen it in a couple of months with all the snow, not that it's something that occupies my thoughts a lot. But Loveridge's words did strike a chime, and I resolved to look into the matter as soon as possible. The problem was the basin in front of my house was buried under a great big windrow, and I was disinclined to try and take it apart in freezing weather. A windrow, for the benefit of those of you who are unfamiliar with the term, is that great big mountain . . . excuse me . . . I meant to say that bloody-annoying great big mountain of snow that plows churn up when they clear your street and end up blocking your driveway. I first heard the word used about 15 years ago when I was working in Toronto, from the one and only Mel Lastman (feel free to call me a name-dropper). I knew they were calling for the temperatures to get above the freezing mark Friday, so I resolved to do some basin clearing that night when I got home, figuring the task would be about as easy as I could hope for. It was still fairly warm upon my arrival, so I parked my car and grabbed an ice chopper from the garage. I took a guess where the basin would be under the snow, and actually guessed very well. But it is a fact that despite the warm temperatures of the day, that big pile of windrow was basically a solid pile of ice, meaning it took some pretty serious chopping to take it apart. Since I had been waiting several days for this moment, I wasn't fazed by the prospect, so achoppin' I went. I had to administer some very authoritative whacks, but was able to break off some large chunks of frozen material. After a couple of minutes of hard work, I had an adequately cleared catch basin. I think Loveridge would have been proud of me. I certainly was proud of me. At the risk of sounding like a braggart, I figured I had the clearest catch basin on my block. My wife and I went out a couple of minutes later, and I naturally paused to admire my handiwork — it was a true work of art and I figured I had every right to be boastful. But after driving past a couple of hundred metres of windrows, to my horror, I saw a catch basin that was much clearer than mine. It was far superior workmanship; the result of much more exacting work with a chopper. My efforts



Bill Rea

looked amateurish in comparison. Introduce me to the man who aspires to have the second clearest catch basin on the block? On the other hand, there was no school Friday, so whoever was responsible might have got his or her kids to clear their catch basin (having been a kid once, with a father in the house, I was introduced early in life to the reality of forced labour). Thus there's a logical and reasonable explanation for being usurped (I keep telling myself). I admit I have been somewhat flippant about these issues. On the other hand, I am very well aware that all of this snow that has accumulated this winter is eventually going to melt, resulting in flowing water. That means it could end up in basements; like mine, or yours. Neither prospect fills me with delight. I pretended to grow up in a house that was susceptible to flooding, and I well remember the bad temper tantrums such events put my father into. Granted, those were the days when fathers were able to get away with such antics. But I remember them all too well, meaning I don't envision my basement as a locale for aquatic sports. There are other concerns too, apart from my catch basin, and us newspaper guys have been receiving information about them. In particular, the conservation authorities are worried about the local rivers; namely the Humber and the Credit. Kids are being warned to stay well away from them, and for good reason too. In the weeks to come, we're going to hear more of them. The ice storm in December put a lot of excess weight on a number of trees lining the banks of these rivers. Some of the trees have ended up in the drink, and that's going to mean some problems in the days to come, as these trees cause blockages and possibly forcing the streams to overflow. We're already getting the media releases from various authorities, warning people to keep away from such rivers and especially warning them to keep their children away. It seems a little strange that parents would need such a warning. On the other hand, kids are curious creatures, and can be intrigued watching where the water from melting snow flows. Anyone familiar with the story Paddle-to-the-Sea knows it essentially started with a spring thaw. I always liked watching the spring thaw as a kid. I attended school in Toronto, taking a route to and from that I'm sure they would not let children take today. It involved traversing a ravine, what had previously been a municipal garbage dump and a large playing field. The ravine also had a creek running into a rather large pond, where people skate and fish to this day, depending on the season. Kids were actually encouraged to use this route through what was essentially a City park. I guess those were the days when people assumed there was no such thing as lurking perverts and the like, but I did get the occasional earful from my parents if I hung around the creek too much. The flow of the water was intriguing to a little boy like myself — still is, for that matter. And what we're talking about was just a creek. But it was filled with fast moving water that was very, very cold, emptying into a pond that was more than big enough for people to drown in. The creek was a dwarf when put up against the Humber or Credit Rivers, with flows that could easily sweep people away if they got too close to the banks. So the message is very simple. Keep your kids away from the streams, especially the fast-flowing ones. If they are interested in seeing the flows of spring thaws, let them check out catch basins. I happen to know of a good one to observe — second clearest on that particular block!

