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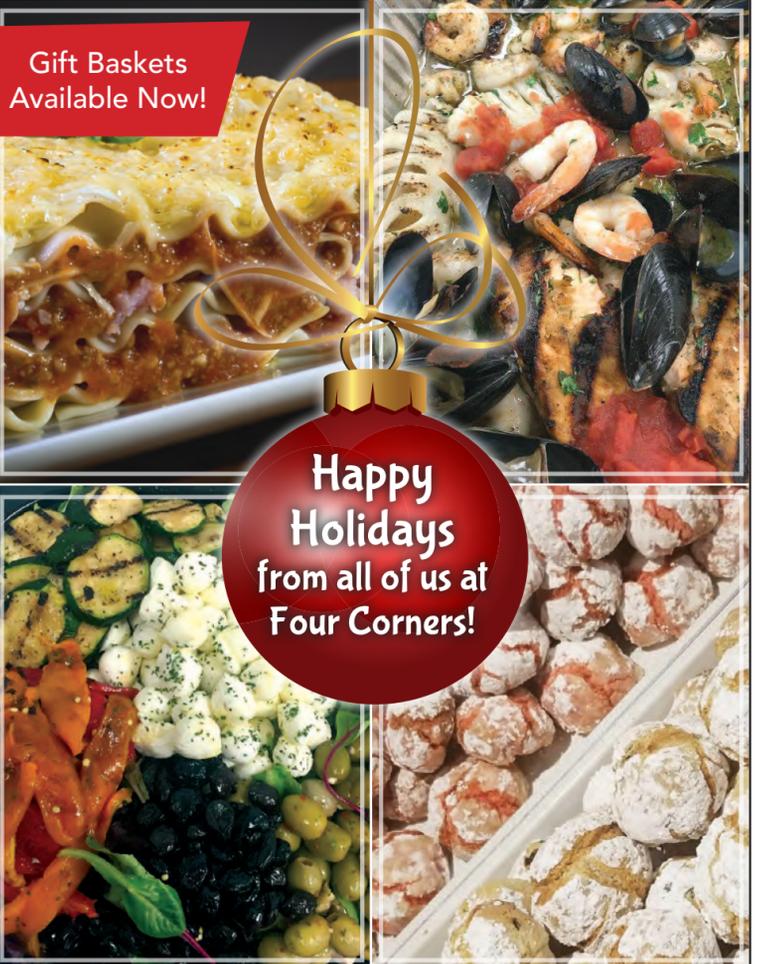
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Alton hairstylist wins national award

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Lucy Abate found her passion for hair styling when she was inspired by her late grandmother growing up.

"She set it all up and I know every time she did hair, she would smile and be so happy," said Abate, a stylist at Felix and Ginger Salon in Alton. Every single client that I worked on and every single hair that I do, I just see her smile and see her being proud of me even though that she passed now. Every hair that I do is in memory of hair."

When she was 13-years-old, Abate went over to visit her grandmother who told her to buy products she needed to become a hair stylist. Her grandmother was going to be her first client.

"My dad took me to the store and I bought scissors, combs, clamps, water bottles, everything to do hair, went back to her house and she set up a little station for me in her kitchen and I ended up cutting her hair," said Abate. I was so fearful at that moment, that I was going to mess up her hair but she was just supportive of it.

Abate's journey from cutting hair in the kitchen led her to win the student-apprentice hairstylist award at the 30th annual Contessa Awards Gala. All the entries were submitted through online and people could enter as many categories as they want with the accompanied entry fee.

"It's an indescribable feeling for that, said Abate. Just shocked and happiness and joy. I wasn't expecting that. I've come a really long way in my journey as an apprentice. It was long and I'm so happy to close that chapter and winning an award, how much better can it get?"

The Canadian Hairstylist of the Year Awards - the Contessas - is a Canadian beauty competition held by Salon Communications Inc., a media company that publishes Salon Magazine (English and French editions), consumer magazine Elevate and their respective online platforms.

"Lucy was a student apprentice entrant and she's from Felix and Ginger Salon," said Veronica Boodhan, managing editor for Salon Magazine. Her entry is beautiful. It's re-



PHOTO: JOSHUA SANTOS

WINNER: Lucy Abate, hairstylist at Felix and Ginger Salon in Alton won the student-apprentice hairstylist award at the 30th annual Contessa Awards Gala in Toronto.

ally great that she showcased a range and I think that's what a lot of the judges look for as well, especially for a category like student apprentice, these are new hairstylists that are just learning.

"She's learning from her peers and colleagues and really being able to express what she would like to enter for her Contessa work. She showcased colour and her work was minimalistic.

Simple but it was beautiful. You can see the techniques and the precession. Overall of course it was very cohesive."

Since 1988, each year the Contessas bring the best of Canada's talent together to measure their creativity in a photo-based competition, according to their website. It is opened to all licensed beauty professionals, from coast to coast.

"We actually do two rounds of judging. The first one is a live judging round. With

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Town of Caledon council sworn in at inaugural meeting

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Caledon's future is now.

Those were the words re-elected Mayor Allan Thompson emphasized as the new Town council was officially sworn in during the inaugural meeting at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The Town of Caledon Council 2018 to 2022 features four incumbents, four new councillors and the second-term mayor.

"Tonight, in front of my family who I deeply love, my trusted and loyal friends and a community I'm so proud to be a part of, I re-affirm my commitment to serve the citizens of Caledon, Thompson said. And, continue the work of creating a connected, financially responsible and environmentally sustainable Caledon."

Thompson said there will be a lot of obstacles in the way and sacrifices that will have to be made but despite that he believes the Town and its future is worth it.

The new council is comprised of Ward 1 regional coun. Ian Sinclair, Ward 1 area coun. Lynn Kiernan, Ward 2 regional coun. Johanna Downey, Ward 2 area coun. Christi-

na Early, Ward 3 and 4 regional coun. Jennifer Innis, Ward 3 and 4 area coun. Nick DeBoer, Ward 5 regional coun. Anette Groves and Ward 5 area coun. Tony Rosa.

Thompson asked his council to come together after a long and tough campaign where they endured slings and arrows.

"To me it means that Council should be a safe place where we debate issues and share our thoughts with respect and integrity, said Thompson.

"I would like to challenge each of us to commit to listen, to frame our responses and comments with respect, and keep our eyes fixed on our common purpose of serving the best interests of Caledon.

One of the incoming councillors is Ward 5 area coun. Tony Rosa. Rosa believes they have a strong group that's all committed to working collaboratively with the best interest of the people in Caledon.

"This is a confident group of individuals from various backgrounds, various business experiences and we're all going to bring our expertise to the table to help bring our community forward, said Rosa.

Rosa said he is going to listen, learn and try to do the best that he can do to serve the people.

"As an educator myself, I feel I'm in the classroom every day, said Rosa. I think we need to learn from each other. We need to learn from our experiences, but more importantly we need to learn what is in the best interest of our community so that we can serve the people correctly."

For Ward 5, Rosa is going to focus on beautification, revitalizing the village and trying to bring better paying jobs to the community.

"We need to look at some issues around trucking, traffic and warehousing, which is a huge concern from citizens I learned at the door as I was campaigning and we're going to set some priorities and trying to champion those over the next four years, said Rosa.

Re-elected into Ward 2, Regional Coun. Johanna Downey feels excited about the next term of council. She thinks there's a lot of great and intelligent personalities on council.

"The last term on council was fantastic, said Downey. I have a great community, a lot of active and engaged residents that really work towards building the community up and I look forward to carrying that momentum on and getting some work done, absolutely."

"We have a lot of good initiatives in Ward 2, a lot of good tourism opportunities, a lot of good recreational opportunities, with our new community centre, libraries, a lot of different things coming down the pipe in Ward 2, so we're excited."



PHOTO: JOSHUA SANTOS

NEW COUNCIL: Mayor Allan Thompson addressed the crowd at the 2018 inaugural meeting of Town Council.

She highlighted the new senior's residence opening in Southfields Village and the new neighbourhood of Mayfield West Phase 2 on the west side of Highway 10.

"We have some tourist opportunities with the connectivity of our trails through the Badlands through to our Conservation Authority Parks like Terra Cotta and Forks of the Credit, said Downey.

Thompson hopes to achieve a connected, financially responsible and environmentally sustainable Caledon by providing affordable high-speed internet broadband, support for small businesses, enhanced connectivity for seniors to programs, services and housing among others.

He said they'll have to build strong partnerships with stakeholders, businesses and citizen groups to help grow and support town initiatives.

Being financially sustainable, to Thompson, means residents having access to good paying, long term employment, a thriving agri-tourism industry and a healthy industrial and commercial tax base to keep residents' rates affordable while sustaining protected areas."

"Caledon is well known for being clean and green, we are the heart and lungs of Peel Region, said Thompson. Our natural heritage, parks and trails are a key reason why we are such a desirable municipality."

He said Caledon is not so far off into the future, noting their partnership with SWIFT that has provided access to millions of infrastructure dollars.

"This money together with our broadband levy is funding the construction of our main lines providing high speed access to every corner of Caledon, said Thompson.

He also pointed out the Caledon Business Innovation Zone (CBIZ), attracting world class large employers like, Canadian Tire, Amazon and UPS, community investments with the construction of the Southfields Village Community Centre, the expansion of the Caledon East Community Complex and the LED replacement program for town lights further greening the town's fleet of vehicles and installation of electric charging stations.

A soft-spoken Thompson mentioned his family and their support. He credits his wife Anne, their children, his father, brother, sisters, nieces and nephews and solemnly mentioned the grief of losing his mother in their past term.

"My mom taught me so much about family and community, said Thompson. To her community was about people helping each other, families and friends breaking bread together. And it was about volunteering and being there for each other."

Government of Ontario passes two-hatter legislation

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Firefighters are now able to work for their department while volunteering their extra time in their home communities.

Bill 57 received royal assent in the legislature on Thursday, Dec. 6. It enables firefighters to now 'double hat' through amendments in the Fire Protection and Prevention, 1997.

"Caledon relies heavily on its volunteer firefighters to keep the community safe, said Fire Chief Darryl Bailey in an email statement. The Town, council, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and Association of Municipalities of Ontario have been strong advocates for double-hatters for quite some time."

"We are pleased that Bill 57 now includes

a number of key amendments to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, that will help protect the volunteer firefighter community. Volunteer firefighters will now be able to serve their community, without fear of being penalized."

Bailey said the legislation is in the best interest of all volunteer firefighters both in Caledon and in fire services across the Province. The amendments were proposed in the Province's 2018 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review early November. Dufferin and Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Mayor Allan Thompson have been vocal advocates of volunteer firefighters in the community.

The Town has been assisting double hatters pledging financial support and lobbying government officials to allow the practice when seven double-hatters were found in violation of rules by the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1068 Brampton in a union tribunal.

The union however has not given up on the fight to have their full-time firefighters only work for their department.

"We are obviously disappointed as there was no meaningful consultation on this issue as we had under previous PC governments, who after such consultation decided not to move forward with legislation, said Fred LeBlanc, 13th district vice president. We made it clear in the short meetings we did have that we were prepared to discuss this issue with any and all stakeholders and participate in striving for a provincial solution."

He said the organization believes the Bill is an intrusion on their right as an organization to democratically establish rules and consequences for violating rules by their members.

"Political parties have constitutions with rules and I am confident they have consequences for violating their rules which are set by their members, said LeBlanc. "I don't think it is fair for a separate entity to interfere with that internal process."

