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HOLIDAY FESTS ATTRACTED CROWDS FOR FUN

The Town hosted Holiday Fest events over the weekend, attracting plenty of people to Bolton and Caledon East for afternoons of holiday fun. Santa Claus was on hand at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton, meeting many of his friends, including Maryam Schumann, 4, of Bolton. Turn to page A9 for more Holiday Fest fun.

Photo by Bill Rea

Councillors pleased with budget passed for Peel

By Bill Rea

Peel Regional councillors took little time last Thursday passing a budget for 2014.

The combined operating and capital budgets came to \$3.3 billion, which recommends an overall net tax increase of 1.5 per cent, which was less than Regional council's target of 1.8 per cent.

Caledon council passed a budget for the Town earlier this month, calling for a 4.98 per cent increase to the Town's portion of the property tax bill (amounting to roughly 35 per cent). At the time, Town staff had been working on the assumption there would be a 1.6 per cent increase in the Regional share (which took up about 33 per cent of the tax bill last year) while the Education component was not expected to change.

The figures provided by Town staff at that time indicated a blended overall property tax increase of 2.5 per cent.

Peggy Tollett, deputy treasurer for the Town, observed the

tax hike from Peel is a little less than had been anticipated. She said the final figures haven't been received from the Region yet, so the exact impact is not known. She did say there's not likely to be a major change from what was already reported.

Utility users will see a seven per cent increase to their water and wastewater bill - which translates to an annual increase of \$39 for an average household and \$94 for small businesses, according to the Region. User fees for water and wastewater services are based on consumption. The utility rate covers the cost to treat and deliver fresh drinking water and to treat wastewater from homes and businesses, while also ensuring the infrastructure remains in a state of good repair.

The Region reported that with the 2014 budget increase, Peel's utility rate continues to remain the lowest among GTA municipalities.

"Prudent fiscal management of tax dollars is at the core of Regional council's commitment to

residents and businesses in Peel," said Regional Chair and CEO Emil Kolb. "Council continues to look for better and more cost-effective ways to deliver our services, while ensuring our citizens are receiving the right supports when they need it."

Caledon's representatives on Regional council seemed pleased with the result.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison said most of the increase in the Regional tax bill is to pay for policing.

"This is a huge budget," she declared. "It's a 3.3 billion budget."

"Caledon is benefitting from the Region," Morrison added, pointing out the tax increase goes toward paying for needed road work, like the Coleraine Drive component of the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR). "These things would not happen if we had zero all the time."

"None of us, including me, likes tax increases," she added, stressing the need for more industrial and commercial assessment in Caledon.

The tax from the Region was still rather low, but Councillor Richard Paterak warned that's not going to last much longer.

He said there have been benefits over the last couple of years with the Province uploading various responsibilities, but uploading is going to end soon.

"We're going to have to get used to slightly higher budgets," he said.

Paterak said he was pleased the Region did such a good job holding the line on taxes as tight as it did. "I think we're steady as she goes," he commented.

Councillor Richard Whitehead, who is also the chair of the management committee of Regional council, called it "a responsible budget," adding it's the uploading to the province that has given the lower-tier municipalities like Caledon the ability to add to their budgets to address things like infrastructure needs. He added the Province taking on increased education costs helps in that regard too.

"I think staff did a bang-up job this year," he said. "They looked in all the cupboards."

Councillor Allan Thompson called it "a fair budget."

He said a big concern for him is borrowing against expected development charges. "I think we still have to look at delaying some projects."

Councillor Patti Foley said it's been a year of significant chal-

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Quote of the Week

"None of us, including me, likes tax increases."
Mayor Marolyn Morrison, reflecting on the passage of Peel Region's budget for 2014.

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Residents start hearing about commercial development in SouthFields

By Bill Rea

The ongoing development of SouthFields Village remains a work in progress, with a commercial component in the works.

A crowd of residents were out last week for the quarterly meeting of the SouthFields Village Residents Group.

Parm Chahal from English Prestige gave a brief outline on a proposal for a commercial site, which is being envisioned for the northwest corner of Kennedy Road and Dougall Avenue.

Chahal said there have been studies conducted to try and determine what the community needs and wants.

He also praised the residents who were on hand for the meeting on being very proactive in the development of their community.

"It will pay off for you guys," he said. "It will be beneficial. Keep at it."

He also pointed out the village is a caring community, adding potential retail tenants look for that.

There will eventually be about 30,000 people living in the commercial catchment

area, meaning there will be a need for a mixture of tenants.

One of the operations that's planned for the site is a day-care facility. Chahal said this is the type of tenant that helps bring communities together.

Kenneth Bokor, one of the founders of the residents' group, added there have been a number of residents asking for such a centre.

Chahal did observe the zoning of the area doesn't allow daycare, but he said Town staff and councillors are working with them on that.

He added the daycare is being eyed for the north end of the site. They are looking at some kind of financial institution to the south, with an anchor store to the southeast. He said Shoppers Drug Mart has shown interest.

Chahal also said they are not looking at big box store, as that wouldn't reflect the community.

He did say it's critical to get on with the planning process on this. Other uses that are being considered include a restaurant (such as a pizza establishment), dental of-

fice, chiropractor clinic, beauty salon, etc. Chahal added there is quite a range of uses that would be permitted, such as convenience and grocery stores, offices, dry cleaners, etc.

The plans that Chahal showed the meeting included a lot of room for parking. One man commented that there's been a lot of talk of making the village walkable. Chahal said a lot of walking traffic could be expected there, especially in the summer.

Bokor added it's been designated a walking community, with everything within it planned to be within a 15-minute walk.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison commented planning for this community started about 20 years ago.

"I really wanted a 'down town,'" she said, pointing out people support the businesses in the core of their communities. The mayor lives in Inglewood, and she said there is a lot of support for the general store there.

"You live in the community here," she told the audience. "You want that community feel."

Morrison also said the Town is looking at setting up a community policing office somewhere in the village.



BRINGING THE MUSIC OF THE SEASON TO THE COMMUNITY

Members of congregations of various churches in the Caledon East area combined their talents Saturday afternoon to bring the tunes of the Christmas season to those around the community. The caroling tour started at the Abbeyfield Seniors' Residence.

Photo by Bill Rea

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what's happening in our community

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Caven Presbyterian Church Choir will be presenting their Christmas concert at the church, starting at 8 p.m. The choir will be directed

by Imre Olah, and the special guest soprano will be Andra Shephard. All are welcome.

John Pelosi and Friends Concert from 7 to 10 p.m. at 3G Music Archtop Café, 56 Queen St. North, Bolton. This is a fundraiser for Bethell Hospice. For more information, call 905-951-2290.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

The Navy League Caledon Branch pancake and sausage breakfast will be held at Bolton United Church, at the corner of King and Nancy Streets in downtown Bolton. It will run from 9 to 11 a.m., and the cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children. All proceeds go to support the Bolton Sea Cadet program.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Sabbath Rest Breakfast and Service at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd., Caledon East. Held the first Sunday of every month, the event will include a full breakfast at 10 a.m., followed by a relaxed, serene Sabbath Rest Service with beautiful music at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Contact 905-584-9635.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Adult computer workshop at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be Mobile Devices. Book a 20 minute help session and bring your device to the library, fully charged please. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

Some delays in garbage collection

Some Caledon residents will be experiencing one-day delays in the collection of their garbage over the holidays.

Residents who have their garbage regularly collected Tuesdays will not see a change, but everyone else will experience a one-day delay for both the week of Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

The Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) will be open during regular hours and days of the week throughout the holiday period, with exceptions. All CRCs will close at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and remain closed Christmas Day and Dec. 26. They will close again at 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve and remain closed New Year's Day.

Christmas trees will be collected during the week of Jan. 13 on regular waste collection days. Christmas trees must not exceed three metres (10 feet) in length. Remove all outer plastic bags, ornaments,

tinsel, nails, wire and tree stands. Christmas trees buried in snowbanks will not be picked up. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at CRCs, where regular drop-off fees will apply.

Tilson highlights federal funds going to Caledon

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson has highlighted more than \$20 million in federal gas tax funding to the Town of Caledon since 2005.

"The Town of Caledon has benefited greatly from the federal government's decision to transfer gas tax funds to local municipalities for infrastructure," Tilson commented. "Over \$20 million has flowed to the Town since 2005."

Some of the projects which have been made possible through this funding include the Sneath Road pedestrian bridge in Bolton; the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street; the Heart Lake bridge reconstruction; King Street pedestrian improvements; road reconstruction in Inglewood; and the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR) project.

"Now that the Gas Tax Fund is permanent, municipalities like Caledon have a long-term, stable and predictable source of funding to help plan and execute important infrastructure projects," Tilson remarked. "Through this Fund, our communities are getting the help they need to keep their roads, bridges and other infrastructure safe and up to date."

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HomeJames is getting lots of people home after celebrating this season

By Bill Rea

The HomeJames program in Caledon is going strong this year, although more volunteers would be a big help.

The program, which is operating out of the former Legion hall in Bolton, offers free rides home for people who might have had a bit too much to drink while celebrating the season.

The program is operating Friday and Saturday nights over the holidays, as well as New Year's Eve.

Diane Tolstoy, vice-president of operations for the program, said the activity has been comparable to last year, although things are expected to get busier as the holidays progress.

Terry Fast, one of the team leaders for the program, delivered an orientation address to the volunteers before Friday night's session got busy, thanking everyone for their support.

"This is something that is near and dear to our hearts, and something we enjoy doing," he said.

The program dispatches teams of three. One person is the "driver," who drives the client's car. The "escort" drives the shuttle vehicle and the "navigator" makes sure they get to where they're supposed to be.

Dispatches are on duty at the hall, and the teams are tracked on GPS.

"We know where you are," Fast assured them.

Tolstoy reported that heading into Fri-

day's shift, there have been 105 rides provided that got 247 people home safe.

She also said they are going to need vol-

unteers for New Year's Eve. Those who are interested can visit the website at

www.homejames-caledon.ca



HomeJames Team Leader Terry Fast watches as dispatchers Melissa Cochrane and Dave Borgal take calls from people seeking rides home and send out teams.



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was flanked by her teammates Friday night; Councillor Nick deBoer and Trustee Stan Cameron

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Police warning public to be careful on ice despite the cold

OPP is warning the public to exercise extreme caution near any surfaces that may appear to be frozen.