Participate in Earth Hour in Caledon the evening of March 29

Many remember the blackout during the summer of 2004 and used that as a lesson in emergency preparedness.

This past winter's ice storm was another reminder for people that with our growing dependency on electricity, it is important to be ready for the power to go out.

According to the federal government, your basic emergency kit should include the following items:

- Water — at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order;
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year);
- Manual can-opener;
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries). Replace batteries once a year;
- Crank, battery-powered radio (and extra batteries);
- First aid kit;
- Extra keys to your car and house;
- Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones;
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information;
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs).

They also recommend the following additional items:

- Two additional litres of water per person



MAYOR'S REPORT

By Marolyn Morrison

per day for cooking and cleaning;

- Candles and matches or lighter (place candles in deep, sturdy containers and do not burn unattended);
- Change of clothing and footwear for each household member;
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member;
- Toiletries;
- Hand sanitizer;
- Utensils;
- Garbage bags;
- Toilet paper;
- Water purifying tablets;
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife);
- A whistle (in case you need to attract attention);
- Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors, air vents, etc.).

Since 2008, Caledon families and businesses have been participating in Earth Hour by turning off their lights for an hour. This is a reminder for many families to be prepared in case of an emergency. The real reason we participate in Earth

Hour is to join forces with others around the globe to take action on climate change.

I ask that you join your fellow Caledon residents March 29, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and power down. Help Caledon surpass our last year's efforts!

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PATH staff will be happy to assist you in completing an application at their office or answer your questions over the telephone. Completed applications can be dropped off at the office or mailed in.

Currently there is a waiting list for social housing in Peel. You will be placed on this waiting list once you have submitted a complete application and have been determined eligible for social housing.

Because of the high demand for subsidized housing, the wait may take many years. If you have nowhere to stay and are in immediate need of shelter, contact Ontario Works in Peel which helps those in need find emergency accommodation. They can be reached at 905-793-9200 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or through the After Hours Line at 905-451-6208 at all other times.

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vides provinces, territories and municipalities with the flexibility they need to plan their infrastructure projects over the long term.

Our government's commitment to enhancing Canada's infrastructure remains firm. We will continue strengthening our economic prosperity by helping to deliver world-class public infrastructure in every region of Canada.

Let's talk about farming safety

By Rejean Pommainville

Let's talk about farm safety.

It's a tough topic — but take it from me — no one is indestructible and accidents do happen. That's why the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and Canadian Federation of Agriculture have dedicated March 9 to 15 as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week. It's a one-week commitment to get people talking about preventing injuries, employee training and the role we all play in making sure we work, live and play safely on our farms.

According to a recent article in the Globe and Mail, farming ranks number nine on the list of most dangerous jobs in Canada. That's no surprise to farmers who know too well the hazards and dangerous conditions we face as part of our daily routines. And it's often the routine jobs we don't think of as dangerous, that can be the most hazardous. Something as simple as climbing up the side of a wagon of square bales can change your life forever. That's what I did five years ago during hay season. Something I'd done many times without thinking twice, until I fell almost nine feet from the top of the wagon to the ground. The impact of the fall shattered my heel. After 14 screws, surgery, a few plates and a significant recovery time, I'm back farming. But the accident changed everything for myself and my family. I was a dairy farmer when the accident happened, but then couldn't keep up with the physical demands, so we sold the cows and now run a cash crop operation.