He said when they have a member that works in one municipality and then works for a secondary one where there is an IAFF Local established, it undermines and devalues the profession and can impact the ability of the secondary IAFF Local to advance working conditions for their members.

"We as many other trade unions refer to that as moonlighting, said LeBlanc. What needs to be made clear is we are not dealing with volunteers in the sense of the word. In fact, the two hatters in the areas where concerns have been raised are paid, in some cases very well and many volunteers across Ontario are actually organized by other trade unions or organizations and have their own collective agreements, hardly volunteering.

"Not only this but there is a personal health and safety issue at play here. This is an emergency service so no way to plan when those emergencies occur thus leaving the potential for our members to be physically and mentally exhausted when reporting to their full-time job. We have numerous cancers and PTSD recognized as workplace injuries and two hatting obviously increases a fire fighter's exposures thus increasing their chances of contracting one of these diseases. This now puts a greater WSIB (Workplace Safety and Insurance Board) liability on their full-time employer because generally the secondary employer has not had to pay any cost,

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Cheltenham Baptist Church presents their Sunday School Christmas Pot Luck and Pageant on Dec. 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcomed for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch.

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meeting at 7:00 PM.

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at Cheltenham Baptist Church 14520 Creditview Rd. Wednesday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 10 a.m.

Aging and Brain Health: Prevention and Early Detection of Dementia – March 17th -20th 2019 (Conference – Toronto)
 Leading Aging – The Art of Ageing Forum – June 26-27 2019 (Conference – Niagara)

From Nov. 15 – Dec. 31 2018, the Stafford's at both Bolton Tim Hortons locations have once again launched their Match our Meals campaign. If you are interested in supporting this campaign, visit the CMOW website or drop by their office at 10 McEwan Drive West, Unit #1 in Bolton. Better yet swing by the CMOW office to meet the mayor and enjoy some light refreshments on Monday December 19 between 11:00AM – 12:30PM, and Be the Spark to light another's Life!

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Town of Caledon happy about two-hatter legislation, Union to continue fight

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which is simply not fair.

"In fact, Mayor Thompson said last week during the Committee hearings in response to questions from the Committee that If anything happens within our municipality as

a volunteer, they are covered as a volunteer. What does that mean for our two hatter members? I am not sure and they should find out if they do in fact get covered as a volunteer what that means for benefit coverage

for themselves and their families." LeBlanc said the organization will continue to educate their members of the impacts of two-hatting, on themselves and their families, their colleagues and the fire service while

educating employers and politicians "We witnessed how things can change very quickly in politics so we never rule anything out going forward, said LeBlanc.



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BIG WIN: Daniel Glassco of Caledon East won a \$50,000 prize in the Nov. 24, 2018 LOTTO 6/49 Super Draw. The LOTTO 6/49 Super Draw offered 50 Guaranteed Prize Draws of \$50,000 in addition to the main jackpot and the Guaranteed \$1 Million Prize Draw. Since its launch in June 1982, Ontario LOTTO 6/49 players have won over \$12.4 Billion in prizes, including 1,364 jackpot wins and 257 Guaranteed \$1 Million Prize draws.

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FUNDRAISER: Monty Laskin, CEO of Caledon Community Services, left, Donna Craag, director of communications and development and Bill Parnaby, sales representative for Royal LePage RCR Realty, Brokerage were on hand to spread some Christmas cheer at Caledon Community Services' annual Holiday Gala, their biggest fundraiser of the year. The money raised will be spread around CCS, to help those in need in the community.

Caledon Community Services host annual Christmas Gala

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

There was a feeling of Christmas in the air for Caledon Community Services (CCS), as they hosted their annual Home for the Holidays Gala to raise much needed funds for the organization.

The event took place on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre. Guests enjoyed a live auction for Christmas trees, music, dinner and dance, and helped spread some Christmas cheer.

"It is our annual signature event," said CEO Monty Laskin. "The fundraising that we raise here supports the organization throughout the year ahead."

CCS is a multi-service, full community-impact organization, whose mission is to help

people help themselves. They provide a variety of services and programs to those in need, including senior services, counselling, employment, youth and transition programs.

"It has that home for the holidays feeling. It's got that Caledon feeling," said Donna Craag, CCS's Director of Communications and Development. "The gala originally started in people's homes. We want to always capture that same feeling."

Laskin explained they have to raise \$1-million every year, with this gala being the biggest fundraising event for CCS. "We do transportation, youth training, seniors services, poverty reduction." He added the gala helps expose the organization and its

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Wed., Dec. 26, 2018	Fri., Dec. 28, 2018
Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018	Sat., Dec. 29, 2018
Mon., Dec. 31, 2018	No change
Tues., Jan. 1, 2019	Wed., Jan. 2, 2019
Wed., Jan. 2, 2019	Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019
Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019	Fri., Jan. 4, 2019

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Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Caledon Community Services

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services to the community. "There's more people who could use our help if only we had the funds and if only we could reach them," noted Craag. She mentioned the money raised is

non-designated. "It can support every program or service in CCS that has a shortfall."

Bill Parnaby, CCS's Chair of the Board, said their transportation service is in de-

mand the most. "Because Caledon's land-mass is so big, it's difficult to service. We're really all over the place with a lot of different services which take a lot of people and resources."

He reiterated there is still a need in the community to help more people. "We're it, so we're restricted in terms of who we can pick up. It's a way bigger territory than we can cover, but we're doing our best."

Caledon OPP host Shop With A Cop at Bolton Walmart

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

Police, parents, and children rose before dawn attending Bolton's Walmart for the annual Caledon OPP Shop-with-a-Cop on Dec. 8

Now in its seventh year, Shop-with-a-Cop is a program that shines the spotlight on children in need in the community. That need, whether it be financial or emotional, is determined by Caledon schools and this year the CCS Exchange, both of whom nominated children they feel could benefit from the program. This year, the OPP received \$11,000 dollars in donations.

"Not only does it help families in need, but it helps with relationships between the police and these kids, said Prov. Const. Joe Brisebois, who, though now on parental leave, has helped organize the event for the past three years as well as this one. It builds positive relationships with police, because the adults in these kids' lives have sometimes been involved with the police where the results have not been favourable. Instead of listening to the parents, these kids are able to see (the police) in a different light."

Const. Ed Hickey, in his second year of volunteering for the program, paired up with his shopping partner eight-year-old Lucian Chunn and headed immediately for the electronics aisle, where Chunn knew right away he wanted a game for his 2DS and an action figure for his collection. Hickey, who had chosen to be present over his granddaughter's party, chaperoned Chunn around, reminding him of his \$100 budget.

"It's incredibly rewarding to spend some time with these guys and make their Christmas a bit brighter," said Hickey, when asked about the choice between helping a child in need and his own granddaughter.

This year saw about 90 children receive gifts of their choice, and then some. Each child is allotted roughly \$113 dollars to cover their gift and tax, but if an officer notices that a child needs some extras, like socks for example, concessions are made on a

"It's incredibly warming to spend some time with these guys and make their Christmas a bit brighter. - OPP Const. Ed. Hickey

child by child basis.

"They just get a feel with their interaction, for instance if the child is buying laundry detergent and bedsheets or something, said Hickey. Last year, a girl, who was nominated because her father had recently died of cancer, bought gifts for the hospital staff."

The gift giving does not stop there. Caledon Fire Station 306 in Palgrave, which accumulated 500 toys in their drive the week before, was giving out an additional toy at the cash, as well its members joining in with the OPP at Walmart. In fact, cops from all over the Greater Toronto Area were involved, including Caledon OPP and Caledon OPP Auxiliary, Dufferin OPP, UCRT, Port Credit OPP, Queen's Park OPP Inspector and Special Constables, and Caledon Fire Station 305 Inglewood. About 58 uniformed officers and firefighters took part in the festivities.

After the shopping is over and each gift is tagged with the child's name, three school buses are loaded up and the children are transported to Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School, where volunteers are ready with activities, a hot pancake breakfast and armed with gift paper to wrap the presents for Christmas Day. Santa Claus has even arrived from the North Pole to stop by and take a picture with each child, who will find a \$50 donated gift card from Garden Foods in their envelope.

"Shop-with-a-Cop is one of our favorite events, said Hickey. While building positive relationships with our youth, we get to add a much-needed holiday cheer to families in



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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Caledon OPP. Const. Brendan Magee spent some time with Austin Rand at the Shop With a Cop event at the Bolton Walmart on Saturday, Dec. 8

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DONATION: Kristen, left and Jason, members of Special Olympics Caledon, spoke to the 100 Women Who Care Caledon. The ladies raised \$7,200 for the organization, and next year will look to continue donating to non-profit organizations in the area.

100 Women Who Care donate to Special Olympics Caledon

Written By JASON OBERMEYER

Special Olympics Caledon, which launched in January this year, will be getting a huge boost from the 100 Women Who Care Caledon chapter.

Over 50 women gathered for the group's final meeting at the Caledon Ski Club last Thursday, Nov. 29. In just one hour the ladies raised \$7,200, and also raised 136 pounds of toiletries donated to The Exchange. Across four meetings in their second year, the women raised over \$30,000 for four different non-profit organizations, a slight increase from last year.

Participants were able to nominate an organization ahead of time, with three randomly drawn. Each participant pledged \$100 to contribute, and the nominators were given five minutes to make their pitch to those in attendance.

"Special Olympics is a world-wide organization that provides people with intellectual disability the opportunity to participate in organized sports," said Kristen, a member of organization. "The sports they offer now are five-pin bowling, golf, swimming, and soccer."

They are part of Special Olympics Ontario, which for over 50 years, has been dedicated to enriching the lives of Ontarians with an intellectual disability through sport.

According to their website, their vision is

that sports will "open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all across Ontario." Their values are values respect, inclusion, diversity, excellence, and empowerment.

"I do swimming, soccer, bowling, golf," said Jason, another member of Special Olympics Caledon.

"All your support will give our athletes from Caledon to compete in the world, regional, and provincial games," noted Franca De Stefano, a member of the organization's fundraising team, with funding being minimal. "We want to grow and build it stronger."

She explained that before, the only program in Caledon was the golf program. "Whatever we have done this year is just amazing. Caledon is a great community."

She added through the program, members can make great friends. "This is a great opportunity for our kids. This is where they are learning their sports."

The other nominees were Brampton Caledon Community Foundation, and Caledon Parent Child Centre.

The women will hold their meetings next year again at the Caledon Ski Resort, their first meeting being in February.

Paramedics are not leaving Caledon

In mid-January, we are changing where paramedics report to work. But that will not impact service to you.

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Mid-morning traffic stops results in impaired driving charges

An officer from Caledon OPP's Traffic Unit stopped a motor vehicle on Old Church Road, east of Airport Road for a traffic violation on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Investigation at the stop led to the driver being arrested and transported to the Caledon Detachment for intoxilyzer tests.

A 70-year-old from Caledon, has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, operate a motor vehicle over 80mgs of alcohol and operate a motor vehicle without insurance.

The accused is scheduled to appear at Orangeville Provincial Court on December 13, 2018.

Anyone charged with over 80mgs is subject to an immediate driver's license suspension for 90 days and an immediate impoundment of the vehicle used for a period of 7 days.

Man faces attempted murder charges in Seguin Township

West Parry Sound OPP responded to a weapon call on Country Lane in Seguin Township.