Although temperatures have been very

cold, the significant snowfalls in the traditional snowbelt areas over the past week have created a situation in which it may

appear that there is a thick layer of ice

beneath you, when in some instances, this is not the case.

Outdoor enthusiasts are being asked to refrain from any ice related activities until they see ice hut operators putting their huts out.

These operators not only know the local waters, but will regularly test the ice thickness before allowing their ice huts to be brought out onto the ice and used.

Although there have been no related ice rescues to speak of as of yet in the OPP Central Region, any need for rescues this early in the season has the potential to put the lives of many first responders at great risk. The advice of the OPP is very simple, as at this time "no ice is safe ice."

The snow that has fallen has not allowed for proper snowmobile trail grooming, as there is very little base.

The light fluffy snow associated with the snow squalls of last week cannot be properly packed and many of the trails, especially those in wooded areas should be avoided until the trails are examined and prepared for use. A fallen tree or tree limb on a yet to be maintained trail could result in very serious injuries or death.

As conditions continue to improve and

the snow continues to fall, outdoor enthusiasts will soon be able to fully enjoy their recreational winter pastime of choice. Until then, avoid going onto any surface of water that appears to be frozen until you know for certain that it is safe and stay off the many official sanctioned snowmobile trails until they are officially declared "open for the season."

Charged for property from crime

A 24-year-old Caledon woman has been charged with being in possession of property obtained by crime.

Caledon OPP reports officers went to a home on Heritage Road Aug. 13. While investigating another matter, they learned that the resident may have been in possession of stolen all-terrain vehicles (ATV). They located the ATVs on the property and confirmed that an ATV from the Durham Region and one from Burk's Falls had been reported stolen.

The woman was charged after a lengthy investigation.

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Osler aiming to help community prepare for medical care over the holidays

Like many other hospitals across the province at this time of year, William Osler Health System sees an increased number of people visiting its emergency departments (ED) at both the Brampton and Etobicoke sites.

In 2012, thousands of patients came through Osler EDs within two weeks over the holiday period, and it saw a 21 per cent increase in ED visits over its yearly average during this time.

"We started planning in January 2013 for this year's holiday surge," said Kiki Ferrari, executive director of clinical services at Osler. "We wanted to ensure that we have a robust plan in place that is

going to position us to provide safe, quality care over the holidays."

A holiday surge is caused by high demand and activity due to a number of factors: reduced hours of operation for doctor's offices and walk-in clinics, less availability of community resources, higher rates of health incidents caused by activities of the holiday season and, sometimes, an increase in seasonal flu cases. All of these factors cause the community to rely more heavily on hospital emergency departments.

To help raise awareness in the community about where patients might also be able to seek care for less complex condi-

tions, Osler has taken to social media and its website to share tips and information. In addition to viewing a video explaining how the ED works, Osler website visitors can find out more about alternatives to the ED, how to prepare in case medical care is needed over the holidays and the symptoms that should prompt patients to go directly to the ED. This information is also being shared through Osler social media channels including Twitter (@OslerHealth) and its Facebook page.

"If we don't plan to meet demand during this time, we will see a ripple effect of people staying longer after the holidays," said Ferrari. "Through work with our local health partners to better understand care options in the community, bringing in extra staff to deal with the pressures, and updating our website with relevant information, we are doing everything we can to ensure that our patients and families are receiving timely, patient-inspired care in both of our EDs during this holiday season."

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Guests signed their names as a show of support to launch the \$4 million Women Helping Women for Etobicoke General Hospital campaign. Seen here are Anna Bernardi, manager of major gifts for the Osler Foundation; Mayor Marolyn Morrison; Dr. Roberta Minna; Dr. Christine Tang; Dyanne Ostrander, director of major gifts for the Osler Foundation; Councillor Patti Foley; and Maureen Sheahan, VP of philanthropy for the Osler Foundation.

Submitted photo

Etobicoke General to benefit from Women Helping Women

Caledon Mayor Marolyn Morrison and Regional Councillor Patti Foley served as hosts to 40 women at the inaugural meeting of the new Women Helping Women for Etobicoke General Hospital fundraising campaign, sponsored by the Casamici Trattoria restaurant in Bolton Oct. 17.

"The Women Helping Women campaign answers the needs of the women in our community," Morrison said. "By raising funds for the new Maternal Newborn program in Etobicoke General's new wing, we can help women to have better birth experiences in family-centred environments. We can also ensure that specialized care is available when our smallest patients require extra help and that the care is available close to home, so that family support is convenient."

Etobicoke General Hospital, originally opened in 1972, is undergoing significant revitalization to meet the growing demands of its community. This includes the development of a new four-storey wing, which will bring more than 217,000 square feet of expanded facilities for the services that the community utilizes most, including renovations and expansion of the Emergency Department, renovations to the Critical Care and Intensive Care units, a new maternal newborn unit and ambulatory procedures unit, as well as a new outpatient oncology facility.

The expansion will also include a new main entrance, new retail and registration areas and an upgraded lobby, in addition to expanded parking and more roadways to make the building more accessible.

During the Women Helping Women event, attendees had an opportunity to hear from keynote speakers on the topic of breast reconstruction and breast cancer surgery. Dr. Christine Tang, a plastic surgeon at Etobicoke General and Dr. Roberta Minna, a surgeon at Etobicoke General, delivered presentations, answered questions and emphasized the importance of getting mammograms to support the early detection of breast cancer.

"In the late '60s, women came together to raise funds to get the health care they needed for their families and they have

continued to play an active role as donors, volunteers and advisors for more than 40 years," observed Maureen Sheahan, vice-president of philanthropy with William Osler Health System Foundation. "The new Women Helping Women campaign is ambitious, as we seek to raise \$4 million for the best possible Maternal Newborn care and programming at Etobicoke General that will touch the lives of every family in the community. Women in this community have proven they have the creativity and resourcefulness to achieve this goal."

To learn more about redevelopment at Etobicoke General and to join the Women Helping Women campaign, call Anna Bernardi at (416) 494-2120 extension 32189.

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SOUP'S ON!

Last Friday saw the hall at Inglewood United Church packed for the annual Soup and Sing Supper. There were various types of soups to try. Servers included Katherine Schmidt, Margaret Shier, Sue Graham, Tamara Schmidt, Nell Crathern and Roger Crathern.

Photo by Bill Rea

Jones charges that failed Liberal legacy creates more job loss

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones recently expressed alarm over bad news for Ontario's economy.

It was recently announced that Heinz was shutting down its Leamington factory, leaving approximately 800 people unemployed. Then days later, Cliffs Natural Resources announced it was pulling out of the Northern Ontario Ring of Fire mining development. The two announcements represent two major economic developments for the worse in the province's southern and northern regions respectively.

"This is what happens when the provincial government is more concerned with nickel-and-dime job creators with needless taxes, fines and inspectors, as opposed to focusing on growing the economy," Jones remarked. "This is what happens when Liberal energy policies drive hydro prices to the highest in North America."

"The Liberal government's failure to place a priority on spurring job creation in Ontario has led to a situation where we are increasingly becoming an undesirable place to do business, and the results are worrying," she added.

Jones lamented the negative effect the Heinz closure will have on the families of the plant's former employees, as well as the community at large. The Heinz plant

had been in Leamington for 100 years and processed 40 per cent of all field tomatoes grown in Ontario annually.

She also observed the Cliffs Natural Resources announcement could prove to be a critical blow to the province's northern economy. The Ring of Fire deposit of chromite and other precious metals is located approximately 500 kilometres north of Thunder Bay and has an estimated value of between \$30 billion and \$50 billion.

"One of the most worrying similarities between these two announcements is lack of urgency displayed by Premier Wynne and her Liberal government," Jones said. "Day after day the PC Caucus has been warning the Liberals that their reckless policies are hurting Ontario's economy and could cause further job losses, yet the Premier would rather strike endless panels to avoid the issues. The Liberals just don't get it."

"Premier Wynne is fond of having conversations," she added. "The problem is her indecisiveness and lack of action continues to jeopardize Ontario's economy. The PC Caucus has a plan to bring jobs back to Ontario, balance the books, and make energy affordable again. That's why it's time to change the team that leads our province."

Staff praised for work on budget

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lenges for the Region, especially in terms of demand for service, and she thinks the budget reflected that.

"Staff delivered a budget that not only allowed us to maintain service levels, but to increase them," Foley said. "It was a reasonable increase."

The Region's operating budget of \$2 billion includes spending on services such as garbage collection, police and paramedics, long-term care homes and community support services for seniors, affordable housing, accessible transportation and roads, water and wastewater, child care subsidies and supports for children with special needs, public health initiatives, financial and employment assistance (Ontario Works), conservation, community investment initiatives and Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

The capital budget of \$1.3 billion pro-

vides the resources to acquire, improve or maintain major capital assets such as Regional road networks, waste management initiatives, water and wastewater treatment facilities and transmission mains, as well as the buildings and infrastructure to operate Regional services for the wider community.

"Recognizing that complex pressures were impacting our ability to provide existing services at current tax levels, council sought to minimize the burden of tax, so that any potential increases remain affordable," Whitehead said. "The 2014 budget allows us to meet operational demands and preserve capital assets so that we do not compromise the integrity of the quality of services provided at the Regional level."

Peel Public Health offers drop-in breastfeeding clinics ; Extended hours

New moms in Peel Region now have more options for breastfeeding help.

Peel Public Health has begun offering drop-in breastfeeding clinics and extended hours at two of its clinic sites.

These new clinic options aim to better meet the needs of new moms in the first four weeks following birth by providing them with more opportunities to access breastfeeding help. Mothers with babies (birth to six weeks) can see public health nurses at the clinics for help with breastfeeding by either appointment or drop-in.

The drop-in clinic is available at Brampton Breastfeeding Clinic at Bramlea Civic Centre (150 Central Park Dr.) Thursdays from 1 to 4:45 p.m. There is also a Meadowvale Breastfeeding Clinic at Meadowvale Town Centre (6975 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir.) in Mississauga Tuesdays from 1 to 4:45 p.m.

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Nominate Caledon's 2014 Environmentalist of The Year



It's time to nominate Caledon's 2014 Environmentalist of the Year

The Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) is seeking nominations from the public for the 18th annual Environmentalist of the Year Award. The due date for nominations is Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

"CEAC's Environmentalist of the Year award encourages environmental stewardship across Caledon and provides recognition for outstanding community efforts," said Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

The Environmentalist of the Year receives a certificate at the Town of Caledon's annual Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards event held annually in April. The winner's name is also added to the commemorative rock in the CEAC Stewardship Grove on the Trans-Canada Trail in Caledon East. The Environmentalist of the Year will also receive the honour of choosing a Caledon-based environmental stewardship project to receive an Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award of \$500.

