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One man dead after house explosion in Caledon Village

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

One man has been pronounced dead after a house exploded in Caledon Village on Sunday, Feb. 3 at about 6:20 a.m.

Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) identified the victim as Joseph Westcott, 54, of 9 Maple Grove Rd.

"This is a high order explosion," said Andrea Gaynor, fire investigator for the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM). "The blast pressure wave that went through here was more than 1,000 metres per second. It's shattering everything in its path, and there's a positive pressure wave that goes out and the negative pressure comes back. Sometimes that negative pressure is as forceful as the positive one or more so."

Officers found debris of his house littered throughout the neighbourhood. Westcott's single-storey home was decimated as a silver van, in what appeared to be a driveway, had wood chips around it.

A Facebook page and LinkedIn profile, believed to belong to Westcott, states he was a journeyman with IBEW Local 353.

Skye Lorimer, fire investigations supervisor for the OFMEM said it was a natural gas explosion.

"There's no safety concerns for the community or the neighbouring houses," said Lormier. "Enbridge Gas has been on site along with TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) and ourselves. There's no residual issues safety wise. It's contained to this one individual house."

The OFMEM finished their investigation into the explosion on Wednesday evening, according to a Town of Caledon news release.

"The natural gas meter and regulator were pressure tested at Enbridge Gas," said Lorimer.

Lorimer said they cleared out all the debris from the basement and uncovered the gaslines.

OPP officers evacuated 30 to 35 people as their homes were severely damaged.

"Several resources we're deployed to the area to assist with the fire operation," said Darryl Bailey, chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services. "Upon arrival, our



PHOTO: JOSHUA SANTOS

AFTERMATH: A worker operating an excavator was seen shifting through debris at the of a house that exploded in Caledon Village. Components of rubble have been taken to the OFMEM's laboratory in Midhurst, where an expert will examine pieces to try and determine how the explosion happened.

crews found a house that was completely on the ground with damages to several houses in the immediate area."

Mayor Allan Thompson said the gas was shut off in the area making it safe for emergency personnel. He said nobody else was hurt.

"On behalf of council and the residents of Caledon, especially those in Caledon Village, I would like to offer my condolences to the family of the deceased and to express my sincere appreciation to Caledon Fire, the OPP and Peel Paramedics, as well as our neighbouring emergency service providers who provided their assistance today," said

Thompson. "It is in times like these where the true strength of a community is tested and I am proud of the manner in which our Town, our Region and our residents came together to help those in need."

Investigation lasted several days

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Five candidates in race to succeed MP David Tilson

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With the deadline for filing an intention to run for the Conservative Party nomination for Dufferin-Caledon approaching, five candidates have so far entered the race.

Current Dufferin-Caledon MP, David Tilson, announced in October that he will not be seeking the nomination for a sixth consecutive term in office.

“There comes a point when it is time to step back and let others serve the community. I have reached that point now and wish to thank all those who have supported me over the years,” Mr. Tilson said in an announcement to the media back in October.

The cut-off date for a person to apply for their intention to run for the nomination is Feb. 7. The party sent out a notification to all members stating there will be a nomination. From that point the party constitution rules take over regarding times lines for entries and when a vote must take place.

Anyone can file papers with intention to run, however potential candidates must go through an interview process that will determine if they are approved for the nomination.

A date and location for the vote has not yet been set, however by constitution rules, it must take place within a 42-to-54-day window after the notice was sent to party members and the notice was sent on January 17.

Each potential candidate has their own reasons and vision when submitting their application for nomination.

Former Orangeville Mayor Jeremy Williams said his experience will bring a strong candidate to the riding.

“I feel strongly that the federal government in Ottawa is not representative of how the people in our area feel. I think I can bring a lot to the people when it comes to ideas that are not reflected in the current government of our local area residents. Being mayor and being on council for eight years has given a great deal of knowledge of what our residents want. I know the other candidates and they are good people, however if I thought they were the best candidates I would not run.”

Mr. Williams said that despite being a traditionally Conservative riding, Liberal supporters moving into the area could present a challenge and residents need a strong candidate to represent Conservatives.

Caledon resident Kevin Weatherbee has been politically active for several years working at both provincial and federal levels, notably serving as chief of staff for local MPP Sylvia Jones.

“My motivation to run – I believe our country right now is on the wrong track and I think we need to shift course if we are to have a better and more prosperous future for our families. I see the spending in Ottawa which is a big issue for me. As a younger person myself with a young family it’s going to be up to me and my young son to pay off that spending and I don’t think that’s responsible. I’ve been involved for a long time, over 10 years, in Conservative politics in this riding. This is my home. I spoke to my wife and my family and decided I wanted to take a stab at this. I think there’s a lot of people who agree

with me and I think if you care about something and you’re engaged, sooner or later you have to step up and fight for it.”

Mr. Weatherbee said building partnerships with both municipal representatives and local non-profit organizations and service clubs is important strategy to build the community.

Caledon resident Barb Shaughnessy made clear her priorities as a candidate.

She listed quality of life, the environment, and infrastructure as her main concerns in the riding.

The former regional councillor and mayoral candidate explained her experience in both public service and the work force has prepared her for the role.

“I’m young enough to have a lot of vitality and old enough to have a lot of experience,” Ms. Shaughnessy said. “Everyone runs on their own merit. I bring a wealth of experience from serving the public and as part of the work force.”

Having lived in Caledon since 1968, she said she is very familiar with all the towns that make up the riding and the urban and rural areas that are represented.

A priority, she said, is quality of life for seniors.

“We have a rising population of seniors. It’s important for them to be able to age in place. Also important are young families who have had to move away from their home towns to find an affordable place to live.”

Ms. Shaughnessy said infrastructure, especially roads, is a main concern to provide appropriate commuting routes for those that drive north/south to places of employment.

Candidate Harzadan Singh Khattria, owner of Orangeville Taxi / CAAC limousine, did not return calls from the Citizen.



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SUCCESSION: Five candidates are vying for an open seat in the House of Commons as David Tilson, MP for Dufferin-Caledon announced he will not seek a nomination for a sixth consecutive term in office.

Realtor Sarbjit Sra also has intentions to run for the position.

A spokesperson for the Conservative Association confirmed that of the five applicants, Mr. Weatherbee and Mr. Khattria have been approved as candidates in the riding.

Ms. Shaughnessy has completed her application and will now move on to the interview stage.

Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Sra still have some work to do on their applications before things proceed.

New features coming to Caledon East Community Complex

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

The Caledon East Community Complex will undergo a major expansion this year.

Caledon Town Council approved \$2.8 million in this year’s budget to start the construction of a new gym, fitness centre, walking track and community room. The whole project is expected to cost \$10.7 million.

“Caledon East Community Complex is

located within a growing community that is centrally located in Caledon,” said Parm Chohan, communications advisor for strategic initiatives at the Town of Caledon. “Expansion plans for this Complex have been in place for several years. This complex will service not only the residents in Caledon East but also surrounding rural areas.

Town Council passed a 5.79 per cent local increase in the budget with taxpayers facing a 2.66 per cent blended increase. The Town estimates that homeowners of a house valued at \$590,000 will see a yearly increase of \$131.82.

Of that aforementioned \$10.7 million price tag, Chohan said \$9 million will go to development charges with \$1.7 million to taxes. The whole project will be funded over a period of four years.

“Design work was approved in the 2018 Budget at \$0.4 million,” said Chohan. “Development charges are collected from developers and used to pay for infrastructure, such as new recreational facilities, required

to service the growth.”

He said areas of the original complex will be modernized in addition to the expansion.

Construction will now be tendered throughout 2019 with an anticipation date for work to begin later in the year or in early 2020.

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Brampton Transit operates four buses in town and one in Caledon. 30 Airport Rd. to Tullamore runs all day, 7 Kennedy operates all day, 24 Van Kirk runs during peak periods, 15/15A Bramalea runs all day and 31 MacVean operates all day.



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

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

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

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

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone wel-

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Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

For many, getting a warm, nutritional meal is difficult. But thanks to the efforts of the community and Bolton Tim Horton's owners Brad and Liz Stafford, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) will be able to provide those meals to those in need.

2018's Be the Spark campaign saw the community successfully raise over \$20,000, with the Stafford's contributing \$10,000 through their Match our Meals fundraiser, surpassing their goal of \$7,500, and CMOW's goal of \$15,000. The announcement took place at CMOW's office on Dec. 19, which was met with a resounding applause from everyone in attendance.

“Our benevolent fund is a special fund that falls under our meals services and our meal delivery program. There are many citizens within the community who are not able to afford our meal service program,” explained Deidre Morrison-Mohamed, CMOW’s Resource Development Manager. “We want to ensure that nobody goes without a nutritious meal.”

"I'm floored at the response from the community, the generosity from the community," commented Brad Stafford.

Seniors and individuals with a disability submit an application for support to CMOW, and when approved, will receive a free meal service delivery.

“We are just blown away by the support that we’ve been getting from the community,” added Morrison-Mohamed.

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson was on hand to take part in the announcement, and congratulated CMOW for the money raised. “Everyone is included, and accepted, and I think that’s what makes it so special.”

He also thanked the Stafford's for their efforts in stepping up. "Everybody is going to have a good meal, and not only that, creating that relationship with those people."

Christine Sevigny, CMOW's Executive Director added, "Every time we do something and the community responds, it is so touching to see how the community cares about this organization."

For more information, visit www.cmow.org.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Bolton Tim Horton's owners Brad and Liz Stafford, front centre, were on hand to announce their contribution of \$10,000 to Caledon Meals on Wheels Be the Spark campaign for their Benevolent Fund. The not-for profit organization raised \$20,000 themselves to be able to provide free meal delivery service for seniors, those with a disability, and anyone in need of a nutritious meal.



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Changes made to the Peel Paramedics Divisional Model explained

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD and JOSHUA SANTOS

This is the third and final article in a three-part investigative series exploring the adoption of a different version of the original 10-Year-plan proposed in the Health Analytics report from 2007, the recommendations of which advised that Caledon remain as-was with its Stand-Alone stations.

Part 1 of the series explored the introduction of the Hybrid Model in Peel Region in 2007, providing an overview of the serviced rendered by Health Analytics. It was designed to cover the present and future needs for Paramedic Services. Over the course of eight years, and through various motions and amendments, the original proposed plan changed.

Part 2 of the series explored those changes through an assessment made in 2013. For Caledon, two Satellite Stations were removed from the plan and five stations were deferred into future budget years based on service demand.

Part 3 looks into the revisions of the plan, the consequences of that and delves into data of a projected increase in call volumes which dispute the alleged changes.

Why were these changes made?

