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Donna Cragg, director of Communication and Marketing with CCS, Employment Specialist Nicole Dumanski and Director of Community Resources Michelle Veinot were in the middle of much of the contributions that had been gathered at the Exchange to help people over the holidays.

Photo by Bill Rea

Community stepped up to help the less fortunate

By Bill Rea

Caledon is a community that has a reputation for helping the less fortunate in times of need, and that was demonstrated yet again over the holidays.

Schools, businesses, community organizations, etc. made contributions to help those who were struggling.

Once again, Caledon Community Services (CCS) was collecting food and toys for area families through its annual Santa Fund.

The contributions packed one of the rooms at the Exchange in Bolton before they were distributed.

Michelle Veinot, director of community resources for CCS, said the response from the community this year had been excellent.

"There is tons here," she declared, adding the contribu-

tions were to go to 180 families, which included 260 children.

"It provides some real support for families, Employment Specialist Nicole Dumanski added.

Caledon OPP were on deck again this year. Several local schools collected food and toys for CCS, and police visited the schools and

al - lowed the students to cram police cruisers for delivery to Exchange.

Police report they delivered 7,186 pounds of food and \$4,930 worth of toys that were collected from the schools.

Alloa Public School was among the schools that helped cram cruisers. In addition, Office Assistant Danielle Araujo said the staff and students also took part in a food drive and Mitten Tree in support of

Peel Outreach.

Alton Public School Principal Laurie Johnson said students there helped cram cruisers.

She added the students took part in a winter coat and hat drive, and she was pretty impressed with what they accomplished. They collected 79 coats, four pairs of boots and about 150 hats and pairs of mittens.

She also said Grade 1 and 2 students made a trip to the seniors at Pinacle View to serve cookies and sing

bracelets through Me to We to support projects in Africa.

Students at Caledon Central Public School raised about \$800 from bracelet sales through Me to We, teacher Pamela Mauti said. She added they also supported a single mother with nine children through Share the Joy.

Caledon East Public School was another place where the students crammed cruiser.

"We've got a hallway full of food," Office Manager Jenny Borrelli observed in the days leading up to the items being collected.

Students at Ellwood Memorial Public School prepared shoeboxes in support of women in shelters, Principal Andrew Greenhow reported. Led by the members of the Me to We club, they filled about 50 boxes.

It took five police cruisers to haul away all the contributions from Herb Campbell Public School, but Principal Tina Middlebrook said there was more.

The school also held a Candy Cane Toy Drive, as well as supporting a family through Share the Joy.

"We lind the whole hallway outside my office with gifts for the family," she declared. "It was spectacular."

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Quote of the week

"The shoeboxes offer women the chance to have something special for themselves."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, describing the contents of shoeboxes contributed from the Progressive Conservative caucus to Hope 24/7.

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Many groups and organization pitched in to help those in need

From page A1

James Bolton Public School took part in collecting food to help the efforts of CCS, Principial Laurie Allison reported. They also assisted in supporting the Breakfast Club at another school in Peel, as well as collecting gently used coats and boots for another school.

The community at Macville Public School had a number of activities going on of a charitable nature, according to Principal Kelly Kawabe. They includ-

ed taking part in the Cram the Cruiser program, as well as sponsoring a family through Share the Joy. They also sold bracelets through Me to We, and the school has a mat-making club to send mats overseas.

A lot of the charitable efforts at Palgrave Public School during the year are in support of Sleeping Children Around the World, according to Office Manager Lisa Gilbert. But she said students at the school did take part in the Cram the Cruiser program.

“Cram the Cruiser was a huge success this year,” she declared.

Staff and students at St. John Paul II Catholic Elementary School helped support the food drive for CCS, as well as supporting other causes throughout the year, according to Assistant Secretary Linda Giancola.

See ‘Police’ on page A14



The food program at Caledon Community Servicers (CCS) received a boost in December from the Caledon Lions Club. Club Secretary David Cunningham was at the Exchange in Bolton to present the \$1,000 contribution to Michelle Veinot, director of community resources for CCS.

Photo by Bill Rea

Woman from India killed in crash

A 55-year-old woman, who was visiting family in Brampton from India, lost her life Friday in a two vehicle accident in Caledon.

Caledon OPP reports they were called out to the intersection of Chinguacousy Road and Old School Road shortly after 4 p.m.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a pickup truck was westbound on Old School Road and failed to stop at a stop sign. It collided with a Honda Accord sedan.

The 34-year old male driver of the pickup truck from Brampton and his daughters, aged five and six, were taken to area hospital with minor injuries.

The 26-year old male driver of the Honda and 56-year old male front passenger were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The left rear and right rear passengers, 27 and 19 years old respectively, were transported to hospital, where the 19-year old remains in critical condition.

The rear centre passenger was pronounced dead at the scene.

The road was closed for more than seven hours while Police complete their investigation.

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Community Events

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
“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>

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at the Palgrave United Church Friday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 9:30 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments starting at 10:15. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

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

Cardball will be played at Caledon Seniors’ Centre from 10 a.m. to noon.

Darts will be played at Caledon Seniors’ Centre from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
Adjustments After Birth: This support group is for mothers needing additional support following the birth or adoption of a child meets from 10 a.m to noon. Registration is required. Group and child care are offered free of charge. To register, call the Caledon Parent-Child Centre at 905-857-0090 or email jvanandel@cp-cc.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Friendship Room of Knox United Church in 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) 951-9376.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton is looking for new members who want to lose weight in a healthy way and keep it off. We’re a non-profit group and meet in Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St. Hours: Weigh in 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., followed by a meeting at 7. We look forward to meeting you. For more information, call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

Every Wednesday, catch up with friends over coffee at Knox United Church in Caledon village at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
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Bolton and District PROBUS Club presents Beverly Staveland Headwaters Education Team addressing the topic of “diagnosis and treatment of diabetes with special reference to juvenile diabetes.” It will be at Albion Bolton Community Centre starting at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
The Caledon Seniors’ Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton will be hosting a Bingo & Brunch. A welcome snack will be available at 9:30 a.m. with bingo play starting at 10. A delicious brunch will be served following bingo. Prizes and door prizes will be given out. The cost is \$14, which includes three cards and brunch. Pre-registration is required. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to reserve a spot.



Representatives from Rowland Investments and Insurance Inc. had a whole carload of contributions to drop off at the Exchange recently to go toward helping the less fortunate. The contribution was to be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by product partner Manulife Financial. Jim, Bente and Jennifer Rowland and Kim Bolosnese presented the contribution to Kim D’Eri, manager of community animation with CCS.

Photo by Bill Rea



Matt Cunliffe, a member of the board of Hope 24/7 (far left) and Laura Ziney, CEO of Hope 24/7, accepted contributions of shoeboxes filled with items for women from Alana Newman, representing York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

Photo by Bill Rea

PC Caucus supports Hope 24/7

By Bill Rea

MPPs and their staffs routinely put together shoeboxes for organizations.

This year, the Progressive Conservative caucus donated the boxes to Hope 24/7.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was joined by her PC colleague Laurie Scott of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and a representative of the office of York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro in dropping off dozens of boxes to the agency’s Brampton office.

Jones said the boxes were filled with items that any woman would likely enjoy, but may not splurge on. She observed when money is tight, motherstend to focus more on their children than themselves.

“The shoeboxes offer women the chance to have something special for themselves,” she observed.

“This is very specifically something for them,” she added.

Jones also said Hope 24/7 is a Provincially designated sexual assault centre serving Peel Region. It supports women in crisis.

Jones explained all three parties at Queen’s Park encourage their colleagues and staff to put together shoeboxes every year at the holidays, with each caucus choosing the cause they contribute them to.

Scott, the Tory critic for women’s issues and community safety, said they have been advocating for more resources for the agency for years, adding it’s been overwhelmed.

CEO Laura Ziney said the waiting list for services has been growing constantly. It was up to 142, but she said they have been able to get it down to 55.

“They’re very underfunded for the amount of work they do,” Scott observed.

Hope 24/7 has been in operation since 1993, with an aim to assist individuals who have experienced traumatic interpersonal violence, and to provide violence prevention programming to create a community without relationship and sexual violence.

They’re saving lives,” Scott added.

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BREAK-IN AND THEFT AT TRUCK YARD IN BOLTON
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COPS CRAMMING CRUISERS
Police are again busy with their efforts to cram cruisers to support the efforts of Caledon Community Services to help those less fortunate over the holidays. They were collecting items to cram into cruisers one Saturday in December at the Zehrs in Bolton. Auxiliary Constable Vince Mannella, Auxiliary Sergeant Mike McJannet and Constable Jim Fazalari were pushing the carts.

