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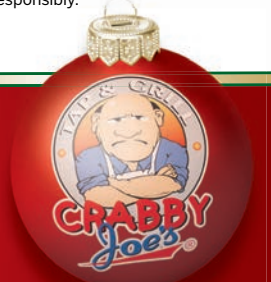
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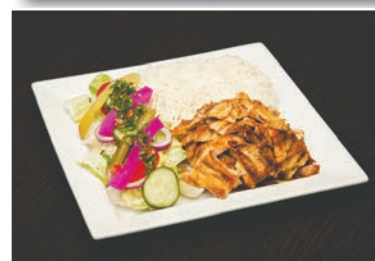


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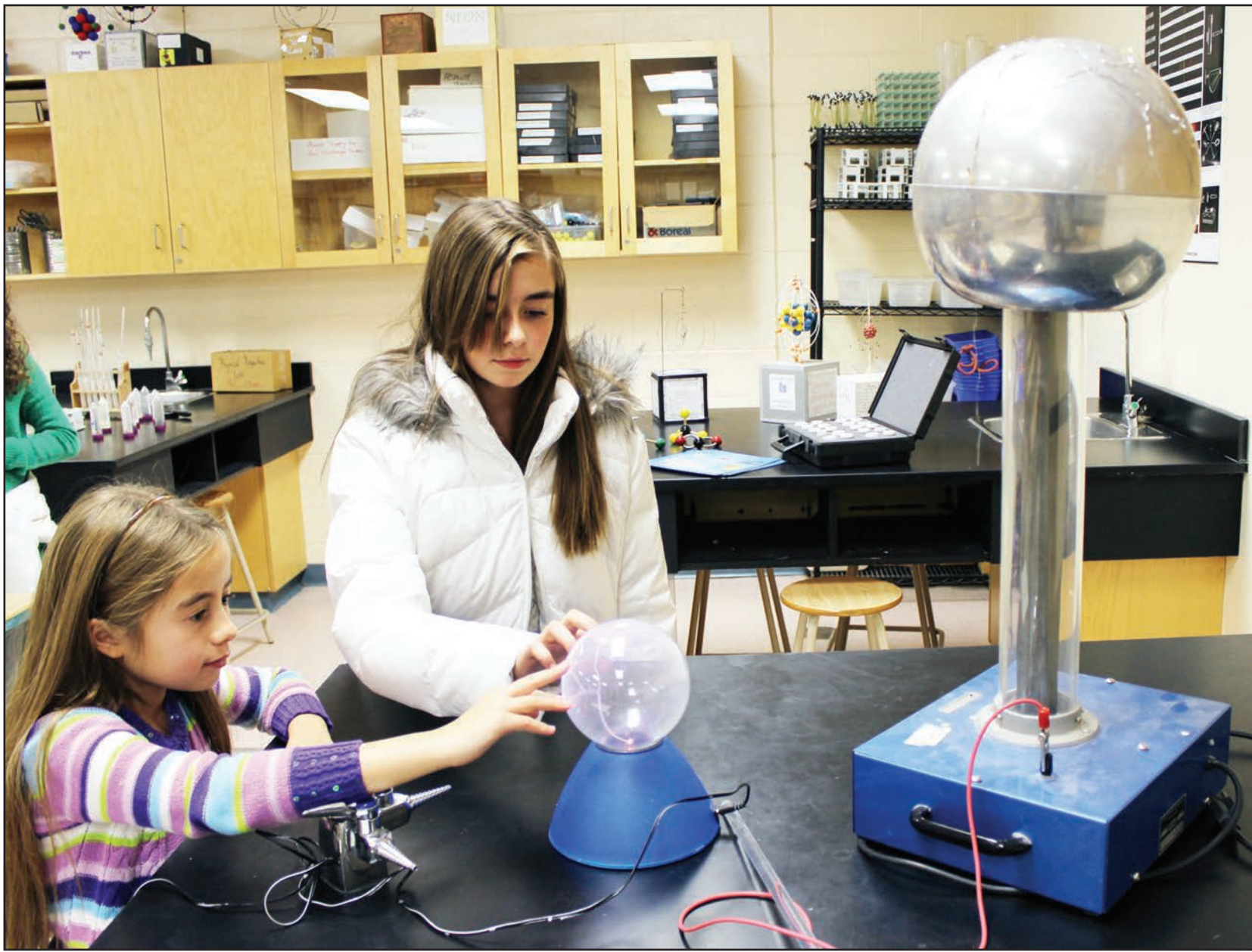
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## RF HALL ON DISPLAY FOR ASPIRING STUDENTS

Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East hosted the annual Open House and Grade 8 Parents' Information Night last Thursday. Students planning to attend Hall next year got to see some of the activities that are part of academic life there. Sophiarose Bezant of Orangeville is hoping to attend the school next year. She was joined by her sister Isabella as they studied the static discharge from this Plasma Ball. Turn to page 9 for more scenes from the open house.

Photo by Bill Rea

## Town taxes up 4.98 per cent

# Council passes 2014 budget for Caledon

**By Bill Rea**  
“The more things change, the more they stay the same.”  
That old saying could have applied to Tuesdays deliberations over Caledon's budget for 2014. In the end, Town councillors went along with the staff recommendation for a 4.98 per cent tax increase for Caledon's portion of the property tax bill. But they also made some adjustments to the capital spending plans, making sure the tax situation was not changed. The result meant there is roughly \$182,700 set aside for tax-supported capital spending, but it still has to be decided what it's going to be spent on. Staff is going to come forward with recommendations on where that money can go, but Mayor Marolyn Morrison cautioned her colleagues not to expect that report before the new year. The budget approved Tuesday only applies to the Town's share

of the property tax bill, which last year only amounted to about 35 per cent. Peel Region got about 33 per cent and the local school boards got the other 32 per cent. Tuesday's decisions means about \$88.08 will be added to the tax bill of a home assessed at \$480,000. Deputy Treasurer Peggy Tollett pointed out that while nothing has yet to be determined by the Region or regarding education, staff was working on the assumption that Peel's tax rate will likely go up by 1.6 per cent, and the education share of the tax bill is not going to change. If that's the case, she said Caledon residents can expect a blended increase of about 2.5 per cent, or a hike of \$109.82 for a home assessed at \$480,000. Tollett called the staff proposals “very fiscally responsible,” pointing out the base budget from last year was actually reduced by about \$100,000, owing largely to staff efficiencies. It also addresses

deficits in the Town's infrastructure, as well as service needs in growth areas.  
“We're trying to make this municipality so it's sustainable in the future,” Morrison remarked.  
She also pointed out the vote at council was unanimous (Councillor Gord McClure was absent), meaning there was consensus that the budget is reasonable. Councillor Richard Whitehead thought the staff recommendations were “quite responsible.”  
He pointed out that looking back about 20 years, there was a period when there were no tax increases, and the Town's infrastructure suffered. The next 10 years saw annual increases averaging about 3.3 per cent, meaning an overall average tax hike over the 20 years of less than two per cent.  
He also pointed out the strategy for the last couple of years has been to aim most of the increases toward capital projects by

building and spending capital reserves. He said that's been working well.  
“All in all, I think it was a very responsible budget,” Councillor Patti Foley commented.  
In terms of changes, Councillor Richard Paterak was successful in getting his colleagues to go along with having \$40,000 redirected to the Town's gravel pit rehabilitation master plan. That money will be coming from planned work to look at protocols used in other municipalities to

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## Flags lowered in memory of officer

The Town of Caledon will fly the flags at all Town facilities at half-mast in a salute to Toronto Police Constable John Zivcic, who died Monday from injuries received in a weekend traffic mishap in Toronto.  
The crash occurred as Constable Zivcic, 34, was responding to an emergency call about an impaired driver.  
The Town of Caledon extends sincere condolences to Constable Zivcic's family, friends and fellow police officers for this tragic loss.  
They will remain lowered until sunset the day of the funeral.

## Quote of the Week

“We are on the right page and we are moving in the right direction.”

Central West LHIN Board Chair Maria Britto, commenting on the official opening last week of the Caledon Specialist Clinic.



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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**Drop-in meditation classes of non-profit Kadampa Meditation Centre Canada.** Simple, practical methods to improve the quality of life and develop inner peace. Each class consists of two guided meditations and a teacher to help solve daily problems, let go of negative minds and find happiness from within. Orangeville Public Library, 1 Mill St. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per class or \$40 for five classes. all are welcome. No need to preregister.

**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

**“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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**The SouthFields Village Residents’ Group will be hosting horse and wagon rides** through the area from 6 to 9 .m. They will start at SouthFields Village Public School. The cost for the 15-minute ride will be \$10 per person (children five and younger can ride for free). Visit [www.eventbrite.ca/event/8984600181](http://www.eventbrite.ca/event/8984600181) or contact Kenneth Bokor at [kenneth.bokor@gmail.com](mailto:kenneth.bokor@gmail.com) for more information.

**Free Real Estate Resource Seminar at St. James’ Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd. in Caledon East** starting at 1 p.m. Information on moving companies, consignment sellers, home inspection companies, local nursing homes, fair market real estate values, local lawyers and more. Everyone is welcome. Contact 905-584-9635.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**The Kinsmen Club of Bolton will host the annual Kinsmen Christmas Parade.** The theme will be Christmas At The Movies. The parade will start at 11 a.m. and will travel north from the south hill into the valley and then to the north hill. Groups wishing to participate in the parade should visit [www.boltonkin.com](http://www.boltonkin.com) in order to register.

**The Rotary Club of Palgrave will be holding the 12th annual Tree Lighting event at the Stationlands park.** It will start at 5:30 p.m. and go to 7. Kids, parents and all the community are welcome. The tree lighting will be at 6 p.m.