Peter Dundas, chief of Peel Paramedic Services replied to an email inquiry sent by citizen Mira Budd that asked why changes were made to include Caledon in the Peel Divisional Model on Oct. 2, 2018. In his response, Dundas stated:

“In 2008, management started the move to a divisional model for Peel because call volumes across the region were increasing faster than original projections. This was an operational decision made by staff, supported by all subsequent 10-year capital reports to Council.

Operational decisions about how programs and services are delivered are the responsibility of staff. In our paramedic service, these decisions ensure appropriate, day-to-day medical coverage for the community. The decisions also support the municipal requirement to provide ‘proper provision of land ambulance services in the municipality’ contained in the Ontario Land Ambulance Act.

Management did return to Council several times for direction on construction changes and joint agreements with local Fire Services on co-location of our stations with theirs. All of these reports (from 2008 to today) described the Caledon stations as satellite stations, just like the 2013 report that you referenced. You will see a description of the 25 stations required to deliver service across Peel in that 2013 report. This includes four satellite stations in Caledon.

Council’s endorsement of the subsequent reports supported the management decision. Most recently, Regional Council reinforced the decision on September 13, 2018.”

Dundas’ assertion that the Hybrid Model was abandoned because of higher than projected call volumes are refuted by Paramedic Union Executive Michael Speers, who maintains that, “using the Health Analytics report data as well as the Paramedic Service annual reports to Regional Council, we have been able to determine that during 2007 there was a statistical blip. Our records indicate this was caused by a change in reporting methodology and not an actual increase in calls. This is supported by 2007 being a one-off event during the overall historical average of 5.7%. Of interest is the fact that the 2008 numbers show a sharp drop in calls.”

In this chart, constructed by Speers, the

Health Analytics data estimating the projected call volumes is represented in blue, and the actual call volume numbers, as gathered from “Paramedic Services 2008 Budget Document” and “Health Services-2014 Budget Document”, both published by the Region of Peel, are in orange. It’s evident from the graph that the call volume increase follows a steady curve, with no dramatic spike until 2007, where there was an 8% increase. The Union asserts this spike was in reality due to the changes that were made with how paramedics reported calls, as well as the way events were tracked, accounting for the extra 3% in call volume.

“To say that an eight per cent increase was an unexpected rise is at odds with a recorded increase two years before (in 2005) of 11%,” said Speers. “This does not appear to be validated by their own documentation, There was a blip- but it was just a blip. Call volumes over six years averaged out to a 5.7% increase per year, which seems to be a very consistent pattern.”

It is of particular interest that if indeed call volumes were rising, as Dundas claims, why did his proposed changes deal with this issue by building fewer facilities as a cost saving measure? The changes to the original Hybrid Model plan of 2007 that began in 2008 at Dundas’ behest were meant, according to him, to reflect the increase in demand of EMS (based on the 2007 data) and accommodate it. If this was indeed the case, why then in 2013 do they claim to have reassessed the data and require fewer facilities, despite a steady almost 6% increase in calls per year? As Speers concludes, “Those two statements aren’t compatible.” An interesting contradiction indeed, a Catch-22 created by Dundas and his team at the Region of Peel.

Why has Dundas and Council insisted on implementing a revised plan against the recommendations of experts they themselves hired, and made cost-cutting decisions that contradict the official reasons for revising that plan in the first place?

When asked, Speers and Carol Murray, vice-president of the Local 277 Peel Paramedic Union look at each other, unable to provide an answer. “That’s one of the questions I can’t answer,” said Murray. “Working in a Stand-Alone system for 27 years, I do not know. To date, they’ve gone so far into this plan that I think they’re refusing to go backwards.”

“The net result,” added Speers, “is that citizens of Caledon will have to wait much longer for ambulance services, and relying on adjacent municipalities is a problem.”

These statements, made by Superintendents on the Union Executive who have both served for 28 years in the field, one in Caledon specifically, are in direct opposition to Peel Region’s assertion that response times and the number of paramedics in Caledon will not be affected in any way by the shift to the Divisional Model.

On the Peel Region official website, under the FAQ heading “Will fewer paramedics and ambulance services serve Caledon in the Divisional Model?”, the Region assures citizens that, “No. The same number of paramedics and ambulances will be assigned to serve Caledon each day as are assigned today. That number will increase as call volume increases over time.”

To this statement, the Union representatives responded with, “The statement that non-divisional paramedics are kept off the road while they clean and stock their ambulances is again a false statement. Stand-Alone station paramedics [were] available for lights and siren code responses as soon as the arrive at the stations in Bolton and Caledon Village. That was typically 15 to 30 min prior to shift start. It did not matter if

own master plan for public transportation,”

The government said the program will make it more convenient for Ontarians, including seniors, students, youths and persons with disabilities to access essential services in their communities, connect with other transportation services, and travel between cities and towns.

Caledon Council approved \$320,000 in the 2019 budget to phrase in a transportation service for the community. Staff are reviewing how that money will be allocated with details scheduled to come to council later this spring.

“The Town is completing the Transit Feasibility Study and staff will report findings and recommendations to Council in the first quarter of 2019,” said Fuwing Wong, general manager of finance and infrastructure services and chief financial officer.

“In the 2019 budget, staff is recommending \$320,000 be allocated to implement expanded public transit services in 2019. Specifics related to public transit services will be outlined in an implementation plan in the Transit Feasibility Study report in 2019.”

Through the provincial grant, municipalities will partner with community organizations, health agencies, transit agencies, and school-bus and private transportation operators, to coordinate local transportation services and run intercommunity routes.

The initiative builds on a pilot program that provided nearly \$3 million in funding to

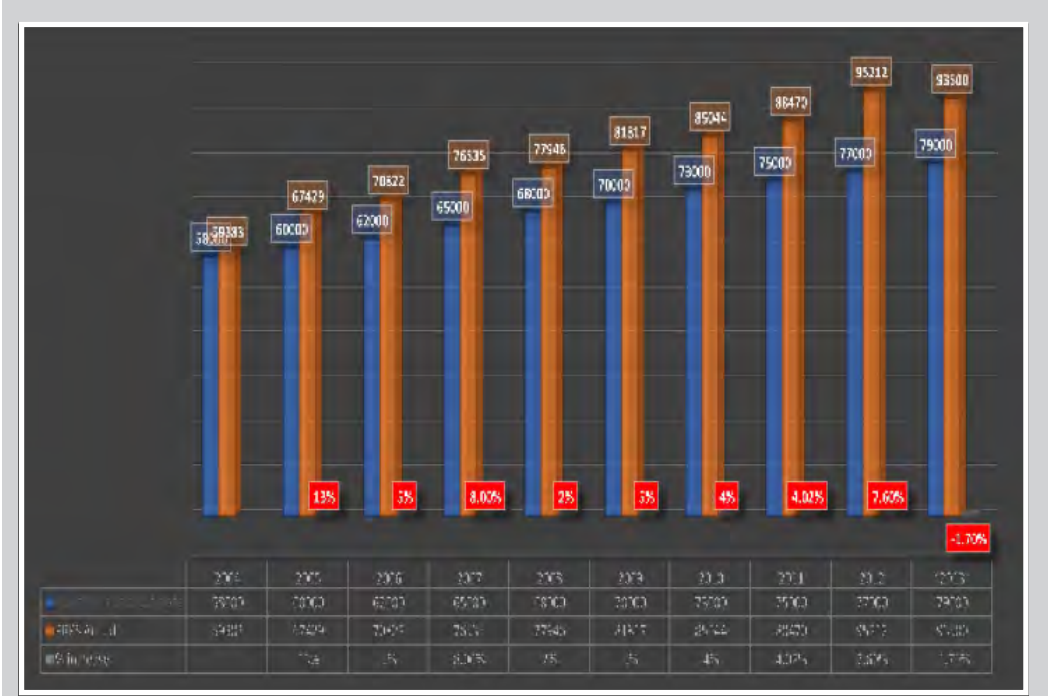


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DATA ANALYSIS: In this chart, constructed by Paramedic Union Executive Michael Speers, the Health Analytics data estimating the projected call volumes is represented in blue, and the actual call volume numbers, as gathered from “Paramedic Services 2008 Budget Document” and “Health Services-2014 Budget Document”, both published by the Region of Peel, are in orange. It’s evident from the graph that the call volume increase follows a steady curve, with no dramatic spike until 2007, where there was an 8% increase. The Union asserts this spike was in reality due to the changes that were made with how paramedics reported calls, as well as the way events were tracked, accounting for the extra 3% in call volume.

the paramedic was having a coffee or checking their ambulance for stock. They were available and responded. The same cannot be said for the divisional model, which loses approximately 47 min per shift, plus travel time. It is unknown why the Region continues to state this point of inaccuracy.”

Dundas said ambulances constantly move by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care dispatch centre to cover all of Peel, regardless of where they begin.

“Before the Divisional Model was implemented, ambulances that began a shift in Caledon may have been called into other parts of Peel, at which point another vehicle would be assigned to cover Caledon,” said Dundas in a follow up interview. “The same is true today, the only difference is where the paramedics begin a shift. Peel Regional Paramedic Services’ first priority is ensuring timely and responsive ambulance service. That said, work is also underway to mitigate our environmental impact through various initiatives including participation in the Region of Peel’s upcoming Green Fleet Strategy.

Paramedics coming to Caledon may be unfamiliar with the area, however Dundas believes that won’t be a problem as they rely on directions from their dispatcher and navigational technology.

“No-one – not even someone local – can keep up with minute-by-minute congestion, construction and weather updates without technological help,” said Dundas.

Dundas said the change to the pilot project resulted from direction from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

“The change was to use the term “out of deployment,” which would allow the first two ambulances leaving the reporting station off Fernforest Drive in Brampton at 5:30 a.m. to go directly to Caledon,” said Dundas. “Those ambulances can only be diverted by an urgent (code 4) call. This measure is aimed at ensuring the confidence of the community during this time of transition and will be evaluated to determine its utility.

“Ambulance coverage in Caledon has always been prioritized in our deployment model because of its large geographic size, and will continue to be prioritized. The same number of paramedics and ambulances will be assigned to serve Caledon as were as-

signed before the implementation of the divisional model. That number will increase as call volume increases over time.”

When asked what the Union would like to see happen, Speers responded, “there were six reporting stations in the original plan. Two were cancelled. Right now, the trucks will have to drive 26 to 27 kilometers in a rural setting...We believe we will need two reporting stations and a division in Caledon similar to the OPP...Our first priority is to follow the 2007 plan.”

“Caledon’s residents can be assured that when they call 911, an ambulance will arrive, and we have never stated otherwise,” affirms Murray. “Our concern is that changes were made contrary to the original direction of Council, and that as a result the four 24-hour ambulances that should have been in place become two.

