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**LIGHT & REMEMBRANCE** - Community members gathered in Inglewood last week for the annual Light & Love celebration hosted by Bethell Hospice. The tree lighting ceremony featured the Young at Heart Singers (pictured), musicians, and an opportunity to remember loved ones. For more, see Page A11. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

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## Caledon residents face highest-ever need for food, financial support

Caledon Community Services still seeking donations to Season of Hope campaign

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

When Mariia Kupriianova went to The Exchange in the morning the other day, she

saw a line of people outside waiting for it to open to receive food support and assistance for the holidays.

Kupriianova is Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Chief Development Officer and The Exchange is CCS' hub for food and social support in Caledon. It's located at 55 Healey Road in Bolton.

"The need is greater than ever before," said Kupriianova. "I'm sure you're feeling it every time you go to the grocery store... we can't make it through these tough times without community support."

CCS is currently in the midst of its Season of Hope campaign, which has been running for over forty years during the holidays to help those in need. CCS cites unprecedented inflation, job loss and slow post-pandemic recovery as some of the main reasons families in Caledon are struggling to pay rent and put food on the table.

With its Season of Hope campaign, CCS aims to keep Caledon families fed with nutritious food, in warm homes, and on a path to health and independence.

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## Auction benefiting families displaced by fire closes Friday

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents have a chance to support the families who lost their homes in a fire last week in Bolton.

On December 7, around 3 p.m., Caledon Fire and Emergency Services responded to a residential fire call on Stella Crescent in Bolton. According to the OPP, four townhouse units were impacted by the blaze, and all people and pets in the houses got out safely.

On December 8, Mayor Annette Groves released a statement expressing her heartbreak for the families impacted and her thanks to Caledon's Fire and Emergency Services team.

"Our hearts are breaking for the families of the Stella Crescent house fires. I can't imagine how devastating it is to be displaced from your home, especially so close to the holidays," said Groves in her statement. "I want the families to know Caledon is here for you."

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# “A huge loss for our community”: Caledon mourns Jenni Le Forestier

Le Forestier was a well-loved and respected advocate for Caledon and the environment

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents are mourning the loss of one of the community’s strongest activists.

Jennifer (Jenni) Le Forestier passed away on December 9 at the age of 48. A fierce leader in the Caledon community, residents may recognize her from her delegations at Caledon Council, or from one of the many environmental groups she was involved in, such as: the Stop the 413 and Stop Sprawl movements, the Coalition for the West Credit River, the Peel Enviro Hub, Gravel Watch Ontario, and more.

Le Forestier was also a past president of the Belfountain Community Organization, served on the Town of Caledon Heritage Committee, and

was the 2021 Green Party candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves first met Le Forestier through her delegations at Council and advocacy. Groves said the pair stood together against the 413 and aggregate pits and quarries.

“This is a huge loss for our community,” said Groves. “She was a very strong advocate and you could always count on her to stand up and speak out.”

Groves said Le Forestier paid attention to every Council meeting, delegating on matters that were important to the community. She said Le Forestier held Council’s feet to the fire on important issues such as sprawl and the environment.

“She was just a lovely person,” said Groves. “A real champion for this community.”

Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of local environmental group EcoCaledon, sent the following message on behalf of all EcoCaledon members:

“Jenni fought tirelessly on the issues that matter to our community and the environment and it was a pleasure to fight alongside her. The absence of her wisdom, courage and passion will be felt by all those who knew her. Those who care about Caledon’s future know we have lost a

kindred spirit.”

Matthew Lie-Paehlke, Engagement Manager at Environmental Defence, said Le Forestier was a driving force for activism in Caledon and Peel Region as a whole.

“She was the type of person who not only showed up at Council meetings and rallies, but did so with an enthusiasm that energized those around her,” said Lie-Paehlke. “It was always a pleasure to be in the same room or sidewalk or Zoom meeting alongside her.”

Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner also posted a tribute to Le Forestier when he found out of her passing.

“Jenni Le Forestier’s passing is truly sad news,” he wrote. “Jenni was a strong advocate for her community and for environmental protections, someone I had the pleasure of working with to stop sprawl and oppose Highway 413. The Dufferin-Caledon Greens will especially miss Jenni’s relentless hard work and advocacy.”

Several of Le Forestier’s close friends have organized a GoFundMe in memory of her, with the goal of funding Le Forestier’s daughter’s education. It can be found by going to gofundme.com and typing Jenni Le Forestier in the website’s search bar.



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## Headwaters receiving nearly \$2 million for hospital upgrades

BY PAULA BROWN  
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Two health care facilities in Dufferin County are receiving more than \$2.1 million in funding from the provincial government to support critical upgrades and repairs.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones announced the funding during a news conference at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) in Orangeville on December 9.

“For over 25 years Headwaters Health staff and volunteers have provided high-quality healthcare close to home,” said Jones. “Our government’s investment to improve hospital infrastructure, enhance patient experience and increase capacity ensure our community will continue to receive world-class care for years to come, right here in Dufferin County.”

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) will be receiving \$1.86 million from the provincial government’s Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO at Headwaters, said the investment will help the hospital upgrade some of its critical areas in need.

“We have to be able to depend on our building when providing patient care as well as provide for a safe environment for people who work and volunteer here,” said Delahunt.

Headwaters has an extensive list of both short and long-term repairs and renovation needs. The funding will be used to support several areas including flooring replacement, ambulance bay paving, patient washroom renovations, additional signage, sinks and faucets in patient care areas, security camera upgrades and additional roofing upgrades.

Pine River Institute, a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth ages 13 to 19 located near Shelburne, will also receive \$283,664 through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund. The facility combines therapy with a fully-accredited education program to reinforce healthy life skills.

The provincial government is providing \$175 million to hospitals through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and over \$7.6 million to community health service providers through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to address urgent infrastructure needs such as upgrades and replacements of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

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David Rood and Lindsay Wild were driven to start "Shop with a Caledon Firefighter" after a similar volunteer experience left a lasting impact on them.

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## Kids in need will soon "Shop with a Caledon Firefighter" for Christmas

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services members have a full day of Christmas shopping and fun planned for local kids in need.

On December 18, the first annual "Shop with a Caledon Firefighter" day will be held.

Alton firefighters Lindsay Wild and David Rood have been leading the way in planning for the event, which will see children from selected families in need receive \$200 to spend on gifts for themselves and their loved ones at the Bolton Canadian Tire. After the kids have finished shopping with their firefighter companion, everyone will get on buses back to Station 303 in Caledon East for snacks, refreshments, crafts, fire truck tours, and a chance to meet Santa. At the station, volunteers will wrap the kids' gifts for them so they're all ready to go under the tree on Christmas morning.

Wild and Rood wanted to bring back the shopping event as they had both volunteered at a "Shop with a Cop" event a few years ago. They said it was an amazing experience that left a lasting impression. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant Shop with a Cop was canceled for a couple years. When Wild and Rood learned Shop with a Cop would not be returning in 2022, they decided to take matters into their own hands.

"We felt it was important for us to get out there and start this up again... I figured if we can just get the ball rolling then we can build from there," said Wild. She and Rood only found out a few weeks ago that Shop with a Cop wasn't returning, so it's been full speed ahead for the pair of volunteers.

First, they had to make sure they had all their partners in place. The Bolton Canadian Tire is helping by way of a substantial donation, as well as by bringing in staff to open their store early exclusively for the kids on the 18th.

Parkview Transit is helping by providing free bus service to take the kids and the gifts they bought back to Station 303. Bolton Rotary is helping out by managing all of the donations.

Since Wild and Rood put together this year's event on such short notice, they could not get registered as a non-profit. Since Rotary already is one, they are able to help by taking care of the financial side of things.

There's going to be 22 kids participating in the event this year, but some of them are bringing along their siblings so the whole party will be around 35 kids.

"The kids deserve it, especially with everything that's been going on the last couple of years," said Wild, and Rood agreed, adding that you can't explain inflation or a recession to a kid.

"It's a fantastic event for everyone involved... the volunteers, the parents, the children... just to get out there, talk to each other and have fun."

Wild said the amazing thing is the kids chosen for the event will spend the vast majority of the money they're given buying gifts for their parents and siblings, leaving the smallest portion left for themselves.

"They'll have a list," said Rood. "They're like, 'I have to find this for my brother', and then the firefighters are there to help."

Wild said it's beautiful to see that at such a young age the kids understand what it means to be caring.

"Just putting other people before themselves, you know?" said Wild.

Caledon Fire is accepting donations for this year's event right up until December 18, and donations can be made online at [boltonrotary.ca](http://boltonrotary.ca) or by mailing a cheque to: Rotary Club of Bolton (Shop with a Caledon Firefighter), P.O. Box 405, Bolton ON, L7E 5T3.