The OPP's Tactics and Rescue Unit (9TRU) Emergency Resonse Team (ERT), Canine Unit (K9), Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), Crisis Negotiators and Critical Incident Command (CIC) apprehended a man who was transported to hospital with non-threatening injuries.

A 67-year-old man from Caledon has been arrested and charged with two counts of attempt to commit murder using a farm arm.

He will remain in custody and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Parry Sound at a later date.

Driver charged in altercation between drivers on Highway 9

Caledon OPP responded to a road rage incident between drivers westbound on Highway 9.

Two drivers were involved in an altercation while westbound on Highway 9 near Heart Lake Road, in the town of Caledon on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 at about 3:30 p.m., The altercation resulted in damage to one of the motor vehicles.

A Grand Valley man, has been charged with mischief. The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court on Jan. 8, 2019.

Traffic safety is one of the OPPs core

functions. Motorists witnessing erratic or dangerous driving behaviour can contact the OPP by dialing 9-1-1 or *OPP (*677). Telephone complaints are broadcasted to officers immediately. Motorists should not confront other motorists personally.

Ontario Provincial Police recognizes victims of gender-based violence

OPP Participate in National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

A candlelight vigil was held today at the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Headquarters, paying tribute to the 14 women who were murdered at École Polytechnique de Montreal, as well as each and every woman in Ontario whose life has been harmed or lost to gender-based violence.

"The OPP is committed to working with our community partners to provide a trauma-informed approach to service for those who experience violence, and to provide a continuum of support, said interim commissioner Brad Blair.

Attendees heard from guest speaker Glen Canning. Glen Canning is an advocate for victims of sexual assault. He is the father of Rehtaeh Anne Parsons, a Nova Scotia teenager who was sexually assaulted by four males at a home near Halifax in November 2011. Rehtaeh ended her life April 4, 2013, following months of cyber-abuse and victim blaming. Canning has spoken about Rehtaeh's case internationally and across Canada.



"It is not just violence against women; it is actually men's violence against women. The best way to honour victims is to engage young men to make change and start speaking up, said Canning.

Gender-based violence facts, according to the Government of Canada.

Women are at a 20 per cent higher risk of violent victimization than men when all other risk factors are considered.

Young women between the ages of 15 and 24 experience the highest rates of violence.

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Private Cannabis Retail Stores

The Town of Caledon is currently in the process of considering the impacts of private retail cannabis stores and whether they should be located within the community.

Open House

- You are invited to an open house to:
- Learn about the private retail model proposed by the Province
 - Consider the impacts of cannabis legalization and what it means for the Town; and
 - Provide your feedback

DATE: December 18, 2018
TIME: 5 - 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Town Hall (Café)

CONTACT
If you are unable to attend the Open House but would like more information, or if you have questions, please contact Patrick Trafford at 905.584.2272 x.4069 or send an email to patrick.trafford@caledon.ca.

ACCESSIBILITY
If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in the Open House or to access information in an alternate format, please contact Legislative Services at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or via e-mail to accessibility@caledon.ca.



Online Survey

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ARTS & Entertainment



Choirs to sing Messiah this weekend

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The New Tecumseth Singers and the Dufferin Concert Singers are singing Handel's Messiah in Orangeville and Alliston over the next two weekend. Conductor, John Wervers sat down with us recently to talk about music and Messiah.

"The longevity of people staying in choirs is understandable," Mr. Wervers commented. "It may be the way certain want to use their leisure time. When people are raising their families, living their self-imposed busyness, they forget to feed their hearts and souls," he opined. "Singing can bring people together. Music is very good for cognitive health. People have come to realize how important it is to participate in music, both as a singer or player or audience."

"We have a full range of ages from 16 to the 'golden years.' Music can heal a lot of

wounds in our life. In time of tensions and conflict, singing is bonding but very essential; people can always have it in their lives, in spite of what else is going on."

As a part of a whole, one member amongst many in a choir, his remark was, "Singing also can give most people a sense of accomplishment, reasonably quickly: we accomplish singing this piece well, together. People come together from all walks of life."

He saw that, "by and large the vast number of singers are amateurs in our country. The creative spirit is not as regimented as we think it can be."

Handel wrote the Messiah in 1741 and the question of such great works is what makes it so enduring?

To Mr. Wervers, "Its universal appeal, meaning a certain energy, music combining with text can enter a spiritual realm."

Even now?

"Absolutely. It's the fire major works do have."

Joining the two choirs as soloists are soprano, Hanna Spencer, tenor, Blair Spry, a music graduate of Wilfred Laurier University; mezzo soprano, Cara Cameron; and bass, Lorne Derraugh.

The Waterloo Chambers Players Orchestra, 18 musicians, is accompanying them, along with Ben Brisby, on tympani a local student and Dr. Mark Lane-Smith, playing the violin.

"It's important to use local performers as much as possible. People need to hear music; they need to participate in it," said he, commenting, "Messiah can run three hours. We did here and in Alliston a few years ago. I give an intermission part way through and, of course, it's very exciting – very big in

places and dark in others. The vitality and rhythm make it so special. We are not done with this year.

"Handel really brings you, the listener into the sadness as much as he does the joy.

"It's got the universal message."

The Tecumseth Singers and the Dufferin Concert Singers, along with the Waterloo Chamber Players Orchestra are performing the Christmas Messiah at the Broadway Pentecostal Tabernacle at 556 Broadway West on Saturday, December 15, at 7:30 pm. In Alliston, Banting Memorial High School, 203 Victoria Street East, at on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3:00 pm.

For tickets, BookLore, 121 First Street, Lloyds Papermoon, 47 Victoria Street West, South Simcoe Arts, 14r Victoria Street, East, Alliston. Or call Keith at 705-435-7374 or Kathy on 647-483-2117.

DAREarts Holiday Cheer event held in Caledon

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

This year's DAREarts Holiday Cheer event held special significance as the organization saw the end of one era and the beginning of another on Dec. 7.

President and Founder Marilyn Field held her swan song at her beautiful Caledon estate, all decked out for the occasion as was the hostess herself. With live performances by Kelly Walker and sixteen-year-old ingenue Joelle Crigger, who herself serves as a young artist educator for DAREarts, followed by Christmas carols sung by all, it was a merry seasonal gathering. As guests, volunteers, and board members mingled around a table set with gourmet nibbles and the first historic wine bottles from Marilyn's new winery, Windrush Estate, the talk turned to Field's legacy of the past 23 years.

"I had a dream to inspire young people with lifelong motivation for creative thinking, excellence and leadership in their lives through arts education," said Field. "Those years have been bountiful as I lived and breathed DAREarts to build a national charity. Together, with your support, we are now reaching the far corners of our country and beyond, having impacted the lives of over 220,000 children and youth.

"After 23 years, we all can be deeply proud of what our young people have accomplished. Now it is time for me to pass the DAREarts leadership torch to the next generation. As I reinvent my place beyond DAREarts, as its

Founder and, as the kids say 'Mama DARE', I will remain a passionate advocate for this organization's work empowering our young people."

DAREarts was Marilyn's brainchild, which she founded with the help of her husband and silent partner John, whom she credits with "bringing practical business sense as we together built the charity to its million-dollar budget."

As an educator and music teacher in the early nineties, she saw how kids in her detentions responded to the introduction of music, particularly Mozart who embodied the imp spirit of these wayward teens, some of whom began showing up when they didn't have a detention, and thus her inspiration for the organization was born.

"The kids were my inspiration all the way along...the kids just loved the arts, whatever it was, from doing drama to dance. The thing that really struck me was in the middle of winter I arrived at 7:30 in the morning to go into school, and there were kids already waiting there for Ms. Fields. Some of them didn't even have shoes on, but they had smiles on their faces. That taught me just how important the arts were. It reminded me of being a kid when I lost my mum, and that art had helped me through. These kids were relating to me with their own challenges. And I thought there has to be a way to bring more arts education to more kids, and to give them that same sense of accomplishment and sense of hope. That was really the

spark for DAREarts."

The next 23 years would be an ongoing trial as the organization grew exponentially, touching the lives of thousands of at-risk children between the ages of 9-14 in communities all over the country including Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, as well as isolated aboriginal communities in the Northwest Territories, some of which are only reachable by small charter planes. The program, in its many forms and incarnations across the nation encourages children to become involved in the arts, empowering these marginalized kids to become leaders and change-makers in their communities.

The statistics around the importance of children being involved in the arts are many and startling, but due to budget constraints, many school boards, especially in less fortunate communities, have cut or done away completely with art programs for youth, a particular hardship for those who are already denied access privately for lack of funds. The facts, according to a reported by the United Nations Convention on the rights of a child and Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health are simple.

One in nine Canadian children, more than a million, lives below the poverty line, low self-esteem in children often leads to non-social behaviors, underachievement and even suicide, youth at risk of joining gangs tend to be from groups that suffer from the greatest levels of inequality, Canada has 434 youth

gangs with roughly 7,000 members nationally (Canadian Police Survey). School dropouts who get involved in drug selling are at higher risk of being involved in gun-related violence.

Further, dealing with financial pressures, some school boards have cut budgets for music and other arts. Saving money by targeting arts programs imposes a particular hardship on those that have no access to the arts.

In a study at the University of California, children who received daily music lessons for eight months scored 80% higher in spatial intelligence (for complex math and engineering skills) than children who did not.

Employers look for people who can think critically, solve problems, communicate well, conceptualize, reason and make decisions. Today's corporate leaders recognize the role of the arts in preparing people for the workplace.

Teachers in low-income Canadian communities are challenged with problem behaviours and high needs of students to be given customized learning opportunities.

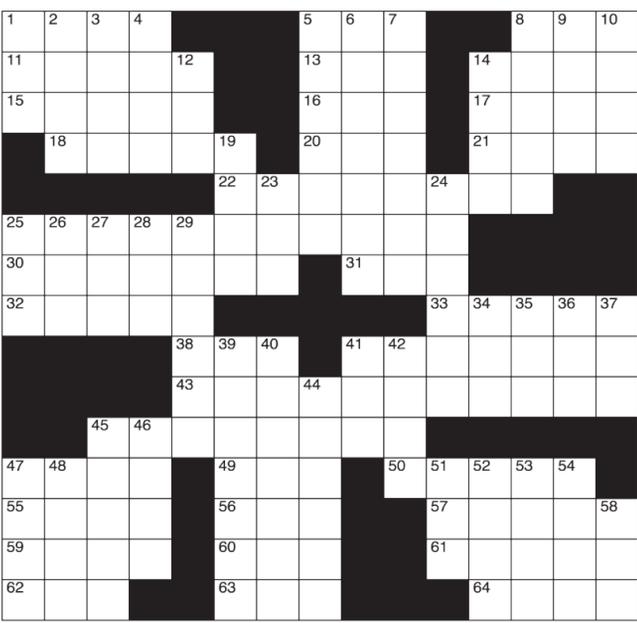
Research proves the arts help children to develop the pro-social skills, such as self-confidence and resilience that they need to succeed. Yet, the arts are cost-prohibitive for underprivileged Canadian youth.

When Canada's underserved children aren't given the skills to say no to drugs, gangs and violence they face each day, their safety is at risk. When Aboriginal youth are not given the tools to overcome their life challenges, the rate of teen suicide, which is already the highest in the country, continues to increase.