“In addition, we are concerned that the changes made risk increasing the frequency of reduced periods of coverage, while directly increasing costs and reliance on adjacent municipalities. We simply wish to ensure that the residents have all the facts to make an informed decision consistent with Peel Region’s promise of transparent accountable government.”

Dundas states they have not been provided with a commissioned expert recommendation by union representatives.

“We work actively with the union through our deployment working group, labour management group and other means to ensure their voice is considered,” said Dundas.

Murray, however, disputes this, along with colleague Michael Speers. “The Union executive advised Peter [Dundas] at the April 2018 UMCC (Union Management meeting) of a lengthy list of our concerns regarding the change to a divisional model for The Town of Caledon. There was no response to our concerns. These concerns had been raised at our Union Management meetings prior [to April 2018] as well. These concerns had also been raised numerous times in the past few years before by Murray, and the response was ‘we will agree to disagree.’ No documentation has been brought forth to support the statement regarding ongoing dialogue or direction from the EPSC to support this change.”

Province to invest half a million in transportation services in Caledon

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Ontario’s government will invest half a million dollars for transportation services in Caledon.

Funds will be distributed through the community transportation grant program to help support services within and between neighbouring communities, according to a news release.

“This investment will improve the quality of life for many residents in our communities who currently do not have access to other transit options,” said Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon. “Having the ability to get residents who need a ride to the services and programs that they need, is as important as the services themselves.”

The Province will provide municipalities with \$30 million over five years to support local transit programs and intercommunity bus service in areas with little or no public transit.

Caledon Community Services provide the town’s only transit service. They enjoyed the announcement.

“We are delighted with our provincial government’s support of Caledon through this transportation grant,” said said Monty Laskin, CEO Caledon Community Services. “This support increases Caledon residents’ abilities to access community services, attend training and pursue employment opportunities. This five-year grant is an important step forward as our municipality creates its



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TRANSPORTATION: Caledon Town Council approved \$320,000 in the 2019 budget to phase in a transportation service for the community.

22 municipalities since 2015.

In the first year of the pilot, more than 28,000 people used the new services to make more than 105,000 trips.

At this time, GO Transit operates three routes, both with GO train connections. Route 37, Orangeville to Brampton via Highway 10 runs on peak hours, route 38, Bolton

to Malton runs all day and route 38A Bolton to North York runs during peak times.

Brampton Transit operates four buses in town and one in Caledon. 30 Airport Rd. to Tullamore runs all day, 7 Kennedy operates all day, 24 Van Kirk runs during



PHOTO JOSHUA SANTOS:

CONNECTIONS:: Svetlana Fetterly, manager and owner of Naked Café was overwhelmed as she holds a book with messages from residents in the community.

Naked Café closes its doors in Bolton

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

Naked Café has closed its doors in Bolton as of Friday, Feb. 1.

Svetlana Fetterly, manager and owner of the establishment said there was not enough foot traffic for her to keep the doors open.

"I personally don't believe Bolton is the right town to support local businesses," said Fetterly. "Maybe not a business such as mine. I think a lot of people want, what we have to offer, and those people that want it, do come here, and support me and are amazing. My customer base is awesome, we just don't have enough of it."

She said they were in a niche market focusing on healthy, holistic food and drinks to nourish the body.

"Bolton is a commuter town, we all know this and the vast majority of people that live here do not work here and as a result, they're not doing their shopping in any capacity here. I believe we are an industrial town, we are growing as an industrial town, focusing more on industry then we are on residents and building a residential community, as I understand it."

She said she has been told they are in a negative growth situation in Bolton. She also said the minimum wage increase was hard to swallow.

As a result, I believe, of that minimum wage increase, the cost of goods everywhere has gone up," said Fetterly. "Food has gone up immensely. I don't know if it's necessarily as a result of it."

"I buy a lot of organic, a lot of high-end food and raw goods and the prices of that are very, very high. I just can't pass my increases on my customers in the same capacity. My prices cannot go up as much as my costs have gone up. As a result, your profit margin is less and you just don't make enough money."

She said they have been trying for a year to see if they can turn around their business and make a profit. It just didn't work out.

The 33-year-old Bolton resident said she

will move on and offer her services as a 'Girl-Friday.'

"I will offer anything that I can do in terms of helping anybody who needs an extra pair of hands," said Fetterly. "If you need help with gardening, if you need help with cooking, if you need help with home renovations, if you need help with shopping; pretty much a Girl Friday is a jack of all trades."

She said people have made a number of new connections and relationships meeting each other at her business.

"I met my husband here," said Fetterly. "I have a ton of other customers who have met new people here and developed relationships with them, because of meeting here. I really look at this space as a really special space, where the community and likeminded individuals came. The relationships that I've built with people in this town, you really see how good people can be."

Since news broke about her plans to close down, she has received a flood of emails and text messages from residents who believe Bolton won't be the same and that she brought something good to the community.

"I never really noticed that," said Fetterly. "I just wanted to provide a really good service and a really good product for people who were interested in it. Anything positive that came from that, was kind of extra and I didn't maybe focus on that, because I just wanted to keep doing what I was doing."

She asked people to leave their names so she can keep in contact with them, but was overwhelmed with the number of messages.

"I never really thought about it, but now I realize the impact that we did have on the community," said Fetterly. "It's heartwarming and its very bittersweet what's happening right now."

She has not ruled out the possibility of reopening the store. She does not know what the future holds.

"Life can change really quickly and opportunity can show up in a moment's notice and you just never know," said Fetterly.



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LOTTO WINNER: Janusz Zulkiewski of Caledon won \$100,000 with ENCORE (Jan. 12, 2019 LOTTO 6/49 draw). Janusz matched six of seven ENCORE numbers in exact order to win the \$100,000 prize. The winning ticket was purchased at Canadian Tire Gas Bar on McEwan Drive in Bolton.



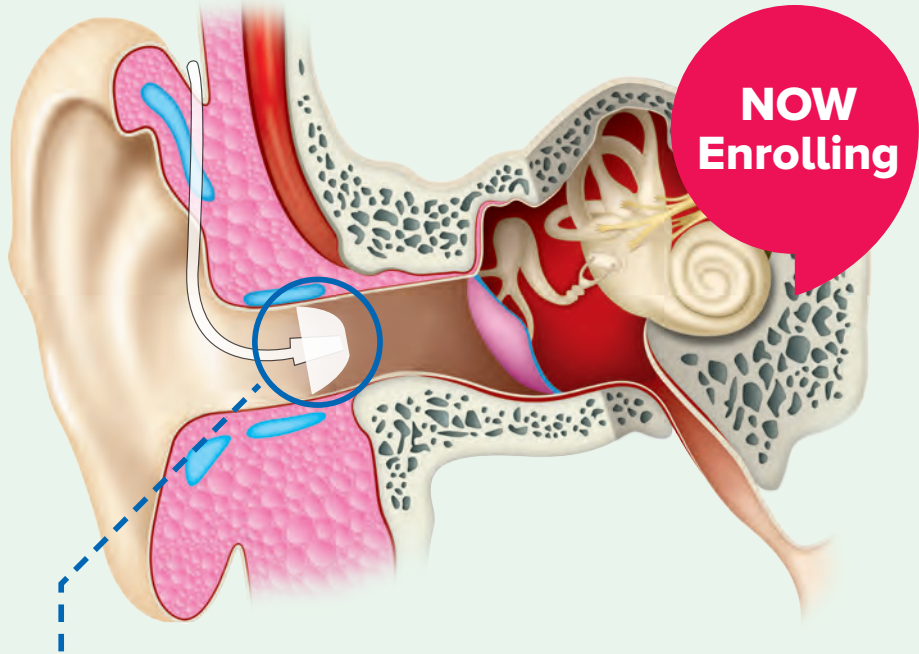
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NO GAS: A Petro-Canada gas station on Queen Street South closed down early with no fuel left in the pumps. Trucks were unable to deliver gas to many stations across the GTA as cold and frigid temperatures made travel difficult for them to provide fuel.

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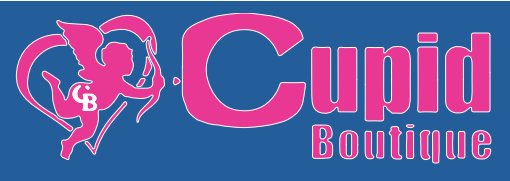
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Donation to Caledon D.A.R.E. program

Optimistic Club of Caledon donated \$1000 to support the D.A.R.E. program – delivered in local elementary schools by Caledon OPP School Resource Officers. The program teaches the kids how to resist peer pressure and live drug and violence-free lives.

Opioid overdose results in drug charges

Uniformed members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a drug overdose radio call on Wednesday, Jan. 23 2019. The victim of the overdose was transported to a local hospital and survived the incident. The drug

in question is suspected to be fentanyl. Members of the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit conducted a drug investigation into the overdose, resulting in a criminal charge.

A 27-year-old man from Caledon has been charged with:

- Trafficking in Schedule I Substance - Opioid

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 4.

The investigation is ongoing. Please contact Caledon Community Street Crime Unit at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122 if you have any information that may be able to assist police.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by texting 274637 (CRIMES) with the words “PEEL plus your tip information”, or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.ca.

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Fentanyl is an extremely powerful pain medication which is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine. Used unlawfully it can be a killer of those not realizing its potency as any amount in pure form or even in cut form can be potentially lethal if not handled appropriately.

Driver charged after fleeing from collision

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment investigated a fail to remain collision, where one of the drivers fled the scene on foot before police arrival.

Caledon OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 9 and Concession Road 8 on Tuesday, Jan. 31. One of the involved drivers, who remained at the scene, stated that the driver of the other involved vehicle was seen running into the wooded area immediately after the collision.

Due to extreme weather conditions and the possibility of injuries sustained by the driver as a result of the collision, the OPP Canine Unit was requested and attended the scene. The driver was subsequently located by the OPP Canine Unit a short distance from the scene where he was arrested and transported to a local hospital as a precautionary measure.

The vehicle driver, a 46-year-old from New Tecumseth, has been charged with:

- Failure to Stop after Accident
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000
- Operation while Prohibited.

He was held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

Young person charged with two counts of voyeurism

Caledon OPP arrested a young person and laid two charges of voyeurism on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Investigation revealed that the young per-

son attended the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness located at 14111 Highway 50 in Caledon, where the accused is reported to have committed voyeuristic acts in the change room of the facility.

Police are requesting that anyone who may have any additional information or believes that they are a victim of a similar circumstance at this facility to please contact Det. Const. Jonathan McMillan of the Caledon Major Crime Unit at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may contact Peel Crime Stoppers at: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by texting 274637 (CRIMES) with the words “PEEL plus your tip information”, or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.ca.

Shoplifter arrested for stealing electronics

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police responded to a local retail store located on Dunham Drive in Alliston to investigate a shoplifting incident on Thursday, Jan. 31.