The impact of a farm injury can be devastating, and not just the person injured.

It takes a toll on emotions and the economics of a farm. The simple truth is that most injuries are predictable and preventable. Knowing what to look for and how to control hazards on the farm goes a long way to preventing injuries or even death. And in my case, taking the extra time to complete a job safely — rather than getting caught up in the rush — is a valuable part of a farm safety plan.

That's why our industry has designated a whole week to this issue. And the Ontario Federation of Agriculture urges Ontario farmers to take the time to reflect on the importance of farm safety. Talk to your family and employees about everyone's role in farm safety. Develop a plan to make your farm a safe place to work. There are plenty of tools available to start the discussion. Visit www.agsafetyweek.ca for tools on how to build your farm safety team, how to talk to your kids about farm safety, and tips for orienting new, young or returning farm workers.

It's a lot easier to talk about how we can work smarter and safer on the farm than to cope with an accident or injury. Farming has a lot of hazards, but implementing a safety plan to prevent or at least reduce injuries will help everyone — yourself, your family, employees and neighbours.

Start the conversation with your family, friends and employees. The time you invest in making your farm safer will pay off in ways no bottom line can measure. Let's talk about it — Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Rejean Pommainville is a director with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

‘Déjà vu all over again’



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Even a genius isn't always completely right. Take Stephen Hawking, for example.

The brilliant, physically-challenged scientist once quipped about his own condition that, "People don't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining."

That's true on a personal level. Nobody likes being around serial whiners. But obviously Hawking's wisdom doesn't apply to Quebec and the rest of Canada's tiresome reaction toward it.

You will know, of course, that Quebec's myopic PQ Premier Pauline Marois has called an election which pretty well everyone expects her to win, and in doing she has promised to eventually hold yet another referendum on "sovereignty" when the time (for her) is right.

The mainstream media, by the way, have long ago adopted the softer term "sovereignty" instead of the real term "separatist" to describe the Parti Quebecois aspirations. Why? But we digress.

They've already held two and lost both of them — the first in a squeaker — and each time federalist politicians have gone through hoops to make sure Quebecers vote to remain part of Canada and promised the moon to make sure it happened. Then, when it did, and despite false PQ claims to the contrary, the federal taps opened up even further, and the cash began pouring in to soothe Quebec's self-perceived "humiliation" at the hands of those nasty Anglos to their west and east.

So here we go again. But rather than calling their bluff, or better still, scoffing at them over the notion they'd give up all those federal billions they get from the rest of Canada (ROC) to chase their impossible dream, the fretting industry is once again in a full-court press.

Reports out of Ottawa say Prime Minister Stephen Harper, fearing a majority PQ government on April 7, has already contacted all the other premiers and opposition leaders (Quebecers) Thomas Mulcair and Justin Trudeau, and urged one and all to temper their remarks, adopt a policy of non-interference, and, "Don't take the bait. Don't provoke."

Mind you, if the separatists ever do hold another referendum — rather than continuing to use the threat to blackmail the ROC, as they have done historically with considerable success — separating from

Canada would be easier for them if Mulcair had his way. Rather than requiring a clear win on a clear question, as the Supreme Court has ruled on the issue, Mulcair and the NDP favor a simple majority plus one vote, a considerably lower standard to break up the country than the NDP itself demands just to change its party constitution.

But then again, we shouldn't be too surprised. After all, Mulcair's sainted successor, the late Jack Layton, along with then Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, having lost an election, were still willing to cut a deal with the opposition Bloc Quebecois — the Ottawa wing of the Quebec separatism — to overthrow Harper's elected government, giving the Bloc a veto over anything that had any impact upon Quebec. Federal voters, by the way, would do well never to forget that betrayal of federal values. But again, we digress.