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Residents were watching

Caledon OPP is crediting residents of Cedar Drive (off Forks of the Credit Road) for helping them catch a suspected impaired driver.

Police they were sent to the scene of a single-vehicle collision shortly before 11 p.m. Dec. 15. They were alerted by local residents who are actively engaged in their local neighbourhood Watch program and who knew to call police regarding any suspicious activity, persons of vehicles.

Police arrived at the scene and found the driver of a silver 2009 Jaguar that had gone into the ditch.

They determined the driver, a 23-year-old man from Scarborough, was impaired with alcohol, so he was arrested.

He's been charged with having care and

control of a vehicle while impaired, and while he had more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system, driving with an open container of liquor, being a novice driver with a blood-alcohol content of more than zero and being in possession of more than one licence.

His vehicle was seized for seven days and his licence has been suspended for 90 days.

Police remind the public if they suspect someone is driving while their ability to operate a vehicle is impaired, either by drugs or alcohol, they should call 9-1-1 to report it.

Tractor trailer driver charged

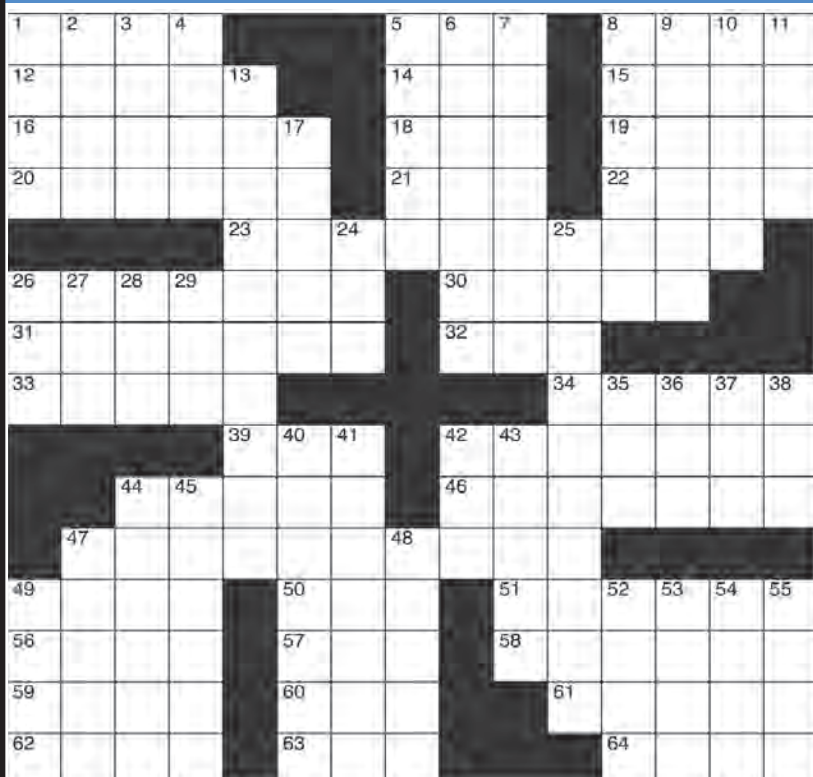
A 61-year-old Scarborough resident was charged early Saturday morning after a police officer noticed the way a tractor trailer was being driven.

Caledon OPP reports a white 2014 Freightliner was stopped at about 3:30 a.m. on Mayfield Road, east of Dixie Road. This was after the tractor almost hit a stationary police cruiser that had its emergency lights activated.

During the traffic stop, the officer determined that the driver's ability to operate a vehicle was impaired by alcohol.

The driver was charged with impaired driving, and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol.

The Citizen CROSSWORD
Puzzle No. 181210 • Solution on page: A12



CLUES ACROSS
1. Make ale
5. Residue
8. Female parent
12. Succulent plants
14. OJ's judge
15. Czech river
16. Embarrassing predicament
18. NHL legend
19. Bobby
20. Sunfish
21. One who acclaims
22. On the ____ running away
23. Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
24. The Golden State
26. Merry make
30. Siberian nomads
31. Pock-marked
32. Baleen whale
33. Leaf-footed bug genus
34. Treasure
39. Tanzanian shilling
42. Changed
44. Intestinal pouches
46. Walked in a celebratory way
47. South American mountain chain
49. Jai __, sport
50. Consumed
51. Firm
56. Pubs
57. Leafy drink
58. Cured
59. Northern wind of France
60. Tax collector
61. Respite from the sun
62. American spy
Aldrich
63. Central Standard Time
64. Myanmar ethnic group
CLUES DOWN
1. Crush
2. Razorbill genus
3. "Full House" actress Loughlin
4. Bluish green
5. Garlic mayonnaise
6. Attacks repeatedly
7. Secretion
8. Special instance
9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
10. Tree genus in the mahogany family
11. Israeli city
13. Formed a theory
17. Remove
24. Type of light
25. Repeats
26. Certified public accountant
27. River in eastern France
28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
29. Special __: military group
35. Ribonucleic acid
36. Not even
37. Power transmission belt
38. Doctor of Education
40. Type of nerve
41. Types of tops
42. Large primate
43. Flooded, low-lying land
44. Gritty
45. Gets up
47. Stake
48. Not the most
49. Swedish rock group
52. Expresses pleasure
53. Expression of boredom
54. Queen of Sparta
55. Where Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation

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Arts & Entertainment



Mayfield art on display

There is a lot of creativity represented by students at Mayfield Secondary School, and that was on display recently. The art exhibit, featuring works by visual arts students at the school, opened at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public libraries, and will be on display until Jan. 10. There are more than 110 works on display. Teacher Julie Smitka said it's the largest department show held outside the school. Grade 11 student Sarina O'Gorman was responsible for this creation called Escape. It's done in batik, which involves a powdered pigment applied to fabric. It also involved the use of a calligraphy pen. She said it took about a month to produce, including the planning. Meghan Taylor, a Grade 9 student, painted this work, called Wolf of the Stars, from acrylics. "I really enjoy painting dogs," she said.

Photos by Bill Rea



Max Layton at CrossCurrents Friday

Singer and songwriter Max Layton will be bringing his brand of music to CrossCurrents Cafe tomorrow (Friday) night.

Layton has lived in many places and done many things, and his songs reflect his unconventional life and rich experience. Over-arching that is his deep love for Canada.

His own musical style is strong, direct,

gutsy and revealing.

CrossCurrents operates out of Bolton United Church at the corner of King and Nancy Streets (use the side entrance). Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the music is slated to start at 8.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome.



TUNES FROM THE WAR YEARS AT CALEDON EAST

Jessica Lalonde was joined by the Huronia Hot Strings, consisting of Jeff Laroche, Edward Moll, Ralph Johnson and Tom Malone in putting on an evening of favourites from the Second World War, as well as lounge and jazz standards. They were performing recently at St. James' Church in Caledon East.

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STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI 3D (PG) (FRIGHTENING SCENES, VIOLENCE, NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN) CLOSED CAPTIONED, DVS®, RECLINERS, RESERVED SEATING FRI-SUN 10:45; MON-THURS 10:00

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PITCH PERFECT 3 (PG) (LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND, VIOLENCE) CLOSED CAPTIONED, DVS®, RECLINERS, RESERVED SEATING FRI-SUN 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; MON, WED-THURS 7:10, 10:10; TUE 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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Another year is in the books

Twenty years from now, what thoughts will pop into our heads when we think back about 2017?

Naturally, that question depends to a great extent on the individual.

Every year comes with its good times and bad, and some of us had more of one than the other. That's to be expected in any year.

We had summer, but for most of us in this part of the world, it wasn't much of a summer. And then there were days in the fall when some of us thought we might roast. And as far as winter is concerned, break out the woolies, if you haven't already done so.

As far as pro sports were concerned, there was lots to hold our interest. The Leafs proved they could actually make the playoffs, and got a lot of local hopes up for the future. Our hopes were up for the Blue Jays, but that didn't go very far. But the Argos won all the marbles. And Toronto FC provided plenty of thrills.

We didn't have an election in these parts in 2017, which was probably a good thing. A lot of people are still wondering how Donald Trump became President of the United States. We have both municipal and provincial elections to look forward to this year, and it's a pretty safe bet a lot of politicians in Caledon have made up their minds about what they're going to do. And we also wonder what the future make-up of Peel Regional council will be, and who will have input.

In Caledon, there were some bright moments. Organizers found it was possible to put on a successful Caledon Day while almost getting rained out. Caledon hosted one of the events at the 2017 Provincial Summer Special Olympic Games, and a local golfer won gold.