**Christmas in Caledon Village craft show and sale,** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at two locations: Caledon Village Place at 18313 Hurontario St., and Knox United Church at 2976 Charleston Sideroad. Sponsored by Cheltenham United Church and Caledon Agricultural Society. For information, call 905-838-3367.

**Second annual Christmas Marketplace at St. Cornelius School in Caledon East from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** There will be a penny raffle, food drive, face painting and Christmas tree sales.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**Christmas in the Air, the annual Christmas concert of the Caledon Concert Band,** will be presented at Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East, starting at 2 p.m. Special guest performers will be the primary and junior choirs from Ecole James Bolton Public School. The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and children 12 and younger will get in for free. For more information, call 416-276-7852, or go to [www.caledonconcertband.ca](http://www.caledonconcertband.ca)

**Caledon East United Church Choir presents A Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. at the Church.** The program will include a carol sing. Admission is free, although donations are appreciated. All funds raised will be donated to the Santa Fund, in support of Caledon Community Services. A reception will be held in Friendship Hall following the concert. For further information, contact the church office at 905-584-9974.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**SouthFields Village Residents Group Quarterly Meeting.** Residents of SouthFields Village and the surrounding area are invited to attend at SouthFields Village Public School, starting at 7 p.m. Along with the usual updates, they have invited an initial key developer for the commercial core to provide a briefing on what’s coming and when.

**The Peel North Branch of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario will meet at 10 a.m.** at North Bramalea United Church, 363 Howden Blvd., Bramalea. Enjoy carol singing and the Christmas Market. Bring your cookies for our special members. All retired women teachers are welcome. RSVP to Karin at 905-796-2146.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**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 What People Really Think of Christians...and Why: An hour of honest conversation. Call 416-579-9977 for more information.

**The Caledon Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its monthly breast cancer support group meeting from 7 to 9 p.m.** It will be at 4 Queen St. North, Unit 202 in Bolton (above Mille Notte Lingerie). The support group is for women who have had breast cancer, who are going through treatment or have been newly diagnosed. Facilitators are trained volunteers and breast cancer survivors. Share stories, coping strategies, inspiration and laughter You do not have to be alone in this. For more information, contact Rosa at 905-857-4068 or [raso@rogers.com](mailto:raso@rogers.com), or Visit the website at [www.caledonbcf.org](http://www.caledonbcf.org)

**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.

**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.

# Town buildings will wait for Wi-Fi

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deal with telecommunication and cellular towers.

“It’s revenue neutral,” he pointed out, adding the work on the protocol could be put off for a year, while the work on the master plan has been waiting for 12 years with nothing being done.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli pointed out the number of applications for towers is increasing, and he wondered if that would create problems for the Town. Director of Development Approval and Planning Policy Mary Hall said staff got that project from council. She said the protocol is more than 10-years-old, and she had told council at the time that staff was busy, so outside resources would be needed to do it. They have not yet found anyone to do the job. She also told Mezzapelli the job could be done in-house if staff is increased.

Mezzapelli and Foley were successful in getting \$70,000 worth of projects of their own, suggesting the money come from a plan to have free public Wi-Fi installed at Town Hall and some other municipal facilities. He said they wanted to see \$25,000 used to top up the Library’s books and material budget to \$400,000; \$20,000 for lighting at two of four bocce courts in R. J. A. Potts Memorial Park in Bolton; and the other \$25,000 for water-bottle filling stations at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, Albion-Bolton Community Centre, Mayfield Recreation Complex and the Caledon Community Complex.

Addressing the bocce courts, Mezzapelli said “it’s a well-used facility.” While he said it might not seem important in the overall picture, he said the work is half done. “It’s about time we completed the project,” he remarked.

“If we don’t do it, it won’t get done,” he added.

He also observed that \$252,700 had been budgeted for the Wi-Fi. Treasurer Fuwing Wong said the most expensive parts of that are two LAN Controllers, running about \$100,000 each. Two are being suggested so there’s back-up if one of them fails.

Councillor Nick deBoer suggested scrapping the Wi-Fi expenditure all together, wondering if there is enough demand to justify it. He agreed it’s a convenience, but added there are more pressing projects.

Wong told Councillor Allan Thompson that buying just one controller for the Wi-Fi would mean there’s no back-up if the other fails, and it could take about a week to get things running again.

That was a concern for Thompson, who observed some of the Town facilities are no longer competitive because Wi-Fi’s not available.

Mezzapelli pointed out if there’s only one controller and it fails, things will be no worse than they are now, with no Wi-Fi.

DeBoer got his colleagues to go along with dropping the Wi-Fi spending, suggesting staff report back on how the spend the remaining \$182,700.

Councillor Doug Beffort, who has been a proponent of Wi-Fi, said he’s been talking to information technology people about it, and some concerns have been raised. He said he’s heard of places with Wi-Fi that are now having liability issues.

Addressing the \$182,700, Whitehead urged his colleagues to let staff report on possible ways to use the money, as opposed to getting ideas through that night.

“I don’t think we should get involved in a poker game,” he commented.

Mezzapelli wanted to make sure councillors could still offer suggestions on how the money is used.

“You always have that opportunity,” Morrison told him.

Paterak was amused that Wi-Fi had lost a lot of its appeal once the real cost came out. “We crumple like a cheap suit,” he said.

DeBoer stressed the need to have a complete system. “Let’s do this whole thing right once,” he said.

# Tilson reminds of Summer Jobs program

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson has issued a reminder to Dufferin-Caledon employers that the application window for the 2014 Canada Summer Jobs Program will be opening soon.

“The deadline for Canada Summer Jobs has changed and is earlier than in previous years,” Tilson observed.

“This year, applications will be available online beginning December 2, 2013 and must be submitted by January 10, 2014. These new timelines mean that successful employers will be notified sooner and have more time to recruit students.”



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# New Caledon Specialist Clinic officially opened in Bolton

By Bill Rea

There was a packed house on hand last Thursday for the official opening of the Caledon Specialist Clinic.

Operating from the ground floor of the Royal Courtyards on King Street East in Bolton, the clinic will be offering more services supporting health and well-being, making sure they are now close by and convenient for residents of Caledon and surrounding areas.

This is thanks to a partnership between Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), Caledon Community Services (CCS) and the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

CCS CEO Monty Laskin expressed gratitude to the LHIN for diligence and working closely with the agency to make the clinic a reality. And he was also glad Headwaters is on board, providing the specialists who will staff the clinic.

Laskin also pointed out local primary care physicians have worked closely with CCS over the last couple of years, coming up with ideas for a model of care to be

available.

"Our local doctors' continued support will go a long way to ensuring that our clinic thrives," he commented.

"This specialist clinic will be a valuable resource for our emerging Health Link, in that it will support all residents, including those with complex needs," Laskin added. "There is no doubt that when community, hospital and LHIN work together, our partnerships create opportunities for improved health care that cannot be attained when we work in silos."

"Local health services provide convenience, increased accessibility and timely interventions. Gone is the long drive to a hospital," he observed. "CCS is pleased to be working in partnership with Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Central West LHIN. These strong relationships have allowed this local specialist clinic to land."

LHIN Board Chair Maria Britto commented on the number of calls she has heard from people to have services that are available close to home.

She said the specialist consultation service is a great example of how the various agencies work together to develop solutions. Britto expressed appreciation for the specialists from headwaters who will be making themselves available to the new clinic.

"We are very fortunate to have physicians play ball with us," she remarked. "We are on the right page and we are moving in the right direction."

"The LHIN's investment in this specialist consultation service is part of a broader plan to better serve the needs of residents in Caledon and surrounding areas," commented LHIN CEO Scott McLeod. "The Caledon Specialist Clinic will be among a group of health service providers supporting the developing Bolton-Caledon Health Link, a model for coordinating care to ensure that patients who need care get it quickly and as close to home as possible."

With a referral from a primary care physician or a nurse practitioner, residents of the community can receive services from specialists in the fields of obstetrics/gynecology, paediatrics, surgery, orthopedics and others at the clinic. It will be operating three exam rooms concurrently. Specialists have been recruited from HHCC. As the service grows, it is expected other specialists will become part of the clinic's services.

"At Headwaters Health Care Centre, our mission is to provide high quality and compassionate care, in collaboration with our partners, to optimize the health of our community," Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg commented. "This specialist clinic is just another exam-

ple of one of our many partnerships created to support the health and well-being of the community closer to home."

The clinic is also part of the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN), in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Peel branch. OTN allows specialties such as psychiatry and dermatology to support patients via videoconferencing. It will provide the clinic with an increased number of medical specialists through its roster of specialists across the province. OTN is expected to launch in the clinic in the new year.

"The clinic will be used as a teaching centre, with OTN providing webinars for physicians and our community's health service providers," Laskin added. "We look forward to welcoming them all."

All visits to the clinic will be private, confidential and covered under The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

The clinic also offers meeting space for non-clinical events such as webinars and health-related activities. Community health service providers are encouraged to use OTN and this meeting space for their training and services.

For more information regarding the clinic, contact Coordinator Darlene Lajoie at 905-857-4327 or [dlajoie@ccs4u.org](mailto:dlajoie@ccs4u.org)



Supportive housing residents Doreen Davison and Jan Gordon were given the honour of cutting the ribbon last Thursday to officially open the new Caledon Specialist Clinic. Also on hand was Caledon Community Services CEO Monty Laskin, Central West LHIN CEO Scott McLeod, Headwaters Program Director Mary Wheelwright, LHIN Board Chair Maria Britto, Councillors Patti Foley and Rob Mezzapelli, and clinic coordinator Darlene Lajoie.

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# Are you and your car ready for the winter weather?