Quebec's historical view of itself as a victim of the English "conquest," while completely laughable in reality, has been the spigot through which federal cash has continued to prop up their profligate spending virtually non-stop since Confederation itself.

Quebec, for example — which apparently can't stand us, but likes the cash — gets about 60 percent of all equalization transfers from Ottawa. As a result, it's the only province that can afford to offer its' vaunted publicly funded daycare for \$7 a day, just a fraction of the \$49 it really costs. Quebec also boasts by far the lowest university tuition in the country and is the only province — the only one — to cover half the cost of private secondary schooling. It's also, as far as I know, the only province providing free in vitro fertilization treatments.

Equalization was established in 1957 with the purpose of allowing the "have-not" provinces to provide "comparable" services to the "have" provinces. Yet no province compares to Quebec's services. Not because they're better money managers — they have one of the worst debts in the country to boot — but because the ROC has been suckered into paying for their Cadillac services while the rest of us limp by with used Chevrolets.

And so it goes. Yet another Quebec election. Yet another PQ government. Yet another threat of a referendum. And the same old panic — albeit, much quieter than at other times — from Ottawa and the other provinces.

Rather than tiring of their constant carping, alas, what we have, as Yogi Bear once quipped, is, "Déjà vu all over again."

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Family Transition Place marked International Women’s Day

By Tabitha Wells

There is something amiss, when in a world where 50 per cent of the population is women, that the majority of prominent fields are dominated by men and where women still earn less than men for holding the same positions.

World-wide, women make up less than 10 per cent of world leadership positions and in Canada, women hold just 24 per cent of the seats in government and usually only in areas that represent social, family or cultural affairs.

“There is still so much gender inequality in the world. The only way to be able to reach equality is by being able to educate and make people more aware that it is still a present issue,” explained Stacey Tarrant, manager of development and community relations with Family Transition Place (FTP). “Sometimes, they know about or have experienced some form of the inequality in their lives, but they don’t necessarily know that this is a broad, global issue.”

It’s for that reason that International Women’s Day, a day designated to recognize women for their political, economic and social achievements, was celebrated both worldwide and locally last week.

FTP hosted its annual International Women’s Day luncheon last Friday, combining the celebration of women with a

fundraiser to help provide money for the programs and services they offer for women to help move forward into a life free from abuse and unhealthy relationships or lifestyles.

“Every year it has sold out well in advance prior to the event date,” Tarrant said. “We have over 300 attend the event, we have a women’s vendor marketplace where people are welcome to come a little early and shop the floor before attending the event with the guest speaker. It’s great fun.”

This year proved to have the same pattern, with all tickets selling out shortly after sales opened in November. While the day of celebration has been going on for more than 100 years now, there are many who are just becoming aware of it, and the continued success of the luncheon proves that their message is getting across.

“There are a lot of people that had never heard of it, so this is definitely raising more awareness for the day, which then generates more awareness about what it is about,” Tarrant explained. “Even though it is a celebratory day, it’s also about pointing out some of the challenges that we still have to conquer. I think the more people know about the day, the more we are going to bring attention to those challenges.”

Lesley Page, a former burned-out corporate executive turned award-winning pilot, was this year’s guest speaker at the luncheon. She spoke with those in attendance about her story, and what led to the change in career, as well as the opportunities she has had to impact and change lives through her passion of flying.

“I was so excited to hear from Stacey last year to invite me to this event,” Page said. “It is absolutely the type of audience that needs to hear the message about how important it is to increase the number of women pilots as well as to celebrate the accomplishments of women.”

She added that currently, only six per cent of pilots are women, largely due to the fact that the perception is that aviation is for boys and men. Part of her work includes being part of an organization called The Women of Aviation Worldwide, which aims to show girls and women that there are options available to increase the diversity in the aviation and aerospace industries, through helping celebrate the achievements of female pilots.

“I think it’s important to celebrate anything to do with women,” she said. “Women are half of the population, but we represent far less than half in many male-dominated fields such as government and world-leadership. Importantly to me, we only represent six per cent of pilots.”