The Bolton & District Horticultural Society were chosen as Environmentalist of the Year in 2013.

We want to hear from you, Caledon! How to make a nomination

If you know of a person or an organization that deserves this recognition, please let CEAC know. Visit www.caledon.ca/environment and click on the banner for Environmentalist of the Year.

Please submit your nomination by Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Should you have any questions or prefer to receive hard copies of the nomination criteria, please contact Tim Manley, Senior Policy Planner, at 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7E 1J6, by email to tim.manley@caledon.ca or 905.584.2272, x. 4285



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 *Please attend the Dufferin Courthouse located in Orangeville for payment and inquiries. Regular hours resume Thursday, January 2, 2014

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 Regular hours resume Thursday, January 2, 2014
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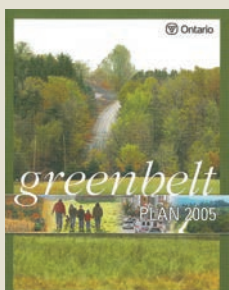


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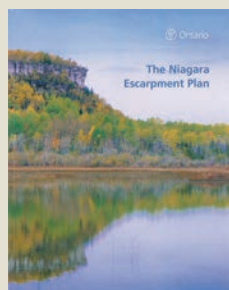
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Town of Caledon launches 2015 Provincial Plan Review

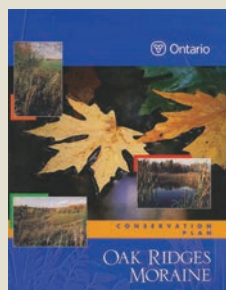
The Town of Caledon is proactively seeking public input on the upcoming review of four Provincial Plans that significantly influence almost all aspects of planning in the Town.



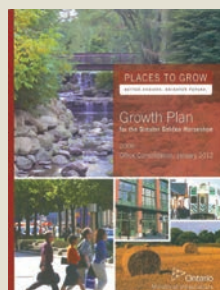
Greenbelt Plan



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

Your Chance to Have Your Say...

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Arts & Entertainment



Believe Bags 'make a woman feel great about herself'

By Tabitha Wells

With Christmas comes the sparkling lights and decorations, along with music that warms the heart, and the spirit of giving that touches many throughout the season.

It is also the time of year that brings with it the reminder that not all are as fortunate as everyone else.

While there are many outreach programs, charities and fundraisers designed to help those facing financial, health and other struggles during Christmas, the unfortunate truth is that amidst everything, some are overlooked.

Last Christmas, one woman found herself noticing the lack of awareness surrounding the needs of single moms during the holidays.

"I went different places and I saw Toys for Tots and I saw Christmas Hampers for Grandparents and all kinds of Toy Drives and coats for everybody but single moms," explained Orangeville resident Karen Ross-Smith. "I thought to myself, 'What do the moms do when they're scurrying to get gifts for their kids and everything and no one is looking after them?'"

It was then that Ross-Smith developed the idea for Believe Bags — bags filled with things that women enjoy, but those facing a difficult time might not be able to afford.

It wasn't due to past experience in such a situation that drew her to the idea, but rather the exact opposite.

She explained that she had been pretty blessed in her life and had not had to endure any hardships, which led to realizing that someone needed to do something for these women who did.

"I believe in paying it forward," she added. "I asked girlfriends and family members, since this was only a few weeks before Christmas, instead of doing a Secret Santa when we all got together, if they would give into these bags."

The idea was to gather items that those

in a stronger financial situation take for granted, such as makeup, candles, magazines; things that are more of a luxury to those on a low income, but could help those women feel more confident and better during their hard times.

Even with the short notice last year, Ross-Smith was able to gather enough belongings to provide a bag for each woman at Family Transition Place. Between friends and other good Samaritans, enough items were collected to make sure that no-one went without.

"My daughter took one of the bags to Westside last year, where she attends high school, and one of the teachers left on his lunch that day," she shared. "He filled the bag with a Cosmo (Cosmopolitan) magazine, candles, nice shampoos, nice lotions, a gift card, nail polish, nail polish remover — all kinds of things that were exactly the stuff I was looking for."

This year, the plan has been to spread the message and be able to collect enough items to not only provide bags for women at Family Transition Place, but to have enough for women reached through Hospice Dufferin as well.

It started with asking friends and family to provide donations for the Believe Bags rather than presents at her 50th birthday celebration in October. Her brother-in-law did the same earlier in the summer, and combined they raised \$1,000 toward purchasing items for the bags.

"With that cash, I gave it to Rosemary at Odds and Errands, and she has taken the money to go shopping for me," said Ross-Smith. "My girlfriends, my family and my friends have all been amazing, dropping things off and donations at my birthday party, and this Christmas in the next few weeks, we'll get together and fill the bags."

Currently, there are four collection bins set up around the Orangeville area for people who want to drop off donations. Ross-Smith set up a basket at the Black

Birch Restaurant on Hockley Road, where she works, as well as The Body Bar, Jody's Flair for Hair and at her husband's workplace, Highland Restorations.

"People have been dropping off all kinds of donations — hair products and that sort of thing," she said. "We may end up with more than 50 bags, and if we do, the rest will be sent over to the Food Bank and they can get looked after there."

There has also been a strong response through the Facebook page she set up, with ladies from outside the Orangeville area expressing interest in helping out. One woman from Barrie contacted Ross-Smith through the page to let her know how touched she was by the idea because the concept hit home for her.

"She sent me a message saying, 'Oh you have no idea how much that would benefit women,'" she explained. "She shared that 17 years ago she found herself in the same situation and said how much it would have meant to get something like that at

Christmas. She said she and her children would be coming down from Barrie with some donations."

Another lady from Newmarket committed to mail 50 items to Ross-Smith at her workplace and several clients of Highland Restorations agreed to match some of the donations with an equal amount of items.

"I have already unloaded a full basket from my husband's business, and I've unloaded a full basket from the Black Birch restaurant," she added.

The donation baskets will be out until Dec. 15, and people interested in helping out can either drop their items off at any of the four locations or contact Ross-Smith through her Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/believebagsorangeville>

"Believe Bags are just really to make a woman feel great about herself, to provide her with things that we take for granted," said Ross-Smith. "They're to make women believe in themselves, in Santa and in a little magic."

DAREarts releases cards made by students

DAREarts has announced the roll-out of the latest greeting cards made by local area students.

These iceberg-themed cards are inspired by renowned painter Cory Trépanier of Caledon. Earlier this year, Trépanier made a special video to promote the DARE2Draw program, which explains the role of local kids to help others and why it's necessary to pay attention to Canada's north and the people who live there.

The greeting card making campaign raises funding and awareness for DAREarts' Aboriginal First Roots Program, which helps to close the opportunity gap between First Nations students and the rest of Canada through the arts. The program performs extended visits which explore all the arts, in consultation with community Elders, teachers, parents and arts community members in multi-disciplined arts projects.

"The child is the epicenter of DAREarts' community engagement," Aboriginal artist Cathy Elliott, one of the artists involved both in the North and Southern Ontario card making workshops, explained. "The creative shockwaves radiate, affecting parents, siblings and the world beyond through their showcases, social media and the artworks themselves."

The waves also affect the students in Southern Ontario, through local card creation workshops in participation with the local schools and school boards. Other artists include Susan Huntley and Aboriginal artists Gloria Hope and Zoe Maxwell.

The local kids were not only instructed in the painting and drawing of the ice-

berg-themed cards, they were exposed to the hard economics and infrastructural choices that occur in the communities of the children they are helping.

"Unfortunately, potable water, food and health take precedence over the arts and other confidence building activities," Elliott stressed. "Your contribution helps Aboriginal children find their own passion and helps close the opportunity gap that exists in their lives."

Students in Southern Ontario are learning about children their own age in the North, and create beautiful reflections through their cards. Teachers are welcoming the card program as a way of building communities within the classroom. They see their students responding to the program with questions and insights about geography, zoology, weather, climate change, economics, social studies and philanthropy. Some teachers are taking the program further, by tying in literacy through describing the work they are doing, as well as learning songs that the Aboriginal students wrote in the First Roots Program.

Schools involved so far in DARE2draw include Caledon East Public School, Belfountain Public School and Palgrave Public School.

Original cards and card sets are available in Orangeville through Booklore, Dufferin County Museum, Theatre Orangeville upper level and in Alton Mills. Original Cards are \$5, five Original Cards for \$20 and printed box sets for \$20.

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WALKING WITH DINOSAURS (PG) (SOME SCARY SCENES) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, NO PASSES, STADIUM SEATING FRI-TUE 4:10, THURS 3:50

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'Kilowatt Kids' still getting together monthly after retirement

By James Matthews
For the Citizen

The best friendships don't fade away, no matter how many years pass.

And few people know that better than the a group of retired Ontario Hydro (before it adopted the Hydro One moniker) outside workers known colloquially as the Kilowatt Kids. Collectively, the six friends have about 230 years experience hanging from power poles.

The lads assembled in the Boston Pizza

dining room in Orangeville recently. They have been meeting once a month for about a year. They sip beers, have a lunch, share stories and bellylaughs at a different eatery each month. And there's much laughter, the kind of sure easy guffaws that takes years to grow, even among the best of friends.

"This is pretty damn important to us," Wilf Seli said. "If we don't do this, one of us is going to cash our chips."

He started at the utility company in 1947

and retired in 1993. Seli spoke to the Citizen as the others — Ross Taylor, Ches Cotton, Ralph Harkies, Bob Jones and Gord Miller — ribbed each other in the background.

They all worked together at some point, in some pretty difficult circumstances. They speak of a time when it seems the rain was colder and wetter, the lightening was more menacing and the relentless winds shoved the heavy snow into impossible drifts.

In the bush at night in all kinds of

weather, Seli said friends were so important. And it was during the times they all stuck together that blood-like bonds were forged.

"When conditions were on the verge of unbearable, we had to reach back for that little extra," Seli said. "It was a crash-course in character-building."

"But to know we had restored power to an elderly couple 'chilling' (in winter) around a single candle or to a young mother in desperation with a small child, it was a sincerely rewarding feeling."



Lots of fun had at Holiday Fest events

The Town hosted two Holiday Fest events over the weekend, and there was lots of fun to be had at both of them. Ada Ledonne of Bolton was playing a spirited game of Connect 4 with her grandson Alessio Barbara at the event at Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East Saturday.