When police arrived, it was determined that the loss and prevention officer had witnessed a male concealing two Wi-Fi routers and a smart lock, valuing just over \$600.00.

Shortly after, police and store security observed the male leaving the store without paying for the hidden items.

As a result, a 37-year-old male from Caledon was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$5000 - Shoplifting. He was also trespassing from entering the store in the future.

He was released from police custody and will attend a future court date at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford.

Numerous Drivers Charged with Stunt Driving on Highway 10

Officers from the Traffic Unit of Caledon OPP laid several stunt driving charges while conducting speed enforcement along Highway 10 in the town of Caledon.

Jan. 29th - Race a Motor Vehicle - Excessive Speed - 113 km/h in 60 km/h zone at Highway 10 and Chester Drive.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of public meeting: Official Plan 2041

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WHEN AND WHERE:
Meeting Date:
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Info Session: 6 p.m.
Start Time: 7 p.m.
Meeting Location:
Town Hall 6311 Old Church
Road, Council Chamber
L7C 1J6

A special public meeting will be held to start the Official Plan 2041 process. Municipalities are required to update their Official Plan at least every five years, in accordance with Sections 17 and 26 of The Planning Act. Your input and insight will help inform and shape the new Plan.

We are undertaking the creation of a new Official Plan for the Town of Caledon that will take us to 2041 and we are interesting in hearing your comments and thoughts on this process.

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

An Official Plan is a legal document containing goals, objectives, and policies intended to guide land use, development and growth in a municipality.

WHY ARE WE REVIEWING IT?

It is now time for us to review the Official Plan to ensure that the policies are in conformity with the latest provincial policies and the Region of Peel Official Plan. As part of this process the review will also look at the Town's strategic goals, to ensure they reflect the vision and needs of the community.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any interested person may speak at the Special Public Meeting of Council and/or make written submissions. The meeting Chair will invite anyone wishing to speak to come forward at the appropriate time during the meeting.

Written submissions must be forwarded to Legislative Services, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon ON L7C 1J7, or legislative.services@caledon.ca; 905.584.2272 x.2366.

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Public Meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Legislative Services by phone or email at accessibility@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Public Meeting.

For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact: Marisa Williams at 905.584.2272 x.4264 or via email at marisa.williams@caledon.ca.

The personal information accompanying your submission is being collected under the authority of The Planning Act and may form part of the public record which may be released to the public.

Wanted: Climate Change Task Force Members

The Town of Caledon Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Task Force represents the needs and interests of the community and provides advice to Council to help ensure the success of the Town's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP).

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my fellows on the band. It's about the British invasion then and now, a two-hour journey."

The story about Ed Sullivan starting it all was this: "He was flying in to Heathrow [airport] and he heard a lot of screaming teenagers but it was not for him, it was for the Beatles. He had never heard of them but he called their manager. 'If the girls are that frenzied about them, we need to have them in America.' Of course, they were a huge hit and, then, he started bringing other British acts and launched their careers - Rod Steward, Elton John, George Michael - the British invasion never stopped."

As she rightly observes, the influence of the British invasion on other cultural aspects continued with the James Bond films, the most profitable series of movies ever. With that, came big opportunities for singers performing the big bond songs: Tom Jones singing Thunderball, Shirley Bassey doing Goldfinger.

She pointed out that, "Every year of the 60's decade, many Oscars went to British films- Lynn Redgrave in Georgie Girl; Michael Caine in Alfie. The British invasion invaded everything: the mini skirt. The Rolling Stones came on the scene raunchier, wilder, they really changed things."

The glory days of the British influence over American culture is far from over.

"I saw Tom Jones in Vegas. Tom Jones is phenomenal. He sang for an hour and a half straight up, at full blast - I kept saying he can't keep this up but he did, at age 72."

All said, the first reason she wrote this show is her band, this really shows the talent in that small group of men.

"Fred singing House of the Rising Sun is fantastic. I've got guys who are really talented. I was born in the 60's but my sister was 12. And I was researching not only the impact of the British but, in the late 50's, the US was going through a lull, where all the big stars had started to fade or Elvis was in Europe and Bill Haley was getting old. Then, Ed Sullivan brought the Beatles over.

"America was also going thorough this very sad time when John Kennedy was killed and they needed this to cheer them."

Something was shifting too and Ms. Way has a story to tell about the British singer, Petula Clark's stand that broke another American barrier.

"The power of music," she commented, "reaches so much further than just entertainment. When you look at the things that they [musicians] changed. Musicians shouldn't be involved in politics? When people say that, It just drives me crazy. We talk about the songs we're doing and why they matter."

Then, there is Freddie Mercury of the band, Queen.



"Lots of rock musicians were classically trained," she told us. "Bohemian Rhapsody took classical music - mixed it; a classically trained musician wrote this wonderful composition."

The list is impressive, as is Ms Way's presentation of the story.

If you do not know him, Leisa Way will introduce you to Long John Baldry, an icon of English rock and roll.

She worked with him on Peter Pan. "I was Wendy," she recounted. "In a later one, I was Peter and he was Captain. Hook with the double role of the father."

She laughed at the memory, "he was 6' 7" with the deepest voice I ever met. And, then, [doing Peter Pan] I didn't realize what a star she was when I first met Cathy Rigby, an Olympic metalist [for gymnastics]. And an actor. She was 4'11".

"Long John always wore a long coat, all six foot, four of it and he was always late. He wasn't a morning person, We didn't care, he was just a delight to work with. I have such good memories of that play and I wish I'd asked more questions."

It was fun researching all of that and she has stories about the well loved stars that will pepper the songs and delight us about the humble beginnings and the lofty successes. How it all happened because a person saw the potential in another and pressured him to try his luck. She will tell us how one person "was the catalyst for so many careers."

Of Long John, she said, "What I really remember was how much fun he was. He never lost the joy of being on stage."

While making people happy is what she loves doing the most, she did tell us, "I did Judy Garland's story, Over the Rainbow.

There was a lot of [screaming] and crying, it was an exciting exercise as an actor but I was used to making people happy. Fans came to see me and, afterward, they said, it was passionate but it was sad.

"I really love getting onstage and knowing that people are leaving feeling happier . This is circle of happy energy," as her conversation took a philosophical turn, "There is a gift that audience gives us, of them being happy, like breathing in and out. Every single night of being on stage that we love.

"What keeps me at it is the people, the audience, the joy; working with these talented guys. I love my band and my job is make people happy."

The British invasion show is the best show ever; she is sure of that. "We had whole rows of people dancing and they sing along, it's a party atmosphere. I thought it would a brilliant thing for schools," she told us, "In Collingwood, we had 80 kids in the front rows dancing. We had so much fun. I love to do this show for school audiences. It's part of history."

A new show is being written, by Ms Way herself; she writes all her shows. Next is about Rock and Roll.

"It's here to stay," she assured us.

She wanted everyone to know, "How excited I am, first time in the 20 years, to be part of the season as a full run show!"

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BUSINESS *in Caledon*

Spirit Tree Estate Cidery: tourism, destination and local favourite

Part of Caledon's beautiful rural landscape, Spirit Tree Estate Cidery is one of those businesses that lives up to its exceptional reputation. Offering high quality local food, baked goods and artisan cider, it's a tourism destination, and a local favourite. On this, its 10th year in business, we sat down with owner Tom Wilson to talk about their evolution, challenges, and future.

Orchard, cidery, farm store, bakery, restaurant – did I miss anything?

No that covers it.

Give us the back-story, where did it all begin?

Spirit Tree is the evolution of the business and family farm that we had on Dixie Road which was Wilson's Orchard. It was an orchard planted by my grandfather and father. Back in those days you grew, picked, sold your produce and made your money. People were buying for sustenance.

Then the pick-your-own trend started. We did that, along with expanding to grow other fruit and corn, and we ended up with a country market.

By the time I finished school and took it over, pick-your-own had evolved into more of an agri-tainment experience. People were visiting to show their kids a farm but buying much smaller quantities of fruit. People wanted finished product like jams and pies from us instead of making their own. We evolved to that format, but we had to put through tenfold more customers to do the same sales and competition was growing. I was less interested in the entertainment side and really wanted to focus on the food side. In Europe small farms take the ingredients they grow and raise and make them into amazing food products that make the farm financially stable. That was a farm plan I wanted to follow.

I still liked growing apples but wanted something more sustainable and not weather dependent. If the weather was bad, customers stayed home and you're not making money – it was very volatile.

Nicole and I had bought the farm from my parents. We were living and working on the farm. Me fulltime and Nicole part-time. We were trying to see how we could make our farm business more stable and profitable. After careful review we realized we would have to sell the farm to recapitalize and start again with a new farm business plan. We sold the farm in 2004. It was a tough decision but purely a business one. We continued to run the business there during 2005 when we purchased the new property here and started planting a new orchard.

How long does it take to grow an apple tree to the point where it's producing?

It takes five to six years for a tree to produce a crop but really eight to 10 years to get full production out of it. It's a huge commitment. That's why we wanted to get the orchard planted right away.

Why this location on the west side of Caledon?

We realized there weren't many businesses on the west side of Caledon, yet a lot of people were visiting the Badlands and Bel-fountain. We found this property. It needed work but was big enough and could support growing and processing on site.

We wanted to create a more upscale boutique type of experience and I always had an interest and experimented with making cider. That became the kernel of the business plan.

Tell me about the building. What was the impetus for building in an environmentally-friendly way?

Because we had a clean slate we played around a lot with what we wanted to do. Initially we were focused on moving and renovating a bank barn for our business and building a straw bale home. When we found this property, it had a fairly new home but no other farm buildings. We then landed on building an environmental straw bale building for our business.

We believe in being environmentally responsible, but we also wanted something that wasn't going to cost a lot to operate – you're going to pay one way or the other. You can put up a cheap building and heat the neighbourhood or build well and have low maintenance costs. At the same time, we wanted something that looked rural and fit in with the landscape. That's why we liked straw bale because of the energy efficiency but also because of the look.

It did take us down a path of challenges, breaking new ground and dealing with government officials unfamiliar with the construction so it took longer than it should have. We got there in the end, along with multiple awards and recognition in the new Ontario Farm Planning Policy Guidelines.

Do you find it challenging to get and keep staff?

We have just over 20 staff in the low season (winter) and over 40 in the facility plus four or five in the field during the high season.

Hiring, training, and retaining staff has been one of the hardest things for us to deal with since we opened. There have been a number of changes to Employment standards, minimum wage, health and safety, etc. Since we opened our operating costs, including labour, have more than doubled. Maintaining profitability as a small rural business right now is very hard.