Donations of \$50 and above will receive a tax receipt. If donations exceed the amount of money needed to run this year's event, they will carry over to the next as Wild and Rood intend to make Shop with a Caledon Firefighter an annual occasion.

"That way, we'll have a head start towards making the event bigger and taking on more families," said Wild, adding she thinks the event has real potential.

Rood said the generosity of Caledon always amazes him, and that volunteering as a firefighter has helped him realize the different types of volunteer work that are required to make a community great.

Wild agreed: "Volunteering previously with the OPP, it was probably the most impactful event that we've helped out at. It's stuck with us for years... why wouldn't we put that little bit of extra time in and make it happen?"

# Public Notice

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### Minimum eligibility requirements:

A candidate shall be a resident of the Peel region or the owner or tenant of land in the Peel region, or spouse of such person; and a Canadian citizen at least 18 years of age.

A candidate shall not be a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Senate or House of Commons; an elected official of Council; a member of Regional Council; a crown employee; an employee of a municipality; a judge, or justice of the peace; otherwise disqualified from holding office or voting; a police officer; and a person who practices criminal law as a defence counsel.

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### DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

The Caledon OPP have charged a local resident in relation to a drug trafficking investigation. "In November 2022, the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) began an investigation into what started as a possible stolen vehicle in Caledon," say Police. "On December 6, 2022, the CSCU located the vehicle (a blue Chevrolet Cobalt) after it had left a residence. As a result of the traffic stop and the investigation that followed, the driver was found to be in possession of drugs and other items. As part of what transformed into a drug trafficking investigation, a CDSA (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act) was authored and granted for the residence on Charleston Side Road in Caledon."

The following items were seized (both from the vehicle and the residence):

- 32 grams of suspected purple fentanyl
- 69 grams of suspected powder cocaine
- 2 grams of methamphetamine

- 46 grams of cannabis
  - Canadian currency
  - Weigh scales
  - Cellular phones
  - Packing materials
  - Speed measuring warning device
  - .22 calibre ammunition
  - Stolen licence plates
- Matthew Cassivo, 31, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking – fentanyl
- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance – methamphetamine
- Transport firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000

- Drive while under suspension
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available
- Drive motor vehicle with speed measuring warning device.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 13, 2023. The charges have not been proven.

"If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest."

### ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon OPP have responded to a retail store robbery in Bolton and are requesting the public's assistance in identifying a suspect.

"On December 2, 2022, at approximately 9:01 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a robbery at a retail establishment in Bolton," say Police. "The preliminary investigation revealed a suspect entering the store and appeared to be shopping. The person then proceeded to put on a ski mask and approached the counter to pay for an item. During the transaction, the suspect communicated the presence of a weapon and demanded the money from inside the cash register. The suspect then fled on foot in an unknown direction. No weapon was seen, and no injuries were sustained as a result of this incident."

The suspect is described as male, white, in his 20's, approximately 5'9" in height, slim build, and wearing all black clothing, including a balaclava, jacket, pants, and black and white shoes.

The investigation is ongoing. If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Caledon Major Crime Unit at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

### GRANDPARENT SCAM WARNING

The Caledon OPP is warning residents of an increase in reports of emergency/grandparent scams. In the last two incidents, the scammers targeted seniors by playing upon their emotions and fear of a loved one being in police custody.

"On December 3, 2022, a grandmother received a phone call from someone posing as a police officer requesting \$8,000 in cash for a bail

hearing," say Police. "The amount was paid in full to an individual that attended her residence prior to realizing this was a scam."

"On December 6, 2022, a grandfather received a phone call advising his grandson was in police custody and requested a \$10,000 cash payment for his release. A call-back number was provided since the grandfather advised that he needed to speak to his daughter first. Speaking to the daughter confirmed that the grandson was not in custody. She proceeded to calling the call-back number and was answered by an individual claiming to be a police officer. Through the conversation, it became apparent that the individual was not a police officer and the call ended."

In each case the suspect knew intimate details about the victim's family member. These details are commonly gathered from social media.

In the typical emergency/grandparent scam, the victim will receive a frantic phone call from someone claiming to be a grandchild or loved one. The caller will explain that they are involved in some sort of mishap like a car accident, in police custody, or are having trouble returning from a foreign country and need money right away. The scammer will often insist that the victim does not tell anyone. The call could also involve someone claiming to be a law enforcement official, lawyer, or bailiff.

"Be careful what you post online. Scammers can use details shared on social media platforms and dating sites. They can search your online accounts to find real names, real interests, real phone numbers and when you are going to be home or away."

Be aware of some warning signs:

- Urgency: The scammer always makes the request sound very urgent, which may cause the victim to not verify the story;
- Fear: The scammer plays on the victim's emotions by generating a sense of fear. For instance, they may say, "I am scared, and I need help from you."
- Secrecy: The scammer pleads with the victim not to tell anyone about the situation, such as, "Please don't tell Dad, he would be so mad."
- Request for Money: Money can be requested by money transfer or in some cases the scammer sends someone to your home to pick up the payment.

To avoid becoming a victim, check with another family member or trusted friend to verify the information before sending money or providing credit card information by phone or email.

If you or someone you know may have been the victim of an emergency or grandparent scam, or any other scam report it to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at www.antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca.

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6. Soviet Socialist Republic
9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
13. Actress Lathan
14. Baseball's strikeout king
15. British codebreaker Turing
16. One who lives by disreputable dealings
17. Tropical American plant
18. Opposite of right
19. Importance
21. Monetary units
22. Lawmen
23. Cool!
24. Affirmative answer
25. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Muslim nobleman
31. About aviation
33. Scientific instrument
36. Protests strongly
38. Not polished
39. Grab
41. Alias
44. Large wrestler
45. Relative quantities
46. One who is big and awkward
48. Sunscreen rating
49. Atomic #90
51. Mock
52. Whales
54. Peoples
56. A state of being unclothed
60. Ottoman military commanders
61. Gatherer of fallen leaves
62. Norse personification of old age
63. Muslim mystic
64. German river
65. Measuring instrument
66. Have witnessed
67. Disallow
68. Proverb

### CLUES DOWN

1. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

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2. The back side of the neck
3. A type of imine
4. Black bird
5. Partner to "Pa"
6. Puts together in time
7. Lucid
8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
9. Demonstrates the truth of
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Nishi language
12. Slang for fidgety
14. Southwestern farmers
17. Metric weight unit
20. Instant replay in soccer
21. Less polished
23. Popular pickup truck model
25. Slang for a cigarette
26. Large pile
27. Solid geometric figure
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Male admirers
32. Balsam is one
34. Local area network
35. Canadian law enforcers
37. Koran chapters
40. Cooperstown, NY museum (abbr.)
42. Certificate (abbr.)
43. An official who carries a mace of office
47. Briefly in fashion
49. Volcanic ash
50. Dutch city
52. Made of wood
53. Legendary golfer
55. Restaurant
56. None
57. Spanish city
58. Stony waste matter
59. Father
61. Confederate soldier
65. The ancient Egyptian sun god

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## Friday is last day to participate in online auction benefiting Caledon house fire victims

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Groves said Caledon Fire was on the scene of the blaze in less than five minutes and ensured everyone got out safe, a feat she called miraculous.

Groves went on to say she knows that Caledon Community Services and the Red Cross will be doing everything they can to support the families.

"I am confident, knowing Caledon residents as I do, that everyone will find ways to reach out and help the families the best way they can. We at the Town will work closely with those impacted to ensure they get the support they need," said Groves. "I would like to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms and have escape plans ready to ensure a safe holiday season as this is when house fires are most common."

Since the fire, a group of five volunteers — Mira Budd, Sara Clarkson, Sherry Brioschi, Vilma LaManna Tarquini and Joanna Valeriani — have been working hard to set up an online auction to benefit the families who lost their homes to the fire. The volunteers have obtained donations from various local businesses and are auctioning them off with proceeds going directly to the families by way of certified cheque.

"We have organized other online auction fundraisers in

the past with great success and thought it would be a good way to raise funds for the families affected," said Clarkson. "Being so close to the Christmas season, we wanted to bring some joy to these families as they have lost so much and it also brings our community together in the spirit of giving."

The online auction began on December 14 at 7 a.m. at the following web address: [bit.ly/3WdJnkP](https://bit.ly/3WdJnkP)

The auction will be live until Friday, December 16 at 8 p.m. when it will close so that the volunteers will have time to get the funds to the families before Christmas.