“Although it is hard to believe, winter weather will soon be making a return to the area and motorists are reminded that now is the time to get yourself and your motor vehicle ready for winter.” Those words are from Chief Superintendent Brad Blair, Regional Commander of the OPP Central Region. “By getting your vehicle winter-ready, this can be very simply done with a maintenance check-up,” he added. “A pre-winter check-up should include a physical inspection and testing of the battery, belts, hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, tires, exhaust system, heater/de-froster, wipers and ignition system by a trained automotive professional. Your fuel tank should always have at least half a tank of gas at all times once the weather turns colder and you need to make sure that you have sufficient windshield washer fluid in the reservoir that is rated at a minimum of -40 degrees Celsius. It is also very important to keep an extra jug in the vehicle.”

“Now is a good time to take your winter survival kit that has been stored in the garage or basement and put it back in your vehicle,” Chief Blair also suggested. “It is very important to have essential supplies that can provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers should you become stranded.”

A recommended winter survival kit includes items like an ice scraper/snow-brush, shovel, sand or other traction aid, tow rope or chain, booster cables, road flares or warning lights, gas line anti-freeze, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, small tool kit, extra clothing and footwear, blanket, non-perishable energy foods (chocolate or granola bars, juice, soup, bottled water), candle and a small tin can and matches

When it comes to driving in winter, Blair supports the following advice offered by the Ministry of Transportation:

- Stay alert — Weather conditions can change quickly, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Keep

your focus on the road and on other vehicles. Eliminate all distractions and make sure you are well rested.

- Slow down — Always drive according to weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid having to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.
- Stay in control — Make sure you know how to handle your vehicle in all weather conditions.

“Driving at any time of the year can have its unique challenges, but remembering these key components can help you make the adjustment that is required for safe winter driving,” Blair said. “The OPP’s focus on road safety is a year round commitment and motorists are reminded that road safety is a shared responsibility.”

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OCCA remind all hunters to remember ACTS and PROVE:

**ACTS**

- Assume every firearm is loaded.
- Control the muzzle direction at all times.
- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
- See that the firearm is unloaded.

**PROVE**

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
- Remove all ammunition.
- Observe the chamber.
- Verify the feeding path.

- Examine the bore.

“We want everyone to have an enjoyable hunt, and by remembering these safety rules, we can ensure that the sport of hunting will continue to be enjoyed by all outdoors people in Ontario,” McCambridge concluded.

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related offence is encouraged to call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources violation reporting line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667), contact their local CO directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1800-222-TIPS (8477).



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# Recalling politicians would have consequences, like cost

By Bill Rea

Voters should have the opportunity to fire elected officials if they don't behave properly.

That's what Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MPP Randy Hillier would like to see. He has called on Premier Kathleen Wynne in an open letter to fast track his private member's bill that allows for the recall of Members of Provincial Parliament. The Progressive Conservative MPP has suggested his bill could be easily amended to include all municipally-elected officials.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones said this bill has been introduced before, and it's been reported that the possibility of expanding it to include municipal politicians has been raised in light of the recent controversies involving Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

"While it has become easy to see the international attention associated with the controversy and actions of the Mayor of Toronto," said Hillier in a statement on his website, "what is unfortunately overlooked is that Toronto is not the only municipality with concerns over the accountability of their elected representatives."

Hillier's bill would allow for the recall of any MPP if a petition is signed by 25 per cent of the number of voters who cast a ballot in the previous election. If that threshold is met, a recall election would be called, and the incumbent would still be

allowed to run for re-election.

"I see his point," Jones commented. "I see the frustration that people have when government doesn't listen to them."

But Jones also pointed out a byelection can cost about \$500,000. "That's an awful lot of money," she observed, adding there need to be an aggressive look at the threshold.

There are some cases when less than 50 per cent of the electorate gets out to vote, meaning an issue like this could be decided by less than one-eighth of the eligible electors.

"I think we need to figure out ways to get more people out to participate in the democratic process," she commented.

Jones also didn't give the bill much chance of getting very far, commenting that Wynne has already said she's not interested in seeing it pass.

"I would say it's very unlikely," Jones said.

As far as local municipal politicians are concerned, there were varying opinions.

"I would have no problem with it, but there has to be a trigger," observed Mayor Marolyn Morrison. "It can't be 20 goofballs signing a piece of paper."

Morrison stressed a majority of the electorate would have to be in favour of the recall, and she also wondered who would pay for it all.

"We're scrimping as it is," she commented. "We're trying to cut everywhere we can."

Councillor Patti Foley said the expense involved would be a concern for her too.

"While I support ideas that further democracy, I fully expect considering the cost and disruption of an election," she said.

Foley added she would want more clarification on what constitutes "not performing."

Councillor Doug Beffort wondered if there was a point, at least in Caledon. He pointed out the Town has an ethics officer, so if some situation developed, council would be in its rights to make a complaint with recommendations.

"I don't know if we have the legal right to remove that person," he added.

Councillor Richard Paterak said a mechanism is already in place.

"It's called an election," he said.

Paterak did say there should be a recall procedure in cases involving mental stability or "self-confessed anti-social behaviour," with options other than a byelection on the table. He added that's a good reason for having a deputy mayor.

"Randy Hillier is taking a political opportunity to get a headline," Councillor Richard Whitehead remarked. "I think the whole idea of a recall is ridiculous."

Whitehead maintained there is an active democracy in this country.

"We're all accountable every day," he said. "This just complicates a process that doesn't need to be complicated."

"I think we're pretty well governed in this country, at all levels, particularly municipally," he added.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli was of a somewhat different mind.

"I think there needs to be a mechanism for that, and I think it needs to be in rare and extreme cases," he said.

Mezzapelli stressed such a mechanism must be used in such a way that it's not partisan or as part of a differing philosophy. "It needs to be used sparingly; with discretion," he said.

"I guess it all comes down to what's in the details," Councillor Nick deBoer remarked.

He added political representatives should realize when they have done something wrong. "You've got to exercise judgement," he said.

"I just don't know how it's going to work," was the reaction of Councillor Allan Thompson. "I just don't see it being practical."

He pointed out the municipal level of government is also the closest to the public. "It would be political suicide to do anything stupid," he remarked.

## Christmas concert at Caledon East church

The Caledon East United Church Choir will be presenting a Christmas Concert Dec. 8.

It will start at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary at 6046 Old Church Rd.

The program will include a variety of music, poetry and drama of the season, featuring performances by members of the church choir, as well as the choir as a whole, musical solos by Stefani Matis on flute and Mal McPherson on accordion, and a special original presentation of The Twelve Days of Christmas by Will Kozluk and Bob Pillar — Red Green has nothing on these fellows!

The afternoon would not be complete without a carol sing. And wonderful treats will be served in Friendship Hall following the performance.

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### This week's theme: Choosing the Right Realtor

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	Sale	Dollar Volume	Average Price	Median Listings	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. SP/LP	Avg. DOM
Caledon	210	\$119,323,484	\$568,207	\$514,500	462	333	97%	35
Alton	2				7	5		
Cheltenham	4	\$3,332,000	\$833,000	\$773,000	6	7	96%	74
Caledon Village	6	\$3,697,000	\$616,167	\$596,500	18	11	97%	62
Inglewood	0				8	10		
Rural Caledon	67	\$42,532,200	\$634,809	\$595,000	204	174	97%	37
Mono Mills	1				4	4		
Caledon East	17	\$10,235,760	\$602,104	\$638,800	32	26	98%	50
Palgrave	13	\$11,285,500	\$868,115	\$1,000,000	31	34	97%	56
Bolton West	45	\$20,078,525	\$446,189	\$435,500	64	28	98%	24
Bolton North	29	\$13,679,399	\$471,703	\$462,500	38	14	98%	24
Bolton East	26	\$13,281,100	\$510,812	\$497,500	50	20	99%	26

I'm not the right realtor for everyone. No one is. In a sea of more than 34,000 active agents working in the Greater Toronto Area, you should be able to find exactly the right person you need to help you buy a house or condo, or to help you sell your home. But I'm of the opinion that many of those 34,000 realtors aren't worth their salt. Here is some criteria your agent should have as part of his resume.

**Knowledge.** A smart realtor knows the whole Town and does not "specialize" in one particular pocket.

Technology has changed the industry and made it easier to keep track of what's happening across Caledon.

**Business model.** Your agent is also a part-time nightclub promoter? Really? Is that who you want representing you in your largest purchase or sale? The idea of a part-time realtor is a dream, save for those sixtysomethings who sell two properties a year for their families. Make sure your realtor works full-time—and in this market, that means 50 hours a week.

**Marketing/advertising.** If your listing agent says, "This property will sell itself. There isn't much to do here," run. The reality is, a major part of a listing agent's job is figuring out how to effectively market the property. The question you need to ask listing agents is, "How are you going to make my property look better than what it's actually worth?" what Marketing Tools are you going to be using?

**Reputation.** There are some realtors so well known that their names alone will bring in more for a property. Names and brokerages are brands that have value, like Nike or Coke. Cooperating agents know that you can't mess around with them and you can't lowball them.

**Trust.** There is a difference between a consumer advocate and a salesperson. Many realtors are just after the next paycheck. But there are also realtors who recognize the value in satisfying their clients. Do you trust that your realtor will give you brutal honesty when you need it most?

**Volume.** You're not out of line if you ask your agent how much business they do. It's an important question, and you need to know if he or she only had one listing last year, or if he or she is at the top of the company. Did you know that almost 1 in five realtors don't sell even 1 property per year? And 75% sell less than 6.

**Extras.** Is there anything that you can add to make it more attractive, such as a professional Certified Home Stager, Professional Virtual Tour and a potential renovators and Lawyers so you have good comfort knowing your property is showing at it's highest potential.