Finding trained and experienced bakers and chefs has been very challenging. Everyone wants to go to Toronto thinking there is great opportunity. It's difficult to understand since there is so much more opportunity in places like ours– you get to do everything and learn so much because it's a small operation. There is freedom to be creative and you're using the best ingredients grown on our farm or locally. Most restaurants and bakeries have very set recipes. There is not much opportunity to be creative or learn new skills.

We've poured a lot of resources into our training and labour – we have a training manual for employees and for managers, we have an HR administrator and HR consultation. We try to be very transparent and clear with expectations of staff, have good communications, take their input and suggestions and try to be a great employer. For a small business we are heavily invested in our team.

10 years in, how does it feel. Is business where you thought it would be?

I still can't believe it has been almost 10 years. It has been a complete blur. Based on our business plan, unfortunately our business is not where it is supposed to be. The challenges and struggles of just figuring out how to run a multi-faceted business like this in this changing work environment, we have really had to grind it out. I think we are there though – we have the best team we've ever had right now. Part of that is luck and part is all the work and investment we have

put into our employee hiring and retention.

Healthy profitability has been the missing ingredient to date. We did not understand the provincial alcohol tax structure as well as we thought. Cider is a new industry so there were no rebates like in wine and craft beer. Paying nearly 60% in taxes to the province every month left us with nothing to save for bad days, mistakes and expansion. Things are changing, but only after I invested 6 years of my own time helping found, run and lead our lobbying efforts as the Ontario Craft Cider Association. We are now receiving a rebate from the government that has saved our company, and the industry. A new exciting industry in Ontario using On-

tario apples was nearly taxed into oblivion. Unfortunately, during those 6 years I was being pulled in two directions, managing our business and leading an aggressive provincial government lobbying. Mistakes were made while I was off trying to save the craft cider industry.

So to answer the question, it has taken us 10 years to reach our 2 to 3 year business plan. Being on the leading edge of such a new industry has meant overcoming some bureaucratic roadblocks. Taking time away from our business to lobby for those changes has set us back. Hopefully we can catch up in the next few years.

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Humboldt Broncos crash driver made a mistake that anyone could have made

Humans are imperfect beings. We make mistakes all the time. Many of us doing things we shouldn't out of carelessness when we know better. We speed when we shouldn't, cut drivers off when we miss an exit or take our eyes off the road for a split second.

Even if we proclaim ourselves as perfect drivers, many of us become complacent with our driving abilities. We're lucky that our mistakes don't damage someone's car, let alone kill someone on the highway.

Jaskirat Singh Sidhu, the driver of the semi-trailer trucks that struck a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos hockey team in Saskatchewan last April was not lucky.

It was supposed to be a day, like any other except it wasn't. He killed 16 people and seriously injured 13 more after his truck blew through a stop sign.

He apologized to the families of the victims numerous times pleading guilty to 16 charges of dangerous driving causing death and 13 charges of dangerous driving causing injury, according to *the Toronto Star*.

He faces a maximum sentence of 14 years and 10 years in prison, respectively, for each count of dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. He appeared selfless dozens of times in videos and photos. He said the crash happened because of his inexperienced. The defence focused on his intent arguing his actions were negligent and not intentionally reckless.

Sidhu could have challenged the charges and drawn out an already lengthy case, but he didn't. He has taken responsibility for what had happened.

He was not speeding, drunk or distracted at the time of the collision, according to *the CBC*. There was nothing blocking his way at the intersection and the stop sign where he could have yielded was visible.

Maybe he zoned out. Maybe the sun was in his eyes. We don't know.

All we know is that he still missed those signs while driving in broad daylight and clear roads.

The Crown said that based on the facts of the case, current legal statuses, other case laws and the victim-impact statements delivered, a 10-year-sentence is fitting.

Many may want him to be locked up in prison for the rest of his life. He did kill 16 people and destroyed many families after all. He was the one driving but he made a mistake anybody could have made.

A sentence may stop people from driving carelessly, and if anything, it could reinforce people's faith in the justice system. However, considering that he took ownership of his actions, there's no purpose to impose an extended prison term, especially when he's of low risk to reoffend.

Compare Sidhu's case with that of Marco Muzzo. Muzzo, who was recently denied parole after serving two years of a 10-year-sentence, drove his car and killed three young children and their grandfather in Vaughan. Muzzo also pleaded guilty to the charges against him.

Muzzo was drunk, speeding, drove past a stop sign and had a blood alcohol level of about three times the legal limit. Muzzo made a choice to drink and drive instead of calling for a cab ride home. Many of us, who are responsible, would leave our keys at home or called a friend if we think we drank too much to drive. His case may be a lesson for drivers to stop drinking and driving when we know we shouldn't.

An extended sentence for Sidhu on the other hand won't remind people to drive carefully on the roads. It was a freak accident and one that will haunt him for the rest of his life.

Our Readers Write

Give Doug Ford a break

As I read all these statements from so many politicians and lobbyist complaining of everything Doug Ford suggests, and every single one to help reduce spending.

Did we forget we just finished watching the provincial liberals put us in the poor house and drive the bus so close to going off the cliff? As Ford tries everything possible to operate without growing our massive debt, he gets judged, criticized and thrown under the bus every single day. How about this. If you, the arm chair critics are as smart as you think you are, stop being so

critical and try being proactive and bring good alternatives to the podium when you are criticizing what he is doing. We all need better suggestions right now, and we know it takes Team Work to really make a difference. It is very easy to sit in the cheap seats and lob grenades, but try getting involved with solutions instead, if you have what it takes.

Brian Perras
Caledon

Belfountain Community Organization does not represent all

Blood Pudding, not a pudding. Salisbury Steak, not a steak. Mince Meat, not meat. Belfountain Community Organization, not really a community organization.

On Thursday the BCO held its Annual general meeting. The group was formed in 1987 to oppose a proposed subdivision and its mandate expanded in 1993 to include roads, recreation and water concerns. The group is comprised of some 25 people from Belfountain and surroundings. At the general meeting, 17 directors are chosen to run the organization. Again this year the group was unable to get 17 people to run, settling on an acclamation of 14.

In recent months the BCO has begun showing a political bias and motivation. In November they endorsed a slate of municipal candidates. Currently they are engaged in stopping Bill 66, the "Restoring Ontario Competitiveness Act." This involved an al-

liance with the advocacy group Environmental Defence. The BCO also invited the Green Party to help it understand the "impacts" of Bill 66.

The BCO is comprised of dedicated members that have the best interest of the community at heart. Unfortunately many also have a proclivity to interject their environmental passion into the recent decisions of the group. Their politicized passion is then presented to the public, press and Town Council under the guise of the Belfountain community's opinion. I don't see how the decision of 14 people or a portion thereof reflect or warrant this recognition. They do not speak for me.

Stephen Reave
Belfountain



Dreams are the brain's way of blowing off steam

by Mark Pavilons

"Good night – may you fall asleep in the arms of a dream, so beautiful, you'll cry when you awake."
- Michael Faudet

The Dalai Lama said dreams are the best meditation and our friend Shakespeare pointed out that "To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub."

Dreaming is something we all have in common and we all have stories to tell.

It's an outlet for our incredibly active and busy minds, a process that lets us blow off some steam each and every night.

Charles Fisher said that dreaming "permits each and every one of us to be quietly and safely insane every night."

In recent weeks, I've been plagued by really vivid dreams. I remember them, and squeeze them for every ounce of sense and logic, yet I'm nowhere close to an explanation of my nocturnal scenarios.

In most of my dreams, I'm away somewhere – at a cottage, strange house, hotel or convention centre. I'm often late for my flight or bus, and I'm scurrying to find everything to pack up. I often can't find anything to wear that fits. I like to hover and levitate like a superhuman in my dreams. Lately, I'm driving somewhere in a rush.

Recently, I recalled that I wanted to see just how real my dream was, while I was immersed in it. I remember saying to myself, "touch the asphalt to see how real this is." I did, and yes, it felt like asphalt.

That put me no closer to finding the meaning of my nocturnal wanderings.

Unfortunately, some nights I end up sweating, wrapped up like a blanket burrito.

I blame the dog, who sprawls out next to me, pinching the covers.

I find it odd that despite the advances we've made in all fields of medicine and science, we have no clues on the importance and prevalence of dreams.

In ancient societies, dreams guided all manner of decisions and the Bible is filled with references to divine visions during sleep.

Sigmund Freud believed that dreams gave us access to our unconscious, repressed conflicts.

We have all seen our dogs asleep on the couch, twitching and muttering, undoubtedly chasing some squirrel in their dreams. It's weird, and funny at the same time. My wife has shaken me awake several times as I call out in my dreams, which materialize as a strained, girly man scream.

Modern scientists didn't realize the significance of REM (rapid eye movement) sleep until 1951. REM is the phase of nightly sleep when we do our most vivid dreaming and occurs in 90-minute cycles, lasting upwards of 20 minutes. Adults spend about 25 per cent of their nightly sleep cycles in REM sleep.

Researchers believe that theta brain wave sleep is part of memory consolidation in all mammals. The researchers at Douglas Mental Health University Institute

(McGill University) and the University of Bern used state-of-the art optogenetics to confirm a causal link between

rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and memory formation.

In a statement, Sylvain Williams, co-author of this research and professor of psychiatry at McGill, said, "We chose to target neurons that regulate the activity of the hippocampus, a structure that is critical for memory formation during wakefulness and is known as the 'GPS system' of the brain ... We already knew that newly acquired information is stored into different types of memories, spatial or emotional, before being consolidated or integrated. How the brain performs this process has remained unclear – until now. We were able to prove for the first time that REM sleep is indeed critical for normal spatial memory formation in mice."

What the heck do mice dream about? The process of hammering and forging our daily experiences into long-term memory through REM sleep is how we learn to master any sport, art, musical instrument, surgery, etc. REM sleep is a fundamental part of mastery, some argue.

The time we spend dreaming during REM is probably the most creative state-of-mind we experience within any given 24-hour period. For example, Keith

Richards came up with the song "Satisfaction" in his sleep and recorded most of the song into a tape recorder by his bed.

The cerebrum and hippocampus play a role in cerebral long-term memory when you sleep. The cerebellum is also believed to play a key role in encoding procedural memories when we sleep.

There are thousands of anecdotes of creative greats having "eureka" moments when they dream. I think I've had one or two myself.

Often, we wake up and have no idea that we've dreamed, while other times, we can closely recall our dreams because they were so intense (vivid).

Dreaming might help the brain eliminate any unnecessary information or memories while processing and storing what's important. Some people feel more refreshed after having had slept and dreamed, even if they do not remember dreaming.

Some factors researchers believe contribute to vivid dreams include stress, anxiety, sleep disorders, medications, and perhaps illness.

For me, it's dentilely anxiety, with a dash of gloom and pinch of sadness, with a smidgen of empty wallet syndrome.