Auction participants can expect to bid on donations from many local businesses, such as: Bake Shoppe, Wine Spot, the Villa Caledon Inn, Coffee Time, Four Corners Bakery, Spirit Tree Estate Cidery, the Toby Jug and more.

There are also items like Toronto Maple Leaf's tickets and personalized artisan gifts available in the auction.

"We are extremely grateful to all of our local businesses and residents for their generous donations," said Clarkson. "Because of their contributions we were able to organize this auction. Thank you for making a difference, you make the community a great place to live!"



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## Home James reminds Caledon residents there's safe, free rides home for the holidays

### Volunteers will drive people who've been drinking home in their own vehicles

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents will have a safe and free ride home during the holidays.

Home James is a community program that's dedicated to saving lives by providing a free designated driver service for impaired drivers in their own vehicles.

Caledon's Home James program is up and running again for the 2022 holiday season.

From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. every day until December 31 (except for Christmas Eve), residents can get a ride home in their own vehicle from a Home James volunteer. All they have to do is call 905-951-9000, visit [homejames-caledon.ca](http://homejames-caledon.ca), or arrange a ride on the Home James app, which is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Chris Bava, a volunteer for Home James, handles all the marketing initiatives for the Caledon program. He explained that over the holidays,

there tends to be an increase in impaired drivers on the road as people are attending social gatherings, office parties and family events where drinks are served.

It's why Home James operates each holiday season, and also why the OPP increases the amount of R.I.D.E. checks they do this time of year.

"You can drive to the bar and call us up to drive you home. Get drunk... we don't ask questions, call us and we'll drive you home in your own car," said Bava. "It's a bunch of friendly volunteers... we talk and joke and laugh along the way."

Bava said that while it's not necessary, many users of Home James tip their driver, and that tip money goes back into the program to help ensure that free rides can continue to be offered year after year.

Caledon Home James is always looking for more volunteers, and Bava said it's a great way to get involved in the community with no mandatory time commitment. He said the more volunteers Home James has on a given night, the better the service they can provide.

"It's a social environment, volunteers like getting the calls and driving around," said Bava. "It really works, and it's a fun and easy onboarding process for (new) volunteers."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use)**



FILE NUMBER(S): RZ 2021-0011

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**Location (Town Hall/Hybrid):**  
Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
6311 Old Church Road  
Caledon East L7C 1J6



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**LEAD PLANNER:**

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**APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

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**APPLICANT:**

Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of 8181926 Canada Inc.

**LOCATION:**

12451 & 12577 Airport Road  
East side of Airport Road, North of Mayfield Road  
Part Lot 3, Concession 1 (Albion)  
Ward 3

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The applicant is proposing to temporarily amend the Zoning By-law for the lands located at 12541 Airport Road and 12577 Airport Road to permit open storage and parking of trucks and transport trailers for a period of three (3) years.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**Celebrate Caledon set to move back to Caledon East, be held on Father's Day Weekend**

2022 event was held on Canada Day at Albion Hills Conservation Area

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon's flagship event, Celebrate Caledon, will likely look a little more like it used to in 2023.

The event is set to move back to the Caledon East Civic Campus and be held on the Father's Day weekend. At Caledon Council's December 6 General Committee meeting, Town staff brought forward a report recommending the above changes to the event and more.

The staff report was submitted by Caledon's Manager of Community Recreation, Jessica Stovin. It noted that up until and during 2019, Cheers Caledon, Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Velocity Ride in support of Caledon seniors, and Caledon Day were all held on Father's Day weekend in June.

In 2022, Celebrate Caledon was combined with Canada Day festivities for a July 1 event held at the Albion Hills Conservation Area; and Velocity was held the same day at the Caledon East Civic Campus.

Cheers Caledon did not run in 2022, and will be amalgamated with Celebrate Caledon in 2023.

While Celebrate Caledon— which was held in 2022 for the first time in two years after pandemic shutdowns in 2020 and 2021 — ran successfully, attendance was not quite what Town of Caledon staff hoped it would be.

"In 2022, Celebrate Caledon and Velocity both experienced challenges due to the change in date," reads Stovin's report. "Challeng-

es included, but were not limited to, statutory holiday inflation such as staffing costs, vendor fees, rental costs, delivery fees and interest of vendors, and availability of a reasonably priced headliner. There was also added pressure to generate interest and attendance due to the number of pre-existing events that take place on July 1."

These factors meant that the attendance of approximately 8,000 people at the 2022 Celebrate Caledon event was a 38 per cent decrease from Celebrate Caledon attendance in 2019.

The Town of Caledon and CCS are eager to get back to the old location and date for Celebrate Caledon. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which partnered with the Town for the 2022 event, understands the Town's rationale for wanting to move back to Caledon East and also supports the move.

Cheers Caledon will be embedded in Celebrate Caledon 2023 as a cider and beer garden featuring local brewers.

Stovin's report goes on to say that Celebrate Caledon's largest draw is its musical headlining act, which is often a Canadian rock legend. In the past, Trooper and Kim Mitchell have played the event, for example.

Stovin said in 2023 staff would like to leverage the return to Caledon East to explore a higher-calibre of Canadian headliners, which staff in turn hopes will draw higher attendance and more sponsors.

"Moving Celebrate Caledon back to the Caledon East Civic Campus will provide opportunity to expand the footprint, partner with Velocity, integrate Cheers Caledon, recapture the walkable neighbourhoods, enhance the headliner performance, and provide a quality event in the centre of Caledon," reads the staff report.

Town staff's recommended changes to Celebrate Caledon were approved on consent at Council's December 6 general committee meeting and were recommended for approval at Council's December 13 Council meeting.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Proposed Official Plan Amendment**

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2021-0002

Related File Number: POPA 2022-0004, Minister's Zoning Order (O. Reg 171/21)

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**APPLICANT:**  
Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of BRES Option 3 Landowners Group

**LOCATION:**  
0, 7816, 7640, 7844 King Street;  
0, 14042, 14100, 14166, 14196, 14206, 14226, 14259, 14275, 14287, 14305, 14361, 14384, 14396, 14411 Humber Station Road;  
0, 14155 14211, 14275, 14389 The Gore Road  
Ward 6

**APPLICATION CONTEXT AND REVISIONS**

The Town of Caledon received an application to amend the Town's Official Plan in February 2021. In the original submission, the applicant proposed to expand the Bolton Rural Service Centre that went beyond the approved Urban Boundary (Rural Service Centre limits of Bolton) as defined at that time in the Regional Official Plan. In order to conform to the Regional Plan, in October 2021, the applicant revised the application by scoping it to only those lands within the established Urban Boundary. A Public Meeting for the scoped proposal was held on November 9, 2021.

On November 4, 2022, the Province approved the new Region of Peel Official Plan and all lands that were the subject of the original February 2021 proposal were included in the Urban Boundary. As a result, the applicant has again revised the application to encompass all lands in the original February 2021 submission. The purpose was to establish a mixed-use community on lands generally located north of King Street, between Humber Station Road and The Gore Road.

As outlined in the Planning Act, since the original Statutory Public Meeting did not consider all lands that are now part of the most updated proposal, another Public Meeting is required.

The proposed land use plan has been included in this notice and is available online at [caledon.ca/development](http://caledon.ca/development).

Although a Public Meeting is being held to consider the proposed application, a decision to approve or refuse the application will not be made at the Public Meeting.

**LEAD PLANNER:**

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Senior Planner  
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Town of Caledon  
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**APPLICANT:**  
Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of 10144789 Canada Inc.

**LOCATION:**  
12434 Dixie Road  
West side of Dixie Road,  
North of Mayfield Road  
Southeast Part of Lot 20, Concession 3 (EHS)  
Ward 2



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'Shop with a Caledon Firefighter' is made possible entirely by community support. All funds raised go to gifts and supplies.

Donations from the public are welcome and can be accepted through the Rotary Club of Bolton by cheque or through [boltonrotary.ca](http://boltonrotary.ca).

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## Becoming skilled at the art of juggling to-do lists

by Mark Pavilons



When did I ever need so many hands?

I'm constantly asking myself that every time I pick up after the kids, clear out the dishwasher, or take out the recycling.

It's at those times that I long for an extra hand, or the ability to balance something on my nose like a seal.

My to-do list seems to grow exponentially and wanting to make quick work of things, I overload myself. Hence the need for more digits, limbs and joints.

When I head out to the trash or recycling bin, I've got stuff in both hands, under my arms and a couple tucked under my chin for good measure. I seldom make it out the front door without dropping something.

In my role as "server" and "housekeeper," I find goodies laying around the top floor, outside the kids' doors. I know they "intended" to take them to the kitchen and they somehow got sidetracked.