There were sad times too, as the Town mourned a former councillor and former mayor, as well as a well respected former treasurer.

Here are some of the events that went on in Town over the first six months of the year (the other six months will be dealt with next week).

This is not meant to be a complete historic record, but we should jog a few memories with events like . . .

The year started with word of funding for a new school in Caledon

January

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board received notification from the Ministry of Education of funding for two new Catholic elementary schools; one in Caledon and the other in Brampton.

The Caledon school, identified temporarily as "Mayfield West # 1," will be a 504-pupil elementary school with child care spaces for toddlers and preschoolers. The school will be north of Highway 410, between Hurontario Street and Kennedy Road.

"Funding approval for the Mayfield West Number 1 school is great news for our community," declared Trustee Frank DiCosola, Caledon's representative on the board. "This additional Catholic school in Caledon will go a long way towards alleviating some of the current accommodation pressures in our rapidly growing town."

A new interim youth shelter was in the works for Brampton, and Peel Regional councillors spent several minutes debating what to call it.

In the end, they went along with the

staff recommendation to call it Brampton Queen Street Youth Shelter.

Caledon is likely to have a Centre for the Arts eventually, even if things were not moving quite as fast as some had hoped.

Town councillors agreed to direct staff to investigate options for a multi-use facility to be included in future capital plans, in keeping with the recommendations in a staff report. They also amended the motion to include consideration of all options, including interim solutions, be part of the 2018 budget discussions, and that staff continue to meet with representatives of the arts community and people interested in the matter.

Bolton resident Antonio Rosa has been pushing for such a facility. He appeared before councillors, passionately expressing his displeasure with the staff report and its recommendations.

"I do believe it's a good start," he commented, but added it left out a lot of important information. "There are a lot of questions that are not answered."

Shelley White, president and CEO of United Way of Peel Region, announced



that after 13 years she would be leaving effective Feb. 10.

"It has been an honour and privilege to lead United Way of Peel Region for the past 13 years," she announced.

Darryl Bailey was appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Caledon.

Bailey has worked full-time with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services since 2003. He had been a firefighter in Markham, Welland and Mississauga. He is a certified Municipal Manager with more than 20 years practical experience in fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency management.

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The weather was unseasonably warm, putting a damper on the annual Alton Mill Pond Hockey Classic in January. But organizers were ready with Plan B, and players left the pond to take part in the grand Canadian custom of street hockey. "We had to roll with what came," Alton Mill co-proprietor Jeremy Grant observed. Councillor Johanna Downey was sent on a break away by Inspector Ryan Carothers of Caledon OPP.

Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute

**By Derek Clark
Gala Chair**

This year, our annual Rotary Gala and Auction was held Nov. 18 at the Caledon Estates Banquet Halls.

It was an incredible night of food, fun, friendship, entertainment, dancing and fundraising. The event celebrated Canada's and Ontario's 150th birthday and many of our 175 guests came decked out in red and white formal attire to match our theme for the evening.

The event raised \$37,000, and all of the proceeds will go toward local community projects and services.

Congratulations to the Gala and Auction Committee (Derek Clark, Janet Clark, Susan Hicks, Pat Clifford, Elizabeth Rustja, Samantha Ferens, Natalie Saarimaki, Clarise Chauvin, Jean Szmidi and Trevor Hawkes) for their hard work, efforts and commitment for organizing this event.

The Rotary Club of Palgrave would also like to thank Scotiabank (First Street Branch, Orangeville), Bolton GM, Foodland (Caledon East), Coffey Creek Farm, The Church Public Inn and The Government of Ontario (Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program) for their financial support and contribution toward the 2017 Gala.

Thank you once again to all who came, supported and donated to this fundraiser. We look forward to the 2018 Gala and Auction.



The Rotary Club of Palgrave recently held the annual Gala and Silent Auction at Caledon Estates Banquet Halls. Caledon East resident Jessica Sole was providing music early in the evening. Fi and Dan Plastina of Palgrave were looking over some of the items available in the silent auction.

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HomeJames celebrated a successful season of getting people home safe

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Organizers of HomeJames took time to thank the volunteers who helped make the program a success over the holidays.

“We did surprisingly well,” HomeJames — Caledon Chairman Tayler Parnaby declared.

Parnaby said there 393 runs completed during the holiday program, helping out drivers who were concerned they might not be able to drive home safely. Those drivers got home with their vehicles, along with 1,002 passengers, meaning 1,395 individuals got to their destinations.

There were 126 volunteers who took part, and the average person put in 3.44 shifts.

Although the service is free, donations are gratefully accepted. Parnaby said they came to \$11,609, or roughly \$29.54 per run. That was more money than was contributed last year, which was impressive since the program ran for two fewer evenings.

The main statistic he cited is there were no serious or fatal collisions the nights the program was running.

Inspector Ryan Carothers, commander of Caledon OPP, called it “absolutely in-

credible,” as he praised the efforts of the volunteers.

“You should stand up and give yourselves a round of applause,” he added.

Peel Regional councillors were ready to give Premier Kathleen Wynne a piece of their collective mind, as they voted to send her a letter protesting the enactment of Bill 70, requiring the general election of the Chair of Peel, along with the Chairs of other Regions.

Councillors were angry that it passed without proper consultation with the Region.

There were a number of strong and angry comments, and a few councillors could be heard at times singing the Twisted Sister song We’re Not Gonna Take It. In the end, the motion carried almost unanimously. Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey, who has long supported the election of Chairs, was the only one who voted against it.

Athlete Alysha Newman, who trains at Bolton Pole Vault, set the women’s record for an indoor vault in Canada.

The 22-year-old Etobicoke resident set the record at an event Jan. 21. She cleared the bar set at 4.65 metres, beating her previous personal best vault of

4.5, and topping the previous record of 4.6 metres.

Director of Education Tony Pontes announced his retirement from the Peel District School Board, effective Aug. 31, 2017.

Peel Region hosted the first in a series of public information centres on long-range transportation planning.

Lindsay Edwards, a principal planner with the Region, said about 25 people signed in at the PIC, and they were all asked to indicate on a list of transportation-related concerns which ones were important to them. Aggressive driving was well out in front on the list, but speeding and trucks drew some attention, as did pedestrians.

Ranked ballots in elections makes sense to a lot of people, but there’s not much appetite for having them in Caledon for the next municipal election.

Town councillors supported the staff

recommendation to stick with the current system, also known as “first past the post.”

The use of ranked ballots (sometimes also known as preferential ballots or weighted ballots) would involve voters picking their preferred candidate, as well as naming their second and third choice.

The staff report to councillors noted changes to the Municipal Elections Act give municipalities the option of using ranked ballots for the next election, scheduled for the fall of 2018.

The report also stated there are many arguments for and against the use of ranked ballots.

“Ranked ballot voting is believed to capture elector preference,” the staff report stated. “Other noted advantages include improved platforms and debates, voters have more choice and there aren’t any wasted votes.”

But the report also pointed to administrative and financial concerns involving the counting of the votes.

Credit View School was on the block early in the year



Jotam Chouhan was accompanied by her father Lucky, mother Jessie and grandmother Sukhminder Chouhan as she accepted the scholarship to Dayton University in February.

February

Although Peel District School Board officials were stressing nothing had been finalized, there seemed to be a general acceptance early in the month that Credit View Public School was moving toward being closed.

And there were those in the community who didn’t like it.

There were about 60 on hand for a public meeting at Belfountain Public School to gather input and comments on the possibility.

The Board was involved in a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) involving five schools on the west side of town (Alloa, Alton, Belfountain, Caledon Central and Credit View). Trustee Stan Cameron said changes could be resulting from the process and he agreed they might not be easy to take.

“This meeting is not easy,” Associate Director of Education Scott Moreash told the audience. “Change comes hard.”

Superintendent of Education Michael Logue said the problem they were trying to address stems from declining enrolment at Credit View. There were 81 students in the facility, that goes from junior kindergarten to Grade 8. There was one grade with only two students. He also said there was excess space at other nearby schools, including Belfountain and Alton. As well, Logue said

Trustee Cameron called it “a sad day” later in the month as the Board received a staff recommendation to close the school in June.

Logue assured Cameron that all Credit View students will have access to the same programs they’ve been used to when the get to their new schools. Cameron asked if there will be any change in the quality of programs.

“The answer is no,” Logue replied, adding the chances for peer interaction among the students currently at Credit View would increase.

He also said none of the teachers at Credit View would be losing their jobs.