But my dreams aren't fatalistic or horrific, just a bit odd, like the dreamer himself!

Most of the time I awake just shaking my head at my weird antics. There have times, albeit few and far between, when I woke up laughing. That was the best feeling ever!

Our lives are much more complicated than Rover's, so our dreams can be quite puzzling and complex. Our brains are still a mystery in many ways and they harbour some really unusual things in those dark recesses.

Hit the pillow and dream deep, my friends. It's a fun journey exploring the unknown.

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Action needed now on behalf of detained Canadians in China

For weeks now, we’ve watched and waited for the release of two Canadians detained against their will in China. Sadly, there continues to be no indication that such a release will happen anytime in the near future. The resulting diplomatic dispute between Canada and China is worrisome not only with respect to these two Canadians, but also for the thousands of Canadians who can often be in China travelling as tourists, conducting business, and those who are working and living there. Concern is mounting and the Prime Minister must act now to secure the release of the two Canadians and reassure Canadian families with loved ones in China.

A delegation of Canadian parliamen-

Government’s national security legislation a setback for public safety

For the first time in Ontario, students at every publicly-assisted college and university will see their tuition rates drop by 10 percent thanks to a province-wide tuition rate reduction introduced by the Ontario government. The tuition rate reduction is the latest step in our government’s plan to keep more money in the pockets of Ontario students and families. Under the Liberal government, post-secondary tuition fees were allowed to skyrocket. Since 2006, undergraduate tuition for Ontarians has risen from an average \$5,000 to almost \$9,000. The average college tuition is \$3,400 and professional degrees can be in excess of \$15,000. As a result of our government’s plan, Dufferin-Caledon students attending an Ontario college, will see a savings of – on average - \$340, depending on the program. Those pursuing a general arts and science degree at an Ontario univer-

tarrians, including my Conservative colleague, Michael Cooper (St. Albert-Edmonton), recently travelled to China for bilateral meetings. The trip had been planned before the arrest of Huawaei CFO, Meng Wanzhou, in Vancouver and the subsequent detention of the two Canadians in China. The delegation’s agenda didn’t formally include the detention of the Canadians; however, we, as the Conservative Official Opposition, continue to push for their immediate release.

We’ve long called on Prime Minister Trudeau to take action on this increasingly contentious situation. Last month, our leader, Andrew Scheer, asked him to pick up the phone, call Chinese Pres-

ident Xi, and demand the safe return of the two Canadians being held by Beijing. However, instead of taking action, the Prime Minister once again demonstrated a profoundly naive approach to diplomacy and tried to downplay the arrests as standard consular cases. Canadians are rightfully concerned about family members in China and are questioning whether or not it’s safe to travel there. They deserve clear answers, as do all Canadians, and the Prime Minister’s actions to date have done little to address those concerns. He is willing to call the US President to discuss the arrest of a Chinese citizen in Canada, but he refuses to call the Chinese President

OSAP have demonstrated financial need – we will eliminate the non-needs-based portion of the Ontario Student Grant. Parental contributions will be restored to 2017-2018 rates. The government is also making changes that will result in all students being eligible for provincial loans. Our government also announced a Student Choice Initiative, giving every student in Ontario the freedom to choose which student fees they want to pay and how that money will be allocated. Student fees in Ontario can be as high as \$2,000 per year and, too often, force students to pay for services they do not use or organizations they do not support. The opt-out initiative will ensure that students have transparency and freedom of choice regarding the campus services and or-

ganizations which get access to their money. We believe you, the taxpayer, is better qualified than the government to choose how you spend your money, we believe students should get to choose how they spend theirs. Education is a significant – and important – investment. I’m proud that thanks to our action, families and students here in Dufferin-Caledon will pay less for their education. If you have any questions regarding the post-secondary tuition changes please contact my office at Sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org or call 1-800-265-1603.

When you wish upon a star By and large, sooner than later, most of us buy a lottery ticket, one time or another. As they do say, “you can’t win if you don’t have a ticket.” “They” love to quote the incredible odds against winning – massive percentages against it - you are more likely to be stuck by lightning three times than win...

Makes me wonder: every so often, pretty regularly actually, someone dodges the lightning and wins, big time. Crazy stories about winners, of course. The middle aged couple in the Maritimes who won big and gave most of it away because they didn’t need it, happy as they with their modest lives.

Two young men here in Orangeville won big - last year, wasn’t it? They had choices: at their age, the amount was enough to control the rest of their lives unless they took control of it.

This column spends a lot of time wishing and the chances of winning seem to be as long shot as a lottery, which is weird because none of these wishes are a matter of luck, only of wisdom and seriousness finally settling into the minds and hearts of people in charge of the planet. That’s a fairly long shot, in truth, I guess.

The planet’s point of history at the moment is profoundly pivotal. The poison to the south of us is spreading like the wild fires in the west, with regard to

Trump -style governing, with real openness of racism, sexism, ignorance, arrogance and fanatic denial of the changes to this planet we are causing.

They say, “We’ve been here before and got through it” pointing to tyrannical leaders in the distant and recent past who hauled the world into wars, who are still promoting war mongering and unbelievable harm to civilians in the name of more lies.

Truth is, we have not been here before. We have called moments in history “pivotal and the most important [moment, election] ever,” but there has not been a time when it was more surely the case than now.

Of all the comments, of all the facts and not-facts, this statement stands at the top of being true, correct, fair warning.

Spock had an image in his quarters of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise, in one of the old Star Movies (VI). His fellow Vulcan, a much younger woman, asked him why and he explained, “To remind me that all things change and that the Universe will unfold as it should.”

This is not simply a time of change; it is time of going backward to possible ruin as in the U.K at the moment, with its turmoil over Brexit. It is a time of going forward to sure ruin, if our directions will

kind of weather that starts with “minus” just makes me want to weep. For the record, when you weep in winter your tears freeze to your face – it’s not pleasant.

What is pleasant? Beautiful, sunny, fall days. The weather is still warm, you don’t require a parka, the brilliance of the multi-coloured leaves is stunning and you can still enjoy the last of patio season, albeit sometimes with a heater on. Spring can’t be counted upon what with all that rain and summer is pretty wonderful but frankly, some days it’s just too damn hot. That leaves fall (another pun intended...it’s so easy) as the standout season amongst seasons.

Perhaps you disagree? Maybe summer is your favourite? Or, as a passionate gardener, spring is your thing as you nurture nature, coaxing new life into existence. Well, I think the truly great thing about the weather is that it brings Canadians together. It gives us something to talk, even debate about, with both friends and strangers. Any change in temperature gives rise to conversations in the grocery line, with the drive-thru employee, as we wait in the Doctor’s office and even while we are at work.


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to discuss the arbitrary arrest of two Canadian citizens in China. We need more than half measures from him.

Prime Minister Trudeau must prioritize the release of Canadians detained in China. We will continue to urge him to intervene on their behalf and to provide certainty to the hundreds of Canadians with family members working and living in China or those considering travel to that country. This is the strong and decisive leadership Canadians expect and deserve.

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FROM QUEEN'S PARK



ber – they would rather stay. Those conditions are about conflict but also, now, “climate refugees” whose homes were destroyed by the habits of the wealthy in other countries. Their homes, the land, the places – ruined and looking to stay that way.

Europe and here, in North America, have been bringing them in, sometimes faster than paperwork can be processed, until the sheer volume of need is beginning to outweigh the charity.

How can we cure what we are at the base? How can a species convert from its whole life long tendencies for violence and despoiling of our very personal habitats?

Denial of the truth does not render it less true.

We are suddenly pitched into reverting back to what is the worst of us. It almost too late for the grassroots rebellion against devastation unless the numbers of us are big

Every clever, useful, constructive – and so on – invention ever created, has quite been perverted to a weapon or use for harm in other ways. The Internet is top of the pops, the latest and greatest example of this. What could have solved so many problems with freely available information, a levelling of the haves and the have-nots, all that was hoped, became a tool for war and harm, to a much larger extent than otherwise.

Somewhat, more than 68 million people are fleeing their homes, where - remem-

SHERALYN ROMAN
SHARED THOUGHTS



Weather features large on social media too. It is complained about, pictures are taken and posted and whatever the season happens to be, there’s always someone who feels the need to remind us it’s only “X” number of days till (insert season here.)

The weather gives us a sense of commonality with one another. Would you initiate a conversation with someone in any of the above noted places, if you didn’t have the weather as your introductory topic? Would you help your neighbour carry in the groceries if there weren’t 14 inches of snow on the ground? The weather is the “gateway” subject. It opens the door to conversations you might not otherwise have had. It’s been said that Canadians talk about the weather more than any other country in the world. I’d argue this is because we actually have something to talk about. We have four seasons, each with it’s own unique set of features. Think how boring it would be if we didn’t have the weather to talk about. After all, there’s only so much that can be said about either Justin Trudeau or Doug Ford before a fight

'It was followed by this great, big flash of light which was blue then turned red'

EXPLOSION from A1

Monday morning.

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services helped Caledon OPP and the OFMEM. Bailey said they had a drone performing low level flyovers trying to ensure everybody is safe.

A total of 22 surrounding homes sustained damaged and at least seven of them were severely damaged.

Gaynor said some of the homes had structural damage, step fractures in the bricks and some roofs have been misaligned, raised in the air and came back down.

"We have varying amounts of damage done in the vicinity," said Gaynor. "For some of those damaged, the residents will be out several months."

Gaynor said there's homes that don't have gas or hydro and they needed structural engineers to look over their properties.

TSSA officials and OFMEM engineers were examining all fuel systems in the house.

An excavator was seen shifting through debris at the property where the explosion occurred.

Crews also looked at all appliances such as the furnace and hot water tank to pin point the exact cause.

"We will be de-layering that scene and we will be looking for all the fuel delivery system components," Gaynor said.

"Sometimes you'll see us on our hands

er times we're able to use heavy equipment to remove large items."

Peel Paramedics have been working to provide temporary shelter to displaced residents.

Caledon OPP Insp. Ryan Carothers urged drivers to avoid the area until it is safe. He said it will be a lengthily investigation lasting about a few days.

Neighbourhood residents react to the explosion

Caterina Camilleri lives near the area of the incident. She was shaken up, in disbelief and is staying at a friend's house on Kennedy Road.

She said it felt like an earthquake was occurring inside her house. Everything was shaking when she jumped out of bed.

"When I looked out the window, I just saw and heard a big explosion," said Camilleri. "It was a big light in the sky. I got up to see what was going on and we noticed our big window in the front of the house just popped right out onto the front lawn. One of our garage doors was blown in. We don't know if there's any other damage but we were told to leave the house."

Her husband went outside gathering with neighbours witnessing the destroyed house.