I often feel more like a pack mule than a dad.

It's funny, you know, because I had "old school" parents who passed on so many good lines and zingers. And yet, the humour, and seriousness, is lost on my young ones.

Okay, the snow was only calf-deep when I went to school. And they never sent me to bed without dinner.

But I did receive couple of well-placed shots or ear pulls – my just desserts for saying something disrespectful.

What has happened that our lives have become so busy, so over-extended that we exhaust ourselves time and again? Why are objects towering out of my careworn hands? Being a Virgo, I dislike having dishes in the sink. Almost every evening when I come home I have to deal with dishes and tidy up a bit.

While the majority end up in the dishwasher, I still do a few things by hand. Inevitably, just when I finish up and turn around, more dishes appear. My children are to blame. I guess when they hear me banging cups and cutlery, it's a signal for them to bring down their stuff.

Of course, they've been holding on to their own plates for a few days.

At times, it's like there are a dozen people living in my home, all using a different fork and plate for each snack.

Are we to blame for this crazy, hectic lifestyle we're in? Partially. Those of us who are in our 50s have "been there, done that." We're likely mostly settled, raising families, well into our careers. Our kids are driving, working, dating. Oh, the humanity (sorry, couldn't resist that historic outcry).

Even though I'm criticized for melting into my couch in the evening, I still find there's always something to do. I thought that once we reached a certain age and level of "royal" status in our households, other people would do the menial tasks. Not so. I'm reduced to court

jester and the person responsible for cleaning out the latrines.

With our never-ending to-do lists, when is there time to concentrate on ourselves, our relationships, our mental and physical wellbeing?

My wife is a go-getter, and she's quite organized, but she often finds it hard to focus and seldom knows where to start. That's a red flag. Once she gets her focus, she's a machine!

I am guilty of burying myself in my smart devices, to distract me from my troubles. But I neglect those around me, those who mean the most to me.

This only adds to my torment, and sense of failure.

My wife mentioned to me the other day that she doesn't deserve the struggles in her life. I get it, yet I'm somewhat to blame.

With three offspring at home siphoning us like a hose in the gas tank, it's a challenge.

I know we have to recognize our blessings, squeeze out the negativity and embrace joy. That too, takes work and it seem to be lower down on our lists.

I do find solace and a bit of inner peace at work, believe it or not.

I enjoy pounding out the thoughts and feelings on the keyboard. And yet, when I'm alone with my thoughts, it gets dark in my office.

The thing about relationships and families is they're a bit of a dichotomy. We love another, give and take from one another, yet we are isolated at the same time. We are in our own skins, in our own heads. They say our loved ones struggle with us, but I'm not sure if that's really the case.

I am afraid of what's on the horizon. I have to endure the calls, appointments and lonely drives. I cry when no one is looking.

Sure, there are ways to remove bad habits and set new priorities. Parents unite! Take our sanity back!

Yes, we are guilty of procrastination. Some of us find excuses, while others might simply use social media as a source of diversion. Guilty.

We only have about 4,000 weeks in life, and maybe I've got 500 to 1,000 left if I'm lucky. We tend to overestimate how much we can get done while underestimating the amount of time and energy things will take.

We have some major de-cluttering to do in our house. We tend to take several trips to the recycling centre in Bolton; donate clothing and toss some old electronics in bin for charity.

But the real chore is in our perspective and approach. We need to "delete" things out of our lives, giving us some needed breathing room.

Some suggest taking a "minimalist" approach to our lives, careers and business. Not sure how to do that.

I also believe we can be thankful for taking baby steps and making a tiny bit of progress. It all adds up, and at least we're tackling it bit by bit.

The Japanese philosophy of Kaizen is defined as steady, continuous improvement.

Progress triggers dopamine in the brain, which makes motivation surge. We know when we're on a "high" how much we can accomplish.

Of course, we all know the beginning of any journey is that first step.

I know the coming holidays will likely be a time of rest, regrouping and recharging.

Maybe re-organizing should be on the list, too!

Good luck everyone!



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## Boulevard of Broken Bulbs

Unless it's a deliberate and conscious part of your celebration or observance, you never really want to hear the sound of broken glass.

If it happens in the kitchen, those primal instincts of self-preservation kick in and you contort yourself into a pretzel to survey the situation without moving your feet.

If anyone were to sit down and take an up-to-date ranking of the most unwelcome sound to waft past your ear drums, I'd wager a raucous shatter might be close to the top of the list along with nails on a chalkboard or the sound of a utensil scraping against a ceramic plate.

This holiday season I was surprised – and not in a necessarily unwelcome way – that what bubbled up after hearing that potent sound close to my bare feet on Saturday afternoon was, at first, simple resignation.

An early Christmas gift from a family member to our household meant a bit of retooling was in order. To accommodate the new living room feature, a few things had to move around. A Christmas scene was dismantled to make way, things were coming and going from a nearby cabinet to make sure the new tableau was just right – the only problem was the cabinet in question was perilously close to our Christmas tree.

The rearrangement was nearly complete before I had to take one final trip to the cabinet. I soon heard a shatter, muffled by carpet, just a few centimetres from where I stood.

A Christmas ball had hit the deck.

Those of us who celebrate Christmas and put up a tree accordingly have all experienced the disappointment of a broken bulb. When it happens, some might mourn the aesthetic value that was lost, or the demise of a cherished family heirloom. The bulb I accidentally broke over the weekend had, in my opinion, little aesthetic value, but had more than its share of memories.

While I do generally like the colour pink, the particular shade that was painted on the late ball never really took my fancy. Pepto Bismol pink, at least to me, has never been a hue that screams "holidays" but they evidently appealed to my grandmother when she decided in the early 1990s that a real tree was no longer for her.

A new artificial tree, in her view, was worthy of some new ornaments so packed away were the pieces that had taken pride of place for generations and bought just for the occasion were a new set of sparkly white glass pinecones, clear bulbs filled with some mysterious kind of crumpled iridescent film, the above-mentioned pink ones with a lacy pattern etched with even more glitter, and, to symbolize her love of the sport, a hollow golf ball dangling from a hook.

They wouldn't have been my first choices, yet they hold very special memories.

That artificial tree that was so new in the 1990s came into our family's life at a challenging time. Christmases at my grandmother's Etobicoke home were a welcome respite and a source of stability when this kid of divorced parents was still learning the ropes dealing with two sets of everything: holidays, birthdays, dynamics, you name it.

These ornaments, for better or worse, became somewhat emblematic of those Christmases I still hold so dear and, in that light, I take great pleasure in hanging up every year.

But this particular bulb's days were apparently numbered and as soon as I saw it fall off its plastic bough out of the corner of my eye, I anticipated a

wave of sadness, and even frustration, at my own clumsiness. Yet, that didn't happen.

Instead, I was reminded of the Christmases of yore and buoyed by the realization that although the bulb was a tangible representation of a particular feeling, the memories were as strong, vivid and potent as every before.

And the memories are what it's all about, isn't it? It's probably why so many of us revisit the same five or ten "holiday" movies year in and year out. It's certainly not to find out what's going to happen next to Kevin McAllister or if Kris Kringle will ultimately get satisfaction against the brass at Macy's Department Store.

As much as gift-giving is part and parcel of our collective holiday experience, when I reflect back on my last 36 Christmas, presents are rarely the first things that come to mind when strolling down memory lane. Instead, it's the experience, the feeling, the fellowship.

Don't get me wrong, I have been fortunate to have received beautiful and meaningful gifts from my family and friends over the last 37 years, which I continue to cherish and look back fondly on these days, but they stand on their own merits rather than being emblematic of the season.

For me, the holidays are the smells coming from the kitchen, the sound of an unmistakable crackle coming from a fireplace, whether bricks and mortar or streamed to a device; the hustle and bustle of going from place to place, party to party, family to family; the conversation around the dinner table; the smell of winter in the air; and even the feeling of gift-giving when what you've lovingly picked out for someone else was clearly just what the doctor ordered.

As a kid, I remember the sleepless nights that were inextricably part of the Christmas experience, just waiting to see what Santa might have left under that showroom-new artificial tree of which my grandmother was so proud (Santa, of course, receiving my forwarding Christmas address well in advance through that trusty postal code of H0H 0H0).

The excitement, and the people who made that happen, is the enduring memory.

They are the memories of forging new and enduring traditions with a single parent that still stand the test of time; they're the memories of dinners that, for one reason or another, have hilariously turned into culinary disasters; of reconnecting with family members you often only see at the holidays; of reminiscing and raising a toast to family and friends who used to have a seat at the table but are sadly no longer with us; of welcoming new members into the fold; of the feel of crunchy snow underfoot while taking a post-meal or post-gift constitutional; and even of the feeling of satisfaction when it's all done and the anticipation of downtime to recharge one's batteries.