Photos by Bill Rea



Leyla Garcia, 6, of Bolton was woking on her cookie-decorating skills in Bolton Sunday.

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Vanessa Canderan, 7, of Bolton was getting in some wall-climbing practice at the festivities at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton.

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Celebrate the season with family at WinterFest

The Town of Caledon will be hosting the 10th annual WinterFest Jan. 5, 2014.

Bring your family and join friends and neighbours at the Mayfield Recreation Complex from 1 to 4 p.m.

Activities will be free to the community and include public skating, swimming, face painting, children's crafts, entertainment, refreshments and more. Join Mayor Marolyn Morrison and mem-

bers of Council at 2 p.m. for the official cake cutting.

"WinterFest is a community tradition that celebrates the New Year and reminds us to embrace the many wonderful recreational and leisure activities we enjoy in Caledon during the winter season," Morrison said.

For more information, visit www.caledon.ca/recreation or contact Mayfield Recreation Complex at 905-843-2216.



Santa visits Credit View

There was plenty of excitement at Credit View Public School Saturday morning for the annual Breakfast with Santa. A lot of young folks there got to meet the guest of honour, including Anna Holleran, 3, and her brother William, 5. Meanwhile, parent volunteer Sandra Usherwood was among those hard at work in the kitchen flipping the pancakes.

Photos by Bill Rea



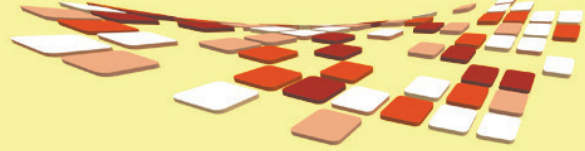
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Rotarians host holiday celebration

The annual tree-lighting event, hosted by the Rotary Club of Palgrave, was held last Saturday with the community out to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. Santa Claus was on hand to meet his many friends, including Victoria Costacurta, who is a Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil. There was the opportunity to make crafts. Bridget Bonnici was helping Jonathan Boccia make a bird feeder.

Photos by Bill Rea



Environmentalists demonstrated at Tilson's office

By James Matthews

Everybody needs to be more concerned about the direction in which Canada is headed regarding the environment, according to Ian McGugan.

And to highlight that message, McGugan and about a dozen others protested recently in front of Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson's Orangeville constituency office.

It was one of more than 130 Defend Our Climate demonstrations across Canada to show opposition to tar sands expansion and pipeline construction. McGugan is the Dufferin-Caledon Green Party's communications chairperson.

He and his compatriots demonstrated along the sidewalk, brandishing signs that were read by motorists and talking to passersby about their environmental concerns.

They include increasing weather severity around the globe, derailments of trains carrying crude and other products and mishaps involving by-products of Alberta tar sands refining. McGugan said such events and the perceived favour of the federal government for industry are reasons

Canadians need to be concerned about government's direction in supporting oil companies.

"We'd like them to consider alternative fuels and new energy instead of extracting oil," he said, adding that economies need to be built on more than the petroleum industry.

"We need oil companies to evolve into energy companies," McGugan said. "That will help the world."

He said people need to talk more about the environment and how it can be saved. Such talk needs to happen, and there's no better time than the present, he maintained.

"There's no real plan to ensure we have a sustainable future," he said, and added people should ask their MPs about their thoughts on such topics. Especially, he said, given there's a federal election in the future.

"More and more Canadians are confused and are looking for leadership," McGugan said. "We need to plan for our sustainable future. If we don't, we're in big trouble. You can talk about the future as a problem or an opportunity."

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Plenty of information was passed out

By Bill Rea

Tips on avoiding scams, recognizing the advent of Alzheimer's Disease and the programs offered by Caledon Community Services (CCS) were offered Friday at the latest Seniors' Information Expo, hosted by Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson.

A large crowd was out at the Caledon Seniors' Centre in Bolton to benefit from the information.

Caledon OPP Constable Brenda Evans outlined the wide variety of fraud schemes that seniors can be victimized by. "It's very, very much a part of the community," she said, adding millions of dollars are scammed from seniors every year.

Complicating things is the fact that many seniors don't report it when they get ripped off. In some cases, they're embarrassed. Other times, they don't want their families to know.

Evans said she delivers frequent talks on this topic, and almost every time, a senior takes her aside to tell her of something that's happened to them.

Evans established that most of the peo-

ple in the audience have access to the internet, and she warned they have to be careful.

People often get emails, telling them they have won some prize in a lottery or sweepstakes. Evans stressed if one doesn't enter a contest, there's no way they can win. She also warned people to be careful when putting their name or card into some box to enter a draw. That information can be passed along. She added sometimes people being told they have won something are asked to provide some money or bank information so the prize can be processed. Evans stressed that anyone who wins something will never be called upon to pay for it.

"Scammers are very, very crafty," she said, adding they will do all they can to convince their victims that everything is legal.

"If you haven't entered a sweepstakes or lottery, you haven't won anything," she declared.

Other tips Evans had included not sharing personal information with

strangers. She also said to beware of pressure tactics, such as being required to act fast to win.

Her basic message for the seniors was if their gut tells them something is not right, it probably isn't.

Evans said she constantly gets emails telling he she's won something or some account of hers has been corrupted, and her computer is equipped with some of the best security available.

She also told the people to destroy documents that they no longer need, yet contains personal information. This includes things like old bills. "People go dumpster diving," she said, mentioning they will root through people's garbage, looking for this kind of material.

Evans also warned about being aware of medical scams, such as routines where they offered some sort of miracle cure. She urged people with health issues to talk to their doctors and not buy stuff offered to them online.

She warned that health and medical scams are becoming more common, as are emergency scams. These are ones in which seniors get an email than a grandchild has run into problems in a foreign country and needs money in a hurry. These calls, that play on emotions, also include the senior being asked not to tell the kid's parents.

As well, she told the audience to be on guard against dating or romance scams, which often prey on lonely people. There might be a case in which a lot of long-distance emails are exchanged, then the partner on the other end claims there are unexpected financial troubles, with an urgent request to send money.

Charities are another source of scams, as Evans urged people to make sure they know who they're giving money to, and not to be afraid to ask for identification.

"We have to be very careful who we give our money out to," she said, adding scam artists will often focus on things like recent disasters to sick children.

Service scams are something else people have to be on their guard against. People are sometimes told they can get a better rate on their gas bill, or better interest rates on their credit cards. The problem is the victim gives out things like their name, address, credit-card number, etc. over the phone.

Evans also warned people to be careful when using debit cards, making sure they try to keep people from seeing their personal identification number (PIN).

Karen Phair of the Alzheimer Society of Peel based her talk on Taking Charge of Your Brain Health.

She observed that every animal has a brain, but the human brain is unique because of the demands made on it. It allows speech, imagination and problem-solving, while controlling things like body temperature, breathing, heart rates, blood-pressure, etc. She also said the average brain weighs about three pounds, is roughly 70 per cent water and contains some 100,000 miles of blood vessels.

Alzheimer's disease is getting to be a greater concern in Canada, Phair said.

Alzheimer's is a form of dementia, but she also said dementia is a diagnosis, not a disease. She said it could be the result of things like depression or some illness. Dementia can be reversed, but Alzheimer's can't.

Phair said Alzheimer's is progressive, degenerative and gradual. Its impacts on the brain can affect moods, behaviour and emotions.

There is no specific diagnosis for Alzheimer's, Phair said. It usually involves telling a doctor about the symptoms that have been noticed, and the doctor goes on to rule out other possibilities, while keeping track of how things progress over time.

There are signs to look for when dealing with Alzheimer's.

Phair said one of them is memory loss that affects daily function. She stressed that everyone is sometimes forgetful, or misplaces items like keys, etc. A warning sign could be forgetting a name, and it doesn't come back, or maybe a person forgetting that they forgot something.

Failing when it comes to performing tasks is another sign she mentioned. Again, she said people will often forget little things, but serving chicken at the dinner table, having forgotten to cook it, is another matter.

Use of language is something to look for. People might refer to items by a completely different word. People who are multi-lingual might change languages in mid-sentence.

Another warning sign Phair mentioned is disorientation; if a person doesn't recognize their own house, or goes for a walk and can't find their way home.

Changes to moods, behaviour or personality can be signs. Phair said everyone changes as they get older, but some of them can be extreme. She said she knew of two brothers who maintained their

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This year, numerous downtown businesses participated in creating festive, eye-catching holiday displays by decorating their store front windows and entryways, many using the BIA's theme of Christmas Candy. Hats off to all participating merchants, including Mille Notte, Klementine, The Mortgage Centre, Dr. Nichol / Hidden Lotus Spa, Colletti's Creations, Pure Secretz, Innovations / Creative FX, Century 21 and Studio 49 / Herbal Magic.

The BIA would also like to say a big thank you to our judges - Mayor Marolyn Morrison, Councillor Rob Mezzapelli, Councillor Patti Foley and Rob Simeon (CCS) - for taking on the very tough job of deciding the winner. There were a lot of great displays and a lot of work went into each and every one.



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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

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- clear plastic egg cartons
- take-out containers and microwavable trays
- garden nursery pots, cells, trays and flats
- plastic vitamin and prescription bottles



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WINTER Waste Collection

Inclement weather, such as snow and ice, can make it difficult for your waste collector to access your garbage and recycling (blue box and green bin) containers. During such times, please follow these steps to ensure the safety of your waste collector and that your waste containers are collected:

- Do not place containers on top of or behind snowbanks
- Place containers at ground level, as close to the road as possible, without obstructing the road. The containers may be placed at the end of the driveway or on a flat surface near the bottom of the snowbank
- Avoid placing containers on icy surfaces
- Place heavier blue box items on top of lighter ones to prevent your recyclable materials from blowing away. Or, consider using transparent (clear or tinted blue) plastic recycling bags for collection
- Place your waste out the morning of collection to help prevent items from freezing to the container

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected from the curb **during the week of Jan. 13, 2014** on regular waste collection days. Christmas trees must not exceed 3m (10 ft.) in length. Remove all outer plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, nails, wire and tree stand.



Christmas trees buried in snow banks will not be picked up

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) Extended Hours Pilot Program

The Extended Hours Pilot Program will be continued through August 2014. The Battleford and Brampton CRCs will be open Monday through Thursday until 8 p.m.