"There were debris everywhere and apparently the house directly in front and across, their windows were shattered, kitchen covers came off the wall, from what I'm hearing, garage doors we're blown in or out," said Camilleri. "It's just crazy."

Melanie Thomson-Singer is a registered nurse who lives two streets away from the house. She moved to the village 11 years ago.

"I'm pretty shaken up," said Thompson-Singer. "It was pretty scary. It woke us from our sleep because it happened just after six. What I woke up to was the house feeling like it was hit by something. I thought something actually, physically hit the side of our house. It was followed by this great, big flash of light which was blue then turned red."

She said she never experienced anything like this before. She initially thought a meteor hit the ground or a plane crashed with debris hitting her house.

Those evacuated were taken to Knox United Church where they had a place to stay and were provided with coffee, tea and food.

"Initially, they were at McDonalds and Tim Hortons," said Thopson-Singer. "They had buses come collect them and take them. I think they were worried because there was talks that the gas might still be on. There could be a second explosion,"



PHOTO: JOSHUA SANTOS

INVESTIGATION: Darryl Bailey, chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, left, Caledon OPP Insp. Ryan Carothers, David Arbuckle, general manager of strategic initiatives at the Town of Caledon and Andrea Gaynor, fire investigator of Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management discussed details of a house explosion in Caledon Village to media on Monday, Feb. 4.

Some residents able to return home

Four properties, which recieved significant damage, were released, in addition to the explosion site by the Town of Caledon on Wednesday.

Based on inspections by town building inspectors, orders have been issued that these homes are currently unsafe to occupy.

Homeowners, as of Wednesday, along with their insurance agencies, will be granted access so that adjusters, enginers and experts can assess the damage.

"One the homeowner is able to present the town with an assessment of the property and remediation plan (if neccessary), the unsafe order will be lifted, and the owner will have full access to their home," said David Arbuckle, general manager of strategic initiatives for the Town of Caledon.

The Town said the process is likely to take months to complete. These properties will be fenced until the unsafe orders are lifted.

This followed a meeting Monday night where impacted homeowners were provided with an update on the status of their homes affected by the explosion,. Seven initial homes were released back to the own-

ers.

Sarah Shaw, who lives on 3 Maple Grove Rd. posted on Facebook in the Caledon Village Community Group that she is home with her dog, Finn.

"After a group meeting with all of my other displaced neighbours and many different first responder leads, town leaders and a support group, a few residents were allowed to come home to Maple Grove Road," Shaw wrote on social media. "I feel awful for my neighbours who still can't return. I have a heavy heart for the man who lost his life. I can't say enough about how amazing this community has been."

Displaced residents looking to connect with family can contact and find support can contact the Canadian Red Cross at 416-676-8559, the Town of Caledon at 905-584-2272 and the Region of Peel at 905-791-7800.

Inquiries about residential gas utilities and re-energizing hydro services if residents have not been provided with another contact can call Enbridge Gas at 1-866-763-5427 and Hydro One at 1-800-434-1235.

Those in need of trauma counselling and other pyscho-social supports can call the Caledon and Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

Caledon East and District Historical name new president

Written By JOSHUA SANTOS

You may have read her work published in the Caledon Citizen over the past couple of months.

Kira Wronska Dorward will further her involvement with the community as president

of the Caledon East and District Historical Society.

"I thought it was a travesty that this was going to fold simply because nobody was stepping up," said Wronska Dorward, president of the Caledon East and District His-

torical Society. "I just couldn't let it happen on my watch."

"I've always been a big believer in the importance of history. Caledon has such a rich history on its own, that It would be a terrible for this to go out of existence simply

because the older members of the executive are too tired to take on the responsibility."

The group was going to disband because they couldn't find anybody to take over work of the current members. They've also struggled with recruiting new members, let alone, executive members.

The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Got paid
7. Sets free
13. Domestic hybrid cattle
14. Quality of one's character
16. Doctor's helper
17. Not holding back
19. Type of degree
20. Short but severe
22. 007's creator
23. Linguistics icon
25. Large integers
26. Upset
28. Former
29. Peyton's younger brother
30. An Irish dance
31. Title of respect
33. Small lump
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. The third sign of the zodiac
38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. A group of nine
41. Garment

CLUES DOWN

1. Nix
2. Indicates position
3. Quantitative facts
4. Strong and healthy
43. Capital of Yemen
44. One point south of due east
45. Drain
47. Moved quickly
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Samoan monetary units
58. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
59. Forms the bottom
60. Potato state
61. Toy that spins around
64. Barium
65. Type of molding
67. Closes again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

5. Former measure of length
6. Dads tend to be this
7. Parts of a movie
8. An animal's foot
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Saudi Arabian money
11. One billion gigabytes
12. Smallest musical interval
13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
15. Cheese dish
18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
21. Widely used
24. Makes into pages
26. Afflict in mind or body
27. Set up
30. Toilets
32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
35. A big deal on

Wall St.
37. Western Thai people
38. Free from contamination
39. Type of dog
42. Revolver
43. High schoolers' exam
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Hit the sack
49. Suitable for crops
50. Red mineral
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point between two peaks
55. Late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Swiss wind
62. A way to chill
63. Jewel
66. Rhodium
68. The top lawyer in the land

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Headwaters Health Care Centre names new executive director

Written By MIKE BAKER

When Dora Boylen-Pabst first walked through the doors at Headwaters Health Care Centre back in December, she realized, instantly, what a special place she would be working in.

As the new executive director of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, replacing the recently retired Joan Burdette, Ms. Boylen-Pabst is tasked with guiding the organization into a new era. It's one she isn't taking lightly.

Officially beginning in her role back on Dec. 17, Ms. Boylen-Pabst has had the better part of seven weeks to acclimatize and familiarize herself with her new surroundings. That adjustment period has been helped by the fact that Dora considers herself a local of the Headwaters region. Residing in nearby Schomberg, the career fundraiser says she's treating this new position as something of a homecoming.

"I'm very excited to be here. I've always called Headwaters (Health Care Centre) one of the province's best kept secrets. Now, to be a part of it, it's a fantastic opportunity," Ms. Boylen-Pabst told the Citizen.

As the primary fundraiser for our local hospital, the work undertaken at the foundation level cannot be understated. Each and every year, the organization raises and then donates millions of dollars to the facility to ensure HHCC continues to meet the needs of the community and remain at the forefront of the health care sector.

With 22 years of experience in fundraising, the last 11 of which spread across stints as vice president of the Southlake Regional Health Care Foundation and vice president

of the North York General Foundation, Ms. Boylen-Pabst has a lot of experience in the industry. Now, she hopes to use that to take HHCC to the next level.

"One of the reasons I was so anxious to work here is because there's a sense of giving back where you work and where you live. I find people are more emotionally invested in what they are doing and care about outcomes a little more deeply when it impacts not just an entire community, but family and friends too," Dora said. "From a culture perspective and feeling I've had when I've been in the building before and experienced care here, it's a phenomenal hospital. There are a lot of things I want to nurture and continue to grow."

While it is the foundation's job to assist the hospital in improving any and all aspects of service, Dora also wants to make the community aware of the "fabulous" programs in place at the local facility.

"There are certain programs in this hospital, for example the chemotherapy unit, that people just aren't aware of," Ms. Boylen-Pabst said. "I was surprised by the quality of care and some of the state-of-the-art equipment, and type of procedures being carried out here."

She added, "I think people consider HHCC their local hospital without truly understanding there is excellence here too. What I want to achieve is not only growth in fundraising dollars, but growth in the brand. I want to raise awareness of what you can come here for and what you should come here for. The compassion and culture I've seen here make this facility truly unique."

2019 is an important year for both the



PHOTO: MIKE BAKER

NEW ROLE: Headwaters Health Care Foundation's new executive director Dora Boylen-Pabst is excited to experience the journey in her new position.

foundation and the hospital. Each organization will be working on and unveiling a five-year strategic plan. The process for that at the foundation will begin in the fall, Dora says.

"We will work with the hospital to determine their needs and their growth plans over the next five to ten years," Dora said. "The time frame of implementation will be five years, but the plan will be based upon a much longer-term vision."

With two months to go in this fiscal year, the foundation is still raising money to purchase equipment on the hospital's 2018 wish list. To date this fiscal year, the foundation has raised \$604,000.

When asked what was most exciting about this new position, Ms. Boylen-Pabst says she is simply looking forward to the journey ahead.

"Getting to know the community is a big one. Every day I'm meeting new people, whether it's here at the hospital or out in the community," Dora said. "I am looking forward to starting a journey in a year that is so clearly a planning year. We will still be raising lots of money, supporting the hospital as we always do, but we'll also be focusing on the future. Really being able to take in all the elements and build a clear path, while at the same time experiencing it is something I'm very much looking forward to."



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Bolton’s Seung Ju Kim kicks to taekwondo gold

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE

Seung Ju Kim has already reached the pinnacle of the taekwondo podium: but his sights are set even higher.

The Bolton native kicked his way to a gold medal at the 2019 Canadian National Taekwondo Championship, held in early January at the Quebec City Convention Centre. Facing off against 425 of the top athletes from across the nation, Kim brought home some provincial pride as a member of Team Ontario in the 53kg distinction.

Dubbed “the most prestigious event on the domestic competition calendar” by Taekwondo Canada, Kim took to the mat in the championship match decked in blue to his Quebec opponent Tristan Moreault’s red, where he handily took home the trophy with

a score of 13:32. He toppled a pair of Ontario teammates to reach the tournament finale.

Kim trains out of Bolton Taekwondo, under the tutelage of his father, Master Seungyoung Kim. The senior Kim was on hand in Quebec City to congratulate his son on his huge accomplishment.

“He is very excited,” said Master Kim. “This is his dream.”

So what’s next for the young Kim after reaching the top of the national stage? Seung Ju has his sights set on this summer’s Pan Am Games, representing the red and white for Team Canada on the world stage.

“He needs a lot of practice to win,” said Master Kim of the world’s pinnacle taekwondo event.

The Canadian National Taekwondo

Championship served as a qualification tournament to make Team Canada, as well as a qualification for the World Cadet Championships, which will serve as Kim’s focus after returning from the Pan Am Games.

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Golden Hawks close out the season with a third place finish

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It’s a podium finish for the Caledon Golden Hawks.

With the Provincial Junior Hockey League schedule officially in the books for the 2018-19 regular season, the Hawks clinched third place in the eight-team Carruthers division.

Unfortunately for the junior C club, they head into the postseason riding their worst losing streak of the season, which capped off at five games with a pair of losses to the Penetang Kings and Schomberg Cougars over the weekend.

The Kings managed to tie the season series between the two clubs at three games apiece on Friday night, downing the Hawks by a score of 5 – 3.