DAREarts Continued on A14

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Thick piece of something
5. Engine additive
8. Anticipated arrival time
11. French commune
13. Cigarette (slang)
14. Nobleman
15. Ghana capital
16. Adam's wife
17. Most popular student
18. Where you currently are
20. Increase motor speed
21. Queen of Sparta
22. North, South and Central
25. Churchgoer
30. Russian empress
31. Female daredevil organization
32. Relating to music

33. Female body part
38. Tyrion Lannister
41. Honored
43. Argentine
45. Novices
47. Wings
49. Doctors' group
50. Packers' QB
55. Qatar capital
56. Unpleasant noise
57. Lovable elephant
59. Sleeping
60. Lute
61. Weight of a liter of hydrogen
62. Crimson
63. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Helps little firms
2. Type of curtain
3. Online stock exchange

4. Irish castle
5. Audio-system
6. Places to grab a drink
7. What's coming
8. Designed chairs
9. Stepped on
10. Genus of birds
12. Consume
14. Ancient Syrian city
19. Australian brewery
23. Not present
24. Necktie
25. What part of (abbr.)
26. Type of compound
27. Jogged quickly
28. Roth is one type
29. Mineral
34. Purpose
35. Financial term (abbr.)

36. Orange is the New Black character
37. Used to cut and shape wood
39. Bullfighter
40. Top of the line
41. Hill
42. Greek mountain
44. Angola's capital
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Fermented honey beverage
47. Month in the Jewish calendar
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Caledon Rehab and Vision Centre offers a variety of services

Caledon Rehab and Vision Centre is beginning to become recognized in the community for the services they offer to residents.

The company offers a variety of assistance to those with physical impediments. They are located at 12570 Kennedy Rd. Unit 13 and 14 in Southfields Village.

"The physiotherapy is the main thing, we are here for, said the office manager at Caledon Rehab and Vision Centre. Physiotherapy, Chiropractor, Massage Therapy, anything related to what the treatment is recommended for any of the injuries you have.

"Even if you have, for example, regular back pain. You work all the time on your computer, you have a shoulder pain or a wrist pain, you definitely need to have some kind of muscle relaxation and that's always a physiotherapy or chiropractor or massage therapy is going to help you."

Practitioners at the centre available on appointments to provide services related to chiropractor treatment, physiotherapy, acupuncture, massage therapy, etc... to deal with inflammatory conditions such as arthritis and tendonitis, headaches and migraines, circulatory and respiratory problems, sports medicine, custom orthotics, custom braces, custom stockings, personal training and more among an extensive list of other services.

The centre also deals with patients involved in motor vehicle accidents, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board clients



REHAB AND VISION CARE: Caledon Vision Centre, located at 12570 Kennedy Rd., Unit 13 and 14 in Southfields Village has been providing services to residents for two years.

and those with extended health care coverage among other people and also accepting private patients.

The office manager said they also offer specialized services & assessments related to motor vehicle accident (MVA) patients

according to what the doctor recommends to the client. We have a team of a Psychologist, Chronic Pain specialists, Orthopedic Surgeons, OT for In-Home Assessment/Attendant Care.

"We have a Rehab and Vision Centre under one roof, said the office manager.

Their vision hub offers eye examinations, new glasses featuring a variety of brands such as Ray Ban, Nike, Hugo Boss, Dolce and Gabbana, Oakley, Prada, Fendi, Kate Spade, Tom Ford, Tory Burch, etc. Among other companies and repair services to fix your broken glasses or replace them.

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"That's to provide all services under one roof. That's our main goal and to provide & serve the best patient care in our community. That's the reason we are here."

The centre has been in Caledon for two years. The office manager said they're slowly getting referrals from the community through word to mouth. Even supporting senior club in this community.

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Updating the newspaper

"Without change there is no innovation, creativity or incentive for improvement. Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable". – William Pollard.

Change is coming to the Caledon Citizen newspaper.

I understand people may not be happy with the way the paper has changed. I'm not happy when Facebook or Instagram change their layout or when the Caledon Centre changes their hours for the holidays.

However, without change, things become stagnant, lackluster and bland.

I've been in this role as editor of the Citizen for a short time now and there's a lot of changes I want to implement. Now don't fret. I don't want to do this to cause a nuisance but rather I want to change the way the paper is presented to modernize the way it looks to enhance your reading experience.

For too long I believe the Citizen needed a face lift. Published pictures weren't the best quality and stories were short, uninformative and dry. I want to make this a prestigious paper in Caledon with stories catering to all kinds of residents, worth your time. I want it to have a variety of hard news, arts, sports, entertainment and feel good news stories like any great broadsheet newspaper would have.

You may have noticed some of those changes. Pictures on the front are now higher quality, an index was incorporated at the bottom of the front page, stories are longer, in depth and feature a variety of sources, the column section is now clean

and concise and the headers on each page have a similar font. These are just some of the small changes with many more to come. Of course, I couldn't have done this without the staff in the office here who understand why I want to make these changes.

This however does not mean everything is changing. I want to make my improvements while respecting the history of the paper. I believe the Citizen can combine everything that my predecessors have included while incorporating fresh and new elements to make it an illustrious.

When I introduce myself to new faces I town, I hear wonderful anecdotes of those before me. This makes me think about how wonderful they must have been as a person and journalist while appreciating the hard work they've done as I look through the archives. All they've done will never go under appreciated.

However, I want to put my mark on this paper while writing stories you care about. I thank those before me for the work that they have done but I believe it's time the public deserves a newspaper that doesn't look mediocre. I want readers to be scratching their head with awe or shock when they read a story that impacts them either directly or indirectly. The public needs to know what's happening in their town and I want to ensure they have those stories told with as much information as needed with both sides heard.

I want to make the a worthwhile newspaper that you want to pick up. I believe it's possible. I hope you do too so bare with me as I try to improve it's design.

Our Readers Write

Reader enjoyed editorial page

Hello Editor Caledon Citizen!

I very much enjoyed your editorial page in the Nov. 15 issue. It's a bit of a cry in the dark – Hey! Darkness is half our day – Good writing and worth the support.

Mark Pavilons had me laughing and thinking. – excellent.

Keep on keeping an eye on our politicians

and I'll advertise.

P.S. Mark – The universe waste nothing.

Humans however? Good question!

P.P.S. With this postal strike snail mail suffers.

Rusty Empheris
Inglewood

Husky CEO encourages donations to Santa Fund

An Open Letter to Caledon's Business Community;

Greetings! At this time of the year many of us turn our attention to a well-deserved break and a respite from the busy work schedules we maintain throughout the year. Some well-deserved relaxation with family and friends is overdue! The holiday season truly is a time to reflect on the year, give thanks for good health and good fortune and recharge for the year ahead.

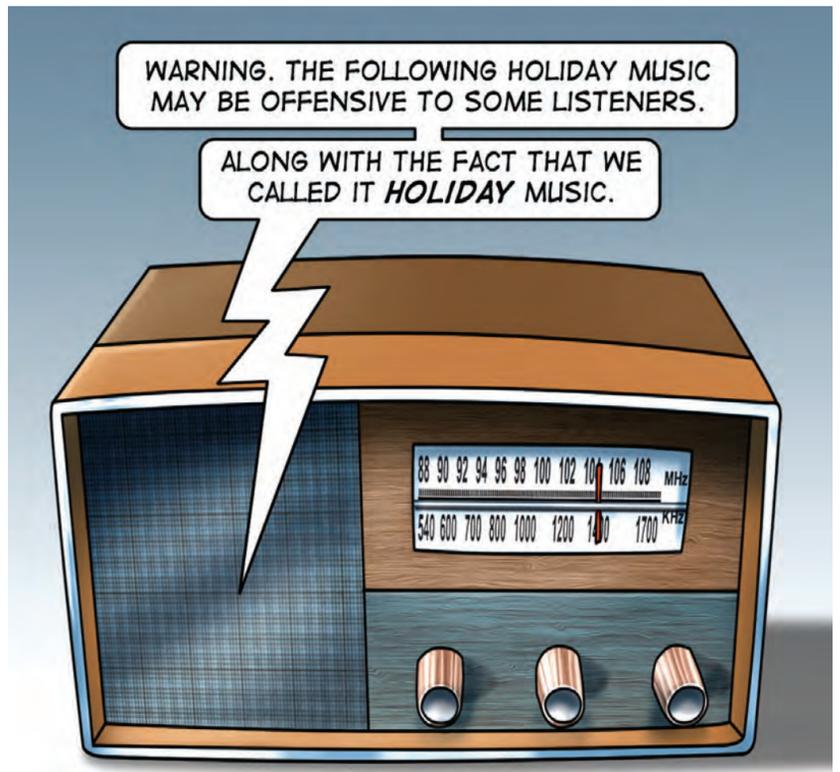
Over the past many years Husky has traditionally partnered with Caledon Community Services (CCS), Caledon's largest health and social service organization, in launching the Santa Fund. This initiative reaches out to the Caledon community and appeals to residents and business owners for support of individuals and families challenged by illness, tragedy or other circumstances that compromise their health and well-being. Husky donates \$25,000 annually to the Santa Fund campaign. We know that CCS works tirelessly in their many locations throughout Caledon to support families, seniors, newcomers and youth with a breadth of services that is incredibly impressive for a community our size. Caledon is indeed fortunate to have this stellar charitable or-

ganization stepping up on so many existing and emerging needs so that everyone has hope and an opportunity to pursue their dreams for a healthy and fulfilling life.

I encourage you to consider this pledge matching initiative as well. I've learned through meetings with CCS staff that there are far too many families in Caledon struggling to make ends meet. The Santa Fund offers them a leg up through a range of health, employment and other community services, all designed to instill hope and create opportunities for success.

If you are able to institute a pledge matching campaign in your workplace, CCS wants to hear from you. They'll drop off pledge forms and help you institute a Santa Fund program that will help hundreds of families in our community. "A healthy, engaged, compassionate community for all" is the vision of this exceptional organization. I invite you to come aboard and make this year's Santa Fund a huge success. And if you wish to learn more and/or donate on line, please go to <https://ccs4u.org/santa-fund> Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

John Galt
President & CEO,
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Our governments are here to serve, not conspire

by Mark Pavilons

We need to work on our trust issues, people!

The Dalai Lama points out that a lack of transparency results in "distrust and a deep sense of insecurity."

We hear, time and again, of governments at all levels being more open, more "transparent."

"If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists – to protect them and to promote their common welfare – all else is lost," said former U.S. president Barack Obama.

I got a bit of an eye-opener recently during an outdoor press conference at Cold Creek Conservation area, where Environment Minister Rod Phillips unveiled the new provincial environmental plan.

Media, and there were plenty, had an hour to review the documents and then formulate their questions. From the outset, the questions were pointed, almost combative. None noted any positive aspects of the new plan, but rather ways it can go wrong, and things the government is doing wrong. It's almost as if Toronto media have an instinctual distrust of government and "happy endings" just don't exist.

Funny that the journalists on hand are so intelligent and well versed in environmental science that they can tell the minister and his staff that they've missed the mark.

Critics are fun to watch. To them, solving climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving taxpayers money is easy. It's a no-brainer and they can all do it better. Really?

I swear, members of the opposition parties must be given handbooks filled with colourful quotes to be used for every occasion.

For every policy, document, strategy and law, our government spends millions of dollars and thousands of human hours from staff and experts to create a plan. One would think the end result is something decent, feasible and workable. Phillips said the new environmental plan is "sensible" and "achievable." It doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to meet the needs and achieve certain goals. It doesn't have to please everyone.