They didn’t quite get the 100 women out they had been hoping for, but the first meeting of the Caledon chapter of 100 Women who Care drew a good crowd to Caledon Ski Club.

There were about 50 women on hand, and that meant a sizable contribution went to Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Jotam Chouhan, a Grade 12 student at Mayfield Secondary School, accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Dayton, where she was planning to study exercise science.

There was a brief ceremony at the school.

“This is a very exciting day,” commented John Horton, head of physical education at Mayfield.

Horton called her a phenomenal elite athlete and also praised her academic success.

“You have the maturity . . . the work ethic that has held you in good stead in this school,” he remarked.

When it comes to running a library, Carmen Condotta certainly knows her stuff.

The teacher librarian at St. John Paul II Elementary School in Bolton was named Teacher Librarian of the Year by the Ontario School Library Association (OSLA).

She was somewhat taken aback by the award.

“I was honoured, I was humbled, I was grateful,” she remarked.

She also recalled attending presentations of this award over the years, hearing about previous winners “and the amazing things that they do.”

It was time to determine whether fluoridation of the municipal water supply is a good or bad thing, and Peel Regional councillors believed only the Province could do that.



Carmen Condotta, teacher librarian at St. John Paul II Elementary School in Bolton, held her award after she was named Teacher Librarian of the Year by the Ontario School Library Association.



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“Summer Student Series Part 5: Spotlight on Nicholas Biamonte” by Cassandra Briscoe, CCS Volunteer



(This 6-part series explores the day in a life of six 2017 CCS summer students. A new feature will appear here each month.)

Nicholas Biamonte, a Caledon resident since infancy, welcomed the opportunity to give back to his home town. He spent the summer of 2017 working as a Marketing Research Associate with the Communications and Marketing team at Caledon Community Services (CCS).

The 19-year-old Marketing student at the University of Guelph hopes to pursue his Masters of Business Administration or attend law school.

Completing marketing research and a variety of projects for CCS, gave him the opportunity to put his skills to work while gaining hands on experience.

“Working at CCS has shown me what it’s like to be working in the field” he said. “Going to university and learning in the classroom is great, but having this job gave me the hands-on experience I wanted and needed.”

During the school year, Nicholas maintains the Twitter account for the OHL hockey team, the Guelph Storm, and enjoys growing the team’s audience and fan base.

His favourite part about working at CCS was the opportunity to network with staff

and volunteers and meet new people daily.

“Everyone made me feel very comfortable, whether I was in the lunch room or at my desk,” said Nicholas.

While working at CCS, Nicholas developed his time management and organizational skills; two skills he’s looking forward to using at school and in his future career.

“Nicholas was a great addition to our team,” said Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Assistant. “His experience with social media and passion for marketing helped us create exciting new initiatives to better reach our audience.”

“I think it’s important to give back to your own community and help out in any way you can,” said Nicholas. “That was a big perk for me working at CCS.”

“Nicholas’ work helped us understand the complex, growing and changing community,” said Chrissy, “ensuring CCS continues to provide exemplary services that meet Caledon’s needs.”

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Caledon village resident was named an Easter Seals Ambassador

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Councillors passed a motion calling on the Premier and Minister of Health to undertake appropriate and comprehensive toxicity testing required to assure the public that use of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid (HFSA) in water fluoridation treatments is safe. The Region also called on the Province to take legislative responsibility for regulating and administering HFSA in water treatment throughout Ontario.

The resolution came as council was addressing the minutes of a meeting of the Community Water Fluoridation Committee, and after they heard from two delegations, strongly urging the practice be stopped.

Mark Corlett, CEO of AVT.ca, cited a study from the Harvard School of Public Health that stated children in communities where fluorides are added to their water lost an average of seven points on their IQ scores.

He added using fluoride would save half a cavity per person in a lifetime.

He also said there are concerns this material in the water can be fatal in some cases, pointing out fluorine is the most aggressive element of the Periodic Table. “Even one death is too many,” he declared.

Council also heard from Brampton resident Christine Massey, a spokesperson for Fluoride Free Peel, who said there was a 2007 study that compared people in fluoridated Brampton and non-fluoridated areas of Caledon.

“There was absolutely no difference in the cavity rates,” she declared. “None whatsoever.”

Dr. Eileen de Villa, medical officer of health for the Region, said Health Canada provides warnings to the public.

She added there are communities where natural occurrence of fluoride are high.

Regarding the Harvard study, de Villa said staff looked at fluoridated communities, and Peel’s level would have counted it as a non-fluoridated community. “They were talking about communities where the level is much, much higher.”

Caledon council’s approval of an aquatics facility in first phase of the Mayfield West development was still a live issue.

Councillor Gord McClure brought the matter up, commenting there were residents who wanted to make deputations on it.

Council late last year reversed the position taken in committee and approved an option for a community centre in the first phase of Mayfield West that would see an aquatics facility. That was approved by a split vote, and there was heated debate before the motion was passed. One of the issues raised was two councillors were absent.

There was sadness after Bolton lost its cobbler.

Siegfried “Siggy” Felske, owner of Village Shoe Repair, died peacefully. He was 58.

Mr. Felske was a fixture in the Bolton business community for more than 30 years, known for an almost curmudgeon-like exterior which was a foil for his witty and amiable personality.

The varsity hockey team at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School took the ROPSSAA championship with a 5-2 victory over their foes from Applewood in Mississauga.

Head Coach Mike Mattachini said his men played their best hockey of the season in the final match.

It was a lousy night’s sleep for Mayor Allan Thompson and Councillor Johanna Downey.

They spent a Friday night sleeping in their vehicles in a parking lot as part of the United Way of Peel Region’s fight

against homelessness. The event was the third annual Longest Night.

The temperature as about —4 C when they woke up at about 6 a.m Saturday.

“It was cold,” Thompson commented. “Could have been a lot colder.”

“I couldn’t be productive sleeping like this,” he added.

Trustee Stan Cameron called it “a sad day” as the Peel District School Board received a staff recommendation to close Credit View Public School in June.

Talk of closing the school, located between Terra Cotta and Cheltenham, at the corner of King Street and Mississauga Road, had been on the table for months, although staff was originally suggesting a June 2018 closure. But the Final Staff Report indicated a preference to get things over with, rather than putting up with another year of declining enrolment.

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“The answer is no,” Logue replied, adding the chances for peer interaction among the students currently at Credit View would increase.

He also said none of the teachers at Credit View would be losing their jobs.

A physical disability doesn’t have to slow one down, and Caledon village resident Grace Kennedy was proof of that.

Grace, 15, was named a 2017 Provincial Easter Seals Ambassador. She’s one of two, and her male counterpart was Ben MacDonald of Sault Ste. Marie.

Grace, a Grade 9 student at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton, said she learned of her selection in December, but it didn’t become official until earlier in 2017, when she attended the Conn Smythe Sports Celebrities Dinner.

The event also included Grace delivering a 10-minute address, dealing with how Easter Seals has helped her and her family over the last eight years.

“They’ve helped us as a family a lot,” she commented.

There were plenty of places throughout town holding pancake suppers the last Tuesday of the month.

Lower electricity bills were promised March

Highway 9, east of Mono Mills, was closed for most of a day after an accident involving a truck pulling fuel tankers.

Caledon OPP reported the truck, hauling tandem fuel trailers, was westbound when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to jack-knife and the rear trailer to rollover and spill some of its contents. Approximately 12,000 litres of gasoline went onto the roadway, surrounding ditches, catch basins and low lying areas of the highway.

The Province was promising lower electricity bills for residents, but Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was maintaining the government of Premier Kathleen Wynne was acting out of desperation. “She had to do something,” Jones observed.

The government announced that electricity bills for residential customers would be dropping by an average of 25 per cent, starting in the summer.

Jones said the government acted because it was feeling pressure from all sides, including residents, hospitals, group homes, etc.

“Everyone is being impacted by higher Hydro rates,” she declared, adding the measures announced are not going to solve the problems.

“I would suggest to you people have seen through the scam,” Jones remarked. “They are not pleased future generations are going to pay for it.”

Peel Region was getting ready to start looking for lawyers to defend its position on the expansion of Bolton, and Councillor Annette Groves was named to a committee to find them.

She will be joined by Mississauga Councillor Carolyn Parrish, who put forth the motion to create the committee, and Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey.

There were a number of options included in the Bolton Residential Expansions Study (BRES).

The Town backed the lands known as Option 3, also known as the Go Station Focus option, involving lands on Humber Station Road, between the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks and The Gore Road, north of King Street. Regional staff had backed on hybrid of Options 4 and 5, further to the south. But Regional councillors, late last

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Caledon Councillors Jennifer Innis and Johanna Downey were representing the Town and Peel Region in the Peel Regional Police Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Ontario. The unseasonably-warm temperatures meant the water wasn’t as cold as it might have been.