Special teams was the name of the game in the teams’ final meeting, with Caledon’s Jake Semmens opening the scoring with Penetang’s Caleb Stephens in the box just over seven minutes into the first.

Penetang bounced back early in the middle frame, where despite Caledon throwing a whopping sixteen shots on net, it was Penetang that capitalized three times in a row to take a 3 – 1 lead.

After captain Matt Magliozzi brought his team back within one on another man advantage, Ethan Ramsden was able to put home his first goal in a Hawks uniform at the right time by scoring shorthanded to tie it at threees.

Yet it was Penetang that got the last laugh in burying the game winner with under two minutes left in regulation, before adding a

late empty netter.

Sunday’s season finale ended in a surprise win for the last-place Schomberg Cougars, who bested the home Golden Hawks 4 – 3.

Owen Heilemann opened the scoring for the Cougars just over five minutes in, before Josh Morrison doubled the road team’s lead before the end of the first period.

Schomberg goaltender Graham Dynes was finally beaten by Caledon’s Kegan Hoover early in the middle frame, though it was Schomberg’s Ryan Graff and Thomas Foulds that put Caledon in a hole they could not dig out of, sending the Cougars to the break with a 4 – 1 lead.

Caledon’s comeback came up just short, with Hoover adding his second of the game followed by a tally from captain Matt Magliozzi before the Cougars held on for the final fourteen minutes of play.

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MACKENZIEE MARSHALL

St. Michael Catholic Secondary School

Mackenzie Marshall is a Grade 11 student at St. Michael's who plays defense for the school's hockey team. She creates a lot of the plays and opportunities for her team to score in her most recent games. The team has been playing well this season. They have good players with a great chemistry off and on the bench.



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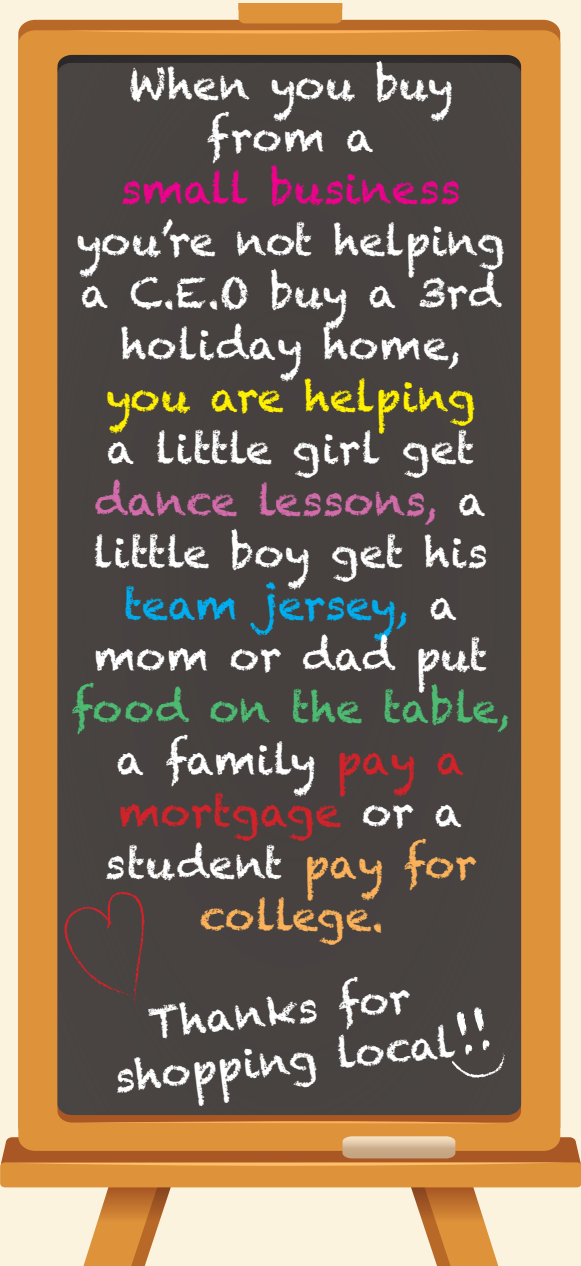
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GARDNER, Frederick Bruce

Peacefully at Toronto Western Hospital, on Sunday, February 3, 2019, Fred Gardner, in his 68th year. Loving son of the late Bruce and Ivy Gardner. Dear brother of Marlene (deceased), Diane and her husband Warren Young, David and his wife Mary. Proud uncle of Lisa and Jason Marden, Robert Young and Amber Smith, Trevor and Erin Gardner, Kevin Gardner, and Beverly Gardner. Awesome great-uncle of Nolan, Leyna, Asher Marden; and Remy Gardner. We would like to extend a special thank you to PACE Independent Living for their continuous professional and caring service. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Wednesday, February 6 from one o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to PACE Independent Living, 970 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 210, Toronto M6A 3B6.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

HIEMSTRA, Pietje (Patricia) Riemke (nee Van der Meer)

91, Avalon Retirement Lodge, Orangeville, Ontario, passed away peacefully in Lakeridge Health, Oshawa, on Wednesday January 30, 2019. Born August 13, 1927 in Parrega, Friesland, Netherlands, she was the youngest daughter of the late Ate and Riemke (Huisman) Van Der Meer. In 1947 she married Andries (Andy) Hiemstra of Oudega. The couple moved to Canada in 1953 with their young son John and daughter Reta and settled in Orangeville where they resided happily for over 65 years. Pat was no stranger to hard work: she was a house cleaner for many years, then served as a sales clerk at Economy Fair, Korsten's Jewelers and finally at The Old Country Deli where her smile would welcome many an Orangeville resident. Andy and Pat were faithful members of Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church and for many years Pat sang in the church choir and was a member of the Ladies' Fellowship group and the Women's Missionary Society. She also volunteered for the Red Cross and was an avid member of the Horticultural Society. Pat's love of gardening was evident in their beautiful gardens on Elizabeth Street. Many will also remember them as the "early birds" of the lawn sales. Pat is survived by her three children John (Arlene) Hiemstra, Reta Favrod and Kathy (Richard) Baker; two granddaughters Marieke Favrod and Susanne (Andrew) Gage; and one great-granddaughter Courtney Patricia Gage. She was pre-deceased by husband Andy (March 2013); brother Roelof (1945) and sisters Zus, Siem, Wieke and Hinke. Visitation will be held on Thursday February 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First Street, Orangeville. The funeral will follow at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Creola Simpson officiating. A brief reception will follow the service. A spring interment will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery. This will be a private family service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church, or a charity of choice. A tree will be planted in memory of Patricia (Pietje) in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

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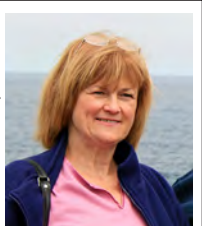
Laverty, Kaye Janice (nee Henry)

With her family by her side, peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, February 1, 2019, in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Jim (2011). Dear mother of Grant (Laura-Lee) and Julie (Shawn). Cherished grandmother of Natasha (Bobby), Clayton (Amy), and Leeatte; great-grandmother of Sadie Kaye. Dear sister of Aub (the late Min) and the late Vadus (2018). Kaye will also be greatly missed by her nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and Pugsley. Kaye was a R.N. for over 40 years in the Orangeville area, she specialized in obstetrics, and touched many lives during her career. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Headwaters Health Care Centre (ICU) and the Shelburne Residence for the special care she received during the last year and a half. A Celebration of Kaye's Life will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Shelburne Residence or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Kaye in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



SVIRCAS, Nancy Lou (nee Lalingo)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nancy Svircas after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 63. Beloved mother of Elyse Terrell (Scott), Justin and Chris Svircas. Special grandmother to Kayleigh and Michael Terrell. Dear sister of Judy Lalingo (Paul Greenbeck) and Val Hoge (Kevin). Pre-deceased by her parents, Gerry and Mike Lalingo. She enjoyed meeting and serving people as a pharmacy technician at Shopper's Drug Mart. The family would like to express its gratitude to the staff of Bayshore Nursing, Closing the Gap, and Matthews House Hospice staff and volunteers, as well as Dr. Lane-Smith and the many great nurses in D wing at Headwaters. Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, February 8th, 2019 from 2:00- 4:00 pm. & 7:00-9:00 pm. Mass will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church 42 Dawson Road Orangeville, on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mathew's House Hospice or your choice for women's cancer research would be appreciated. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



BALZAN, Mary Margaret

Peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Brampton Civic Hospital, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Mary Margaret Balzan, in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late John Joseph Balzan. Dear mother of Grace, Tony and his wife Moire, Charlie and his wife Cathy. Cherished Nanna of Christopher, Vanessa, Mark, Maire, Breandan, Aidan, Connor, and Kieran. Loving great-grandmother of Mia May. Dear sister of the late Carmena, Suzanna, Delina, Paulina, Sylvia, and Joe. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Thursday evening 5 - 8 o'clock and on Friday morning, February 8 from 11 o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 12 noon. Interment Caledon East Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of the Peel, 60 Briarwood Avenue, Mississauga L5G 3N6.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

BRACKEN, Mary Elizabeth (nee Russell)

Passed peacefully clothed in the warmth and care of Bethell House Hospice and surrounded by the loving presence of her family. "Bitsy" was much loved and will be sorely missed by her husband Hugh. "Mother" was always there for her sons and their partners, Tom, Jamie (Deb) and Mark (Michelle) and will be ever present. "Grammy", with her enthusiasm for life and many thoughtful and loving ways, will forever remain in the hearts of her grandsons, Todd (Kari), Tye (Erin), Jack and James. "Liz" loved family get-togethers and had a special place in the hearts and lives of her family; sister of Allie Lou (Bill) and their children Cindy (Nigel), Wendy (Dennis) and Donnie (Kim); her brother Bill (Carol) and their children Russell, John (Mona) and Todd (Karen); her sisters and brothers-in-law Cheryl (Richard) Hamilton and their children Patrick (Trish), Mike (Stephanie); Mary (John Paul) Marchildon and their children Rob (Jessica) and Danielle (Derek) as well as many great-nieces and nephews. Liz's enthusiasm to experience much of what life has to offer has garnered her another large family of friends. No doubt, the memory of those wonderful, fun adventurous times will be carried by them throughout their lives. As an expression of sympathy, donations made to Bethell Hospice Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. A tree will be planted in memory of Elizabeth in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

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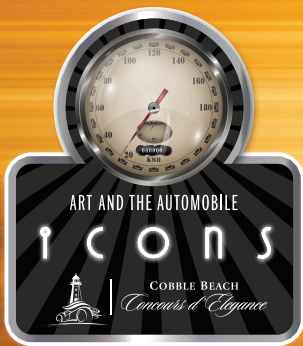


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