Based on the survey results from the luncheon, people enjoyed listening to

Page, and were enthralled by both her story and her passion.

“We’ve had lots of positive feedback about how she was a real woman telling her real story and was very enduring,” Tarrant explained. “For the past few years we’ve had very different types of speakers, and so I think that’s one of the things that many enjoyed about her.”

But it wasn’t just the guest speaker that was a huge success. The event brought in enough money to exceed their fundraising goal of \$50,000, which will go toward helping with the programs and services provided by FTP year-round.

“We’re extremely grateful that the community continues to support this event and everything that FTP does,” Tarrant said. “It certainly motivates us as an agency to keep going strong because of the support we receive from the community.”

When it comes down to it, whether it’s about helping women to change their circumstances in relationships and their lives, or working to change the position women hold worldwide, it’s conversation and awareness that keep pushing the bar. The more conversation there is, the more opportunity there is to make a difference. That is something that both FTP and International Women’s Day both recognize.

“The sky is the limit,” Page said. “Women can do whatever they want; they shouldn’t be held back. Male-dominated fields should not be dominated.”

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Caledon midget Hawks advance to Tri-County play-off round

The Caledon Hawks midget AA team, sponsored by Tim Hortons, recently advanced to the championship round in the Tri-County Minor Hockey League play-offs.

The Hawks soared over the Burlington Eagles in the quarter-final series, with three convincing wins in one week.

The Tri County semifinal playoff round consisted of exciting back-and-forth

matches between the Hawks and Halton Hills Thunder.

After a first period power-play goal by host Halton Hills Feb. 25, Tyler Whitten popped in a Caledon goal two minutes later, helped out by hard-working linemates Mitchell Korb and Michael McVeigh. Kevin Pleasance's quick shot put the Hawks ahead, but Halton Hills scored two late ones in the second period. Down 4-2 mid-way in the third, the Hawks fought back with goals from JP Amaral and captain Cameron Frail to force an extra period.

Unfortunately, the Hawks suffered a 5-4 overtime loss in game one when Halton Hills scored at 7:10 in the fourth period.

A win back on home ice Feb. 27 evened out the series with Amaral scoring two goals for his team. Amaral's unassisted first goal was a blistering shot early in the opening period. After a scoreless second, Whitten fired a wrist shot over the goalie's blocker to tie up the game 2-2 in the third on a three-way passing play with McVeigh and Korb.

Amaral's second and game-winning goal was a nice backhand off the rebound of Lukas Richardson's blistering shot from the blue line. Hawk goaltender Jonathan Pitre performed strongly in net, blocking 24 shots and Caledon took this game 3-2.

Game 3 was a high-scoring event, which the Hawks won 7-5. Michael Marinaccio and Christian Hauck scored in the first. Assists went to Pleasance on the first goal and Shane Sommers and Michael Bozzelli setting up Hauck. Korb put the Hawks in front 3-2 in the second with a fancy backhand goal. Sean Nottle

scored on a Caledon power play, assisted by Hauck and then Whitten powered a single with a pass from Jacob Voogel at the end of the second. Hauck completed his four-point game, popping one in himself and then setting up Nottle's second goal in the third period.

The next night, the Hawks outshot the Thunder by 16, but were on the losing end of a 5-2 victory for Halton Hills. Goal scorers for Caledon were Sommers and Nottle, with Hauck being the playmaker for both.

With the series tied at four points each, the Hawks arrived in Georgetown short on defencemen, but full of energy and grit. Bozzelli got the Hawks' first goal with a sleek shot assisted by Marinaccio, followed by McVeigh's breakaway goal, set up by Whitten. Frail's pass sent Amaral down the ice and his whistling shot beat the opposing goalie. Whitten sunk one on a Caledon power play, helped out by McVeigh. Michael Andrews won the face off deep in the opposition end and Shane Sommers crammed in the puck with one second left in the middle period. McVeigh got his second goal of the game in a play with Korb and Sommers.