I doubt well intentioned people run for politics as a way to hurt their constituents. No, they enter politics with gusto, a drive to do good work and a passion to serve.

Caledon has been lucky to have solid reputation over the years in its MPPs and MPs.

I often get this vision in my head of lobbyists and anti-establishment nay-sayers rubbing their hands together, trying to come up with ways to discredit those in power. Maybe it's always been that way.

Our system has created a whole segment of critics, presumably to keep the

government in check. But even "watchdogs" can get ornery. For some, their only purpose is to criticize, impugn, distract, humiliate and attack. Let's face it, everyone – party critics, the media, special interest groups – has their own vested interest and inherent bias.

No wonder distrust, confusion and even fear run rampant in our society.

Yes, journalists are supposed to ask questions and get to the truth. They're supposed to dig deep. But are they supposed to "rake muck?" In a 1906 speech, President Teddy Roosevelt railed against journalists he thought focused too much on exposing corruption in business and government. Roosevelt called them "the men with the muck-rakes" and implied that they needed to learn "when to stop raking the muck, and to look upward."

It seems things haven't changed.

As a journalist with a community newspaper, I believe my job is to point out the really neat things happening locally. Everyone has their own unique story.

Regarding "hard news" and the litany of government announcements, my job is to help clear the underbrush and try to make sense of it all. Most people don't have the time or the desire to read through mountains of documents and staff reports, so like a chef, I cut away the fat and serve up something palatable.

I am currently editor of the King Weekly Sentinel. I am sometimes criticized for not digging up the dirt. I'm far too soft on local politicians and the goings-on in King's inner circles, some have told me. To be honest, in the five-plus years I've been at the helm of the Sentinel, I haven't found any real "dirt" at all.

Gone are the days of parking lot deals, handshakes and exchanges of envelopes filled with cash. Every council decision is duly documented, and every staff report posted for all to see. Every penny in the Township coffers is accounted for.

Mark Twain said we should be loyal to our country all the time, and loyal to government when it deserves it. Fair enough.

Here, I have found the councillors and staff to be extremely approachable. It's not so in other municipalities.

Sure, no one and no system is perfect and there are always ways to make things more efficient, more productive and more transparent.

I have met literally thousands of people in my career, from all walks of life. The bottom line, whether you're a journalist at Queen's Park, or a senior government leader, we're all the same and suffer from the same human frailties. For the most part, we all want to contribute.

That's what makes it all so much fun!

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United Nations Global Compact for Migration

On Dec. 4, 2018, the Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrew Scheer, announced the Conservatives' opposition to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's plan to make Canada a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact for Migration (GCM), which is a UN-led effort to set international standards and responsibilities around migration. On the surface, the pact appears to be a sensible and shared approach to international migration. However, when examined more closely, there are serious issues with the GCM, which we, the Conservative Official Opposition, have pointed out to the current Liberal government to no avail.

Conservatives have always stood up for secure borders and a safe and orderly immigration system. We believe Canada must be in control of our borders and have full autonomy over who enters our country. This is why we strongly oppose Canada signing on to the GCM. Canadians – and Canadians only – should make the decisions on who comes into the country and under what circumstances, not foreign entities like the UN.

Some of the issues for serious concern with the GCM include: i) the United Nations and International Organization for Migration officials provided conflicting and unclear testimony at the Immigration Committee when questioned on why Canada should sign the GCM; ii) the government admits non-binding agreements like the GCM can become customary international law and inform the interpretation of domestic law; iii) Canadian judges have cited these kinds of agreements in their decisions before: Baker v Canada [1999] 2 SCR 817, R v Hape [2007] 2 SCR 292, and Ordon Estate v. Grail [1998] 3 SCR 437; iv) costs associated with signing onto the GCM, or measures relating to implementing the GCM, are unknown and the current Liberal government hasn't provided any cost estimates; and v) the GCM contains troubling language around "sensitizing and educating" journalists on how they should report about immigration. Conservatives believe Canadian journalists should be free to scrutinize the government on immigration policy without influence from an international body.

Mr. Scheer introduced a unanimous consent motion calling on the government to not sign onto the GCM, which the current Liberal government defeated. He also said a Conservative government under his leadership would withdraw Canada from the GCM should the Liberals commit to it.

We, the Conservative Official Opposition, are not alone in our concerns with the GCM. The United States has expressed opposition to the pact and didn't sign the initial agreement earlier this year. Australia more recently withdrew its support of it even though it played a considerable role in its drafting. Countries, such as Poland, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Slovakia have rejected the GCM. Austria has also said it won't sign onto the agreement, while the Prime Minister of Belgium has expressed his support of the pact; however, his coalition partner has taken the opposite position and warned that if the government proceeded forward, his support would be withdrawn.

Instead of committing Canada to multinational migration agreements which

infringe on our sovereignty, the Prime Minister should focus on fixing the crisis he created at the Canada-US border. The Parliamentary Budget Officer recently confirmed that, if left unaddressed, this crisis will cost taxpayers \$1.1 billion by 2020, not including the hundreds of millions of dollars incurred by the provinces.

The United Nations Global Compact for Migration is problematic on several grounds and does not have unanimous support from the global community. Prime Minister Trudeau and the current Liberal government should be focused on addressing the crisis of their own making here at home instead of signing onto this pact. Conservatives have a strong track record of capably and compassionately managing our immigration system by putting the world's most vulnerable first and we will continue to do so.



DAVID TILSON
MP DUFFERIN - CALEDON
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Alert Ready Test Helps Prepare Us for the Unexpected

As the recently appointed Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, ensuring our communities are safe is my top priority. That's why I was pleased that last Wednesday, the Alert Ready system was tested in Ontario and across Canada. The Alert Ready system ensures that Canadians are alerted about emergencies, like the recent tornadoes in Ottawa.

The Alert Ready system sent test messages to phones, radios, and TVs. The messages are accessible to people who are visually impaired by the use of text-

to-speech software or by vibration.

Alert Ready will send messages about fires, natural disasters, dangerous substances, explosives, environmental issues, terrorist threats and Amber Alerts. This will ensure that Canadians will be prepared when these emergencies occur.

The federal and provincial governments and radio/wireless/television companies all work together to provide the Alert Ready system across Canada.

People do not have to opt-in to receive Alert Ready messages. Nor can people opt-out.

Didn't receive an Alert Ready message? No worries. This was part of why the test happened, and messages were not sent to every device across Canada.

Right now, the CRTC ensures that half of new devices in Canada must receive Alert Ready messages. The CRTC is ensuring that by April 2019, all new devices will receive them.

Phones need to be connected to an LTE network and the software has to be up-to-date to be sent Alert Ready messages.

Since April 2018, over 100 emergency messages have been sent to Canadians

through phones, radio and TV. Alert Ready tests are an important way to find out if people received these emergency messages and test the system.

If you would like to read more about Alert Ready, please visit: <https://www.alertready.ca/>

If you have any questions, please call my office at 519-941-7751 or email me at sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org



SYLVIA JONES
MPP DUFFERIN - CALEDON
FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Time, long overdue, to demand a new road

Here is the brutal truth: there are no excuses, no actual reasons, for laying pipelines that deliver fossil fuels, especially bitumen. There are no virtues in claiming that every precaution against spillage and disaster have been considered and promised. It doesn't matter a damn if huge sums of money are being collected from shipping lines, set aside from the public funds for "clean up" in the B.C. harbours.

When there is bitumen or any other poisonous crud dumped in those waters or on that sacred land, when that happens, the money won't matter! It won't be able to fix the problem nor ever, ever clean up the mess. No amount of your tax dollars will repair the damage that the slightest slip, omission, over looked mistake, will make up at all for the damage done. When one of those pipeline links fails, one of those state the art ships fails, and they will, nothing will compensate to the ocean life, to the wild life and the land, the next disaster we inflict on them.

Have a look at the history of oil spills – even the word tries to mitigate the hurt - you spill a cup of tea; spill a glass of wine (and that's bad enough); a child spills his/her milk; this word pretends it is "only" a spill but one that causes chaos and loss for ever.

It is time, long, long overdue, to take the cost of building the pipelines, to finally ad-

mit there are other energy sources which are virtually clear of pollution, and invest that there.

Scientists around the world are shouting as loudly as they can to tell us, to warn us about the pending ultimate ruin of our very lives, our own sweet earth, upon which we depend for everything.

Yet, we yak on about decreasing our pollutants, with a timeline a generation long, as though there were that kind of time available to us, without looking around to see how quickly things are changing, not waiting for us to change.

When we continue to talk about oil, pipelines, industry, we talk first and foremost about money; we blackmail each other with assurances of jobs and economic benefits that will make no difference in the long term when the storms wipe away all we own and take the lives of our loved ones.

There are so many other ways to produce energy, to fuel our vehicles which are still running on inter combustion engines, on tires made with petroleum, of plastics using the same source. Everything -nearly - we use is created with harmful ingredients and becomes sinister waste matter.

It seems, as any improved method of harnessing energy to create power comes along, there is much to diminish and devalue it - wind power, use of animal waste methane to create fuel; true recycling and garbage of

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every single kind can be re-formatted and reused for road paving from tires; paper, running shoes; food wrap -

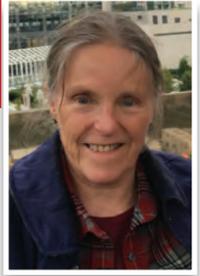
We don't have to waste anything. We are able now, without inventing a single thing: to power our world, overhaul completely our modes of transportation, grow our food sustainably.

The pollution and rot with which we fill our environment with rubbish housing – not a solar panel in sight – is unforgivable and our politicians – week kneed, bending to the easy money and obvious solutions which are not solutions – it is all unforgivable.

Because: here is the kicker: cold fusion. It sounds radical for sure. Everything fundamentally important is radical. It is not a new idea. Those against it will see otherwise as research and development have succeeded.

Dr M Srinivasan, in India began working with cold fusion (hydrogen) 29 years ago and, at about the same time, in the USA, so were Dr. Martin Fleishman and Stanley Pons. Basically, using low energy nuclear fusion with heavy water (look it up) has been dismissed as not viable but is already in use overseas.

Here in Canada, Hydrogen Technology and Energy Corporation (HETC) and Shell Oil Company launched the first retail hydrogen refuelling station for hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles, on Grenville Street in Calgary and on June 15, 2018! This year, only six months ago, following the examples of other countries abroad.



This is the first hydrogen vehicle refuelling station open to the public in Canada. Three more stations are planned for Vancouver. Fuelled by water vapour, basically, hydrogen fuelled vehicles do not produce CO2's or other harmful pollutants.

Cold fusion, now convincingly established, will provide unlimited free energy, once the infrastructure is built. This will cost money for a unimaginable global transition and keep people employed forever.

Well, well. In the meantime, ever resisting, we are constantly being encouraged to look backwards as we are dragged into the addiction of social media, drunk on the irrelevant, so as to be indifferent to the cataclysms coming our way, the shows are included in the cost of the entrance ticket. What is saner and more fun than smart dogs (no technology) racing through obstacles, herding sheep, utsmartin their handlers? There are many other entertainments in that theatre – come and see.

The horses dance, jump, are clever, beautiful, kind both in the Animal Theatre and the Colesium.

Do what you can (because if we all give a little, together we could do a lot).