Bolton CRC will be open later on Thursday evenings only, until 8 p.m.
Goodwill Store closes at 4:30 p.m. at the Brampton CRC.

CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION EXEMPTION PERIOD



The Region of Peel is offering residents a **two-week Exemption Period for waste collection from Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 to Friday, Jan. 10, 2014**. During the Exemption Period, residents may place unlimited quantities of acceptable waste at the curb on their scheduled waste collection day. No garbage tags will be required for this period only.



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at Tilson's Seniors' Expo in Bolton

mother never swore, but suddenly started using that kind of language.

Phair said when Alzheimer's starts, it affects memory. There are ways that memory can be detoured to get around the problem, but as the disease progresses, there are some things that the patient can no longer do.

"It's never too late to change you brain health," she said, adding reducing certain risk factors can be a benefit.

Phair suggested brain challenges like puzzles, and changing them occasionally. She also recommended "brain food," pointing out Alzheimer's is less common in the Mediterranean region. She suggested fish, poultry and red wine in moderation. As well, she advised getting plenty of sleep, and at the same times every day. She

pointed out lifestyle is the one factor people can have full control of, and at no extra cost.

Phair said there's a bit of a connection from heredity, but it's not substantial. She said there's a 10 to 15 per cent chance of getting Alzheimer's if a parent had it, but only about a five per cent chance if not. She also said there seems to be more people being diagnosed with the disease younger, like in their late 40s or early 50s, but there's no clear word yet on if that's a trend.

She also said the disease affects everyone differently, but the average time from diagnosis to being bed-ridden is about eight to 10 years.

Faisal Minhas, of the Medical Care Store in Brampton, spoke on the availabil-

ity of equipment that can aid people in their mobility and well-being.

He said his company is licensed by Health Canada and is approved under the Assisted Device Program (ADP). He said those designations are important, because Health Canada only lets them sell approved products. "Only good quality products are approved," he said.

Hearing aids were among the products he discussed, commenting that family members are often in a good position to comment if a person needs one. Since hearing loss can affect lives, he urged people to get tested. He added his business will do it for free.

Addressing issues of mobility, Minhas said there is government funding available to help people get assistance devices. They were used to help one of his clients obtain a scooter, and now he's able to get about his neighbourhood.

"I've seen the smile on his face," he said. "It makes a huge difference."

He also pointed out there is a process to get this kind of funding. The client has to be assessed by an ADP therapist.

Minhas said his company had more than 2,000 devices to assist with home care, from equipment to check one's own blood pressure to bath chairs.

The Expo also heard about some of the programs offered by CCS.

Manager of Health Services Caroline Petrie said one of the aims of the agency is to keep seniors out of long-term care for as long as possible and let them stay in their homes. As they age at home, CCS is able to help decide what services they need. The services available include transportation, personal support workers (PSW), lifeline communication, respite care that enables family members to go about other business.

CCS also runs a transitional care centre in Alton for people who are just out of the hospital, but who might not yet be ready to go home. There are also community assisted living facilities in Bolton and Caledon East, with PSWs available to assist with meal preparation, bathing, etc.

Darlene Lajoie, coordinator of the new Caledon Specialist Clinic, gave an outline of this new initiative that's been some five years in the making.

Located in the Royal Courtyards in Bolton, the clinic is a collaborative effort between CCS, Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

Patients will be referred to the clinic by their doctors, with the advantage being they don't have to travel far from home to access a specialist.

"This is a very exciting time for all of us," she said.



Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson is seen with the speakers at his recent Seniors' Expo in Bolton, including Faisal Minhas, Constable Brenda Evans, Karen Phair, Darlene Lajoie and Caroline Petrie.

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Editorial

We agree budgets are responsible

There is no such thing as a nice time to raise taxes, as local municipal councillors are finding out the hard way right about now.

It is also true that no one enjoys seeing them go up, including the people who put them up. We can only harken to the words of Mayor Marolyn Morrison, delivered in light of the budget passed last week by Peel Regional council: "None of us, including me, likes tax increases."

We sort of received confirmation of that in the opinion poll in the Citizen last week, asking people if they thought Caledon councillors did a good job when they passed a budget calling for a 4.98 per cent tax hike. Some 88 per cent of those who responded to the poll, which we readily grant is not scientific, were not impressed. The fact is we weren't surprised with the result.

It's easy to be cynical these days over the way the public purse is being managed, at all levels of government. The feds are dealing with the antics of some senators. Provincially, people are angry at some of the lavish salaries that have been paid out to people working for Ontario Power Generation. Even the guy who was in charge of organizing the 2015 Pan Am games found himself in hot water for seeking reimbursement for a 91-cent parking tab.

And happy holidays to us all. Accepting that none of us likes them, it is a fact that tax increases are necessary, if we wish to maintain the services we want from government. And it's another fact that most, if not all of those services, are things we would be very reluctant to give up.

And when we look at property taxes, we have to look at the overall impact. The important figure is the blended rate, when the tax hikes from the Town and Region are combined with the education component. While the numbers are not all in, it looks very much like Caledon residents are looking at an increase on the order of 2.5 per cent.

For some, even that sounds like too much. Since we are defending the work of our local councillors, we suspect the next couple of days are going to include some snarky emails and voice-mails sent our way — So what else is new? Bring them on!

It is quite possible to bring in budgets with no tax increases. Caledon councillors proved that in the early 1990s. And we're still hearing the ramifications of that short-sighted move, as the budget debates at Town council still include lots of references to something called an infrastructure deficit. That's because the Town spent a number of years letting maintenance on things like roads and recreations facilities slide.

Sure, we could see no tax hikes at both the Town and Regional level (it looks like rates are going to be maintained when it comes to education, thanks to the Province). And we could possibly forget about work being completed on schedule for the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR), as we watch congestion in the Bolton core get worse instead of better. We could see the maintenance program on local roads get scaled back, and reflect on all the money we save as we blow apart the suspensions on our cars driving through potholes. And let's hope you're okay with your kids having to sit out a scheduled soccer game because of insufficient or inadequately-maintained pitches. And what's wrong with substandard ice for your kids to play organized hockey on?

No, there are certain things we all want, and they come with a cost.

There's always room for improvement, and that includes in ways that the public purse is managed. But there also comes the time when we have to accept that the costs of things we need and want increase.

The higher taxes aren't very nice. But we might find that doing without is worse.

Our Readers Write

Don't need byelection to get councillor out

The following letter, addressed to Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MPP Randy Hillier, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

Your suggestion to recall politicians is absolutely essential, because a lot of them are plundering the public trough, because they know that they can not be removed from public office until the four-year term is over. But my suggestion is also that they should not serve longer than four years, and that at any time during the four years term they can be removed from office if they do not serve their constituents as they have promised or have ignored them.

If constituents in a riding of the elected official (provincial as well as municipal) needs to vote that person off, it will be by petition. The person that came in second at the election could than be asked if they are interested in taking over the seat. So no other election is required, and it will cost absolutely nothing, until the four-year term is over.

Long term politicians in Caledon, and for sure in other towns and cities, have become very arrogant, locating a huge Canadian Tire warehouse facility next to residential areas, without knowing anything about the problems what such a monster will create in our neighborhood. Caledon council has not in any way consulted the residents that will be affected by the diesel trucking warehouse, and that is the reason that I've suggested firing the entire Caledon council if there was a Provincial law to accomplish that. We in Bolton are trying very hard to have a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) issued by Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, revoked.

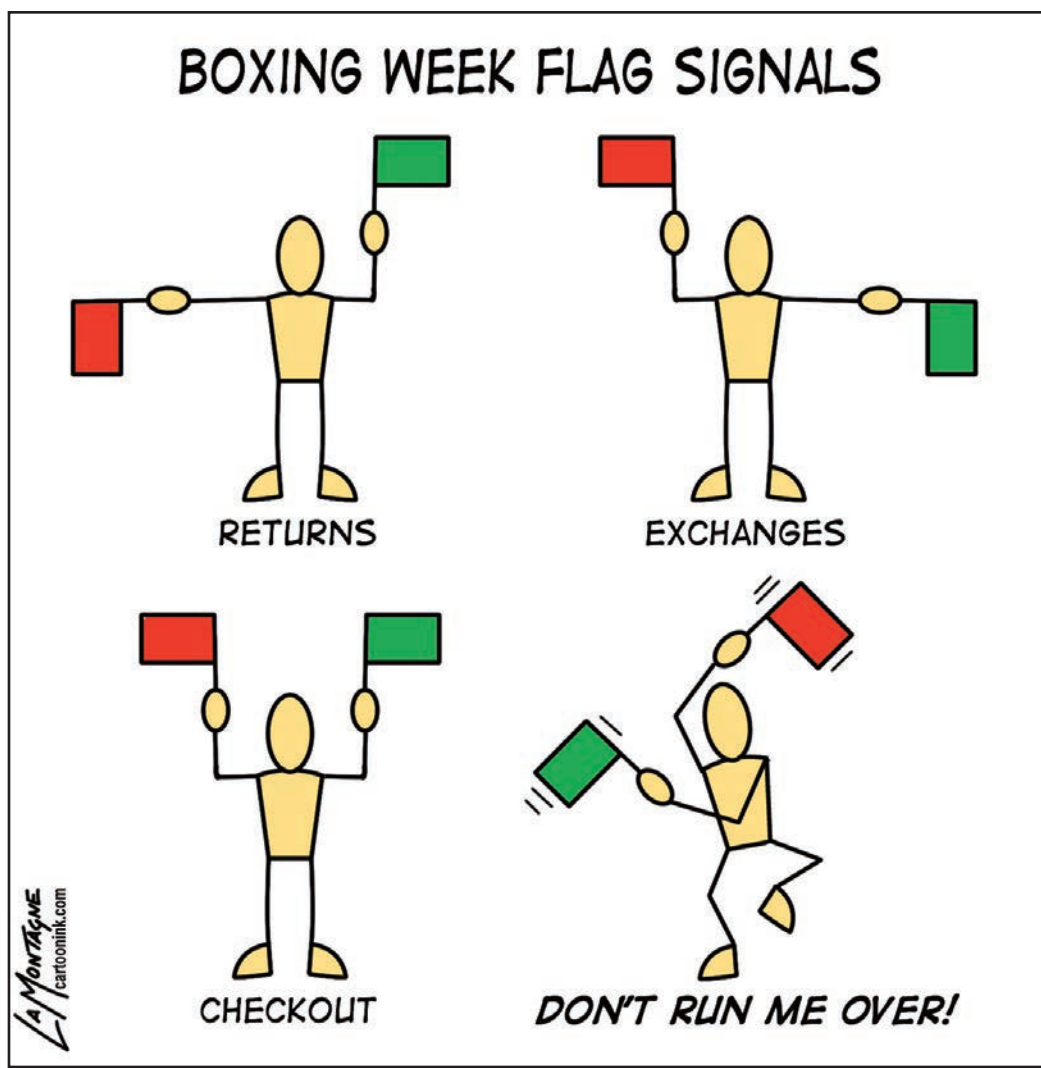
Please read my entire letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne.
John Van Eeden,
Bolton

It happened today

Fans of James Bond films have always been impressed the gadgets issued to 007 in his never-ending fight against the forces of evil.