The defence foursome of Voogel, Pleasance, Sommers and Frail consistently controlled the play in the Caledon zone. The game was topped off by a stellar performance by Caledon goalie Nick Doucette who was 2:16 away from a shutout when Halton Hills scored on a powerplay.

The 6-1 victory advanced the midget AAs to the Tri County Bowen championship series against Guelph Gryphons. The series begins this coming Wednesday (March 19) at Caledon East.



The Caledon Hawks minor peewee A team battles against the Burlington Eagles at Caledon East arena. The Hawks were playing their final match of the season and put out a huge effort late in the game, but couldn't tie it up and had to settle for a 5-4 loss.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

Minor peewees wrap up the season

By Brian Lockhart

They may have lost the final game, but the Caledon Hawks minor peewee A team did it in style.

With time running out on the clock in their game against the Burlington Eagles at Caledon East last Thursday (Mar. 6), the Hawks went into overdrive and turned out a blistering pace in the waning moments of the third period scoring to make it a 5-4 game with a minute left on the clock.

With an empty net and extra attacker on the ice, the peewees played a hard final minute and had a few good opportunities but they couldn't find the back of the net to tie the game before the buzzer sounded.

It was a close battle, with the game being tied at two until the Burlington squad managed to get the edge in the third period to take the lead.

Hawk goalie JC Belford-Sim had a solid game in net and produced plenty of saves over the 60 minutes of play.

Caledon goals came from Shane Davis-Thrower, Patrick Duffey, Matthew Zanelli and Nicholas Solimena.

"We did much better than last season. We had a nice run in the Tri-Countys," said Hawks' head coach Mike Duffey. "We had overtime in our first game then one

our next three, then lost to Flamborough and Oakville."

Considering it was the team's last game of the season, Duffey said their usual structured play pretty much gave way to some more individual style.

You can't blame them. With a final game and no hope of advancing, the players took a little extra licence on the ice when it came to showboating and seeing how far they could carry the puck.

"It was a little sloppy for us," Duffey said. "I think both teams — the kids were wanting to score some goals and have some fun and carry the puck in their last game. It was a rigid kind of game we typically play. It was the last game so they were out to have some fun and carry the puck and do some things they don't normally do."

At the end of the season, Duffey looks back on a team that worked hard and made improvements over the year.

"We improved tremendously," he commented. "We do some Hockey Canada testing that we just finished up. Just about everyone on the team improved in their skills, puck speed, foot speed and it really showed on the ice. Their game really came around. We beat teams that we couldn't beat all last year."

Penetang leading GMOHL final

Alliston meltdown in game three gives Kings the edge

By Brian Lockhart

The Penetang Kings are leading the Georgian Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League final series 2-1 against the Alliston Hornets after game three in Alliston Tuesday night.

Penetang won game one of the series 3-2 opening night in Penetang in a match that saw the teams play to a 2-2 tie in the first period. The Kings scored a single in the second to take the lead and eventually the game.

Game two in Alliston saw the series tied when the Hornets notched three goals early in the first period. Penetang scored two to close the gap, but that was it for the night. Alliston had one in the third on a power play to get some insurance and the Hornets won the game 4-2 to tie the series at one each.

The teams returned to Alliston ice Tuesday for game three.

After a confident first period and a one-

goal lead at the end of the frame, the Hornets were leading 2-1 late in the second. That's when the unthinkable happened for the squad. The Kings scored three goals in the space of 31 seconds, then followed up with a power-play goal at just over a minute later to lead the game 5-2 going into the final 20 minutes.

It was a devastating period that left the Hornets reeling in their mistakes, and that couple of minutes cost them the game.

The Hornets scored one in the third that was matched by a Kings' goal and the game ended 6-3 for Penetang.