It's that time of year and while I was tempted to add my two cents worth to the "Baby it's Cold Outside" fracas, I'm not sure yet another voice chiming in is truly necessary at this point. There are, as the saying goes, bigger fish to fry than whether or not you have your nose out of joint over a song that's better than 50 years old. Specifically, there's a greater need in our community, both close to home and in the broader sense, the need to worry about something a whole lot more important than a song. We need to address need.

The dictionary defines need as something required, essential or very important and where some course of action is necessary. For our community, need is really that simple – something is required and a course of action is necessary. There is need and we can do something about it. This time of year changes the definition of need for many. Where poverty is an issue, heat becomes a need, sometimes taking priority over food. But is food a want? Of course not – it too is a need. Parents are forced to make difficult, wrenching decisions around prioritizing budget. Food (a need) takes

precedence over presents (a want). For others, there might be a little bit extra but certainly not enough to make life comfortable. In either example, the possibility of having to rely on the generosity of strangers hits close to home during the holiday season.

On the other side, the obligation to help can be burdensome for those families who have enough but not extra. They aren't rich but neither are they poor. They want to help, but how? With so many social service agencies, church groups and non-profits looking for support this time of year, how do you determine the best place for your donation to go? Even if you don't have much, ensuring a donation works to maximum benefit is what we all want to achieve, donors and recipients alike. That's where the mantra, do what you can comes in.

Do what you can is about awareness, making whatever size donation you can comfortably afford and being content that what you have donated might not help many but it will certainly help some. Here's a couple of ways you can give:

- Food banks often fall short over the

holidays and in response grocery stores help make donating easy. All you have to do at the cash register is buy a bag of food the grocery store has already packaged. If you can afford this option it ensures you are donating items that have been designated by organizations like The Exchange to be of most benefit to families in our community.

- If buying a whole bag of groceries is outside of your budget, or you want to personalize your donation, throw an extra bag or two of pasta, some cereal and canned goods into your cart. If you choose this option, may I respectfully suggest you buy what you would buy for your own family, treating others as you yourself would like to be treated. In other words, if you buy brand named for yourself, do likewise when you donate.

- Perhaps your faith participates in giving. In the past, our family has participated in packing food hampers through our local church. People donate expired food. Yup – happens every year and sometimes the pile of expired food far outweighs the pile of requested baby supplies or the personal hygiene items. Would you feed your own family expired

food? I think not. So do what you can, even one bag of pasta is better than no bag of pasta, but only if you're donating from the heart, not the back of your pantry.

As for giving monetarily – where you give or how much you give – is a lot more personal. It can be embarrassing standing at the cash register at the LCBO (an obvious non-necessity) and saying no to supporting Sick Kids but the reality is I support Sick Kids in a different way because that's a charity that hits close to home for me. Many of us have faced this same cash register conundrum. Do we throw a buck or two into the till to assuage our immediate guilt or make a more meaningful contribution of a larger dollar amount to one charity that is important to us on a personal level? At this point, the conversation starts to get a lot more philosophical about how and where you spend your donation dollars if you are lucky enough to have some to donate.



SHERALYN ROMAN
SHARED THOUGHTS

The Exchange celebrates 5th anniversary

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Despite being a young organization, The Exchange has rapidly grown and helped thousands of people, becoming an important organization in the community.

Located at 55 Healey Road, The Exchange celebrated its 5th anniversary on Monday, Dec. 3. It focuses on nutritious food and community programs designed to enrich the lives of all who walk through the doors. The founding organization was Caledon Community Services (CCS).

"It feels good," says Michelle Veinot, CCS's director of community resources. "Now we have a lot of people here, a whole lot of community."

She remembers cutting a specially made six-foot loaf of bread instead of a traditional ribbon at the opening ceremony. "It's been great."

"It's been incredibly important," says Donna Craag, CCS's director of communications and development. "It's really an incredible place for people because it doesn't just deal with one aspect."

The Exchange's two main programs are their Food Support Program, which provides fresh, healthy and sustainable food for individuals and their families, and their

Workshops/Community Programs which offer a social hub where members of the Caledon community can learn and teach anything from cooking to yoga.

Now, The Exchange has 16 collaborative partners, including CCS, Caledon Parent Child Centre, Bethell Hospice, Brampton Caledon Community Living, and Caledon Public Library. "It became a place where anyone of the partners can provide a service," notes Craag. "The active support, the people participating, is really nice to see."

Beyond the physical space, the Exchange Collaborative is also a philosophy that leverages opportunities to address community needs.

"We're still looking to bring more partners on," adds Veinot. "We're looking at what we're going to do directionally because we're all trying to put our heads together to work on one thing that we can have an impact."

Asked what she's most proud of accomplishing, she says creating a community space that is safe for everyone. "Walk through the doors in this space are people who might be marginalized or experiencing poverty, but also it might be a family who wants to come out and learn a new skill. The space is really so broadly defined."



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ANNIVERSARY: Members of The Exchange's collaborative partners were on hand to celebrate the organization's 5th birthday. Enjoying food, snacks, everyone took time to reminisce on how quickly The Exchange has grown and provided for thousands in the community.

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National Day of Remembrance on Violence Against Women vigil held in Caledon

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

Twenty-nine years ago, at L'École Polytechnique de Montréal, Marc Lépine, who watched his father degrade his mother throughout his childhood, walked into a post-secondary classroom with a firearm, divided the room by gender, then asked the men to leave. He then proclaimed, "I hate women!" and shot the nine females in the classroom, six of whom died. He then proceeded to the school's cafeteria and continued to shoot indiscriminately, killing fourteen women and injuring ten men and six other women.

Today, in light of the recent Toronto van attack and the 2014 Isla Vista killings, violence against women has gained momentum. In memory of the fourteen female victims at L'École Polytechnique, the Federal Government instituted a National Day of Remembrance on the anniversary of the massacre.

Caledon Public Library staff, in cooperation with Family Transition Place held a National Day of Remembrance vigil on Dec. 6th. They have done this for the past eight years.

“Why is it so important to remember these women? These women died for nothing, simply because they were born women, and it happens time and time again. - Kelley Potter, public services manager for Caledon Public Library

This year, Canada's femicide (the killing of women and girls) list reached a record 48 names.

“Our culture still raises our children to believe men have more value than women, said Norah Kennedy, executive director of Family Transition House. “We are in this world ideally as equal participants. It's too late for the women at L'École Polytechnique, it is too late for the people run down by the van in Toronto, it is too late for the women on that list. But it is not too late for our sons and daughters. A tiny flame when it is held together with other flames produces a much greater light.”

At this year's vigil, guest speakers, Mayor Allan Thompson, Steve Bunion from the MENtors (a group of men who are allies in the work to end violence against women), Kennedy, Peel District School Board Chair Stan Cameron, and Kellye Potter, public services manager for Caledon Public Library all contributed their thoughts and sentiments about the almost three decades of work to engender the conversation around violence against women.

“What are we doing wrong?” asked Mayor Allan Thompson. “Here in Canada we're supposed to be a just society and lead by example...we have a lot more work to do.” Echoing his sentiments, Peel School Board trustee, Stan Cameron, a father of two grown daughters, said “It is also a time to take action... it starts with creating a culture of respect... how men interact contributes to the observational learning of boys. The best way to elicit a particular behaviour from another human being is to model that behaviour...I ask all men and boys to take this pledge with me.”

Potter asked, “Why is it so important to remember these women? These women died for nothing, simply because they were born women, and it happens time and time again. This day serves as a sign of progress. Now

more than ever, men and women are having the difficult discussions. Sometimes, simply having the conversation is helping. Remember them not just as symbols...remember their lives as well as their deaths.”

On that femicide list, the oldest victim was 88-years-old. The youngest was 13-years-old. “We didn't have the language to even describe this in 1999,” remarked Kennedy. Now, there is a term and a subculture that glorifies violence against women.

Incel is derived from involuntary celibate. An online community of these (mostly) men continues to grow, glorifying violence against women. These men feel aggrieved that women have somehow denied them their rights as men, for anything from taking a job to denying sex.

“It's not easy to attend an event, or engage in a discussion, said Kennedy. It's not an easy feat to try and change the world, but you did that all tonight when you decided to leave home and come here, she said, to the crowd of men, women, and girls, all holding candles and fourteen plaques, each with a name of a victim of L'École Polytechnique. It's easier to forget and not get involved but we all have to choose integrity over comfort. That man learned from his father that women had very little value, and felt that women had usurped his entitlement as a man.”

When Kennedy talks about male entitlement, she is careful to specify that it is aggrieved entitlement, which blames women for personal disappointments and perceived failures, instead of society's definition of masculinity- which is referred to by some as toxic masculinity.

“When we say toxic masculinity, we are not saying all masculinity is toxic, said Kennedy. It is a descriptor, like saying a red house. It's a type of masculinity all about power and control. The violence happens on a continuum, and its often not seen that way. It starts way on the other side by raising boys to think sexist comments are fine and raising girls to think they can't say no. Most men have been on the low end of the continuum because they've been raised to think that that's how men behave. In reality, toxic masculinity benefits neither gender.”

From the perspective of the library staff, their goal is to instigate and encourage conversations in the community by “having it out in the forefront, and shining a light on it,” said Colleen Lipp, head librarian and CEO. “What the issue is and what their part is in ending it.”

The effects of these conversations remain to be seen, but there are encouraging signs.

“There are more conversations happening. I think we've seen that over the past year with the #MeToo movement. It's in the public domain now,” said Kennedy, who also added that the vigil held at the Orangeville shelter earlier that day had more men in attendance than ever. What needs to be emphasized is that December 6th is a day not just for remembrance, but for action.”

Steve Bunion and his MENtors feel that their role is to be silent and listen, letting women take the lead.

“We live and work in a very safe community and we've become complacent, said Lipp. But Caledon is not special. Women are being mistreated, and we may not always know when it is happening.”

Kennedy added that the Family Transition Place shelter in Orangeville, an agency which supports women and children who have experienced violence and abuse, is always full and they often have to turn people in need away. Whether this is a positive sign of women increasingly seeking help and escape from abusive situations, or conversely evidence that the problem is getting worse, is up for debate.

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Hairstylist was inspired by her late grandmother

AWARD from A1

the entrants, the judges are presented with the images but they're not given the person's name or they don't know where they're from or anything like that. It's almost, like a blind judging in terms of they don't know which entrants goes with each image."

"The second round is an online judging process that's a similar idea where they don't know who the entrant is or where the person is from or anything like that."

Boodhan said they are impressed with the amount of talent in Canada and how much is expressed in the Contessas.

"It's great to see the industry growing and releasing talent from those just entering the industry to people that have been in the industry for 20 plus years, said Boodhan. It's always great to see them challenging themselves and really thinking outside of the box and really pushing their creativity.

An awards gala is held every year in Toronto where the winners are announced to an audience of more than 1,000 guests. It begins with a cocktail party and an after party later on.

Abate compiled a collection with three different hairstyles for her submission. Krysten Bryant provided makeup on the models, Doug McMillian snapped the photos and Paul Tambini, owner of Felix and Ginger Salon mentored Abate throughout the project.

"We used my bosses' daughter, Valentina, and we used Jenai, which is her friend, said Abate.

"A couple of months later, we got the results that we were semi-finalists and then from there, I got a notification that I was a finalist and went to the gala and I was the winner."

Tambini and the staff at Felix and Ginger Salon were happy that Abate won.