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Tilson was not interested in vacating his seat for O’Leary

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year, opted for what’s known as Option 6, or the Solmar Development lands.

Groves’ appointment to the committee was really a foregone conclusion, since Parrish’s motion stated there must be a representative from each of the three municipalities, and each member had to have voted in favour of Option 6. Groves was the only Caledon rep who did.

Rev. Mary Campbell of Georgetown was installed as the new minister at Claude Presbyterian Church on Highway 10.

It had happened the previous November, but it wasn’t until March that word was released that former local MP Sinclair Stevens had died.

Mr. Stevens died unexpectedly Nov. 30 after suffering a severe heart attack at his King Township home. He was 89.

“It was very unexpected,” his wife Norreen said. “He had been active up until the day before.”

Rumours were circulating that Conservative Party leadership hopeful Kevin O’Leary was eying the Dufferin-Caledon seat if his bid was successful.

But incumbent MP David Tilson essentially told him to forget it.

“I don’t know how these things get going,” Tilson declared. “I’m not giving up my seat for Mr. O’Leary or anyone. That’s definite.”

Tilson, who turned 76 a couple of days after the announcement, said he hadn’t made up his mind on whether he would be a candidate in the next federal election, expected in the fall of 2019.

The issue of which phase of the Mayfield West development should get an aquatics facility had not gone away.

Indeed, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy was able to get her colleagues to deal with a motion to reconsider the decision. It required a two-thirds majority to get the matter on the table, and council voted unanimously to discuss it. But the motion also needed a two-thirds majority to pass, so it was unsuccessful when it came to a vote.

Council previously had reversed the position taken in committee and approved an option for a community centre in the first phase of Mayfield West that would see an aquatics facility. That was approved by a split vote, and there was heated debate before the motion was passed. One of the issues raised was two councillors were absent.

But there is still lots of concern with the move, especially among people who believe residents in the northern areas of town are under served when it comes to pools. The facility near Caledon village was closed a couple of years ago, and there were no plans to replace it.

“This has become a very complex, detailed issue,” Terra Cotta resident John Rutter observed, as he asked council to reconsider the “questionable conduct” that led to the Dec. 20 decision.

“We are not against the planned community hub centre, which has been scheduled for SouthFields since its conception,” he said. “It’s the recently-added pool component which we are opposing.”

Caledon council decided to set up a body to look into aggregate issues and related matters, but it was not the kind of group that Councillor Shaughnessy was hoping to see.

Councillors debated at some length before going along with the recommendation from Town staff to set up a working group.

There had been previous talk of setting up a committee, but a staff report stated an aggregate committee was not advised because the areas of focus that Caledon’s Official Plan envisioned for it were out-

side the jurisdiction of the Town. They are the responsibility of the Province.

Shaughnessy was not satisfied with the recommendation, nor was she impressed with the way it was brought forward. She said about 95 per cent of the aggregate in Caledon is in her ward (Ward 1), yet she had no prior knowledge this report was coming forward until she saw the agenda for the meeting.

There was still opposition, but Caledon council gave its approval to a new golf course near Inglewood.

Councillors went along with the staff recommendation to approve a rezoning sought by Kaneff Properties Limited for the lands at the northeast corner of Olde Base Line Road and Hurontario Street.

The plan, according to the staff report, calls for the development of an 18-hole championship golf course with associated amenities like a clubhouse, practice facilities, maintenance buildings and a hotel.

Councillors, sitting in committee, had approved the staff recommendations in February. Councillor Shaughnessy was upset that the decision had been made when both of Ward 1’s representatives were absent.

“My residents are not happy,” she declared.

Shaughnessy put forth a motion calling for the matter to be referred back to staff. She had a three-page list of items that she wanted addressed.

Councillor Groves supported the referral, pointing out the application has been in the works for 17 years, and the area residents stand to be impacted.

One of the most successful teams in Caledon Minor Hockey history capped their season off with the ultimate prize.

The midget AA Hawks soared to an OMHA Championship banner, the first in Caledon midget history, with an exciting overtime victory over the Whitby Wildcats.

The federal government came down with a budget in March that even Dufferin-Caledon MP Tilson had trouble reacting to.

“It was really a do-nothing budget,” he remarked, although there were some points in it that caught his attention.

One of the items was the the deficit was going to be a lot higher than had been promised.

“That’s the big issue,” Tilson declared, adding Finance Minister Bill Morneau was asked about plans to get rid of the deficit. “He didn’t have an answer.”

Members of the community gathered for Earth hour observances, put on by the Palgrave Environment Committee.

Herb Campbell Public School was among the recipients of Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards, presented by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC). The Award of Merit recognized the school’s “ongoing commitment to environmental awareness, innovative school yard greening and engaging students in environmental projects” through the Community Garden. The Garden is a work in progress, as there are plans for a Medicine Wheel Garden Outdoor Classroom, which will inspire collaborative learning.

Adjusting Caledon Council’s Procedural Bylaw might sound simple, but Councillor Shaughnessy learned there are a lot of complications.

Shaughnessy put forth three notices of motion, and after lengthy, and sometimes heated, discussions and considerable procedural debate, all three were referred back to the Procedural Bylaw Committee of Council.

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Herb Campbell Public School was among the recipients of Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards, presented by Credit Valley Conservation. The Award of Merit recognized the school’s “ongoing commitment to environmental awareness, innovative school yard greening and engaging students in environmental projects” through the Community Garden. Seen here with the award just outside the Garden are (back row) Jim Pinkney, Grade 7 student Lucas Polden, Olivier St-Hilaire, Kim Clark and (front row) kindergarten students Juno Jackson, Ethan Sibia, Bella Wallace and Mason Stodolny.

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Lots of talk, but no decision on the composition of Regional council

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He first motion called for provisions to let notices of motion be included on council agendas, rather than just on committee agendas. The second motion was for the reinstatement of Public Question Period, and putting it on council and committee agendas right after delegations. This would allow members of the public to comment on issues on the agenda before decisions are made. Her final motion was to have recorded votes taken on all decisions (including amendments) voted on by council or committee on all issues.

“It looks like a pretty easy slam-dunk for me,” she remarked.

Mayor Allan Thompson agreed with the importance to be open and transparent, but he also stressed the need for process.

Joanne Davis was named Community Champion at Volunteer Recognition evening

April

Mayor Allan Thompson learned he would be receiving more than \$78,000 to cover the expenses he was put to successfully defending himself against conflict of interest allegations in 2016.

The judge in the case, Mr. Justice Peter Daley of the Superior Court of Justice, issued his decision on the award in the case that had been brought by Kelly Darnley and later by Charles Bristoll.

“I want to remind our residents I have always said this action was about planning in Caledon,” Thompson said in a statement. “I will continue to stand up for and defend our local planning process, no matter what is said or done to try and deter me from that.”

There was lots of sympathy for a Caledon family dealing with a firefighting bill, but that was about all Town Council was ready to offer.

The family was appealing for a break on an invoice the Town issued for \$8,081.25 in connection with a fire last July.

Councillors voted down a motion to reduce the bill, but did direct staff to work with the family to come up with a payment plan.

It was made final in April that Credit View Public School would be closing its doors at the end of the school year.

Peel District School Board trustees accepted the staff recommendations to close the facility.

Trustee Stan Cameron established there are no plans at this stage to sell the property or get rid of the building.

“It’s such a beautiful property,” he remarked.

It looked like Councillor Barb Shaughnessy was to be docked a week’s pay from the Town, and attend a special training session dealing with rules, protocols and procedures pertaining to councillors.

These were the recommendations contained in a report from John Fleming, integrity commissioner for the Town of Caledon, dealing with Code of Conduct complaints against Shaughnessy.

Shaughnessy excused herself from these discussions, but in a statement issued late in the day, she called the report “biased and unprofessional.”

Fleming was not completely negative in his assessment of Shaughnessy.

“I have come to know her as a dedicated, hard-working and highly determined representative of her community,” he wrote.

Several members of the public spoke in support of Shaughnessy, including her husband Tim Forster.

“This is not an easy situation to be in,” Terra Cotta resident John Rutter remarked as he spoke in Shaughnessy’s defence.

“I have known Barbara for some time now, and have found her to be very ap-

He suggested referring the matter to the committee.

“Let’s go through the process to get it right,” he said.

“These are minor changes,” Shaughnessy argued, adding there was nothing in any of her motions that would require a review of the Procedural Bylaw.