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The tradition is going to continue Saturday, and it's expected a large crowd of enthused people are going to be lining the street of Bolton to welcome Santa Claus back to town.

Once again, the Kinsmen Club of Bolton is organizing the parade, which will start at 11 a.m. on Queensgate Boulevard on the south hill of the village. It will head south along Queen Street and down through the valley, breaking up at the foot of the north hill.

The theme of this year's parade is Christmas at the Movies.

"It could be one of the best parades that Bolton has ever seen," declared John Stegeman, chair of the Santa Claus Parade Committee for the Kinsmen. The list of community groups, businesses and organizations is still growing as a work in progress. As of press time, the list includes the Kinsmen, Town Crier of Caledon, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, Caledon OPP, Sandhill Pipes and Drums, 1st Bolton Cubs, 1st Bolton Beavers, 1st Bolton Scout Troop, Bolton Girl Guides, Mayor Marolyn Morrison, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and MP David Tilson, Town of Caledon Parks and Recreation, Sudbury Blue Saints, Bizzy Buddies Childcare, Caledon Navy League, Anytime Fitness, Columbian Squires, Caledon Hill Fellowship Baptist Church, Tecumseh Shrine Club, JCSOD Dance Studio, Cambria, Humberview School Band, Caledon Parent Child Centre, Caledon Chrysler, Cavern Presbyterian Church, Bolton Lions Club, Rotary Club of Bolton, Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Caledon Coyotes, Bolton Alliance Church, Kelsey's Restaurant, Peel-Dufferin Plowman's Association, Peel 4H, 892 Snowy Owl Air Cadets, Mozaic Fine Foods, Brampton Beast, Diamond Auto Collision, York Lions Steel Band, CIBC, Caledon Lions Club, Kindred Spirits, Diamond Towing, Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society and 310 Running Club.

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By Bill Rea

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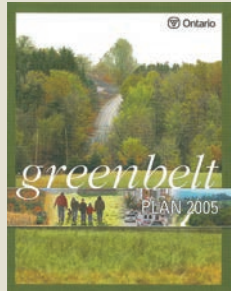
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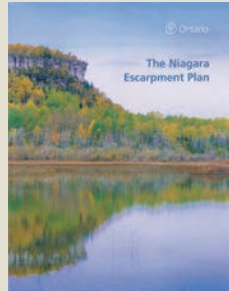
# Town News

## Town of Caledon launches 2015 Provincial Plan Review

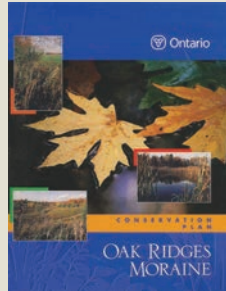
The Town of Caledon is proactively seeking public input on the upcoming review of four Provincial Plans that significantly influence almost all aspects of planning in the Town.



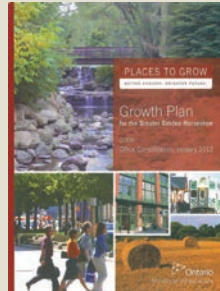
Greenbelt Plan



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### Why is This Important to Caledon Citizens ?

The purpose of the review is to assess the effectiveness and relevance of the policies, and suggest amendments, if appropriate, to improve the future effectiveness and relevance. The review of these plans is important as parts of the Town of Caledon lie within the Niagara Escarpment and the Oak Ridges Moraine, and as well, the Town of Caledon is part of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan.

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Closing Date: 9 January 2014 at 2:00 p.m. local time

The Town of Caledon's 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](http://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.

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# Arts & Entertainment



## Peel museum and archives recognized for excellence and innovation

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) was recognized Nov. 7 by the Ontario Museum Association (OMA) for outstanding contributions to the Ontario museum community.

PAMA received the Award of Excellence for Innovation and an Honourable Mention for Excellence in Exhibitions at the 2013 Awards of Excellence ceremony in Markham.

“We are honoured to be recognized for PAMA’s commitment to creating valuable and innovative displays and exhibitions,” said PAMA’s Acting Manager Marty Brent. “We have aspired to create a space where visitors can learn about our community’s rich culture and heritage.”

PAMA received the Award of Excellence for Innovation for the Interactive Map of Peel, a 55-inch multi-touch screen built into a table that provides an interactive source of heritage and cultural history for Peel residents. This engaging technology bridges the gap between the Region’s past and present, and provides an interactive source of heritage and cultural history for all residents.

An Honourable Mention for the Excellence in Exhibitions category was presented to PAMA for We Are Here, the Story of Aboriginal People in Peel Region. This permanent exhibition gives voice to the Aboriginal community in Peel and beyond. Through innovative presentation and authentic voice, this exhibition provides visitors with an understanding of the Aboriginal experience over the last two centuries.

The Interactive Map of Peel was funded in part by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport, and was created in partnership with Albion-Bolton Historical Society, Brampton Heritage Board, Brampton Historical Society, Caledon Heritage Committee, Heritage Mississauga, Historic Bovaird House, Mississauga Library System, Museums of Mississauga, Streetsville Historical Society and Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. PAMA acknowledges the Peel Aboriginal Network, Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Credit River Métis Council, and distinguished advisors

from the community in the development of We Are Here, the Story of Aboriginal People in Peel Region.

The Ontario Museum Association’s awards are designed to recognize outstanding contributions to the Ontario museum community with an emphasis

on innovation, to advance the museum profession in Ontario and to encourage high standards of excellence in the museum field. Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit [pama.peelregion.ca](http://pama.peelregion.ca) to learn more.



### Show at Silver Creek Arts studio

A group of area artists hosted a show over the weekend at Silver Creek Arts, at 16849 Kennedy Rd, north of Olde Base Line Road in Caledon, and it will be going again this weekend (Nov. 7 and 8). Diana Hillman’s works on display included this oil on paper and canvas creation. Below, this mixed-medium work on canvas by Lucille Weber is entitled I had a Dream.

Photos by Bill Rea



## Well-known author brings hockey, art and music to the Alton Mill

There is nothing more Canadian than a well-known musician and author turning his love for hockey in a new book *Keon and Me: My Search for the Lost Soul of the Leafs*.

Dave Bidini, co-founder of the rock band Rheostatics, National Post columnist and author of three books about baseball and hockey, confronts the painful truth of the once-great Toronto Maple Leafs. It’s been four decades since the Leafs last won the Stanley Cup.

Bidini will be at the Alton Mill Arts

Centre this Sunday (Dec. 8) from 2 to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of talk and reading. The Rubber Brothers will be on hand to perform as well as artist Mark Grice creating a painting of Dave Keon in action at the same time. Refreshments will be provided.

Hockey is often the lens through which Canadians see their lives, and Bidini uses the legendary hockey master Dave Keon as his lens. Keon provided leadership in four Stanley Cups and won two Lady Byng trophies as the NHL’s most gentlemanly player. Throughout his 22-year career, Keon was only in one fight.

According to sports personality Ron MacLean, Bidini is “one of the great voices of hockey and music, in our country.”

Tickets (\$10) are available at BookLore at 121 First St., Orangeville and Shaw’s Creek Café at the Alton Mill. Proceeds will be donated to the Alton Millpond Restoration Project.

For more information, contact Nancy Frater at BookLore at 519-942-3830.

## Christmas concert at Caven

The Caven Presbyterian Church choir will be presenting their Christmas concert.

It will be Dec. 20 starting at 8 p.m. at the church, which is at 110 King St. West in Bolton.

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**Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa** (14A) (Crude Content, Coarse Language) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri, Tue 3:55, 6:30; Sat-Sun 12:40, 3:55, 6:30; Mon, Wed-Thurs 6:30

**Frozen** (G) (Cartoon/Animation Action) No Passes, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Fri-Sun, Tue 4:00, 9:10; Mon, Wed-Thurs 9:10

**Frozen 3D** (G) (Cartoon/Animation Action) Stadium Seating, RealD 3d, No Passes Fri, Mon-Thurs 6:45; Sat-Sun 1:15, 6:45

**The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (PG) (Violence, Frightening Scenes, Not Rec. For Young Children) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri, Tue 3:30, 4:15, 6:15, 8:00, 9:20; Sat-Sun 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:15, 8:00, 9:20; Mon, Wed-Thurs 6:15, 8:00, 9:20

**Delivery Man** (PG) (Mature Theme, Language May Offend) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri, Tue 3:45, 6:50, 9:25; Sat-Sun 12:35, 3:45, 6:50, 9:25; Mon, Wed-Thurs 6:50, 9:25

**Homefront** (14A) (Graphic Violence, Coarse Language, Substance Abuse) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri, Tue 4:05, 6:40, 9:30; Sat-Sun 12:55, 4:05, 6:40, 9:30; Mon, Wed-Thurs 6:40, 9:30

**The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 3D** (Not Rated) No Passes, RealD 3d, Stadium Seating Thurs 10:00

**Last Vegas** (PG) (Language May Offend) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri, Sun-Wed 8:50; Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Sat 8:50

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## Parents and Grade 8 students learn about Hall



Parents, guardians and students of the Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School community got to check out the facility last Thursday at the annual Grade 8 Parent Information Night. There was lots for them to see too, as various students were putting on demonstration of some of the programs offered. There was lots of food to be sampled, thanks to the efforts of hospitality students like Santana An, Luca Farrugia, Jessica An, Josiah Valla, Aoiheann Doyle, Danielle DeSantis, James Cardarelli, Rylie Noyes and Sharon Rodrigues.

Photos by Bill Rea

## OPP launch Festive RIDE program

The OPP took the rare step of thanking Ontario drivers ahead of their 2013 Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign for not driving impaired over the holidays and for helping them get impaired drivers off the roads.