Even the infinite possibilities that each year affords us to make new memories.

As I was starting to feel the stress of the season, that broken pink bulb was a gentle reminder of what the holiday season is really all about, what's important, and, what it should be.

In this home stretch before December 25, I hope each of you have the opportunity to take stock, take a step back if the stresses are getting to you to restore perspective, and really think about what will truly be remembered in Christmases yet to come.

As far as walking on broken glass goes, Annie Lennox may have had the inside track, but once it's swept up, the resulting path, as it turns out, can bring about a worthwhile journey.

### Our Readers Write

## The numbers "don't lie," says reader

In the recent fall fiscal update, the Ontario government is handing out hundreds of millions of dollars in tax giveaways to corporations.

The Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimates a surplus for this year. That surplus is expected to grow to \$8.5 billion by 2027-28, and that's on top of \$44 billion in unallocated contingency funds.

The surplus is a result of Doug Ford short-changing our public schools. In fact, the Fiscal Accountability Office says public education is being underfunded by \$6 billion over six years. And our kids are paying the price.

Don't believe his spin about the historic invest-

ments he's making. The reality is he's making historic attempts to privatize public education by making small payments to parents and deep cuts to our public schools.

Our schools need investment and students need smaller classes, more supports for special educational needs, and better access to mental health supports.

When it comes to budgeting, it's all about priorities and choices. It's clear Doug Ford is choosing to underfund our public schools.

JOE HENDRIX  
BOLTON

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## Inclusive - Unless it's you

Inclusive – it's a word being thrown around a lot lately.

Everything must be inclusive. You must include everybody in everything – or must you?

As usual, it's a small group of people demanding everyone else follow their rules, and for some reason, everyone follows along because objecting will have you labeled with one of many fashionable words that are tossed around if someone doesn't follow the herd led by a handful of vocal people.

The problem with inclusivity is when you cancel an event or something similar because a small number of people won't or can't take part, you eliminate the right of majority to have their experience.

Of course, you should be inclusive as much as you can. I've never been part of any group or organization that would deliberately exclude other people. Most things I've been involved with have an "all welcome" policy. However, if a person doesn't feel comfortable with us, they have the option of not joining – they don't have the option of forcing us to change our ways.

There are too many examples of so-called "inclusivity" where the majority is punished.

A friend of mine posted on Facebook how she had baked cupcakes for her son's school class to help

celebrate his birthday and make the day special.

She was very careful and mindful of other students in the class and made sure her cupcakes would be nut-free, in case someone had an allergy, as well as a few other things she took precautions with. When she brought the cupcakes to the school, she gave some to the school staff who appreciated the effort and thought it was a thoughtful thing to do.

Unfortunately, the teacher would not allow the offering of cupcakes in the class. The reason?

She thought one student wouldn't be allowed to take part, so the recess party would not be inclusive.

While the rest of the staff rolled their eyes, there were also too afraid to say something, because, of course, if they did, the teacher would admonish them.

So, the rest of the class, the majority, couldn't be part of something, because one kid might not take part.

He wouldn't be forced to participate, but of course that didn't matter.

I spoke to another friend of mine this past weekend, who has been running a girl's club group for several years. The group takes part in most local parades, except I noticed this year, they weren't in the Christmas parade.

I asked my friend why her group was not involved.

She told me the higher-ups in the organization decided none of the clubs should participate because not everyone celebrates Christmas.

I asked her if anyone in her group would be offended. She said, "No, they're ten years old, they all celebrate Christmas."

So, a group of young girls was disappointed because some seriously politically correct people made the decision to cancel their fun, for a non-existent reason.

The thing with inclusivity is it only works when you point fingers at someone else.

A couple of years ago I did a photo shoot for a local organization for an advertising brochure.

The brochure featured actual members of the team.

When showing them the photos, one woman, who for some reason always throws a monkey wrench into things, announced that the brochure was not diverse enough and was not inclusive.

I assured her it was indeed inclusive, because the photos included actual members of the organization "Not good enough," she said. We need more inclusiveness.

One man, a member of the committee, who is

not known for keeping his opinions to himself, said, "Aren't you a vice-president at the <insert religion, ethnic name> Association?"

She said she was.

He replied, "Well, I guess you are a member of a group, in fact vice-president, who are not inclusive."

"That's different," she said.

The man replied, "No, it's not. The name of your association itself says you only want people from your religion and ethnic background. That's not inclusive. I guess you'll either have to resign or change the name of your group and start letting other people in."

The guy made his point, and the brochure went ahead as planned.

If you want to be inclusive and include other people in your activities, great. The more the merrier.

But when you have other people demanding you stop your activities because someone else doesn't want to take part, you've taken your political correctness to an absurd level, and the majority should not be punished for a misguided way of thinking.

## BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Clinging to Hope

This time of year often seems to bring out the very best in people and that's what leaves me clinging to hope; for our community, our country and our world. Hope that enough people will "do the right thing," and help spread joy and positivity, over poverty and war; hope that enough politicians will actually fund hospitals over greenbelt development, and hope that someone, somewhere, will get the message that simply wearing a mask or not sending your kid to school while they are sick might actually help end this never-ending wave of viral illness. Of course, that would require me to also cling to the hope that systemic changes like paid sick days and a basic living wage existed so that people could AFFORD to make better choices like staying at home for a couple of days. Alas, despite my very honest attempt at maintaining positivity - just this once - I'm not sure it was meant to be. I'm still clinging to hope but my hopes for "hope" are slim.

At a time when inflation is running rampant, food prices are soaring and "seasonal flu" is sending children to the hospital in droves, it's incredibly difficult to stay hopeful. Knowing that more people than ever before are facing barriers also makes it hard to stay hopeful. As an example, in the past twelve months (according to a report for the Daily Bread Food Bank) 1.99 million people have faced food insecurity and trusted a food bank as their supplementary (or stand-alone) source of food in order to meet their family's

needs. Often, these are families WITH employment. It turns out it is not even enough to say that we need sustainable social benefits for the under-employed, the marginalized, or persons with disabilities when even those who have employment and housing are no longer able to adequately support themselves.

More and more families, some of whom never dreamed of needing outside support, are now turning to organizations (like CCS locally) for assistance.

It's also hard to remain hopeful, and frankly almost impossible not to become hopelessly skeptical, when we see for ourselves the barren shelves at pharmacies where children's Tylenol or adult Buckley's (it does indeed taste awful but it works) are not just hard to come by, they are non-existent altogether. Forget the convoy conspiracies, I want to know what global cabal is holding on to all of the drugs necessary to help fight the flu – especially when it seems the flu is so freaking dangerous this year!

Speaking of the flu, RSVs, and yes - COVID, let's talk about healthcare. I can't help but feel virtually hopeless when I know that if our healthcare system was appropriately funded, people could go to emergency, receive timely care before critical illness took hold and that children would not be struggling for every breath and airlifted to hospitals hundreds of miles from home. (As an aside, wouldn't properly funding hospitals and nursing staff be cheaper than ORNGE

## SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



life flights? Asking for a friend.) I also know that some school boards are currently returning, at least temporarily, to a mask mandate to try and help protect our youngest members of society but it seems as though Dufferin-Peel is not one of them. I suppose since Mr. Ford never did build that "iron ring" around vulnerable seniors, it would be incredibly naive of us to expect him, our Chief Medical Officer of Health, or our local top doctor (where, oh, where is Dr. Loh when you need him?) to do anything simple in support of children who are, after all, also a vulnerable population. In short, if you are vulnerable in any way - I would venture to say the only free access to health care you MIGHT easily qualify for is MAID.

Perhaps you feel, as I often do, overwhelmed with the magnitude of need and of your own individual inability to contribute much in the way of support. How do we make a difference in the world when each successive crisis seems insurmountable and only compounds the suffering of those already demoralized and downtrodden? Where do you donate? How do you give back when there is so much work to be done and your own expenses and stress levels are piling up, too? It's at times like these that I get down and depressed, knowing I have to sometimes make some difficult choices, but consoling myself that at least I do still have the option of choice.

So, how do you fight the overwhelm and cling to

hope? ARE you clinging to hope? Might I suggest you consider giving where you can, and in whatever amount that is affordable to you and not worry what others are doing. Maybe you can volunteer to feed unhoused persons through a local organization like the Knights Table or one you personally support. Maybe you can't solve the housing crisis but you can help feed people. Maybe we can't all work at a hospital in place of a properly trained nurse but you could opt to wear a mask if you're feeling less than ideal and that might lead to one less child fighting for their life in an overcrowded hallway in an already over capacity pediatric ward. Perhaps you feel defeatist about the very real possibility that the greenbelt will be paved over but you CAN still protest and fight for what's worth saving because in my most hopeful comment of this whole column - we do still live in a democracy.