When it came to a position on the future configuration of its council, Peel Region didn’t have one, at least not in late March.

Councillors spent about two hours debating whether to hold a public meeting on the proposed changes for the next term. But several Mississauga councillors said they would veto what’s been proposed, so the meeting would be a waste of time.

Regional councillors had narrowly approved a model that would see the body

grow from 24 to 32 members. There would be four additional councillors from Brampton and another four for Mississauga, with Caledon keeping its five reps.

A triple majority is required to change the composition of council. That would include the approval of a majority of the municipal councils in Peel representing at least a majority of the registered electors (voters) in the region. That means the City of Mississauga would have the necessary numbers to be able to veto any proposed change.

Mayor Thompson observed that if Mississauga councillors don’t like what’s been proposed, the solution might be to get input from the community.

“We need public engagement,” he said. “You have nothing to lose and there’s nothing to fear.”

There were 37 Caledon residents were recognized as the Town held its annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

Local resident Dan O’Reilly was pleased to see that a park in the development, at the southwest corner of Mayfield Road and The Gore Road was named Father Eugene O’Reilly Park.

There were 37 Caledon residents were recognized as the Town held its annual Volunteer Recognition Night.



Joanne Davis

a sympathetic ear,” she added. “Joanne and the whole David family are very community minded, and Joanne is a shining example of what all Caledon residents

Councillor Groves said the Province should have taken this task on.

She also appreciated the need for the public to be consulted. Groves reminded her colleagues that they were angry when the Province passed legislation calling for the election at large of the Regional chair, without consultation.

While a number of councillors spoke in favour of weighted votes, Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal Services Patrick O’Connor said they couldn’t decide on that route right then. He said the Province had authorized the public meeting of the proposal council had already approved. Another proposal would have to go to Queen’s Park.

There were 44 Town of Caledon employees who made the Sunshine List in 2017.

should aspire to be.”

In accepting the recognition, Davis expressed her thanks to her family and friends, as well as the committee who organized the festivities.

“The Town of Caledon really does honour its volunteers very well,” she declared.

Caledon Councillor Jennifer Innis found herself with a new gig.

She became a regular on Newstalk 1010 every Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. as a panelist on the Jerry Agar Show

“I think it’s a good opportunity to bring to light some of the other issues,” she commented. “It gives a different perspective from Toronto.”

Urszula Cybulko was very good at her job, and that was recognized by her peers.

The Chaplaincy Leader at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton was named the 2017 recipient of the Brian J. Halferty Award.

The award is presented to a Chaplaincy Leader currently serving in a school who contributes to the role of chaplaincy, above and beyond the regular demands of the position, which positively affects the role and position of all Chaplaincy Leaders in Ontario.

“I love faith,” she said, explaining her success at her job. “It’s the core of who we are.”

“It’s an honour to minister to school communities,” she added. “I love ministering. I think it was a natural call for me.”

CCS opened Evolve in May

Caledon Community Services (CCS) launched another major chapter in its history with the official opening of Evolve.

The Scouting and Guiding movements have a long history of producing achievers, and evidence of that is easy to find.

There were more examples presented in May in Toronto as more than 100 young people received their Silver Awards of Achievement in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award program from Lt.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

They included four representatives of the 1st Bolton Scouts and one member of the 1st Bolton Pathfinders, Caelyn Greaves.

The Scouts were Max Gungter, Johnathan Quintal, Tanner Krauter and Barry

Austen.

The Liberal Caucus at Queen’s Park issued a statement blaming Sylvia Jones for standing in the way of community safety, but Dufferin-Caledon’s MPP was not fazed.

In fact, she said she’s in good company, as similar statements had been issued naming other Progressive Conservative colleagues of hers.

“Frankly, I’m very disappointed that this is the tack that they’ve taken,” she remarked.

The statement from the Liberals concerned Bill 65, the Safer School Zones Act, which they said is in response to calls from municipalities, parents and students for action to stop speeding and target dangerous drivers.

“I think you’re probably going to see more of this as we get close to an election,” she added. “It’s a pretty hard argument to

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First Bolton Scout Leader Steve Vickers, Contact Guider with the 1st Bolton Rangers and Scout Leader Karen Matson (far right) were on hand to see Tanner Krauter, Max Gunter, Caelyn Greaves, Brady Austen and Johnathan Quintal receive their Silver Awards of Achievement in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award program.

Results from last week's poll:

If your next door neighbours wanted to keep chickens in their backyard, would that be fine with you?

a) Yes **45%**

a) No **55%**

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b) Worse

c) About the Same

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Youngsters were anxious to see the cells at OPP open house in May

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make when you're holding a majority of the seats."

Nearly 600 participants gathered in Inglewood at the annual Hike for Bethell Hospice. This year's event raised an unprecedented \$150,000 for the Bethell Hospice Foundation, shattering the event's goal by \$20,000.

The Province was looking at giving municipalities a stronger voice when it comes to development, and Mayor Allan Thompson liked what he was hearing.

The Province announced it was planning to take action to overhaul the system for dealing with land use planning appeals. A news release stated legislation was expected that would see the creation of a local planning appeal tribunal, which would replace the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

One of the proposed changes would see the removal of "de novo" hearings for most planning appeals. It has been a practice at OMB hearings to treat appeals of ldecisions "de novo," meaning as if the municipality had made no previous decision.

Judgement was pending in May from a

Town Crier Andrew Welch won gold at provincial championships

June

There were questions about procedure as Caledon councillors supported a rezoning that would permit a medicinal marijuana production facility for a Highway 10 property.

Council, sitting in committee, voted in favour of the application of White Sova Holdings, based largely on the staff recommendations.

Mayor Allan Thompson called the staff report "a masterpiece."

But Councillor Barb Shaughnessy said there should be a matrix so there can be consistent criteria applied to such applications.

Peel Federation of Agriculture President Keith Garrett also spoke in favour of the application, stressing the Federation's position that options have to be kept open for farmers.

Bob Gordanier was named the Liberal candidate for next year's provincial election in Dufferin-Caledon.

Upgrades were needed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Inglewood, as well as a better way to access the site.

Peel Region determined the need for extensive upgrades to the plant. It reported there has been a thorough design review which concluded there is a need for more efficient equipment in the facility, additional standby equipment for back-up power and maintenance, and a new treatment tank and building.

There were probably lots of mulligans at Caledon Golf and Country Club near Inglewood, and all for a good cause.

It was time for the fifth annual Mulligans for Matthew, in support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada, and it raised more than \$30,000 for the cause.

The event is named after Caledon East resident Matthew Maramier. Not long after his birth in August 2012, he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. His parents, Adam and Gillian decided to get pro-active, and set up the annual tournament.

It had become something of a Civic Holliday tradition in Caledon, but it wasn't going to take place in 2017.

union tribunal in the case of some volunteer firefighters in Caledon and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1068 (Brampton).

Double-hatters, also known as two-hatters, are full-time professional firefighters who also volunteer their off-duty time answering calls in their home communities.

The argument put forth by the Town stated volunteer firefighters with the Town who are also employed full-time with the fire department in Brampton have been charged with violating the rules of their union. They could be subject to expulsion from the union. The Town's position was "it is a recognized fundamental of Canadian law that where the terms of a contract conflict with a statute, the contractual terms are void and unenforceable."

Mandy Gould, a volunteer with 13 years standing at the station in Inglewood, was one of the people up on charges.

"I love being a firefighter," she said. "I am proud to wear the Caledon patches and carry the title of District Chief."

Sophie Rapallo, a Grade 5 student at James Bolton Public School, proved she's pretty good when it comes to basketball free throws. She was entered in the compe-

Organizers had announced the Tour de Terra Cotta has been cancelled for 2017.

With plenty of military precision, the members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps 253 Crescent went through their annual Review.

The weather could hardly have been better for the 157th edition of Caledon Fair.

Caledon native Taylor Raddysh found himself on top of the hockey world.

The 19-year old signed his first NHL contract; a three year entry-level deal announced by Tampa Bay Lightning General Manager Steve Yzerman.

Rain threatened to ruin the Caledon Day festivities, but the skies cleared, the ground dried up and the crowds came back in the evening to be entertained by the sounds of Sloan.

Storm drainage conditions in Alton were being studied, but there are concerns the focus was too narrow.

The Town and consultants hosted a public information centre to present some details of the study method being employed and to gain feedback involving the drainage conditions in the Alton Estates subdivision.

The ruling came down from the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1068 (Brampton), and it was not good news for Caledon's double hatters.

A union tribunal found they had been in violation of the union constitution and bylaws by volunteering their firefighting services while being employed full-time with the fire department in Brampton.