Those devices come from Q branch, and the man in charge of them is known as Q. For many years, Q was played by the Welsh actor Desmond Llewelyn.

Alas, he died this day, Dec. 19, 1999, at 85 of injuries he received in an automobile accident.



I will get in the spirit

I write these words with a certain feeling of melancholy, along with the acceptance of the passage of time.

It's the last column I'm going to write for 2013. Another year is coming rapidly to a close, and many of us probably wonder where the last 12 months went.

As many of you probably know, next Thursday is Boxing Day, and the people responsible for running this company (and signing my pay cheque) have decided that we will not publish in the coming week. For what it's worth, I concurred with that decision. Everyone needs some down time over the holiday, and that includes we pests in the media.

I know in my case, the break is going to be welcome, as we come to the end of what has been a rather trying year for me and mine.

We all have them. It is a fact that some years go better than others.

On a personal level, there has been much going on in 2013, and much of it took a lot of forbearance.

I am just wrapping up the annual task of composing Christmas letters to my relatives in Ireland; a responsibility I sort of inherited from my mother about nine years ago. I know it's bad form, but I've been opening these notes with apologies, because of both their tardiness and brevity, not to mention the bad news I've had to convey. But it has been an eventful time.

The year opened with my last surviving uncle dying unexpectedly in January. The guy had lost his wife of more than 50 years a couple of months previously. I had seen him over the holidays last year, and while he seemed a little down, he looked like he was coping. I think we all thought he had a couple more good years in him. But it is also true that none of know how long we really have.

There have been other problems over the year, culminating last month with the death of my mother-in-law, which I wrote about briefly in this spot. What I didn't mention at the time was our cat Sidney died the day before. Both my wife and I knew both passings were going to come eventually. We were just hoping there would be some separation, but again, there are some events into which you just don't get much input. I will say it was not fun taking time out from funeral arrangements to bury a cat.

And no, that has not been the extent of the problems. July's storms caused considerable damage to the home of one of my relatives. I've tried to help out, as time has permitted, but I've had the feeling my contributions haven't amounted to much, and things have still not been returned to normal.

Beth and I have also had to deal with the demands of work and all the other obligations that all of us have to address.

I'm trying hard not to sound too negative. There have, after all, been some positives, even if you forget that the Leafs, Argos and Jays spent much of the year letting us down.

I don't lament the fact that 2013 has been a rough year. I believe one must always be positive, and realize that it's the bad times that really make you appreciate the good times.

Such must be the case here. However, I have to confess that getting into the holiday mood seems a little harder this year, although Beth and I are trying.

One of the great advantages of my job is all the celebrations that go on in the community at this time of year that I get to attend. I guess it shouldn't be too surprising that I find the mood I encounter at these events is contagious, rubbing off on me, and I hope I'm able to pass that on to others, especially Beth.

For all the festivities, it is a fact that this can be a stressful time of year, with a

lot needing to be done. It's also a busy time of year for me at work.

Last Saturday was a classic demonstration of that. The day included a Breakfast with Santa, three Santa Claus Parades (granted, one was not in Caledon), two tree-lightings, a couple of crafts shows and one birthday party.

The Santa Claus Parade in Bolton was another successful, albeit tiring event. Geography played a big role. As usual, I parked in the Bolton valley, near my office, and left Beth there (she wouldn't miss it) while I walked up the south hill to the start of the parade at Queensgate Boulevard. My legs were done in by the time I got there.

Then I had to follow the parade as it moved north, running back and forth between floats to get pictures from various angles.

There I was, a 55-year-old man with a family history of heart issues, running after and through a parade like an idiot. If anyone asks why, it's because I wanted to.

As exhausting as it all was, there's a certain exhilaration in knowing that I can still do it, at least for now.

The best part is not only did Beth and I find time for a leisurely lunch in the midst of all the running around, we even got some Christmas shopping done.

So even with all the problems, we're finding ways to get in the spirit, even if it is a



Bill Rea

little forced.

Beth seems able to find the slurpy, tear-jerking, family-oriented movies that seem to dominate the TV stations this time of year, while I wait patiently for Alastair Sim. In fairness, she also found a station that was putting on a 12-day James Bond festival, so things haven't been all bad. And she has set the radios in the house to the stations that play the Christmas music. We are now in the routine where I get home evenings to the sounds of the season filling the air.

But there is still lots to do, as of this writing (I actually wrote this piece last Thursday, while waiting for the Peel Regional council meeting to start). In terms of rotation, it's Beth and my turn to host Christmas dinner this year. Among other things, that means some major house cleaning is going to be on the agenda. And most of you who know me know that tidiness does not come to me naturally.

We'll have to come up with a turkey from somewhere and see if we remember how to cook one. I briefly toyed with the idea of trying to do a turkey on the barbecue. The big problem with that would be having to constantly run in and out of the house, dodging the spot where we traditionally put the Christmas tree. So Beth eventually vetoed that plan.

Oh yeah, that reminds me. We have to get a tree too. We'll get to it. I'm also still working on penciling in time to take care of Christmas cards.

No wonder I'm feeling a little stressed. But I am also mindful that no matter how many problems I might have, there are a lot of people out there who are carrying heavier burdens. And I also know that things are going to get better as time goes on.

This is the time of year for things like giving, celebration, partying, etc. But it is also a time for reflection. That means thinking about what has gone on before and how things can be improved in the time to come; both through our efforts and through natural progression.

While this is the last column I'll write this year, there is still going to be a lot of events that I will be attending in the next couple of days.

To those of you I don't see or talk to in the coming days, please accept our best wishes for the season.

And remember, there are going to be a lot of great days in 2014.

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Results from last week's poll:
Caledon council last week passed a budget for 2014 that calls for a 4.98 per cent increase in the Town's portion of property taxes. Did they do a good job?

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Would you support a tax on gasoline to help finance public transit in the Greater Toronto Area?

a) Yes
b) No

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The snowman has been a classic part of this season for centuries

One of the most beloved symbols of Christmas is the snowman.

We see countless variations of this cherished figure everywhere during the season and even in warmer climates, the snowman is celebrated. For those of us who've grown up in Canada, we've all enjoyed making a snowman with loved ones and adding our own personal touches to our creation following the first snowfalls of the winter season. The snowman brings a smile to our faces and has been doing so for centuries!

When we think of a snowman, we often think three snowballs, layered on top of one another, combined with coal for the eyes and mouth, a carrot for a nose, tree branches for arms, a scarf, and of course, a black top hat. Today, we see many interesting variations from this lovable figure.

The origins of the snowman are unfortunately unclear. There is uncertainty about who made the first snowman; how-

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ever, it's been said there are likenesses of this iconic symbol of Christmas and the winter season going back as far as the Middle Ages.

Snowmen created from snow and their likenesses have existed over centuries and have appealed to different cultures. According to Jenney Cheever, the snowman had become a celebrated figure of the Christmas season by the Victorian era. During this era, thousands of representations can be found ranging from paintings to greeting cards to advertisements. There

is considerable variation between these representations, but there is no denying it's our frosty friend.

The 20th century secured the snowman's iconic status with what has become one of the most loved Christmas carols, Frosty the Snowman. It was written by Steve Edward Nelson and Walter "Jack" Rollins. Gene Autry recorded the song in 1950 and it has remained a Christmas classic ever since. We can all recite the lyrics by heart and find ourselves singing along with Gene Autry each time we hear

the song on the radio more than 60 years later. The immense popularity of this song is underscored by the long list of other artists who've since recorded the song, adding their own touches, making it new again for each generation.

Today, we see all kinds of variations and interpretations of the snowman. His image is seen on everything from Christmas cards, ornaments, decorations, to art. The popularity of the snowman is as strong as ever and it's a Christmas symbol we continue to enjoy sharing with our loved ones.

Hopefully we will have a white Christmas here in Dufferin-Caledon that will provide the perfect opportunity for you and your loved ones to build a snowman together. It's definitely a fun activity for everyone and will surely remind you of your favourite memories of Christmases past. However you choose to celebrate this season, I sincerely wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

MPP Jones reflects on the conclusion of a busy year

I have been very busy since the beginning of the holiday season (which seems to start earlier and earlier every year) attending all of our fabulous community holiday celebrations.

At each event, parade or tree lighting that I have attended, I have had a chance to speak with many families in Dufferin-Caledon who are looking forward to spending time with their family and friends. With the preparations in full swing, I am sure many of us are completely engrossed in our baking, shopping, decorating and holiday parties.

While Christmas is a time for cheer and celebration, it is also a time for reflection. As the New Year approaches and 2013 draws to a close, I find myself surveying the situation we are currently facing in Ontario. Unfortunately, I feel as though we are in the midst of uncertain times in our province. Week after week it seems we hear of more closures and more job losses. First we heard about the 100-year-old Heinz plant in Leamington closing, and then we learned that Kellogg's was leaving London, and causing further job losses in that city as well. We have also learned that the long-touted Ring of Fire mining development in Northern Ontario may now be in serious jeopardy after Cliffs Natural Resources abandoned their investment commitment of more than \$3 billion. We've seen 300,000 manufacturing jobs leave Ontario under the Liberal gov-

From Queen's Park

Sylvia Jones
MP Dufferin-Caledon



ernment, and yet the closures continue.

Throughout this year, I have spent time with many local manufacturers, small businesses and residents who can ill-afford an increase in hydro. Manufacturing is eroding in Ontario, and that's something we cannot afford to let happen. The blame has been squarely placed on high taxes, rigid labour laws and sky-high, unaffordable energy costs. The Liberals are choosing to ignore our job creators and families by launching hydro rates into the stratosphere.