Whether I am hopeful or delusional about this last point is up for debate, but you can still ask our federal, provincial and municipal governments for a Christmas present - to respect the greenbelt boundaries for our own and our children's futures. I cling to hope for no other reason than it's all we've got – because if you think food is expensive now...



## Framed x Design preserves memories with a personalized approach

Written By Sam Odrowski

A lot goes into making a family photo, piece of memorabilia or art stand out.

And a large part of what makes it pop off is how it's framed.

To ensure that your special hockey jersey or military medal is an eye catcher for everyone who walks past it, stop by Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing, located at 75 Broadway in the Downtown Heritage District of Orangeville.

The store's owner, Tracey Miller has worked in custom framing and design for over 35 years, helping people preserve special memories and items that are important to them with state-of-the-art service.

In addition to custom picture framing, Miller offers plaque mounting, photo restoration, framing of memorabilia and needle art framing.

"Rather than go to a place like Walmart to pick up a frame and do it yourself, you want someone that specializes in this, that's going to use archival material to preserve the item," said Miller.

Her storefront is also a gallery that features original artwork, guarded by the friendliest greeter around – Toby, an 11-year-old West Highland Terrier.

"He's so easygoing and loves greeting everybody," Miller shared. "Those that have been to the building a number of times really look forward to seeing him."

Framed x Design Custom Picture framing is for those with discerned tastes and anyone who wants to preserve a special memory by choosing to custom frame it.

Miller said her favourite part of custom framing is creating something beautiful from a piece of artwork or memory that her customer brings to her.

"It's very rewarding, from the beginning of designing, to actually framing it, and then presenting it to them," she noted. "It's seeing the smile on their face that is very rewarding for me."

Hearing the story behind the piece of artwork that is being custom framed and understanding the history behind it is also a meaningful experience, said Miller.

"Every piece that comes in the door is unique in its own way," she told the Citizen.

Miller said there's a wide selection of frames available at her store and she enjoys helping customers find what best compliments the piece they're getting framed. She looks at the composition and what works best.

"It's very important that the frame becomes an extension of the artwork... and that's what people will find when they come to see me," Miller noted.

She said she'd encourage anyone who hasn't visited Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing to stop by and take in everything it has to offer.

"It's worth the drive to Orangeville, even just to meet Toby, to take in the eclectic collection of artwork, and consult with me about designing something special for them," she enthused.

The art gallery features the work of Aaron Jackson who makes custom metal art. He currently has several pieces designed from 44-gallon metal barrels at Miller's gallery.

Stop by 75 Broadway in the Downtown Heritage District of Orangeville to view Jackson's work and so much more at Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing. The business is open Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The business is also open Monday to Friday after 6 p.m. by appointment only. Visit framedxdesign.com to learn more.

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## Duffy family restoring property ancestors first purchased in 1832

### Family plans to open Duffy Homestead for private tours in Spring 2023

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A few years ago, Alan Duffy purchased a large plot of land on Emil Kolb Parkway just outside of Bolton.

It's land that first came into the Duffy family when Elizabeth (Eliza) Duffy made a down payment to purchase 100 acres of land from the Canada Company in August of 1832.

At that time, women weren't allowed to own property unless they were widows, and sadly Eliza had recently become one. In 1830, Eliza set sail from Ireland to Canada with her husband Andrew and four

children: Robert, James, Jane, and Mary. It's believed that Andrew became ill and died at sea, leaving Eliza a widow.

After connecting with other Irish families in Canada, Eliza and her children were able to clear land and put up a log home on the land Eliza purchased in 1832.

"They had to build to survive out here, they had to build something fast," said Alan.

He explained that over the years, Eliza became very well known in the community, and she opened the first place of Methodist worship in the area.

Eliza's son James continued to clear the Duffy land as time passed and expanded the family's farming efforts on the property, and eventually built his own log home and raised his own family there.

James was known as a well-respected farmer and he had 12 children. The Duffys were successful on the land and it remained in the family until the mid-1950s, when it was sold by a man named Walker Duffy.

Fast-forward to 2018 and Alan, who was interested in his family history, naturally became interested in the property on Emil Kolb Parkway (formerly known as Duffy's Lane). Having built a successful career in the automotive industry, Alan said he was fortunate enough to be able to purchase back the Duffy land that year.

Thus began a long journey towards restoring his family's homestead and farmland.

Alan is working with his sister, Gail, and children Michael and Lauren, on the project which is now in its final stages.

"The passion to do this came as I'm really into history and always have been... and this ties into family," said Alan. "It also ties in with the pioneer community, the Irish community, and Bolton's history."

The house on the property has been restored with great attention to period-accurate detail and different rooms in the house show how it would have looked in different historical periods.

"When you walk through one door, you're in 1850, and you go through another and you're in 1910," said Alan. "This whole thing is multi-era."

The barn on the property has been completely restored, and when its top-floor doors open, they offer a great view of the Duffy property which goes down to the Humber River and beyond.

The Duffys' farmland is beginning to be restored too, and the family has successfully grown cider apples and made what Alan said is the best apple cider he's ever had.

Alan's son, Michael, has begun beekeeping on the property and is making his own honey, and the family have started tapping sugar maples on the property to make maple syrup.

Alan said he plans to open the property for private tours in the Spring of 2023. Those who are interested in learning more about the Duffy Homestead or reaching out to the family can visit [duffyhomestead.ca](http://duffyhomestead.ca).

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The trees outside of Bethell Hospice were lit on December 8 in memory of those we've loved and lost. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Community gathers in Inglewood for Bethell Hospice's Light & Love celebration

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Over 400 names were read at the Bethell Hospice Light & Love celebration last week.

Each year for the celebration, participants make a donation to Bethell Hospice in memory of a loved one they've lost, and for each donation Bethell Hospice illuminates a light on their tree.

This year, the tree lighting ceremony was held in the evening on December 8 and a large crowd gathered for it at the Inglewood Community Centre.

There, they received a candle, could get some hot drinks and cookies, and were greeted by carols from the Young at Heart singers and musicians. After that, everyone walked behind the singers in a candlelit procession towards the front doors of Bethell Hospice where the official tree lighting happened, and the names of all those being remembered were read.

Stan Cameron, Caledon's Peel District School Board trustee, is a longtime Bethell Hospice volunteer and 2022 marked the fourth time he read the names at the Light & Love celebration.

"It really is an honour and privilege to be invited to do this because it's in memory of people who all of us have lost," said Cameron. "It's a wonderful tribute."

When Cameron was first asked to read the names, he says he knew he couldn't say no because the annual Light & Love celebration is so

special. Cameron himself has bought lights for loved ones in his life that he's lost, and said it's a privilege to read their names, too. At the celebration, after Cameron says a name, the crowd in attendance say it as well.

Cameron explained a lot of preparation is required for the role, as it's extremely important to pronounce the names of peoples' family members correctly.

"It's a serious responsibility," said Cameron. "We spend hours on it... I'm in a lucky position — I'm retired now from teaching, so I have time to accept the responsibility."

The Bethell Hospice Foundation's Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, Kelly Stronach, works with Cameron in advance of the event and the pair go through all the names that will be read and research any pronunciations they may be unsure of.

Every donation made to Light & Love in memory of a loved one goes towards keeping Bethell Hospice free for everyone who uses it.

So far, \$126,000 has been raised from this year's Light & Love celebration, though donations are still accepted for the initiative until January 15, 2023.

Those interested in honouring a special person in their life or making a general gift can call the fundraising office at 905-838-3534 or donate to Light & Love online at [foundation.bethellhospice.org](http://foundation.bethellhospice.org).

### PUBLIC NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2022-0009

A Public Meeting will be held to consider proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date: January 10, 2023  
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.