The reason for the early thank-you was OPP recognize that the vast majority of drivers do understand that enforcement is only part of the solution and that driving sober is the single most important factor in ending the numerous deaths related to impaired driving that occur on Ontario roads every year. Police consider these drivers to be among their most dedicated road safety partners because they share the responsibility of saving lives on roads through responsible driving behaviour.

The campaign runs to Jan. 2. According to OPP, the public can expect to see as many OPP Festive RIDE stops as ever during this year's campaign, in order to deal with the relatively small number of drivers who choose to get an impaired driving charge over the simpler and less costly solution of not getting behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. Unfortunately, the irresponsible behaviour of one driver can negatively affect the lives of many.

"I am calling on all road users to help us keep everyone safe over the holidays," said Chief Superintendent Don Bell, commander of the OPP Highway Safety Division. "Never allow yourself to drink and drive, never allow someone you suspect is impaired by alcohol or drugs to drive and if you are out on the road and suspect that a driver is impaired, call 9-1-1."

"I would like to thank in advance the hundreds of thousands of drivers we know we can count on to take these simple but important measures to help us get everyone through the holiday safely," he added.

Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey said recent national statistics "tell us that there were 90,277 impaired driving incidents in Canada in 2011 and I am proud to say that Ontario had one of the lowest impaired driving rates among all of the provinces that year."

"We attribute this to a combination of targeted police enforcement and education efforts by all safety partners, combined with the motoring public's generally favourable compliance with impaired driv-

## Bolton home robbed

Jewelry and a DVD player were reported stolen Dec. 2 from a house on Wright Crescent in Bolton.

Caledon OPP reports the owner of the home reported the incident shortly after 7 p.m., stating it happened sometime between 5 a.m. and 6 p.m. that day. Those responsible got in through the front door.

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



The Fellowship of the Swing Robert F. Hall Jazz Band, under the direction of Frank Adriano, provided some of the music.

## Holiday bazaar at Farmers' Market

Ring in the holiday season, support local producers and entrepreneurs, and check off some holiday gift and food shopping on the list.

Come to the second annual Inglewood Farmers' Market Holiday Bazaar, being held Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Inglewood Library and Community Centre, 15825 McLaughlin Rd.

There will be a wide selection of foods, goodies and gifts; all locally made, including winter vegetables, meats, baked goods, jams, preserves, honey, soups, jewellery, scarves, soaps, artwork and much more.



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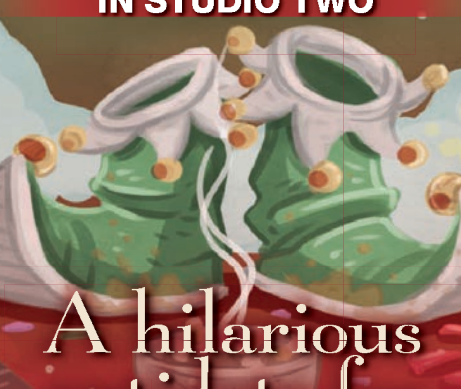
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Editorial

# Think of worthy volunteers for the Town to recognize

Volunteers make up a big part of life in Caledon, and that is seldom more apparent than at this time of year. This coming weekend will see numerous celebrations of the holidays, including two Santa Claus Parades, a ceremonial tree lighting and numerous other activities, many of which are volunteer driven. We are also right in the middle of the time of year for celebrating with food and drink, and that is sometimes done to excess. Fortunately, there are volunteers who are taking part in the Home James program, which is aimed at getting people, their vehicles and their passengers home safely, and in a non-judgemental atmosphere. Perhaps it's coincidental, but maybe not. We received a media release from the Town of Caledon earlier this week, announcing that nominations are being accepted for the 2014 Caledon Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards. This awards program is aimed at recognizing the contributions that are freely given by people who are mainly interested in making things better in the community, whether they be people who organize parades, coach kids' athletic teams or help get their neighbours home after they have had a bit too much to drink. There's lots of time to nominate. Nominations close Feb. 1, and the actual awards will be presented in April. But there is no better time than the present to start thinking of worthy recipients. There are lots of them around. Nomination forms and details of the award criteria may be obtained from the Town of Caledon website at [www.caledon.ca/recreation](http://www.caledon.ca/recreation) or at a local recreation centre. For more information, contact 905-584-9254.

## Our Readers Write

### Minister responds to article

Regarding "Ontario PCs say they alone have plan to preserve horseracing" (Citizen, Nov. 28, 2013): I believe that Ontario's horse racing industry has a bright future. I know many involved with the industry have been through tough times and faced many challenges. These are concerns I take very seriously. But I don't believe in playing political games with an industry that is so important to communities across the province. The opposition is advocating a return to a program which lacked accountability and transparency. It was identified in three separate reviews as bad public policy. Our government, under the leadership of Premier Kathleen Wynne, has moved forward with a new plan. Backed by a five-year, \$400-million commitment, our Horse Racing Partnership Plan establishes a solid foundation for the industry and provides opportunities for growth. I believe it will be the model for public support for racing across North America.

Horse racing is an historic and culturally important industry for the province. I understand this has been a difficult period of transition, but I am confident our plan will return strength to the industry. Whether it's a five-point plan or a three-point plan, the opposition proposals are at the starting gate, and we're off to the races.

Jeff Leal,  
Minister of Rural Affairs

### Thanks for supporting breast cancer initiative

On behalf of the Caledon Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 4686, we would like to sincerely thank all those who made this, our first Breast Cancer Awareness, a huge success. Firstly, we would like to thank our Fire Chief Terry Irwin, who gave us his full and unfailing support for this initiative. Without his assistance, we wouldn't have even got this campaign off the ground, nor had the "pinked-out" fire truck. Next, we would like to thank the Town of Caledon, which aided us in promoting and publicizing our campaign through the office of the CAO and Bethany Lee in corporate communications. We would like to also thank all the members of council and the mayor for their endorsement. We would like to thank all the volunteer firefighters from cross Caledon and headquarters staff who purchased T-shirts or who helped publicize the campaign throughout the month. Your patronage means a lot to us. And lastly, and certainly not least, we would like to thank everyone who purchased T-shirts or just made donations. We are humbled by your generous recognition of this initiative. And in doing so, we would like to announce that we have raised through all these efforts \$2,000 to go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, and \$500 to go to the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. We look forward to next year's campaign, with the hope that one day cancer of all forms will be curable and just another word, not a sentence.

Caledon Professional Fire fighters Association

### It happened today

It's been said that Canada came into its own as a nation during the First World War. The Canadian Corps was commanded by Arthur Currie from June 1917 until its disbandment in late 1919. Although the Canadian War Museum maintains Currie had never commanded anything larger than a regiment at the outbreak of war, he proved himself a capable organizer and training facilitator. During the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915, Currie's brigade played a pivotal role in holding the Allied position. He rose to command the 1st Canadian Division in September 1915 and led it effectively for the next two years. Arthur Currie was born this day, Dec. 5, 1875.

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Results from last week's poll:

Would you support having a recall mechanism to remove elected officials from office if they aren't performing to your expectations?

a) Yes

79%

b) No

21%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support rocker Jon Bon Jovi bringing the Buffalo Bills north of the border?

a) Yes

b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

## Public scrutiny has its pains

I was talking to a colleague not too long ago, and he was lamenting a bit about the scrutiny guys in our line of work are subjected to. He was thinking mainly of public scrutiny. All of us who are gainfully employed, after all, have to put up with bosses looking over our shoulders. But there is a difference when the public is watching you. It's sort of one of the occupational hazards of working in the media. Since the product of your labour is before the public, the public, with justification, believes it has the right to comment, and not always nicely.

I'm perhaps making it sound like a bigger burden than it really is. In my line of work, reaction, either positive or negative, is welcome. It's a sign that people actually care about what you're doing. It is also a fact that people are more inclined to make their views known if they're angry than if they're happy little campers. So the snidest remarks I get, while they might be meant with the worst intentions, absolutely make my day. There are also people out there who think we are on the public payroll. I know I'm not. This is a private sector operation. I have never worked in the public sector, and have the lack of a pension plan to prove it (financing for my retirement will come from the thriftiness with the money that I have and my annual contributions to RRSPs, something my late father nagged me to make sure of from the day I entered the workforce). So while I do consider what I do to be public service, I don't consider myself a public employee. Actually, many, if not most, of us work in public view. If your job requires you to mix with members of the public, then you're subject to public scrutiny. It's just some of us have more of it than others. With the exception of mowing neighbours' lawns as a kid, just about every job I have ever had has involved dealing with lots of strangers, be it through waiting tables or serving customers in a Canadian Tire store; and that doesn't even start to take into account the total strangers I encounter in my current occupation. I'll grant that dealing with the public is not always easy, although I doubt I would have it any other way. True, you are sometimes subject to abuse, both verbal and physical. In my table-waiting days, I had to take a lot of obnoxious comments from people who didn't like the way their food was cooked (I didn't do the cooking), and I have been roughed up a few times on the job. On the other hand, you do get to meet some interesting people and collect some pretty good stories, which other people may or may not believe. I have often told the story of the time a United States Secret Service agent planted a very firm elbow in my gut (we were both on duty for an appearance in Toronto by former president George H.W. Bush). I hope people believe me, but if they don't it's not that big a deal.