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TEAM WORK: Mary Gambino, owner of colourist of Felix and Ginger Salon, Lucy Abate, hairstylist and student-apprentice hairstylist recipient and Paul Tambini, owner and stylist at Felix and Ginger Salon worked together to win the award.

"It was a lot of hard work because we did the pictures in July, said Tambini. You don't hear about semi-finalists until September then the awards, dinner and the gala are in November. It's nice to see all that hard work come through."

As a mentor he tries to guide with the images using their experience and expertise to help the project.

"I think the biggest thing that inspires me for pictures is the emotion it creates, said Tambini. When you see these images, we can really invoke emotion in people. He en-

joys seeing the models before hand and after the images are captured.

"The models are not always professional models. The models that we use for these shoots are all clients."

Both Tambini and Abate did admit that there were times when the team was frustrated. He said they had to take a break in between takes.

For this collection, they closed the salon for one day setting up the shoot and then spent hours editing photos.

"The rest of it was accumulated hours,

meetings with the photographer and post production over the phone, said Tambini. It wasn't necessarily during working hours. Usually, in the evenings or early mornings."

They spent the equivalent of four full days of work creating this one collection.

Tambini said they would work on other shoots for 12 to 15 hours going into the middle of the night trying to have the perfect shot.

He said they can look at previous year's recipients and see what the trend is but they're always trying to create something new.

"We traveled the world and (educate) and I also do New York Fashion Week and Paris Fashion Week, said Tambini. We create most of the trends you see on the street."

"We're basically taking that and trying to adapt that into something that's going to look really cool in an imagine that's striking. You only have one shot. The picture has to stir some kind of emotion and have that creative edge to it."

Abate had a lot of guidance from her colleagues at the salon. She said she never gave up and worked with a smile.

"I've never competed, said Abate. I don't see myself as a person who competes but I had that push and motivation from my bosses and my co-worker to do this competition and if it wasn't for them, I would have never done it."

"It's not ideal for me to do stuff like this but I'm glad I did it. It pushed me out of my comfort zone."

Abate has a love for colour and aspires to be a master colourist. She was encouraged to style her grandmother's hair and keep working even if she made a mistake.

"She always believed in me and always had faith in me and from that moment I wanted to rock it," said Abate.

'the arts give kids confidence, and learning about that world, its so rich and wonderful'

DAREarts from A14

Volunteers and Board members of DAREarts donate their time and energy out of true belief in the power of the organization.

"For me, it's a duty and a passion, said Lesa Williams-George, TDSB representative on the Board of Directors.

She has been involved with DAREarts for a decade, splitting her time between that and a demanding position as a centrally assigned principal supporting 130 schools in the GTA.

"It's a commitment because when we're talking about students' well-being, the arts are another outlet. Not every child can

get that outlet in sports. DAREarts really encourages students to improve engagement and self-esteem through their involvement in the arts and the kids love it. Our schools see it as a good support and service, it's of value to the community, and more importantly our students value it. Some of our shyer kids find their place in DAREarts, and it also provides an opportunity that otherwise families could not afford...my proudest moment as a principal is seeing the change in my students, and I am in awe of that. A student (of mine) who would never speak and had a lot of adversity in his home life spoke at the Winter Promenade and that brought tears to my eyes. I had to physically pick him up and bring him

to DAREarts, and there he found some voice and some confidence."

Author and writer Monika Jensen Stevenson, who has been a member of the Board of Directors for thirteen years, commented, "I've seen [DAREarts] grow. In a way it is like a business- Marilyn Field is an entrepreneur. She gave up her job, mortgaged her house, but it wasn't about making money... she wanted to establish something with the schools to keep the arts going and I just admire that. I loved what was happening, and still do because I could see the changes." She then went on to relate a story which Field recounted again later that night, about a DAREarts student walking home alone

at night in a bad neighbourhood, who was then confronted by three men with guns. Using the confidence, he later discussed his involvement with the organization, he was able to get away without harm. "In a split second, his mind went to 'I can do this. I am DAREarts,'" said Field. "And as an organization, that's all we can ask." Later, this student went on to become COO of a multi-million-dollar international company. "All of our kids do something with their lives. The arts give kids confidence, and learning about that world, its so rich and wonderful...I'm sure they always had that in them in the beginning, but DAREarts really brought that forward," said Stevenson.

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“Caledon is on the cusp’ said Mayor Allan Thompson

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

There is plenty going on at Caledon Town hall and lots to anticipate, as Mayor Allan Thompson is re-elected to lead council and the town. Whatever lies ahead for this town and this region, Mayor Thompson is determined that he and Council will handle it with “with respect and (keeping) our eyes fixed on our common purpose of serving the best interests of Caledon,” as he remarked in his inaugural speech, delivered on Dec. 4, at the inauguration.

We were sitting with the Mayor and his executive assistant, Sandra Sharpe, in his office, to talk about the new year to come and the challenges it might bring.

Our conversation began with the proposed construction of the Highway 413, a new route from Vaughan to Guelph slated to go through the southern edge of Caledon. Although there are definite environmental concerns, the Mayor felt that the trail of it ought to run through the line of old mining sites in the south end of the Niagara Escarpment.

“That is what has happened in other municipalities and it is the best way here, said Thompson. The highway will bring real benefits to Caledon, giving people easy access to come here to work, so, encouraging businesses to set up here.”

An Environmental Assessment (EA) on the highway and other issues around road building and maintenance begun by a collaboration of counties, including Wellington, Halton, Peel and York a couple of years ago and just as it was ready to draw conclusions, it was paused.

The purpose of the highway study was to also include all the bridges and culverts



PHOTO: CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

A GREEN FUTURE: Mayor Allan Thompson was joined by six environmental groups to share his vision for the future of the community while keeping Caledon green.

that need to be maintained and built and it was thought it be would be more efficient to do an overall study with all the counties involved at the same time.

“There’s \$14.4 million worth of studies, said Thompson. That’s the status at the moment; we need to finish it, not start over. The Green Belt was created to stop urban sprawl – that was the purpose but the intensification numbers are unrealistic – they want us to create housing for 80 people per hectare. There’s no sense - they’ve gone way overboard.”

“We have no choice, with the economic growth. Caledon is on a cusp, as I said in my inaugural speech; people are coming here.

Eighty percent of Caledon is protected. We have to have our growth tax base through employment and satellite colleges.”

The tender subject of a performing arts centre came up of a possible theatre and gallery.

“We’ve been looking and trying to do it,” said Thompson. Fire codes in gymnasiums make them poor venues. Mayfield Secondary School is blessed with its own theatre but try to find a time there for an outside production and it’s always busy with musicals and shows. Peel has its own music festival.”

“I do believe arts and culture define a community, said Thompson. One particular

Councillor is pushing for it. The Old Brick Yards on Mississauga Road, have been suggested as a possible site. We could put in a loop from a Brampton bus line for it. An arts centre is a reasonable ask,”

He discussed the issue of amalgamation stating it is pure speculation at this point.

“This new government in Queen’s Park seems to think elected officials are expensive, said Thompson. They reduced the size of Toronto’s council by half but then they had to hire twice as many employees and they’re using volunteers for committees – let’s see how long that lasts.”

With his mind very much on the future, Mayor Thompson observed, “We’ll be making Caledon connected through a town-wide access to affordable high-speed broadband. Telecommuting is happening now, just in time manufacturing. Government moves too slow; ideas are motion in months. Governments can’t learn to understand. How do you foster that?”

“Even if we can’t understand it all, we can get out of the way to enable, said Thompson. “What I need to do is all I can do to serve the community the best that I can. Caledon has a population of 75,000 people – that’s a big community.”

At the Inauguration, Thompson assured everyone of support for small business, start-ups and entrepreneurship; better connection for seniors to programs, services and housing, and youth to recreation and jobs by building strong partnerships with stakeholders, businesses and citizen groups.

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St. Evan Catholic Elementary School to open in the New Year

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

St. Evan School Catholic Elementary School is scheduled to open in the New Year.

About 500 students will attend the junior kindergarten to Grade 8 school when it opens its doors to the children on Monday, Jan. 7 2019. It will be located at 500 Dougall Ave, north of Highway 410 between Hurontario Street and Kennedy Road.

The principal is Joe Amodeo and the vice principal is Maria Parris. Tammy-Lynne Peel is the school's superintendent.

"This school is based on a new prototype of design for Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School board in terms of the type of facility, said Mathew Thomas, superintendent of planning and operation for Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. In terms of it being state of the art, I would say it certainly has a design that incorporates more natural light and makes the learning environment a lot brighter.

"Certainly, the spaces are equipped for a lot more use of technology to be incorporated in the learning environment and class room teaching. The school also includes a child care centre and it has very nice outdoor learning space and a full day kindergarten play yard which are all basically state of the art based on their design."

The institution was initially set to open on Thursday, Sept. 4 of this year, however construction delays pushed it back fourth

months.

"We had another school that was also being tendered at exactly the same time called St. Jacinta Marto Catholic Elementary School, which is in Brampton, said Thomas. Because we had two schools on the go at the same time, it was a bit of an ambitious schedule to have both of them opening by September."

"St. Jacinto Marto did open in September but there were still a few finishes touches that had to be completed after the school year began. With respect to St. Evan, the project was just not in a sufficient state and we made the call late in the spring that we had to postpone the opening until such time that we felt more confident that the project will be substantially complete and ready for opening, which we plan to be for January 2019."

The board received approval for capital funding to proceed with construction from the Ontario Ministry of Education in early 2018. From January to August, it was difficult to have both schools complete on time.

The construction team tender the project immediately after the board received approval from the ministry to proceed. Thomas said it typically takes about eight to 12 months to build an elementary school.

Students have to attend St. Rita Elementary School and St. Leonard Elementary School in Brampton as they wait St. Evan to

open.

The school is an exact replica of St. Jacinto Marto, incorporating a lot of the same materials. It is located on 40 Fallowfield Rd. in Brampton.

"One of the things you'll notice about it at first glance is the main entrance area has a beautiful atrium and it has some very nice exterior wood finishes, said Thomas. It certainly sets it apart in terms of the latest prototype of the design that our board is using."

"From all accounts that we have received from the community at St. Jacinto Marto and from parents of St. Evan students who have been to St. Jacinto Marto site, they have commented on how stunning the design absolutely looks."

He said they outline the projected enrolment for the school in the next 10 years, coming to a capacity of about 500 students. Enrolment, however can grow beyond their projected numbers.

"If enrolment did increase a little bit beyond what the capacity of the school is, we always have the option to put portables on the site, but at this point we don't foresee the need for building a permanent addition onto that school based on our enrolment projections for the area, said Thomas.

At this time, construction crews are working on aesthetic features of the school. Thomas said nothing should comprise or affect the opening of the school on Jan. 7.

The main components of the interior are done and the custodial services team is in the building cleaning extensively throughout. Teachers who have been assigned to the school had already taken a tour of the facility, given an orientation and are expected to set up their classroom in the next two weeks.

Thomas said the exterior features of the yard and the site will not be completed until after the school opens.

He said some of the features are weather dependent. The field won't be ready for use until the spring and for paving, crews may add another layer of asphalt as the weather gets warmer in the spring. Those assets will not comprise the school's ability to be occupied and ready for use.

"As a board, we're very keen, we're very much looking forward to opening this latest facility in Caledon, said Thomas. We want to thank the community for their patience and for their understanding during this entire process in particular, in terms of their accommodations of us being able to work with their students over the past four months while we had to relocate them during the construction delay."