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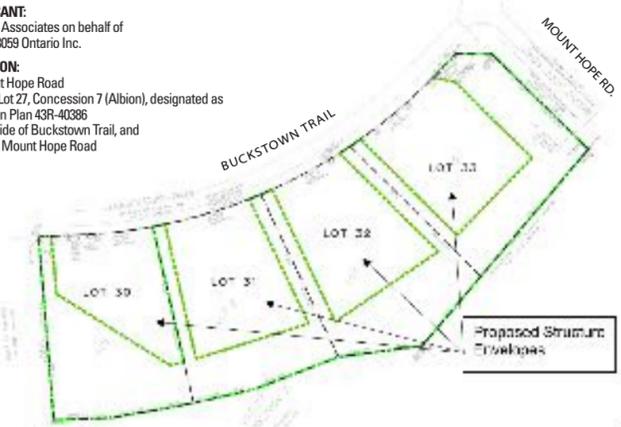
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#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the development of four estate residential lots with structural envelopes fronting onto Buckstown Trail. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to rezone a portion of the lands from Environmental Policy Area 1 Zone – Oak Ridges Moraine (EPA1-ORM), Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone – Oak Ridges Moraine (EPA2-ORM) and Rural – Oak Ridges Moraine – Exception 596 (A2-ORM-596) to a site-specific Estate Residential – Oak Ridges Moraine (RE-ORM-XX) zone to permit estate residential development with site-specific setbacks, natural area restrictions and structure envelopes.

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# Dunk Disposal's Christmas Drive returns next week

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"[We] do whatever we can to help with in the community ... keep our plans fluid." This is the business mantra for Dunk Disposal, founded and owned by Cameron Dunkerley.

He and his brother Devon Dunkerley have been building the business up since they began with a basic pickup truck seven years ago, to three large trucks, suited to the kind of all-encompassing service they offer to private and business customers.

A few years ago, they began a community-wide collection day in December to pick up food and toys as a drive to provide some Christmas cheer to families in need.

This year, the pickup date is December 21.

"This is a similar campaign to what we have done in the community," said Cameron, "accepting non-perishable food and unwrapped toys from people in Orangeville, Caledon, Erin, Shelburne, Brampton and surrounding areas. How far around and how many trucks we'll need depends on the response; whenever everybody calls or contacts us, we'll map out our route to see if we need more than one truck. This is our basic customer area."

The years have brought them regulars, repeat customers and many routine pickups for all aspects of their disposal services.

Response in other years to this Christmas pick-up has been "great," Cameron told The Citizen. "Every year, it's grown and grown. Last year we doubled our pickups from the previous year. We take the food to the Orangeville Food Bank and all the rest to Toys for Tots, which we deliver to the Orangeville OPP station."

The feedback the Dunkerley business has received from their Christmas pickup has been very positive. Mr. Dunkerley told

us that a lot of people enjoy being able to just leave their items on their porch.

"People leave notes thanking us," he said. "People want to donate but don't know where to take things or they don't have time. It's better for the receiving end too."

For 2023, they are looking at getting an office front as the business is starting to outgrow where they are now, checking out a couple of locations. Currently, they do have a place in Caledon Village and they are hoping to continue in Caledon as it is central to where they work.

"We'll just see what happens," he said, adding, "we do definitely have to roll with the punches. Our plans are always fluid. I never like to be too [rigid]. When it comes to safety, though, there's no give and take to that. We do the job 100 per cent every time; there's no shirking for that. But there's always flexibility to how things can be done or how they can be done a little bit better."

For the business to succeed, he is sure, good relationships with clients matter, saying, "the friendlier we are, the more we're likely to get that callback."

Also essential is attention to disposing and continuing as much as possible to do things as environmentally safe as can be. That will always be their focus.

As for the Christmas pickup itself, Mr. Dunkerley said, "Anyone that wants to donate, it's completely free; there's no charge, just leave it on your doorstep. So, this takes a little bit of stress off your shoulders."

To donate non-perishable food or unwrapped toys for this Christmas drive, give Dunk Disposal a call at 519-217-7149 or an email at [dunkdisposal@gmail.com](mailto:dunkdisposal@gmail.com) and they will come and pick it up on December 21.

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# Caledon residents face highest-ever need for food, financial support



The Caledon Hawks presented a \$7,850 cheque to the Season of Hope campaign.

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Continued from FRONT

Donations of food, gift cards, or money to help Caledon residents in need can be made in person at The Exchange or CCS' office at 18 King Street East in Bolton. They can also be made online at [ccs4u.org/donate/season-of-hope](https://ccs4u.org/donate/season-of-hope).

Up until December 7, Caledon Fire was helping to collect gift cards for Season of Hope, with that date being chosen so a large number of gift cards could be distributed to families in time for them to shop for the holidays. Season of Hope as a whole will continue running into early 2023.

Kupriianova said in the last six months of 2022 CCS saw a 40 per cent increase in the number of visits to The Exchange.

The COVID-19 pandemic had already caused an increase in visits, and the latest data shows the upward trend in visits is not only continuing but getting higher.

Kupriianova said a recent food price report estimates another seven per cent increase in grocery prices over the next year, which will only add to the struggles many Caledon families are facing.

"It's horrible that food insecurity is becoming a buzzword, it is very bad news," said Ku-

priianova. "Having to make the impossible choice between a warm home or food on your table... It's becoming reality for so many families. Some of these families never needed our support before... they never thought that they might need this support before."

CCS prides itself on the welcoming atmosphere of The Exchange, said Kupriianova, and dignity and respect for community members is always top priority. She explained it's important for the community to be welcoming and never leave anyone behind. Kupriianova said there's a large list of those who step up to help their community, be it local businesses, students, sports teams, faith groups, service clubs and residents in general. She said CCS is so incredibly grateful for their support and any future support too.

Every day, Kupriianova said volunteers at The Exchange are working tirelessly to support their community. Some volunteers have been there for longer than 15 years, while some have gotten involved much more recently. CCS is always looking for more volunteers at The Exchange, as with increased demand comes increased work that needs to be done.

There's a list on CCS' website that explains the items it most needs for The Exchange, and if anyone's ever not sure of what to bring, gift cards are great as they allow families with dif-

ferent health or dietary restrictions to shop for food themselves.

Families of all kinds come to The Exchange. Last month, a Ukrainian refugee family came to The Exchange for food support and Kupriianova was able to be of extra help.

"I'm Ukrainian and I speak Ukrainian... I helped them with their English a little bit. This family then went on to get registered with CCS and enrolled in our English classes; they had assistance with finding their first job in Canada," said Kupriianova. "Their journey is just starting, but CCS was able to step up for them

through food support, job support and English language support."

No matter who they are or where they are from, Kupriianova said the Season of Hope campaign is all about Caledon residents and businesses stepping up to help out their Caledon neighbours in need.

"Leaving no one behind — it's a big task and it's a task for togetherness. We can't do it without support," said Kupriianova. "Underneath all the beauty and abundance that Caledon has to offer, it's sometimes not very obvious how many families are struggling."

## COMMUNITY events

*This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.*

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss** is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:15-6:45 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are only \$15. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! Now that the COVID19 protocols are starting to ease, it's a good time to make any necessary changes to your eating habits. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton AI-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/ or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: [boltonalanon@gmail.com](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

Open to all - Electric Vehicle Society Caledon Chapter meetings. Come out to learn from the expertise of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts about helping Canadians transition to electric transportation through education

and advocacy. Local meetings are held in the Southfields Community Centre Community Room on the third Thursdays of the month from 7pm-9pm. Next Meeting Dates: November 17 & December 15. Meetings are free. For more info: <https://evsociety.ca/caledon/> or email [Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca](mailto:Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca)

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**Scottish Christmas Gathering** Saturday December 17 @ 7PM  
The Friends of St. Andrew's Stone Church are hosting an evening of old-fashioned Christmas Carols lead by our original pump organ, featuring singers, a tune or two from the bagpipes, and fellowship by the woodstove, all at St. Andrew's Stone Church 17621 St. Andrew's Road, Caledon. Admission is free but donations are gratefully received. For everyone's safety we are asking everyone to wear a mask during the evening. For information call 519 927 5987.

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## Mayfield Mavericks earn two wins in first three games of the season

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Mayfield Mavericks opened up their season in girls tier one hockey with two wins out of three games played on Tuesday.

With tier one being played this year in a tournament style, the season officially kicked off on Tuesday at Paramount Fine Foods Centre in Mississauga.

In their first game of the day, the Mavericks took on the Lorne Park Spartans and shut out the Spartans 2-0.

Maria Kiropolis opened the scoring in the first period assisted by Sage Ferris. The second goal of the game came in the third period when Victoria Rooney found the back of the net to seal the victory. Ciera Davies earned the shut out in goal.

In the second game of the day, this bout against the St. Marcellinus Spirit was a very good test for the girls early on in the year.

And it was Rooney who got on the score sheet again for the Mavericks, as she scored the opening goal just under three minutes into the contest.

With chances going either way, including an amazing opportunity to double the lead

by Ryleigh White, the Spirit managed to get back into the game.

Off the faceoff to the right of Davies' goal, A. Johal ripped a shot above Davies' shoulder to make it 1-1.