The tabling of the Fall Economic Statement in November proved that the Liberals do not know how to deal with the province's economic instability. As Ontario slips further into decline under a crippling debt, the largest in our province's history, it appears the Liberals plan is to strike a panel and engage in more conversation. In all, 36 government panels have been set up and still we have seen no jobs plan

from this premier. Thirty-six panels could not save our horse-racing industry, for example, or our manufacturing sector. It's one thing to talk about change and jobs, it's quite another to initiate an action plan that will begin to turn things around.

This past year has had many trials and tribulations. As I take a moment to pause and reflect on a very eventful 2013, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It is truly a privilege to represent Dufferin-Caledon at Queen's Park. I look forward to the New Year and the return of the Legislature so that we can get back to work on the difficult issues facing our province. I can assure you that the number one priority for me and my PC colleagues at Queen's Park is: jobs; how to create them, how to retain them, and how to improve them. We are focused centrally on the issue of job cre-

ation and economic growth in Ontario. No matter what you are celebrating this holiday season, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Church breakfast first Sunday of month

The first Sunday of every month, St. James' Anglican Church in Caledon East presents a Sabbath Rest Sunday.

This consists of a full, hearty breakfast at 10 a.m., featuring eggs, ham/bacon, home fries, toast, fruit, coffee/tea, etc. The Sabbath Rest Service takes place at 11 a.m. in a relaxed, serene atmosphere with beautiful music performed by talented musicians from the Caledon area. People leave feeling refreshed and rested to face the week ahead. They are encouraged to dress casually.

The next Sabbath Rest is Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. All are invited to come to share the breakfast and, if they wish, join the service to experience a different, relaxed way of fellowship and worship. All are welcome, including adults and children. There is lots of parking.

For information contact the church office at 905-584-9635 or email church_office@stjamescaledoneast.ca

Not up to unelected judges

Much is made these days about our "unelected and unaccountable" Senate having the authority to do whatever it is they do.

It is mainly on these grounds of so-called "undemocratic" reality that many people want the Senate nuked.

Even Prime Minister Stephen Harper – with his Reform Party roots – has never been thrilled with the status quo, although several of his attempts to change it were met by fierce opposition from the other parties. His response? Send the whole mess to the Supreme Court and find out just exactly what power the federal government has to change the institution.

We do, after all, live in a society of laws, and it's useful to have the Supremes review the existing laws on the matter before attempting unilateral action.

Few would disagree with that approach. Yet, when it comes to the courts themselves, where "unelected and unaccountable" judges exercise considerably more power over the lives of ordinary Canadians than senators do, many simply shrug when judges step beyond their authority and rewrite the laws of the land.

The difference, some argue, is that senators are partisan and judges are not. Only Alice in Wonderland would buy that scenario.

Certainly they are partisan in different ways. Judges are not expected to openly support the leader of the party that appointed them the way senators usually do. And obviously judges don't sit in party caucus as senators do.

But judges are appointed to a large extent because of their political views. It is no accident that Liberal leaders tend to appoint Liberal judges, and Conservative leaders tend to appoint Conservative judges.

Even though they do not judge cases strictly on partisan grounds, their basic philosophy is consistent with what got them appointed to the bench in the first place, and it's from that political perspective that they view the world and the cases before them.

Which brings us to a spate of news stories about several judges across the country who object to the Victim Fine Surcharge, a mandatory law which dictates that anyone convicted must pay a fine – \$100 for a summary offence, \$200 for an indictable offence – which goes toward a fund to help victims of crime, a group which historically has been ignored in the judicial system.

The media, as you'd expect, tends to

label this law as "a Conservative law." Well, it certainly was brought in by the Conservatives, but it was debated and approved in the Commons in the usual way – albeit with Conservative support – and is now, like untold thousands of laws, simply the law of the land, period.

But many liberal judges – both small and big "L" it seems – don't like it and are either refusing outright to impose it or simply making a mockery of it by reducing the charge to an absurd amount or giving a criminal decades to pay it.

You will recall the universal outrage – still not completely subsided – over news that a few senators improperly charged the public for their expenses. The general feeling is that they should be punished – as they have been – for trampling over the spirit and sometimes the letter of the laws governing

such things.

Yet the general tenor of stories concerning judges who object to the victim's fines – and indeed, those who object to other mandatory rules approved by Parliament – is that they are somehow brave souls fighting for justice.

That is how Kitchener's Justice Colin Westman of the Ontario Court of Justice characterized himself to The Globe and Mail last week explaining his decisions to basically ignore the law – in one case, for example, he fined a woman \$18 (\$9 for each of her convictions for violating a no-contact order with her husband) and gave her a year to pay.

The Globe cited University of Ottawa constitutional law expert Adam Dodek saying, "Judges cannot pick and choose which laws they like and which they do not."

"He's right," Westman responded. "In principle, what I'm doing is wrong. I have a duty and it's a sworn duty. But the greater principle is one of justice, and I take comfort that, in the scheme of things, it's more important to stand up for what is just."

So what, exactly, makes Westman – appointed to the bench in 1990 by Liberal premier David Peterson – the sole arbiter of "justice?"

He may not like this law. Those found guilty of crimes may not like it either. But for the victims of crime, "justice" includes helping them recover from crime. And if judges won't respect the law, why should your average citizen?

It's the old story. One person's justice is another person's injustice.

But it's not up to an unelected judge to determine. That's Parliament's job.



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Jane Chapman, Marg Patterson and Cliff Arner were helping to sell jams, jellies and pickled onions. Photos by Bill Rea

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To reduce fire losses this year, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is asking residents to consider a holiday fire safety tip each day, with their 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety campaign, heading into the holiday season.

"These tips have been developed to prevent the most common types of home fires that occur during the holiday season," said Fire Chief Terry Irwin. "I hope citizens will take the time to review these tips, to keep their homes fire safe this holiday season."

Homeowners and tenants are urged to include the following 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety tips into their fire safety plans:

- Water fresh trees daily. Keep the base of the trunk in water at all times.
- Check all sets of lights before decorating. Discard any sets that are frayed or

damaged.

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Remember, they wear out, so replace them every 10 years.
- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms. Remember, they wear out, so replace them every five to seven years.
- Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if a fire occurs. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Use extension cords wisely. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection.
- Give space heaters space. Keep them at least one metre away from anything that can burn.
- When you go out, blow out. Remember to always blow out candles before leaving the room.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children. Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children.
- Watch what you heat. Always stay in

the kitchen when cooking.

- Encourage smokers to smoke outside. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires.
- There's more to responsible drinking

than taking a cab home. Alcohol is all too often a common factor in many fatal fires.

More information is available on the Safe At Home website at www.safeathome.ca

Nominate a volunteer in Caledon

The Town of Caledon has announced that nominations are currently being accepted for the 2014 Caledon Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards.

Those who know a volunteer who has represented their organization and the Caledon community in an extraordinary manner, are encouraged to recognize their dedication with an award nomination. Organizations may wish to consider nominating small groups (such as committees within an organization), or individuals who have contributed a significant number of years.

All nominations are reviewed by a selection committee. Selections will be based on Council-approved criteria. Individuals

who are selected to receive awards will be officially notified, along with their nominator, and will be invited to attend the awards celebration.

The 2014 Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards will be presented April 7 at the Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East.

Nomination forms and details of the award criteria may be obtained from the Town of Caledon website at www.caledon.ca/recreation or at a local recreation centre.

For more information, contact 905-584-9254.

Nominations are due by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 1, 2014.

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Stress-free holiday hosting tips

Gatherings with friends and family are a big part of the holiday season. Many people travel during the holidays to spend time with distant relatives, but those same people often want to gather with those loved ones who live nearby as well. Thus an abundance of gatherings comes in December, when office parties, dinners with family and festivities with friends have a way of dominating the last five weeks of the year.

All of those gatherings translate to a lot of holiday hosting, and hosts can easily feel overwhelmed as they try to juggle hosting duties with everything else that comes along during this time of year. The following are a few steps holiday hosts can take to make hosting a lot less hectic and a lot more fun.

ENLIST HELP. Just because a holiday party is at your home does not mean others can't pitch in or will be unwilling to help. If you plan to decorate for the party, invite a friend over to assist. When hosting a holiday dinner party, ask guests to bring certain items to save you some work. Ask one guest to bring some dessert, saving you the time it takes to visit the local bakery or bake your own desserts, and ask others to provide side dishes.

PLAN WELL IN ADVANCE. The earlier you begin planning the party, the less stress you're likely to feel as a host. Certain items for the party, like decorations and certain snacks and beverages, have no expiration dates, so buy such items well in advance of the party. This leads to one less task to tackle in the weeks and days leading up to the party. Planning early also affords you ample time coordinate with guests and decide who will be responsible for certain party tasks.

HIRE A CLEANING SERVICE. To avoid a late night cleaning session or the need to spend a valuable weekend afternoon hard at work around the house, hire a cleaning service to come and clean your house in the days before the party. Such services can clean your home in a fraction of the time it might take you to do so on your own, and this removes one of the more time-consuming and arduous tasks from your to-do list.

HAVE A THEME FOR THE PARTY. Holiday hosts may worry about how to entertain their guests throughout the party. A theme party makes it easier to entertain guests, who can show up decked out in holiday pajamas or sweaters or bring along a favourite unique compilation of holiday songs for a sing-along. Such themes set a tone for the party right away and often make it easier for guests to unwind immediately.

PASS THE BUCK. Hosting a holiday dinner party? Consider passing the hosting duties on to a local restaurant, especially if your friends and family members are on board with the idea. If your schedule is especially hectic this holiday season, then move the party from your home to a local restaurant, where the staff can worry about accommodating your guests and you can simply relax and have a good time with your loved ones.

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Golden Hawks split the weekend with OT loss at home

By Brian Lockhart

It was an epic battle as far as Junior C hockey games go Sunday night at Caledon East.

The Caledon Golden Hawks hosted the Schomberg Cougars — two teams that, at least on paper, are very evenly matched.

The Golden Hawks came to the ice with a 17-11 record for the season and 39 points — good for fourth place in the standings.

Schomberg came to town with a third place standing, 42 points, and an 18-10 record.

The Golden Hawks were leading 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals from Steven Klomp and Daniel Cafagna.

All three goals in the second period came on powerplays — two from Schomberg and a single from Caledon, to make it a 3-2 game going into the final 20 minutes.

The Caledon single came from Adam Breen. When the Cougars scored at 12:11 into the

See 'Midland' on page B2

Caledon Hawks peewee A team captures silver in Montreal

Caledon Hawks peewee A squad travelled to the Can/Am Montreal Tournament over the Dec. 6 to 8 weekend, and brought home silver medals.