Some of us seek such public scrutiny through the occupations we get into. For example, if one is going to seek and hold elected office, they had better get used to the idea of being in the public eye. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has been heard at times complaining about some of the implications that come with being a public figure, especially when it concerns his home and family. While I'll grant there has seemed at times to be a bit too much intrusion into his private and home life, I think it's also true that his attitude has been the cause

of a lot of the excessive scrutiny he's had to deal with. If you're going to stoke fires, be prepared for the resulting heat. Besides, he knew all that going in, or at least he should have known. Politicians are also subject to criticism, both from the public and guys like me. In my case, it's part of my job, and there are certain rules I'm obligated to follow. With members of the public, there's a lot more latitude, although there are lines they had better not cross.

Professional athletes are in a similar class, I think. True, they are blessed with a certain God-given talent, and they have worked hard to develop it to a point where someone was prepared to pay them to use it. Why do they put themselves through all that work, pain and self-sacrifice? It's not just for the fat pay cheques. It is a fact that the top pros in sports get paid a hell of a lot of money, but that wasn't always the case. During the time I have been on this earth, athletes got paid a pittance. It was the creation of rival leagues in sports like hockey and football that resulted in players' salaries going up substantially. There are some who argue that resulted in the product being watered down too. I haven't decided how correct that is.

When I laced up my skates as a kid, or even when I ran outside for a session of street hockey, I dreamed, and so did every kid who was ever like me. We were too young to understand any more about money than what was contained in our weekly allowance. We weren't dreaming of wealth. We were dreaming of adulation from the fans. We wanted the roar of the crowd. We wanted to be in the public eye. We wanted to be heroes.

When they achieve that status, professional athletes get the attention they have craved all their lives, and they get the public scrutiny that goes with it, and it sometimes isn't very nice. The Toronto Maple Leafs, after all, blew a 4-1 lead in Pittsburgh last week, and the Penguins' goalie could have sat on the bench for the last 25 minutes of action reading a copy of the Caledon Citizen and the outcome would not have changed one little bit. All of the public scrutiny they received after that effort, I would contend, was well deserved. It may not have been nice, but it was fair, especially considering these guys actually live what so many of us only dreamed.

If these guys have craved the adoration of fans, then dealing with the scorn when they proverbially "blow it" goes with the territory too.

And that goes for politicians and goes for us in the media too.

We in the newspaper business occasionally pull boners. For example, I freely admit I am not a great speller. I believe my Grade 8 teacher still lives (I spoke to him at a function about three years ago), and I'm sure he would confirm what I just stated. Granted, "spell-check" helps a lot, but it's not fool-proof. And while I proof read what I write, it is a fact that the worst possible person you can get to proof copy is the person who actually wrote it. Unfortunately, when it comes to proofing for the Citizen, I'm the only game in town. That means the occasional goof makes into print. They are bloody embarrassing, especially when people notice them and let you know, via emails or voicemails. Some of you have probably noticed them yourselves. And be assured; there are going to be a lot more. If nothing else, I'm consistent.



# Mayor Morrison offers a little bit of holiday season trivia

The holiday season is upon us and many will be rushing to fit in last-minute shopping or spending quality time with loved ones.

I thought that this week, I would share with you some holiday trivia that's fun for all.

Christmas trees have long been a tradition in many of our homes and have been popular in Germany as far back as the 16th century. In England, they became popular after Queen Victoria's husband Albert, who came from Germany, made a tree part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle.

The Guinness world records claims that the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.

Ontario is home to the most Christmas



## Mayor's Report

### By Marolyn Morrison

tree farms in Canada, with a total of 725 farms. However, Quebec is the leading Christmas tree producer. In total, Canada has 2,461 tree farms. Last year, Canada exported a whopping 1,738,212 fresh cut Christmas trees and almost half of those came from Quebec. Saskatchewan, Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador did not export a single Christmas tree.

All this talk about Christmas trees, we can't forget to mention the candied decoration loved by all — the candy cane. During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.

The Twelve Days of Christmas is a classic holiday carol. If you were to receive all of the gifts in the song, it would total 364 presents; one for each day of the year. If

you were to purchase all the gifts within the song, it would cost \$27,393. That amount is up 7.7 per cent from last year.

In 1843, A Christmas Carol was written by Charles Dickens in just six weeks! He wrote many other Christmas stories, but none as popular. What's the most played Christmas movie? It's a Wonderful Life, and The Nutcracker is the most famous Christmas ballet.

We all know Jingle Bells as a definite Christmas classic, but it might surprise you to learn that it was first written for Thanksgiving.

Can you name some of Canada's most festively named places? How about, Christmas Island, N.S.; Gift Lake, AB; Reindeer Station, N.W.T.; or Holly, ON.

I hope that these fun facts helped to lift you into the holiday spirit. Please don't forget the true meaning of Christmas!

# Taking action in our community to end violence against women and girls

As the Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign.

It began Nov. 25 with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

This annual campaign provides a reminder of the many women and girls for whom violence, and the threat of violence, are daily realities. As Canadians, we each have a role to play in eliminating gender-based violence, because it affects us all. It ruins lives, destroys families and takes a heavy toll on the economy.

The need for action is clear. Consider these disturbing statistics: On average, every five days, a woman in Canada is killed in a domestic homicide. The costs associated with spousal violence against women in Canada are estimated to be at

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David Tilson  
MP Dufferin-Caledon



least \$4.8 billion per year. In addition to spousal violence, women and girls are particularly vulnerable to other forms of violence, including sexual violence and stalking.

In response, our government has taken significant actions to make our communities safer for women and girls. The government has recently introduced legislation that will give police and prosecutors new tools to address cyberbullying. This legislation would create a new criminal offence prohibiting the non-consensual distribu-

tion of intimate images.

Recently my colleague, Dr. Kellie Leitch, Minister of Status of Women, announced a call for proposals entitled Cyber and Sexual Violence: Helping Communities Respond. This funding will support projects at the local level to help prevent violence against women and girls.

In addition, our government passed the Safe Streets and Communities Act to improve the safety of all Canadians, launched the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and increased

penalties for violent crimes.

Since 2007, we have provided more than \$62 million through Status of Women Canada for projects ranging from engaging men and boys in ending violence to addressing violence against women and girls in rural and remote communities. We have also supported projects focused on reducing violence on post-secondary campuses, and in high-risk neighbourhoods.

This year, please take some time to participate in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence by observing a moment of silence, attending a vigil or joining in another local event. Doing so will show support for victims of violence, raise awareness, and help inspire change.

By working together, we can get closer to our goal of eliminating violence against women and girls, and make our communities safer for all.

# Jones charges government is abandoning deficit reduction

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has blasted Premier Kathleen Wynne and her Liberal government for abandoning any semblance of responsible deficit reduction and reverting to a tax-and-spend agenda.

"After today's Economic Statement, it is painfully clear that Kathleen Wynne and her Liberal government aren't concerned about the mountain of debt they are placing on the backs of future generations," Jones said in a statement issued last Thursday.

"What we saw today was a Liberal government revert back to its standard operating procedure of tax and spend," Jones added. "Rather than roll up their sleeves,

make the tough choices and get spending under control for the sake of Ontario families, the Liberals have instead chosen to continue increasing the debt at an alarming rate."

Jones pointed to a Wall Street Journal article released earlier in the week that highlighted the urgency surrounding Ontario's precarious financial situation. The article explained that Ontario's fiscal situation is worse than California's; and outlined how California's debt burden was sitting at 50 per cent of consolidated revenues at the end of the 2012-13 fiscal year. That's in comparison to Ontario's, which was sitting at approximately 226 per cent of consolidated revenues at the end of March 2013.

"The bottom line here is that we have a massive spending crisis in the province of Ontario," Jones declared. "Dufferin-Caledon residents work hard every day for their pay cheques. They pay a lot of taxes, and this Liberal government has no respect for those precious tax dollars. Premier Wynne ought to recognize that families cannot afford to have their taxes raised repeatedly to fund Liberal excess

spending."

"The Economic Statement confirmed what many of us already knew: the only way to get our province's finances under control is to elect a PC government that respects taxpayers' money, and understands that every dollar wasted at Queen's Park is a dollar that could have been used to protect Ontario's most vulnerable citizens," she concluded.

## It wasn't a Tory disaster

The results are in. And according to most of the mainstream media pundits — and Liberal and NDP officials — Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Tories are doomed.

A Sunday Star headline over a column by former Canada Post CEO (among many other top-level jobs) R. Michael Warren, asked: "Will Stephen Harper take the Tories down with him?"

And another story in the rabidly pro-Liberal Star on the recent Liberal by-election win in Tioronto Centre was headlined: "Trudeaumania good for provincial Grits."

And so it goes. On and on and on. From coast to coast to coast as they like to say these days.

Total and absolute nonsense, but nonetheless currently widespread among the media/academic/politico elites.

And what — you may ask — has brought on this sudden horrid turn of events for Harper and his current majority government?

Well, it's because they did so poorly in the aforementioned four federal by-elections last week. So, too, did the NDP under Thomas Mulcair, while the Liberals, under the apparently extraordinary leadership of Justin (The Younger) Trudeau, apparently has Canadians rhapsodizing for the return of his late (largely unlamented) father Pierre who, whatever one thinks of his policies, did indeed take the country by storm some 45 years ago.

So let us look at that, shall we.

The four by-elections were held in two solid Liberal ridings — one in Montreal, the other in Toronto, and two solid Tory ridings, both in Manitoba.

At the end of the night the count was Liberals two wins, Tories two wins.

So how, pray tell, does this status quo result mean the death of Harper and the imminent rise of Trudeau to national hero?

Easy. That is, if you're prepared to ignore the history of both by-elections and the use of common sense in analyzing the results.