District Chief Mandy Gould of the Inglewood station confirmed the decision was going to be appealed.

"I want to continue to do what I love, which is to serve my community, just as my father did," she commented. "This is my own time, and for a union to tell me what to do with my spare time doesn't sit well with me."

Town Crier Andrew Welch took part in the Ontario Provincial Town Crier Cham-

pionships, and was not able to repeat his overall win, but brought home the gold medal for one of the three competition proclamations, and was also awarded the Dave Thomson Memorial Trophy for Most Humorous Cry of the weekend-long competition.

Those who have been waiting for word on the GTA West Corridor learned they will likely be waiting a while longer.

A large crowd was out for the open house hosted by Cledon OPP. What was the main attraction most of the kids wanted to see? The cells.

There was a packed house for the official opening of École élémentaire catholique Saint-Jean-Bosco in South-Fields Village, as well as the opening of the associated daycare, Le Petit bateau.

Notification of an Order in Council at Queen's Park indicated the Advisory Panel for the Greater Toronto Area West Highway Corridor had had its term extended to April 20, 2018.

Mayor Allan Thompson came into possession of this document, but he didn't re-

ceive it first hand. He said he got it through Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, and she apparently got it from an interest group that the Province sent it too.

It was not, however, sent to the Mayor, "which I find really disappointing," he said.

Students were out in force, accompanied by staff members and volunteers for the annual Relay for Life at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. They spent a night walking laps around the school track to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer.

"We're all here because cancer has touched us," commented Danielle Wadden, one of the student organizers of the event.

Some young people learned a lot from the Mayor's Youth Summit, and so did Mayor Allan Thompson.

The mayor hosted 81 students from the various high schools in town, getting their input. This was the first time such an event has been held in Caledon.

The enthusiasm was as solid as ever at the Mayfield Recreation Complex for the annual C3 Kinetico Kids of Steel Triathlon.

to mark the annual Inglewood Day festivities.

The Rotary Club of Palgarve attracted large crowds to their annual Wines of the World event.

The Month closed with Councillor Gord McClure learning that conflict of interest allegations against him had been withdrawn.

"It was a happy day for me," McClure declared a couple of days after learning the charges had been withdrawn. "It's a big relief off my shoulders."

There were plenty of words of praise as Caledon East resident Alex Rodrigues was named Caledon's Senior of the Year.

Mayor Allan Thompson remarked that Rodrigues has been a community champion, as well as an advocate for seniors in the community.

Rodrigues accepted the recognition with a touch of humour.

"Being a senior is easy," he said. "You just outlive a few of your friends and so on."

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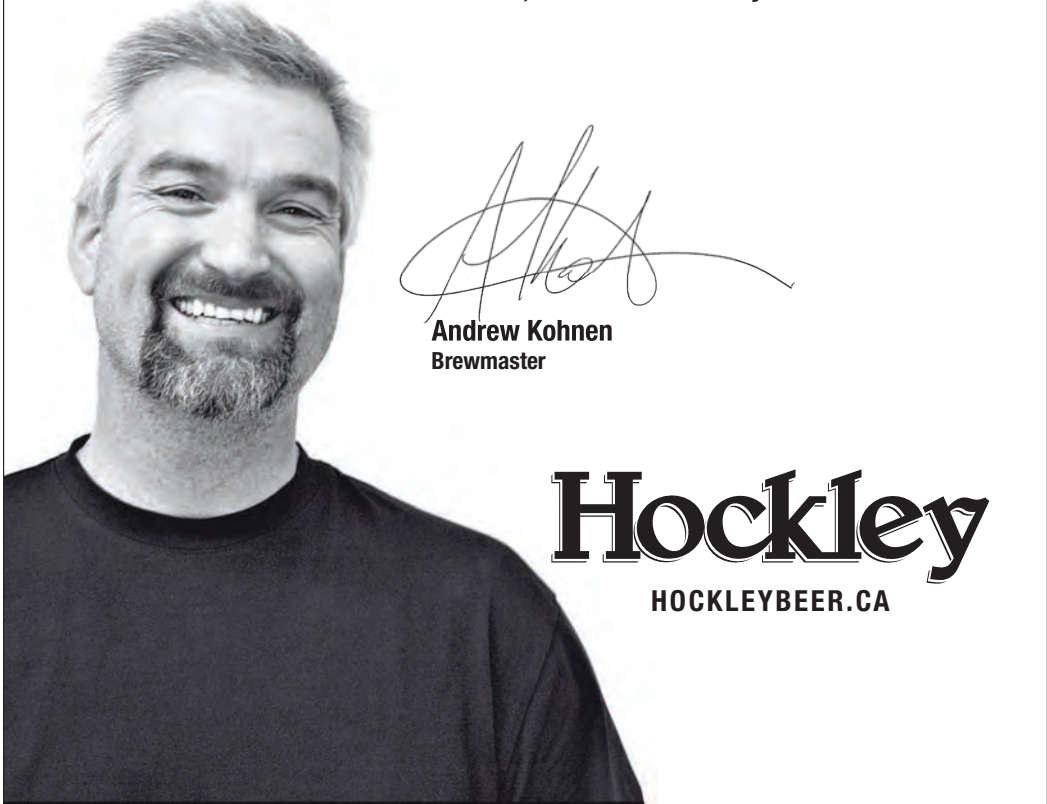


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Hawks enter final month of PJHL season in fourth

By Jake Courtepatte

A two-game winning streak for the Caledon Golden Hawks was snapped Friday by the league-leading Stayner Siskins, a rare blunder for an otherwise excellent defensive team.

The Hawks allowed 45 shots on net in the game at Caledon East, which ended in a 9-1 loss. Everett Flewelling was the only Hawk to find twine. Sean Nottle and Mathieu Young assisted on the goal.

A pair of early December losses, their first of the season, don't seem to have slowed down the Siskins, who remain well above the other eight teams that make up the Carruthers division.

With the third best goals-against in the Carruthers division, allowing only two more than the 24-8-0-1 Alliston Hornets, it was the first time the Hawks allowed more than four goals since Nov. 24.

Though Michael Kazor and Chase Krompocker shared the net in this one, the two combine for a strong goaltending tandem. Taking part in only his second game since a move from the Hanover Barons in December, Krompocker picked up a win in his debut against Orillia, making 21 of 23 stops.

Kazcor sits among the top five in the division in a number of crucial categories, including saves, goals-against-average, and save percentage, and should remain a solid

starting presence between the pipes heading into the final month.

For the Hawks, it was a far cry from their final two games before Christmas, when they outscored the Orillia Terriers 12-4 in back-to-back contests. Young and Andrew Woods led the charge with five points each, while Marc Simonetta added a pair of goals.

Caledon went 3-4-0 in December, keeping pace with the middle of the pack in the standings. The Penetang Kings, riding an eight-game point streak, have established a seven-point stronghold on third in the division ahead of the fourth-place Golden Hawks.

Their record of 15-14-0-2 has the Hawks three points up on the Schomberg Cougars.

As it sits, with 10 games left on the regular season schedule, the Hawks and Cougars would meet in the first round of the Provincial Junior Hockey League playoffs.

With the lightest schedule in the division in 2017, the final month of the regular season will be a busy one for the Hawks, who return to action tonight (Thursday) in a road game against the Cougars.

Another tough one on the road follows tomorrow in Alliston, the first of a back-to-back with the Hornets, who visit Caledon East Sunday.

Puck drop Sunday is set for 7 p.m.

For stats, schedules and more information, visit www.jrcgoldenhawks.pointstreaksites.com



Photo by Jake Courtepatte



LOTS OF EQUIPMENT HEADING NORTH

Palgrave Rotarians have again joined forces this year with Rotarians in Etobicoke to collect gently used hockey equipment to send to First Nations young people in remote northern Ontario communities. They once again filled the ground floor of a Palgrave area barn, with the plan to have it shipped to a location in Mississauga for sorting before sending it north to Attawapiskat, Webequie and Rankin Inlet. The equipment will be accompanied by a supply of Drench It, which was invented by Caledon resident Candace Bell and gets rid of the smells of hockey equipment. Seen here with the accumulated equipment is (back) Rotarian Andrew Saarimuki with his daughters Hannah and Megan, Bronwyn Morgan, (front) Etobicoke Rotarian Gerald Lue, and Rotarians Susan Hicks, Bernie Rochon, Ann McRuvie and Andrew Morgan. *Photo by Bill Rea*

Photo by Bill Re



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Chloe Kostynyk

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School

The 14-year-old plays power forward on the school's basketball team. He also played middle on the varsity volleyball team. He's planning to go out for track in the spring, specializing in the high jump (he said his best jump is 1.47 metres). In the community, he plays rep basketball in the Mississauga Monarchs' organization. The Grade 9 student lives in Belfountain.