Game four was scheduled for Penetang last night (Wednesday), with results coming in after press time.

Game five is slated for Friday in Penetang.

If necessary, the series will return to Alliston Sunday, with a 7 p.m. start at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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KYNNYN DOUGHTY
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Name:
JANNA FURBACHER
School:
**ROBERT F. HALL
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This 17-year-old made a significant contribution to the nordic ski team's medal-winning performance at OFS-SAA in Timmins, placing 18th individually. She is also active at school in cross-country running and rowing. The Grade 12 student lives in Bolton with her parents Angus Doughty and Sian Leyshon-Doughty.

This Grade 11 student played middle for the varsity volleyball team, which made it to the finals of ROPS-SAA. She also used to play basketball in school. Away from school, she plays club volleyball with Aurora Storm, as well as house league soccer with Caledon East Soccer Club. The 16-year-old lives in Caledon East with her parents Erica and Alan Furbacher.



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**ABIGAIL
WALKER**
School:
**HUMBERVIEW
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SCHOOL**

This 16-year-old played goal for the junior boys' hockey team, and he was in net for the 4-0 shutout that saw the team take the ROPSSAA title over Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Secondary School. Away from school, he plays goal in the Caledon Minor Hockey organization. The Grade 10 student lives in Bolton with his parents Tony and Claudia Biamonte.

This Grade 9 student was part of the school's nordic ski team. She was 56th individually at OFS-SAA and was first among the junior girls from Humberview. She is also a cross-country runner and is thinking of going out for track in the spring. In the community, she skates competitively with the Bolton Figure Skating Club. The 14-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Dave and Wendy Walker.



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Rutherford nails down first place in men’s hockey league

Rutherford Global Logistics clinched first place in the Caledon Senior Hockey League with an 8-6 win over Fines Ford Lincoln Feb. 24.

With one week left in the regular season, Rutherford had 34 points on a 15-5-4 record, four points ahead of Baffo’s Pizza. Team rep Jim Dunbar led the way in the win over Fines Ford with three goals and one assist.

In the other games, George’s Arena Sports downed Jiffy Lube Oilers 6-1 and Baffo’s shaded Bolton Chiropractic Centre 4-3 to clinch second place.

Rutherford 8, Fines Ford 6

Ted Callighen and Dave Armstrong were just behind Dunbar in sparking Rutherford.

Callighen had a goal and two assists while Armstrong set up three goals. Paul Speck contributed two goals with Bill Moyer and Jim Horan each adding a goal and an assist. Tony Calabro notched two assists while singles went to Garth Young and Frank Cirone.

Nick Rotundo and Dominic Spignasi led the points parade for Fines Ford, as Rotundo had two goals and an assist and Spignasi went for a goal and two assists. Bernie Tisdale had a goal and an assist

while the other goals were scored by Jim Moyer and Peter Coghill. Jeff Boyles added two assists with singles from Steve Sanderson, Bob Smith and Mike Gallop.

George’s 6, Jiffy Lube 1

Jack Gibson was the high-flyer for George’s with three goals.

Mark Milton equalled Gibson in points with three assists. Brett Smith had a goal and an assist and the other goals were scored by Bill Davis and George Armstrong. Bill Doherty had two assists while Clark Judge and Al McFadyen had one each.

Ron Sampson scored the lone Jiffy Lube

goal with David Shoalts and Luch Pinarello assisting.

Baffo’s 4, BCC 3

Rick Agar scored his second consecutive goal of the game with 48 seconds left to give Baffo’s the win.

James Heenan contributed a goal and two assists while John Castellucci had the other goal. Bob McHardy had two assists with singles going to Bill Frolick, Mike Oliver and Mark Perrin.

John Pitsadiotis scored two goals for the Chiropractors while Greg Frangakis set up both of them. Ian Kerr had the other goal for Bolton Chiropractic.