Indeed, it says here that anything short of a Tory sweep of the four ridings — which was never, ever in the cards — would have been greeted by a media anxious to prove that their obsession with the so-called Senate scandal is going to kill the Tories. (That's the "scandal," by the way, in which no public

money has been misplaced, unlike the Ontario Liberal \$1 billion-plus boondoggle to cancel two generating plants to save their collective butts in the last election. No matter the much-reported police report on the Senate scandal says clearly that Harper wasn't involved, the media doesn't have the room or the patience for that sort of thing.)

But we digress. Back to the "disastrous" by-elections.

Anybody who has ever spent more than 38 seconds covering politics — or even if you've never covered it — should know that by-elections results are rarely, if ever, indicative of anything other than the results in a particular riding.

While it is true that the Tory vote dropped in all four ridings, the response to that is three-fold: governments generally

don't do as well as opposition parties in by-elections; the Tories did hold on to both seats; and, most importantly, so what?

It is true that the Liberals won both Toronto Centre and Montreal's Bourassa ridings, both of which have pretty well been Liberal since the Ice Age. Perhaps longer.

It is equally true that the Liberals dramatically cut into the Tory edge in the two Manitoba ridings, coming particularly close in Brandon Souris, another riding that has been solidly Tory since, oh, I don't know, dinosaurs roamed the wild west.

But that had nothing to do with what's going on in Ottawa, and everything to do with the local Tory establishments totally botching the nomination process in the riding, so much so that some life-long Tories — one of whom was hoping to get the Tory nomination, but then tried to run for the Liberals — were furious enough to rip up their Tory cards and join the Liberals. Even so, the Tories won, which, in politics — as in sports and many other areas — is really the bottom line.

Another thing about by-elections. Most voters aren't nearly as engaged in them as they are in general elections, so you can't legitimately compare the two. Indeed, the overall voter turnout in the four ridings was about 35 percent, compared to 61.1 percent in the last national election.

What actually happened last week is that the Liberals won two solid Liberal ridings and the Tories won two solid Tory ridings.

The rest, as they say, is nonsense.



## LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOWCASED

A showcase of local schools was held recently at Mayfield Secondary School. Groups from several schools in the Caledon area were manning displays, including the Link Crew from Mayfield. They help liaise with elementary school students entering high school. Trustee Stan Cameron is seen here with Link Crew members Marissa Palermo, Jonathan Robertson, Andrew White, Michela Pirruccio and Sanjana Verma, along with Mayfield Principal Bill Matthews.

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## Win over Stayner moves Golden Hawks into third place

A shot to the top corner of the Stayner Siskins' net in the third period by Caledon forward Steve Zeppieri clinched Sunday's game for the Golden Hawks at Caledon East.

The win places the junior C Golden Hawks in third place in the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey League.

The Caledon squad was leading 1-0 at the end of the first period on a single from Cody Forgione.

Considering the Golden Hawks gave up five powerplay opportunities to the Stayner squad, but didn't allow a goal, was impressive.

The Siskins also spent eight minutes in the box in the first period.

Neither team scored in the second period. Stayner got one early in the third, but Zeppieri's goal at the 6:41 mark sealed the deal when the Hawks managed to defend their zone for the rest of the game.

Zeppieri said the team captains stepped up for the game when coach Sandy McCarthy couldn't make the game for personal reasons.

"With no coach, I thought we had to pull it together as a team," Zeppieri said, "All the leaders pulled together to set everything straight to play the game we normally play."

It was a very physical game from the get-go — something Zeppieri said was unexpected.

"It was all right, but we didn't expect hits like that right away," he commented. "But we weathered the storm. There was a lot of intensity. It was a back-and-forth game with odd-man rushes."

Stayner came to the game as a fifth-place team with 13 wins behind them and 28 points — six behind the Golden Hawks.

"It was a big game for both teams," Zeppieri said. "I found it was a pretty chippy game for the most part, but that's just hockey."

It was the second weekend win for the Golden Hawks.

Saturday night (Nov. 30), the Hawks travelled to Erin and delivered a 9-2 slam to the Shamrocks.

Overall in the GMOHL the Penetang Kings are still in first place with 44 points.

The Kings were upset Sunday by a 4-3 overtime loss to the seventh place Fergus Devils.

The Alliston Hornets are in second place with 37 points.

Alliston also gave up a couple of points over the weekend with an unexpected 1-0 loss the Orillia Terriers.

The Caledon win drops the Schomberg Cougars into fourth place.

The Golden Hawks will travel to Penetang tomorrow (Friday) to face the Kings.

They return to home ice at Caledon East Sunday to host the Alliston Hornets.

Game time is 7 p.m.



Caledon Golden Hawks forward Rocky Furfari looks for an opening in front of the Stayner Siskins' goal during Sunday night's game at Caledon East. The Golden Hawks moved into third place in the GMOHL with a 2-1 win over Stayner.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

## Hall hockey team off to a great start

The varsity boys' hockey team at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School got their campaign off to a great start last week.

The posted a 6-0 win in their opening match against the team from St. Mar-

guerite d'Youville Secondary School in Brampton.

Head coach Mike Mattachini reported the goals were scored by Brayden Davis (2), Christian Hauck (2), Nicholas Stuckless and Andrew Hart.

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**HALEIGH  
MCKEOWN**

School:  
**MAYFIELD  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**

This 16-year-old is a setter for the senior girls' volleyball team, which won its first tournament of the season. She was also a point guard for the senior girls' basketball team and plays rugby in the spring. Away from school, she plays volleyball with Pakmen Volleyball Club in Mississauga. The Grade 11 student lives in Brampton with her parents Laurie and Marc McKeown.

Name:  
**NICK RISTUCCI**

School:  
**ROBERT F. HALL  
CATHOLIC  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**

This Grade 13 student was a safety on the championship senior boys' football team, contributing an interception in the championship match. He also plays football with the Orangeville Outlaws, and used to play soccer and hockey in the community. The 18-year-old lives in Valleywood with his parents Geraldine and Bruno Ristucci.

Name:  
**NICHOLAS  
RIBEIRO**

School:  
**ST. MICHAEL CATH-  
OLIC  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**

This 17-year-old has been busy as a forward in intermural soccer, contributing six goals to his team's first-place standing. He also played off-side on the school's senior volleyball team, and plans to play soccer in the spring. In the community, he plays soccer in the Bolton Wanderers' organization. The Grade 12 student lives in Bolton with his father Jabel Ribeiro.

Name:  
**CAROLINE  
CHARTERIS**

School:  
**HUMBERVIEW SEC-  
ONDARY SCHOOL**

This Grade 10 student contributed to the school's varsity field hockey team, which made it to the semifinals this year. She's also a forward on the girls' ice hockey team, which was scheduled to play its first match this week. She also played second base on the softball team. Away from school, she plays hockey for the North York Storm and lacrosse for Brampton Excelsiors. The 15-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Kim and Tom Charteris.

## Atom A Hawks loss to Burlington still provides some positives

By Brian Lockhart

The Caledon Hawks Atom A team may not be on the plus side for this season, but they are still working on some goals and achieving success for what they have set out to do.

Their 3-1 loss to Burlington over the weekend may have given them another 'L' in the standings, but considering they were up against a top team, their defence did what they were supposed to do.

"I'm proud of those guys," said coach Craig White after Saturday's game against Burlington. "They're (Burlington) a second ranked team in Ontario. Their coach always comes to me after a game and says 'you guys always give us a hell of a game.' He's impressed with how we play."

The Hawks' bench knows the team's limitations, so they have been focusing on the skills where the squad has displayed a stronger capability; namely defence and stopping the other team from scoring.

"We lack a lot of offensive talent, but they take a lot of pride in trying to keep the other team's shots down and not give up any good quality scoring chances. They did a good job today."

While the Hawks only managed to score a single in this game, they had a solid performance keeping the Burlington team out of their end and driving them into the corners.

At the end of the final period, they gave the "sticks up" salute to the fans.

"We're realistic," White said. "We don't have a lot of offensive talent, so we've got to play hard defensively. They all buy into it. They all try hard every shift, as hard as they can. That's why their sticks were up at the end of the game — to show their parents they gave it their best shot."

The squad is also coming off a tournament win in Lincoln, where they won the final against a favoured squad; something White called "the highlight of the year."



The Caledon Hawks Atom A team battled it out against the squad from Burlington during minor hockey action at Caledon East. The Hawks produced a solid effort on the ice despite coming up short and taking a 3-1 loss to the visitors.

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# Taste of Tourism awards presented at Dufferin County Museum

By Tabitha Wells

The Caledon Agricultural Society was among the recipients honoured recently by the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association.

The Association celebrated excellence in tourism and hospitality at their annual tourism awards ceremony.

The Agricultural Society was recognized for its annual Snowfest, which has been held the last two Family Days in February. It was named the Tourism Event or Festival of the Year.

The area doesn't boast beaches, cityscapes or large attractions that people typically think of when someone mentions tourism. But the communities that are a part of the Hills of Headwaters offer much of their own unique options for visitors to the area.

"We have people throughout the year who have visited or locals who live in the area and have had the best visitor experience when they come up, they do their thing, and this is when we give out our awards," explained Tourism Association Executive Director Michele Harris. "We had almost a hundred nominations this year. We narrowed them down and then basically what we do is we pull them all together into finalists."

Once the finalists had been determined, they were sent off to the Ministry of

Tourism where a final decision was made. The results were sent back only days before the event, and only Harris knew the results.

"Tourism is a huge economic driver for this community," Harris observed. "What we know about people who visit this area is that they often become the people who live here in the future, or choose to set up businesses here, or just tell their friends. They leave money in our community."

She added that most of the operators in the area are small business owners who love the area, as does the Tourism Association. That was why they wanted to do something to promote and celebrate them.

The event started with dinner, drinks and socializing inside the museum. Orangeville's new Barley Vine Rail (BVR) restaurant provided one of the food stations for guests of the event.