The Grade 10 student plays setter on the school's junior volleyball team, which is off to a 2-1 start to the season. In the fall, she played centre on the flag football team, and is planning to play cricket and rugby in the spring. In the community, she is active with SWAR Taekwondo in Caledon East. The 15-year-old lives in Caledon East.



Dante Grant

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Emma Nelson

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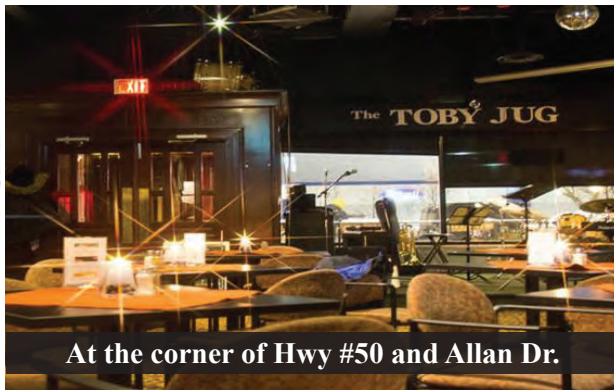
This 17-year-old is a wrestler, competing in the 72-kilo class, who won gold in the second tournament of his grappling career. "I've been training hard, fighting hard and I got my results," he said. He had previously played badminton and been on the swim team at Mayfield. The Grade 12 student lives in Brampton.

This Grade 10 student plays defence on the girls' varsity hockey team, which is in second place with a 2-1 record. She also plays offense on the junior volleyball team, and was a receiver and defender on the school's flag football team in the fall. In the community, she plays rep hockey for the Mississauga Chiefs. The 15-year-old lives in Bolton.

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Curlers close out one book and open another for 2018

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The New Year that stands before us is like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

For King Curling Club, the pages will be like a thrilling mystery, with high impact action, but hopefully not too much self-help and or drama. There will be, for certain, history in the making and for some, a happily ever after.

The final chapter for the Wednesday night Social League was completed just before the Christmas break, as eight teams battled for top spot. The competition was

fierce and the games were tight. As all four sheets were in action, the thrilling mystery began with Team Gerrits up against Team Wright. Skip Roy Wright, a veteran and master of the house, kept it close, but Skip George Gerrits, who is held in high regard himself within the rings, guided his team to a 9-6 victory for the title.

The story continued with Skipper Bryce Clark avoiding the drama to win over Team Wasylkiw in a nail biting match for the runner-up title. With just a point behind the leader (Gerrits) and going into the final game, Clark really didn't have any room for error. Taking five of the eight

ends, the team secured a well-deserved second place overall.

Teams Welch and Sowerby took an adventure back and forth through a game that saw more take-outs than Pizza Piza. Welch, who followed Team Clark in the standings, claimed control in the early ends and cruised to a solid 8-3 finish for third place in the Wednesday Social League's first half playoff round.

The Sunday Night Social League also completed their handbook to championship curling with a very dramatic back-and-forth match between Team Grosse and Team Sinclair.

Skip David Grosse along with (wife) Pam McKinley, Karen Mello and Domenic Baldesarra shook hands with the opposition of Skip Thomas Sinclair, Ian and Bev Donaldson and Nicholas Beck for what was anticipated to being a very tight close-scoring game.

Sinclair opened the scoring with a single after one, but then collected a juicy three-point end in the second. Grosse swept back for two in the third, then with minor misses by team Sinclair in fourth and fifth ends, Grosse tied the game 5-5. Every rock from here on in needed to perfectly placed to escape the chance of being eliminated. The final ends to this night's mystery round would see both teams tied going into the eighth and final frame. Sinclair, with the hammer, made the most of his team's support for a final rock that scored one

and win the Sunday Night Social League championship. Brooms were tipped toward Team Grosse for their amazing comeback mid-way and applying pressure for an exciting finish.

With happy endings after the first half of the season, curlers will return to the ice with a new enthusiasm as they meet their new teams within the Social Leagues and returning mates in the entry leagues.

Food Bank will benefit from Pond Spiel

From page A12
The annual Pond Spiel is not only the Club's biggest fundraiser, but it is also one of the ways it gives back to the local community. A portion of this year's funds raised through sponsorship and advertising will be donated to the Orangeville Food Bank.

For the fourth year in a row, WestJet has donated two tickets anywhere WestJet flies (in the continental U.S.A. and Canada), which will be raffled off during the event.

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Phil Allan of Team Gerrits delivers his rock during the final Wednesday night Social League playoff game where they went on to win the first half Championship League Title.
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Caledon OPP Constables Ryan Sage and Constable Christina Sanghera were on hand to help Allan Drive Middle School students cram cruisers recently.

Police made the rounds to the schools to collect contributed items

From page A2

The community at St. John the Baptist Elementary School in Bolton supported both the food and pyjama drives for CCS, Assistant Secretary Rachel Caruso reported.

St. Nicholas Elementary School also supported CCS, collecting food, toys, hats, mitts and scarves, according to Principals Anna D'Agostino.

There were police cruisers being crammed at Allan Drive Middle School, according to Secretary Vera Canosa. She added students collected items to

fill shoeboxes for women and children in shelters.

Students at Southfields Village Public School took part in Ten Days of Holiday Cheer, which teacher Michelle Carr said was run by the Student Parliament. Students were asked to bring in one associated item for a particular day, such as dental day, new book day, toy day, etc. She said it took two cars to transport the roughly 30 boxes of items to Peel Children's Centre in Mississauga.

"We do initiatives throughout the whole school year," she added.

The community at Holy Family Elemen-

tary School in Bolton helped collect breakfast and snack items for another school's breakfast program, Principal Velia Viola said. She added there was a Giving Tree, which students could take ornaments with information of a child to buy a gift for. The school also hosted a Market Place in December, and student sold crafts they made, raising \$380.60 for ShareLife.

Students at St. Cornelius Elementary School were out one morning helping to cram cruisers, teacher Arlene Coward reported. She also said staff at the school held a food drive, as well as candy cane drive to support Third World causes.

James Grieve Public School took part in the Cram the Cruiser program, Vice-Principal Jozanne Walker-Battick said. She also said there was a Giving Tree at the school, with hats and mitts being used as ornaments, and they went to CCS.

King's College School in Albion sponsored two families in Peel, teacher Bob Mitchner reported.

There were a number of projects going on at St. Michael Catholic Secondary

School in Bolton, Chaplain Tania Vincent reported.

She said the school ran a toy drive for the hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Students were also selling cookies in support of Ronald McDonald House. There were also fund-raising efforts to help families within the school community.

The activities at Robert. F. Hall included a sock drive. Chaplain Brenda Holtkamp said the result was 8,760 pairs of socks that were sent to the Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto. As well, she said there was a food drive for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, along with a Christmas gift drive for the Choices Youth Shelter in Orangeville.

Humberview Secondary School Principal Sue Fried reported staff and students were involved in a clothing drive and fashion show to support Evolve, as well as a food drive and basketball buy-in for The Exchange in Bolton. They also made Christmas center pieces for a Rotary Seniors' Dinner and made donations through the Samaritan's purse.



TOWN HOLDS UNITED WAY FAIR

Town of Caledon staff has been involved in the United Way campaign, and they held a fair at Town Hall recently. Kim Lichti of the Town's finance and infrastructure services was selling some popping corn to Jan Smith-Bull of parks and recreation.

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Blood donor clinic in Bolton Jan. 9

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OBITUARIES

MCKILLICAN, Marjorie Paula (nee Lather)

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Saturday, December 23rd, 2017 at the age of 77. Beloved wife of Bernie McKillican. Dear mother of Boyd (Mary) and Andy. Cherished grandmother of Alexander. Predeceased by her brothers Donald and Norman. Marjorie will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, December 28th, 2017 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Friday, December 29th, 2017 at 11:00 am. Interment - Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Marjorie in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

ROBERTSON, Yvonne (nee Mannary)



Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of Gordon Robertson (1982). Dear mother of Sheila Choma (Mark), Gwen Robertson (Ian), Ruth Shelley (Steve), Pam Giles (Mike), Teresa Robertson (Gary). Cherished grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of 19. Remembered by her sisters Angela (Ian) and Rena. Loving friend of Joan Warren. Predeceased by her sister Margaret. Yvonne will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at **Dods & McNair Reception Centre**, 21 First Street, Orangeville, on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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