Not only did they play four games before vying for the hardware, they also participated in skills competitions. The Relay Team, which had been selected by the team, captured first in the speed skating competition.

The team ranked first in their division with three wins and a tie.

The first game saw the Hawks battle their neighbours, the NobleKing Knights, winning 4-3.

Their toughest opponents were the Willowdale Blackhawks. Parents and fans were on the edges of their seats when, with mere minutes left in the game, the Hawks tied the score at 2-2.

The third game Saturday was scoreless until late in the third period against the

Markham Islanders. The Hawks pushed hard against their opposition, resulting with the two markers on the board for them, and their first shutout of the tournament.

The last game in the series pitted the Hawks against the East Coast Wizards, the only American team in their pool. The Hawks used their magic to stun the Wizards, earning a 4-0 victory.

These games put the boys in Sunday's final game, to battle the Kitchener Jr. Rangers for the hardware.

The Rangers were on the board first, but the Hawks fought to tie the game. The players put forward their best skill, executed their efforts as a team together, displayed great sportsmanship and proudly walked away with silver medals.

Congratulations to the team on the victory, and thanks to all the parents and sponsors for their support.



Caledon Golden Hawks' forward Christian Bonaldi dekes around a Schomberg defender during the second period of Sunday's Junior C game at Caledon East. The Hawks dropped a two-goal lead to lose 4-3 in overtime, but split the weekend with a Friday night win in Midland.

Photo by Brian Lockhart



The Caledon Hawks peewee A squad brought silver home from Montreal. The team includes (front) Anthony Maniscalco, Gianluca D'Acunto, Aldorino DiFebo, Trevor Wilson, Christian Palikrousis, Jaxon Keelan, Andrew Esposito, (middle) Anthony Sigismondo, Reid Sanders, Landon Dube, Ethan Pitcher, James Ferris, Nathan Daniel, Matthew Minna, Alex Nicholson, Tristan Savard, (back) Coach Bob Greaves, Assistant Coach Mike Pitcher, Trainer Vince Facchini, Assistant Coach Mike Ferris and Trainer Garry Palikrousis. Adrian Baldassarra was absent for the photo.

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 <p>Name: MAYA ALLEN School: ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL</p>	 <p>Name: JORDAN KEANE School: HUMBERVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL</p>

This 17-year-old has been showing his prowess as a shooting guard on the senior boys' basketball team, which has opened its campaign with a 1-1 record. Away from school, he plays basketball in the Brampton Warriors organization. The Grade 12 student lives in Brampton with his parents Karen and Kells James.

This Grade 11 student contributed his talents as a slot back to the championship varsity football team this fall. When not in school, he plays football in the Orangeville Outlaws organization. He's also active in freestyle skiing at Caledon Ski Club. The 16-year-old lives in Mono Mills with his parents Mark and Arlene Coward.

This 16-year-old was a point guard on this year's varsity basketball team, which won at ROPSSAA and made it to the semifinals at OFSAA. Outside of school, she plays rep basketball and also helps coach in the Caledon Cougars organization. The Grade 11 student lives in Bolton with her parents Andre Allen and Susan Penny-packer.

This Grade 11 student is a point guard and shooting guard for the varsity basketball team, and he contributed six free throws to the teams 47-46 victory last week over Sandalwood Heights Secondary School. In the community, he plays basketball with CIA Bounce. The 16-year-old lives in Bolton with his mother Sandra Keane.



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The Caledon Hawks minor peewee A team took on the Hespeler Shamrocks during minor hockey action at Caledon East Sunday. The Hawks left the ice with a 6-1 win over the Hespeler squad.

Minor peewee Hawks win over Hespeler

By Brian Lockhart

The Caledon Hawks minor peewee A squad delivered a solid 6-1 win over the Hespeler Shamrocks during league action at the arena in Caledon East Sunday.

The Hawks opened the scoring in the first period on goals from Chris Origlieri and Justin Brem.

Keeping up the pressure in the second period with lot of work in the Hespeler end, the Hawks ended the period with a 3-1 lead on a goal from forward Grady McArthur.

"It was a steady effort in all three periods," said Hawks' coach Ian McArthur. "We had excellent forechecking — they deserved to win."

The squad is playing in a division with lot of talent, and McArthur said his squad

is keeping up with the challenge.

"We're competing in probably one of the toughest divisions in Ontario against teams like Oakville and Burlington, but the kids are showing up every game."

It was a good test for the Caledon peewee team, going up against Hespeler. The teams have met twice before, with Caledon coming out on top in one game and the other match ending in a tie.

When the teams returned for the third period, the Hawks took control and ended the game with three more goals from Jake Antezak, Luca Lera, and Coby Garbutt to make it a 6-1 final.

"Our puck movement was excellent, and the way the forwards were utilizing the defence — that was awesome," the coach commented. "That's what I was just telling the kids. And the patience for the players not to rush a pass, so some of the defencemen took a lot of time and made the right choices before they passed. That was the difference in the game — the ability to control the puck."

The team has one more road game in Owen Sound before returning to finish the regular season with three home games in the new year.

Midland penalties helped the victory

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third period to tie it up, the battle was on to settle the game with eight minutes left on the clock, but neither team could score and the game went into overtime.

The night was over when the Schomberg squad scored at just 1:01 into the overtime period.

The loss made it a .500 weekend for the Golden Hawks, who were coming off a 7-2 win over the Midland Flyers Friday night in Midland.

After playing to a 2-2 tie at the end of the first period, the Golden Hawks erupted in a scoring frenzy in the third period and notched five — four of them on powerplays — to end the game at 7-2.

That third period result should be a wake-up call to the last place Midland team, who took 16 minutes in penalties and three game misconducts — including a match penalty for spitting of all things.

Golden Hawks goals came from Breen in the first period and Cafagna in the second period.

Third period goals came from Randy Chen, Christian Bonaldi, Klomp, Zack Worth and Derek Czech.

The Hawks will return to home ice at Caledon East this Sunday (Dec. 22) to host the Alliston Hornets.

Game time is 7 p.m.

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Santa welcomed at school

There was a large and hungry crowd out at Herb Campbell Public School last Saturday morning for the annual Breakfast with Santa. Rosie Niewojt, who's mother Jennifer teaches at the school, was perfectly positioned to greet the guest of honour on his arrival. Samantha Miller, a senior kindergarten student, got to sit on Santa's lap.

Photos by Bill Rea



Horticultural society installs new executive at AGM

By John Arnott

Assistant director of District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OMA) Barbara Downey, long-time member of the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society, conducted the installation of the society's 55th executive at the Nobleton Community Hall Nov. 25.

Downey has served as the society's president and past-president and the ceremony was joined by out-going president Deborah Socol, King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King Councillor Debbie Schaffer.

The new president for a two-year term is Lorraine Feast of Bolton, who has served as president of the Bolton Horticultural Society. John Bott (King City) remains second vice-president with the position of first vice-president still open. Directors finishing the second year of a two-year term are Dennis Ball, Kathy Ball and Susan Beharriell (all Nobleton). Directors starting their first year of a two-year term are John Arnott (Tecumseth Pines-Tottenham), Downey, Ingrid Elliott (King City) and Jules Maule-finch (Caledon). Socol takes on the role as past-president while Gordon Berry remains treasurer and Serena Edmunds is newly appointed as secretary (both King City).

The highlight of this annual general meeting was the presentation of awards. The coveted Olive Nelson Cup for the novice earning the most points over the year was won by new member Margery Hunt (King City), who also received a commemorative piece of crystal.

With a total of 318 points over the year, Arnott, the only remaining charter member of the society, won the prestigious Women's Institute Cup, awarded to the member winning the most points in the open class over the year. He earned most points in every flower show of 2013 season and won most points in any one show by having more points than all other competitors combined in the August show.

The society owes much thanks to Nancy Hopkinson (Nobleton), the flower show convener who so capably ran the flower shows with the help of Kathy Ball and Arlene Heaps (King City) and organized all the awards.

The President's awards, presented by outgoing president Socol, were given to retiring directors Blair Day, Maria Pedersen, retiring secretary Sheila Middleton (all King City) and outgoing past-president Downey.

Special thanks go to Anita Pulla, membership convener, and Rosalind Elson, who is retiring from her post as convener of our garden tour. All, including Deborah, are much appreciated and much loved for their service above and beyond the call of duty to our society. And happily all will continue to be active members.

Of course the meeting's much antici-

pated pot luck supper was once again superb. We were delighted to welcome Mayor Pellegrini for the first time in several years. The Township's chief magistrate was able to attend along with Councillor Schaffer as head table guests. They were joined by long-time society friends Bert Card, past director of District 15, as well as past president of the OHA and his wife Joan (Richmond Hill). Bert, as always, led us in the singing of O Canada. Downey proposed the Toast to the Queen. Robert Downey, Deborah and Scott Socol, Arnott, who said grace, Darlene Jones (Nobleton) and Kathy Ball representing the Nobleton Women's Institute were also at the head table.

We were also delighted to welcome former society director Tina Stone, formerly of King City and now resident in the Gravenhurst area, and one time society president Kate Agosta and her husband Terry Bidleman, formerly of Bolton now living in Sweden.

The gala evening ended with a demonstration of Christmas wreath making with master designer Marcia Bond of Glen Echo Garden Centre (Caledon East). A draw was then held for all the beautiful wreath she made and those she brought with her. Thank you, Marcia and Glen Echo.

Many thanks to all who set up tables and decorated them and to those who stayed to clean up afterwards, including the mayor.

Trailer broken into

A 32-inch Toshiba TV, various DVDs and some cash were reported stolen Nov. 9 from a trailer parked at Terra Cotta Gardens.

Caledon OPP reports the owner of the trailer said the incident took place sometime between Nov. 2 and 9, adding entry was gained by smashing a rear bedroom window.

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

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WEISHAR, Dennis

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The family will receive friends at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, December 20th, 2013 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

A tree will be planted in memory of Dennis in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 14th, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. (Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com)

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The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, Sunday afternoon 1 - 5 o'clock. A celebration of life was held in the chapel on Monday December 16 at 2 o'clock. Followed by cremation. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Bethel Hospice Foundation, P.O. 75, Inglewood, Ontario L7C 3L6 or to the Pencer Brain Trust at Princess Margaret Hospital, 22 St. Clair Avenue E., Suite 1104, Toronto, M4T 2S3. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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