"Being a new restaurant you want to get as much exposure as you can and also it's a community event," said Ryan Latore, co-owner of BVR. "Any time you can be involved with the community in any way, it's important."

According to Harris, the awards were first held at the museum three years ago, but after that, they knew it was the best place to host them.

"It's magical, it's the perfect spot," she said. "We used to have it in different loca-

tions, but the museum is a huge partner of ours. The first year we ever had it here it was completely magical. We all knew there was nowhere else we could go, this was the spot."

The award categories were all tourism oriented and ranged from Best Arts, Culture or Heritage to Artisan of the Year, Best New Tourism Business and more.

The importance of tourism to keeping local towns alive and flourishing is a message that is still being spread, according to Harris, and is part of the reason behind both the Tourism Association and the Awards.

"It's important for the businesses to be recognized, as local residents of this community," she explained. "Tourism supports their community values, and they need to help be ambassadors for people who come here. People who love this region and come and visit it like it because we get to meet the people. It's the 'Cheers' factor as I like to call it, so it's just really important. We try to keep our tourism about who we are as a community."

The judges from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture were highly impressed with the calibre of nominees and finalists, and ultimately chose the following winners in each category:

- Best Arts, Culture or Heritage Experience — Cuisine-Art (Alton Mill).

- Artisan of the Year — Silver Creek Arts.
- Best Agri-Tourism Experience — Dufferin Farm Tour.
- Tourism Event or Festival of the Year — Snowfest Caledon.
- Best Culinary Tourism Experience — Mono Cliffs Inn.
- Best Overnight Getaway Experience — Cadogan Farm Adventures Bed and Breakfast.
- Best Customer Service Experience (Business) — Rosemont General Store.
- Best Customer Service Experience (Individual) — Heather Burke (Off Broadway Boutique).
- Best New Tourism Business — Sproule's Emporium.
- Tourism Innovator — Angelstone Tournaments.
- Tourism Ambassador — Wayne Townsend.
- Chairperson's Award of Merit — Annette Turturici (Inglewood Antique Market).

Nominations are now open for next year's Taste of Tourism awards, and submissions can be made until October 2014. Take this opportunity to recognize the "best of the best" in the Headwaters tourism industry by nominating a favourite business or operator. Nominations can be made online at [www.thehillsofheadwaters.com](http://www.thehillsofheadwaters.com)

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To be selected for the award, organizations are deemed successful in eight categories: physical workplace; work and social atmosphere; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time-off; employee communications; performance management; training and skills development; and community involvement.

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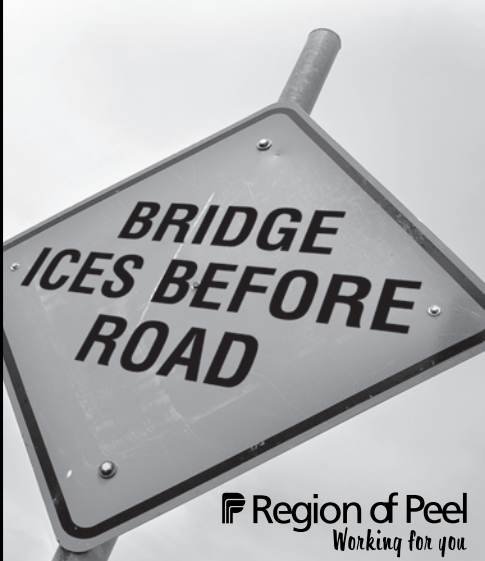
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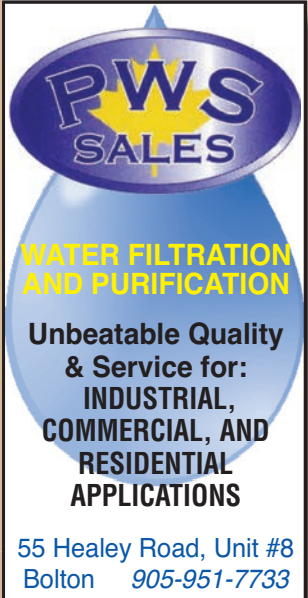
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TRAIN, Alice Peacefully at Bethell Hospice, Inglewood, on Friday, November 15, 2013, Alice Train, Bolton, formerly of Caledon East, in her 77th year, beloved wife of the late Gordon Train. Dear mother of Michael, Mark and his wife Karin, Shawn (deceased) and his wife Kate, and Lisa. Loving grandmother of Derek, Zachary, Emma and Mason. Daughter of the late Michael and Beatrice Seferian. Dear sister of Sylvia and her husband Ron Benjamin, and Isabel Conaghan (deceased). Funeral service was held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Tuesday morning, November 26 at 11 o'clock. Interment Caledon East Public Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Caledon Animal Shelter, 12889 Coleraine Drive, Caledon L7E 3B5; the Children's Wish Foundation, 725 Westney Road South, Unit 7, Ajax L1S 7J7 or Bethell Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 75, Inglewood L7C 3L6. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.

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**Tilson praises Bolton resident**

# Bill Colye honoured in the House of Commons

**By Bill Rea**  
Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson made a point in the last week of honouring Bolton resident Bill Coyle.

Tilson presented certificates of recognition to Coyle Friday in a brief ceremony in his Bolton constituency office. Then he made a statement in the House of Commons Monday.

He was congratulating Coyle on his appointment as Honorary Colonel of 16 Wing Headquarters Borden and on receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC).

The practice of honorary regimental appointments in Canada dates back more than a century, according to a statement issued by Tilson's office. Although unit tasks and roles have changed over the years, the role of the Honorary remains to serve as a link between members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the wider community. For this purpose, the honour is conferred on distinguished Canadians. Honorary Degrees are granted by the RMCC Senate, who is entrusted with such responsibilities.

Coyle was a flight test engineer. He said he went to work for Avro as an apprentice engineer in 1949, and was seconded to the Canadian forces to help test a variety of systems. He worked on the CF-100 aircraft as well as a flying saucer project.

"It was actually an attempt to design

and build a true flying saucer," he said, adding it never worked out as the engineers had hoped.

"You made some major accomplishments," Tilson told him.

"On behalf of the government of Canada and the residents of Dufferin-Caledon, I'm very pleased to congratulate Honorary Colonel Coyle on receiving these two tremendous and most prestigious honors," Tilson remarked. "He has dedicated himself to serving his country and we appreciate the countless contributions he's made during his long, distinguished career. These recent honors underscore his lifelong pursuit of personal excellence, outstanding service, and we as a community celebrate his many achievements with him today."

In his statement in the House of Commons Monday, Tilson had plenty of praise for the way Coyle has "dedicated himself to serving his country and we appreciate the countless contributions he's made during his long, distinguished career."

"These recent honors underscore his lifelong pursuit of personal excellence, outstanding service, and we as a community celebrate his many achievements with him," Tilson added, pointing out that "16 Wing Headquarters will significantly benefit from Bill's considerable knowledge, immense experience, and exceptional enthusiasm for the Canadian Forces."



Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson presented certificates to Bill Coyle on his appointment as Honorary Colonel of 16 Wing Headquarters Borden and receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the Royal Military College of Canada.

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# Jones angry that unemployment is so high

Ontario’s unemployment rate has been higher than the national average for more than six years, and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is blaming the Liberal gov- ernment for it.

She charged that Liberals’ economic record continues to hurt the province’s economy, evidenced by Ontario’s unem- ployment rate being above the national average for 82 straight months.

“Kathleen Wynne has been Premier for 10 months, and we’ve still seen nothing even remotely close to a credible jobs plan for Ontario,” Jones said. “We’ve seen the Premier ridiculously strike dozens of ‘con- sultation’ panels, 37 in total, since becom- ing Premier, and yet when it comes to Ontario’s economy, this Liberal govern- ment has no plan.”

October was the 82nd consecutive month Ontario’s unemployment rate was above the national average, Jones stressed. Particularly hard hit was the manufacturing sector, which the latest re- lease from Statistics Canada’s Labour

Force Survey showed lost approximately 16,100 employees last month.

The only area for job growth in October was the public sector, where 24,000 em- ployees were added to the taxpayers’ pay- roll.

“As the provincial bureaucracy gets big- ger and bigger under the Liberals’ direc- tion, hard-working Ontarians who pay the taxes are losing their jobs,” Jones charged. “It is time to change the team that leads this province because the Ontario PC plan is to create jobs, and help families keep more of their hard-earned money.”

Jones drew a connection between On- tario’s dismal job numbers, and the provin- cial government’s persistently high deficits.

“At this point, the Liberal plan appears to be ‘allow spending to continue to grow more and more, and eventually, imple- ment new taxes to pay for it,’” Jones said. “We saw as much with last week’s Fall Economic Statement, where Finance Min- ister Sousa rejected calls to reduce spend- ing, and shrugged off the prospect of not balancing the budget by 2017/2018.”

“We will not see jobs come back to Ontario so long as the Liberal govern- ment continues to over-tax, over- charge, and over- regulate Ontarians and their economy,” Jones concluded. “And as long as the Liberals continue to recklessly over- spend, the prospect of higher taxes and fees to pay for that over-spending will always threaten economic growth.”



## Many crafts in Caledon East

Sydney Rayner and Denele Barron, Grade 7 students at Caledon East Public School combined to make this entire inventory of Little Miss Cupcakes for their table at the an- nual Christmas Craft Show at the school recently.

Photos by Bill Rea



Student Sydney McLean was showing a collection of bracelets she made while Hannah Spencer from Mono had a number of headbands she created.



Santa Clause was a big hit at the Christmas Craft Show, meeting many of his friends like Christopher Goertzen, 6, and his sister Megan, 9.

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