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board serves over 81,000 students in 149 schools throughout Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville, according to a news release.

Caledon Trustee Stan Cameron elected as Peel District School Board Chair

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Caledon Trustee Stan Cameron, who recently was successfully re-elected in the Municipal election, was named chair of the Peel District School Board (PDSB).

On Dec. 3, Peel's trustees elected Cameron as chair of the school board, a first for him. He will serve a one-year term.

"It's a real honour to have been selected by my colleagues," he says. "I'm very happy to be able to try to help move the broad forward with some of its many positive initiatives."

A trustee for the last eight years, he is the only trustee representing Caledon on the 12-person board, with five from Brampton, and six from Mississauga.

One of the initiatives Cameron is looking to continue is Empowering Modern Learners, which according to PDSB's website, "principals, staff and School Council members will work together to develop school policies and practices that support the effective use of technology in the classroom."

He is also looking to continue We Rise Together initiative, which supports Black students who have struggled academically, offering mental health and anti-poverty programs to help them be successful.

He adds they need "further engagement with staff and parents, equality and inclusion, implement a safe, healthy, and positive atmosphere for all in the board."

Cameron notes they must deal with

the new Provincial government, "work closely with them, and establish positive working relationships," so support for students will continue.

PDSB is the second largest school board in Canada, representing 257 schools and some 157,000 students. "That's a lot of children and a lot of families to serve, so we need adequate funding to do that," Cameron says.

He explains some of the challenges across the board is the Fill Rate, the percentage of times you have a fully qualified substitute teacher, which he says "needs so much more attention, and we've got to do more hiring to get more fully qualified teachers in front of

our children."

As well, he says they need to have more culturally responsive textbooks. "Our children need to see themselves in those books, so they can be connected."

He briefly touched on the ongoing issues of bussing, but says, "it has improved."

Cameron says he is looking forward to the year ahead. "I pride myself in respecting all people, and trying to help everyone I can. I want to continue that. It's about establishing positive working relationships with those we meet along the way. That's the foundation for which we can help move the board forward."

Town of Caledon cancels two meetings

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Caledon Council was sworn in a week ago with two meetings cancelled at this time.

The inaugural town hall on Tuesday Dec. 4 and an afternoon committee of the whole on Tuesday, Dec. 11 meetings went ahead as scheduled, however a special meeting planned for Saturday, Dec. 8 was axed from the list.

Described as a training workshop online, it was to be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Bolton. There was no agenda attached to it.

"At the start of a new term of council, it is common for Town staff to organize a meeting of council to provide them with the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the programs and services provided by the Town, said David Arbuckle, manager of strategic initiatives for the town. The proposed December 8th special meeting of Council was for this purpose, however due to limited availability, the meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled for another date. An alternative location was selected for this to provide a more functional meeting space for a facilitated discussion."

The meeting drew criticism online as many councillors were

unaware that it was scheduled. It became clear that they were unable to attend.

A proposed committee of the whole meeting planning and development meeting, scheduled to be held Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., was also eliminated from the list.

"The Committee of the Whole Planning and Development meeting was cancelled due to an insufficient number of agenda items, said Arbuckle. Any items on that agenda will move to the next Planning and Development meeting, which is currently proposed to occur on January 15, 2019."



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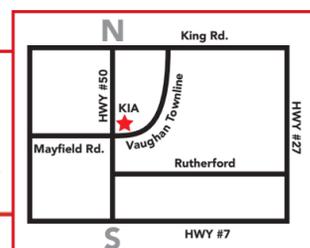
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Caledon's Atkins race to Spartan World gold

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE

For Ryan Atkins and Lindsay Webster, winning runs in the family. Literally.

The husband and wife tandem have combined for multiple Spartan Series wins in 2018, the latest a Spartan World Championships gold medal finish for Atkins in Iceland last weekend.

"The Iceland Ultra was a beast," said Atkins. "I think, mile for mile, it was harder than any OCR event I've ever done."

Webster previously won the Seattle leg of the Spartan National Series in April, while Atkins took the third leg in Southern California in May. The U.S. National Series leads to the 2018 Spartan World Championship at the end of each season, the pinnacle event of the obstacle course racing (OCR) season featuring a field of elite athletes from more than 50 countries around the world, battling it out over a 6.6-kilometre loop in a 24-hour endurance test.

The win was a record for distance covered in the race: Atkins completed 82.3 miles in just under 22 hours. He was the closest to reach the \$100,000 prize offered for anyone who could reach 100 miles, a feat that has never been accomplished in the race's history.

"Took the win and pushed my body until it broke. There is no better feeling than knowing that you gave everything you had."

A one-million dollar prize was offered up for just one man involved in the race, the United Kingdom's Jonathan Albon, who had taken first in each of the first two races of

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the "Spartan Trifecta." He dropped out just over ten hours into the grueling competition.

This was the most difficult race in Spartan's history and the finish was bittersweet," said Spartan Founder and CEO Joe De Sena. "While I'm happy for Ryan and (women's champion) Janka (Pepova), and the fact that we didn't have to part with one-million dollars, I was rooting for Jon and his historic journey because it would have been great for our sport if he'd won. Atkins came so close to proving that the 100 miles is possible. We'll offer the one-million dollar Trifecta Challenge every year until someone takes it home."

Atkins pulled ahead of Albon in lap six of the dark, chilly competition, gaining a fifteen minute lead by the time he crossed the line at the end of the lap.

Albon was heard by Spartan staff exiting the course remarking "Ryan has it. He's a machine."

Atkins was not the only Canadian on the podium: fellow Canuck Morgan McKay, of Ottawa, took second position on the wom-



PHOTO: JONATHON FINES

VICTORY: Caledon's Ryan Atkins took top spot at the Spartan World Championships in Iceland last weekend.

en's side.

It's the pinnacle of a grueling stretch of the season for Atkins, who is just one month off of a gold medal finish in the team portion of the 24-hour World's Toughest Mudder in Atlanta, Georgia, along with Webster and two other teammates, aptly named "Lindsay's Angels."

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Winning streak snapped at four in Golden Hawks' loss to Midland

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE

A span of two losses can only be called "a slump" if the team being referred to is that good: and the Caledon Golden Hawks are, despite a pair of losses to the Midland Flyers and Stayner Siskins over the weekend.

Riding a four-game winning streak heading into Friday's meeting with the Flyers on the road, the Hawks looked poised to take it to five games when up 3 - 2 with just over a minute left in regulation.

With an extra attacked on the ice, Midland's Alex Sebestyen beat Caledon goaltender Dylan Cox, before the home side took the extra point early in overtime.

Caledon had rallied from a 2 - 0 deficit in the second period with a pair of powerplays tallies from captain Matt Magliozzi, as well as one from Marc Simonetta.

Looking to avoid their first two-game losing streak since the first week of October, the Golden Hawks hosted the Siskins at Caledon East Arena on Sunday night

in a meeting of both the top offenses and defenses in the division.

It was Caledon that came out flying with Logan Hoover earning the game's first goal just over three minutes in, a period that saw both sides pepper the goaltenders with a total of 30 shots.

Stayner took advantage of a couple of powerplay opportunities to go up 5 - 3 after two periods, before Hoover scored his second of the game to bring it within a goal late in the game.

The Siskins added a late empty netter to seal a 6 - 4 win. Mathiau Young and Jake Semmens also got on the board for Caledon, while Sebastian Woods' seven-game winning streak of his own was snapped in making 30 saves.

Despite being kept out of the goal column for the first time in five games, Simonetta was able to pick up an assist on the Young goal to stay atop the team lead with 33 and

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

LINDSAY CORE



Mayfield Secondary School

The Mavericks Athlete of the Week is Lindsay Core! Lindsay is a Grade 11 athlete at Mayfield Secondary School, where she participates in flag football, hockey and rugby. She is a veteran player on the girl's rugby team, having been both a ROPSSAA finalist and champion. On the flag football team, she recently advanced to ROPSSAA semi-finals as a defender, after having won the championship last year. On the school's hockey team she has been named captain of the team for the 2018-2019 season.

BRIAN MELLETT



Humberview Secondary School

Brian Mellett is a four time ROPSSAA competitor for boys table tennis. This grade 12 student from Humberview Secondary School is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to the sport. Brian hopes to end his last season with a bang by medaling at ROPSSAA football.

JAKE MERANTE



Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School

This Grade 11 student plays forward for the Varsity Hockey Team, who currently have a record of three wins and one loss. In the game against St. Thomas Aquinas, Jake scored two goals leading the Wolfpack to a 6-2 win. He was also plays on the Varsity Boys Volleyball Team who won the Applewood Heights tournament in November and plans to go out for the baseball team in the spring.

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Hawks schedule to feature crucial matchups

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two back of Alliston's Joey Visconti for tops in the Carruthers division.

Both forwards are in a tight race for the league scoring lead just past the midway point of the season with 59 points, while Young and Magliozzi have put up 52 and 49 respectively to stay among the leaders.

Woods is in a battle of his own with his

Sunday opponent Zach Levac, sharing the top two spots in the division with Levac in wins, save percentage and goals-against-average.

The top two scoring teams in the league will meet in a rematch of the powerhouses on Thursday, the second game in a home-and-home at Stayner Memorial Arena. Sun-

day's loss dropped Caledon seven points shy of the Siskins for the division lead, both with 28 games played at a record of 18-8-1-1.

Another crucial matchup follows in Sunday's weekly home game in what is arguably the Golden Hawks' toughest stretch of the year: the third-place Alliston Hornets come to town, just one win shy of Caledon in the

standings.

Puck drop Sunday is scheduled for 7p.m. at Caledon East Arena.

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

Caledon Senior Hockey League statistics

Written By DAVID SHOALTS

The Grit Bagmen maintained their grip on first place in the Caledon Senior Hockey League with a 5-2 win over Yale Industrial Trucks.

In other CSHL action at Don Sheardown Memorial Arena on Monday night, Rutherford Global Logistics downed the Jiffy Lube Oilers 5-2 and Heart Lake Insurance blasted Fines Ford Lincoln 10-3.

Grit 5, Yale 2

Bret Smith was the catalyst for Grit with

two goals and an assist. Alex Dorosh, Gary Hughes and team rep James Heenan scored the other goals. Jeff Boyles and Luch Pinarello had two assists each while Dom D'Orazio had one.

Bill Moyer and Steve Smith scored for Yale, which had a three-game winning streak snapped. Single assists went to Bill Herder, Jim Sabaziotis and Kyle Smith.

Rutherford 5, Jiffy Lube 2

Greg Frangakis sparked Rutherford with two goals and an assist. Team rep Peter Coghill also bagged two goals. Roland Bar-

bazza scored the other goal and added an assist. Joe Palumbo was the playmaker of the night with three assists. George Armstrong, Grant Moffatt and Steve Sanderson had one assist each.

Scott Drouillard led the way for Jiffy Lube with a goal and an assist. Rob Ianno had two assists. Jim Kutchera scored the other goal and Victor Marrelli had one assist.

Heart Lake Insurance 10, Fines Ford 3

Bernie Tisdale was flying high for Heart Lake as he ran up six goals and two assists. Also padding their stats were team rep Ian

Kerr, Jack Gibson and Tim Sinclair, who each had a goal and three assists. John Castellucci had the other goal as well as an assist. Peter Kuchar got one assist along with Rob Masutti.

Mike Foley and team rep Nick Taccogna both had a goal and an assist for Fines Ford.

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