Hall varsity girls take ROPSSAA hockey title and head for OFSSAA

Girls’ hockey is back with a bang at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

This year marked the return of the Hall varsity girls’ hockey team. The team had a tremendously successful year, finishing league play with an 8-2-1 record. The girls won the ROPSSAA ‘AA’ championship and will represent ROPSSAA at the Ontario Championships later this month in Sudbury.

“The girls have shown a great enthusiasm and commitment to the program. They have set the bar high for the future of girls hockey at Hall,” said Coach Stephanie Slokar. “The girls have really

bought into the team concept.”

Coach Ann Horton, who herself played varsity hockey for the University of Toronto, thinks it is so important to offer the opportunity for young women to play the game.

“There are so many skilled players in Caledon, Orangeville and surrounding areas that it would be so unfortunate if we did not have a girls’ team,” she commented. “The support from the parents and grandparents really demonstrates how important girls’ hockey is to the community. And having the ice pad just down the street makes life a lot easier for practices and home games.”

In order to help the girls with the financial realities of traveling to Sudbury for OFSAA, the girls are cleaning the insides and outsides of the two school busettes.

“We are saving the school over \$1,000 doing it ourselves,” Slokar said laughing.

Millions raised by Bruce Trail Conservancy donors for Niagara Escarpment

The Bruce Trail Conservancy celebrated recently the more than \$2.9 million dollars raised this past year for Niagara Escarpment land preservation and conservation.

More than 175 Conservancy donors, volunteers and staff came together at the Conservancy’s annual Donor Recognition Event in Burlington to honour the work begun decades ago to preserve land on the Niagara Escarpment along the route of the Bruce Trail.

The Conservancy’s dedicated donors gathered to celebrate the personal gifts that set this year apart. In addition to the many cash donations made in 2013, the Conservancy received donations of land worth more than \$638,000, representing 144 acres of irreplaceable Niagara Escarpment landscape. These donors have entrusted their land to the Conservancy,

thereby ensuring it remains forever natural and accessible via the Bruce Trail. Gifts of land are of critical importance to the mission of the Bruce Trail Conservancy and speak volumes of the trust these landowners have in this charity.

Through its 50th Anniversary Milestones Project, the Conservancy will raise funds to secure and steward 5,000 acres of Niagara Escarpment land containing the Bruce Trail, between 2012 and 2017. This past year, the 50th Anniversary Theme was “Sharing the Trail,” and the achievements of the year reflect the dedication of Conservancy’s members, volunteers, donors and landowners to sharing the beauties of the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment.

Speaking at the event, Executive Director Beth Gilhespy put the donors’ impact into perspective.

“Because of you, 10 new nature reserves were created this year, securing 562 acres of irreplaceable Escarpment landscape and adding more permanence to our long history of sharing,” she commented. “Our organization is buoyed by the strong commitment of you, our donors, especially at a time when funding from government agencies has all but disappeared.”

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is a charitable organization committed to establishing a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment, in order to protect its natural ecosystems and to promote environmentally responsible public access to this UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.



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Renze Marten Dykstra passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Brampton Civic Hospital, at the age of nearly 95 years, beloved husband of Lenny Dykstra (nee Vander-Spek). Dear brother of Marten, in the Netherlands and predeceased by his brothers Jan and Rein. Private family interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. A memorial service will be held at the Rehoboth Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 800 Burnhamthorpe Road, Etobicoke on Friday afternoon, March 14 at 2:30 o'clock. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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At Etobicoke General Hospital on Friday, March 7, 2014, Eva Gorog, Caledon East, in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late Laszlo (Leslie) Gorog. Dear mother of Leslie, Dora and her husband Kevin, Jeannie and her husband Pat, Linda and her husband Greg. Loving grandmother of Richard, Dylan, Michael and James. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton Monday morning, March 10 from 9 o'clock until time of leaving at 10:45 a.m. for a Funeral Mass in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Caledon East Public Cemetery. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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