In the second period, Johal almost found the back of the net again from the same spot this time on the rush, ringing the puck off of the bar.

The Mavericks, continued to create transition chances and the opportunity finally came just minutes away from the end of the period.

Savannah Hicks broke free on goal and, on the breakaway, ripped the puck past the goaltender blocker side to give the Mavericks the advantage again.

In the third period, S. Vaccari's shot was saved by Davies and with the puck loose, L. Marchese tapped it home to make the game 2-2 with much of the third period left to play.

But with 58 seconds left in the game, Marchese was penalized for a hit that saw the Mavericks go on the power play.

With just 29 seconds left on the clock, Gri-er Forbes managed to squeeze the puck in to give the Mavericks an enthralling victory.

"I think I'm just impressed by how the



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team has come together. We only have one Grade 12, our captain Anna Jeffrey, and she's really important to the team. We have a pretty good leadership squad as well, and the way that they've brought the girls into the culture and into the team and made them feel welcome, I think goes a long way into how the girls are playing," said head coach Jon Forbes after the game.

"We told the girls in between the second and third it was getting beyond physical. I was proud of the way they skated through.

They have a couple of really skilled players on Marcellinus, but they have a couple of aggressive players at the same time. That can be overwhelming and intimidating, but our girls continued to skate through it and that's why they got the penalty at the end. It's the fact they didn't retaliate. Proud of them for that."

In their final game of the day, the Mavericks fell to the St. Martin Mustangs 4-0.

The girls will play their final three games of the season on February 16, 2023 back at Paramount FFC Arena.

## Wolfpack tier one basketball team wins silver medal

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack senior boys' basketball team took home the silver medal at the Port Credit tournament last week.

The Wolfpack fell to Brampton Centennial Secondary School 63-43 in the finals.

It was an excellent tournament and a great experience for the boys.

It all began on the front foot.

The Wolfpack took on the Lorne Park Spartans in their opening game and won convincingly with a 77-44 victory. Julian Longo led the group with 17 points in the game.

Tayden Cooper had 14 points and Calum Fleming had 13.

In the second game, which happened to be the semi-finals of the tournament, the Wolfpack took on the hosts.

The boys manhandled Port Credit in the semi-finals by a score of 79-54.

Lucas Macklem scored 31 points in the game. Gabriel Chocano had 18 and Julian Longo had 10.

In the finals, Macklem – who was on a scoring spree – had 21 points in the loss. Fleming was right behind him with eight points of his own.

There wasn't much of a break for the Wolfpack as the boys were in action this past Monday up against St. Roch. Showing no signs of rust, the Wolfpack took down St. Roch 63-56.

Gabriel Chocano led the team with 13 points. Tayden Cooper had 11 points of his own to add to the scoresheet.

With this victory, the Wolfpack lead the North Division standings to start off the year.

The Wolfpack took on Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday as The Citizen went to press. Results can be found on ropssaa.org.



The Wolfpack bring home the silver medal from the Port Credit tournament last week.

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Sincerely, Roy Watson

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It is with great sadness we announce that our beloved Dwight, at the age of 77, has winged his flight to the next world.



Dwight (or Richard to some) will be fondly remembered by his many family members and friends and by those he touched with his zany sense of humour, his zest for life and his gregarious, bigger than life nature. Known for his kindness and his generosity, he would not hesitate to help in any way he could if someone was in need, giving of himself selflessly.



Children were drawn to his warmth and playful spirit, and he tried to impart his wisdom and knowledge on to others, ever the lifelong teacher. He touched so many people with his luminous spirit, and could be found most often behind a keyboard, piano or organ, entertaining everyone. Right to the end, many of the staff at St. Peter's Chedoke in Hamilton, remarked how he was always smiling and, despite the fact he could no longer speak, they connected with his spirit.

Words cannot suffice to describe this incredible man, except that the love he held in his heart for everyone that was dear to him, was a love unparalleled. A mighty, majestic heart was he. Dwight leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Marybelle, his daughter Brie (Michael) and grandchildren Phebe, Sonia and Ozias and his brother Roy (Helen) and his sister-in-law Joyce. He is predeceased by his sons, John and Greg, his brother Larry, and his sister Joyce. He also leaves behind many cherished family members on both the Aldham and Bere side, and friends far and wide.

Funeral to be held Saturday December 17th, 2022 at St. Mark's United Church 1 Lynndale Dr, Dundas, ON L9H 3L4 (Closest intersection Govener's Road and Creighton Avenue) Visitation at 1:30 pm Service begins at 2:00 pm Reception to follow with food & refreshments Flowers can be sent to Circle of Life Cremation & Burial Centre Inc. 100 King St E, Dundas, ON L9H 1C4

**PARKE, SANDRA LEE**  
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Sandra married her prince charming Bill (sadly passed in 2005) in 1957, building a wonderful partnership and raising a family of four. She was loved by Ken (Sheryl sadly passed in 2008), Mike (Krista), Greg (Evelyen) and Amy. Grandmother to Bradley (Brittany), Kaleb, Joseph, Jeffrey (Amanda), Melissa, Nicole, Brendan and Alexander. Great Grandmother to Aaron, Mason, Tysen, Lillian and Arabella. Mom's babies were always her greatest treasures.

Mom's passion in life was her family, art and teaching. Teaching at multiple schools in the Dufferin area, she dedicated her life to creating an equal learning environment for all students. She was also a master of patience, if you knew her children you would understand why. When she wasn't teaching or chasing after her kids, she was busy creating beautiful art pieces including stained glass, paintings and sketches of the places she loved.

For the angels living on earth, Dawn and all the nurses, PSW's and support staff at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne who helped take care of our mother for the past nine years. Mom loved you all and we are indebted to you and your tireless compassion. There are no words to describe what you have meant to our family all these years.

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Linda had an abundance of love for dogs which lead to her owning a dog breeding kennel, Sierra Kennels. She had a passion for art and enjoyed sharing this passion with others who came through her art gallery, Memory Lane Art Gallery. It was her love of cars that brought her and Harry together. They shared this interest together for many years. Honouring Linda's wishes, there will be a private graveside service at Providence Cemetery. A celebration of Linda's life will be held in the spring. If desired, memorial donations may be made to War Amps Canada (www.waramps.ca), Kidney Foundation of Canada (www.kidney.ca) or Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (www.cnib.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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# Local bookstore recommends these reads over the holidays

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Many people find time to read over the holidays, and many give and receive books as gifts as well.

Donna Forster of Forster's Book Garden in Bolton said the store has been busy lately, and recommended the following books for Caledon residents to enjoy over the holidays.

Forster said the biggest seller right now is a book called A World of Curiosities by Canadian author Louise Penny. The novel is the 18th to be published as part of the Chief Inspector Gamache series.

"People are really jumping on that right now," said Forster, adding it's great that Penny is a Canadian author.

In the novel, Gamache and his investigative partner, Jean-Guy Beauvoir, find that a young man and woman have reappeared in their lives in the village of Three Pines after many years. When the man and woman were children, their mother was murdered — a tragic case that was the one that first brought Gamache and Beauvoir together. As Gamache works to discover what the return of the man and woman to Three Pines means, he must solve puzzles within puzzles — and his alarm only grows when a letter written by a long-dead stone mason is discovered. In the letter, the mason describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in Three Pines. How does this mystery play out? You'll have to read to find out.

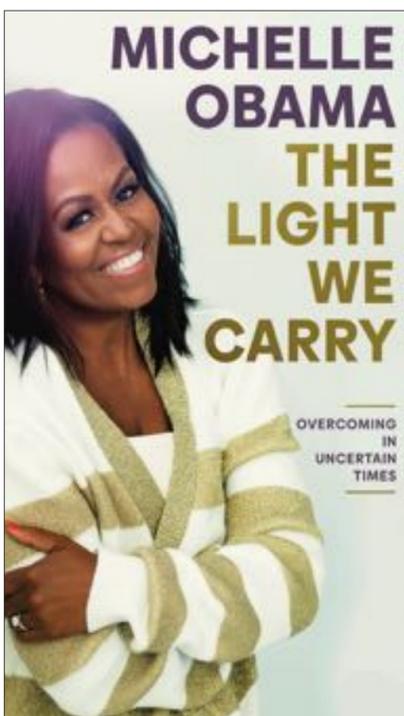
Forster said another hot book right now is Michelle Obama's second book, The Light We Carry, a motivational book about overcoming obstacles in uncertain times. "When we are able to recognize our own light, we become empowered to use it," writes Obama in her book, which offers reflections on change, challenge, and power.

Another new release that Forster said might be of interest is Leonard Cohen, Untold Stories by Michael Posner. Forster said this biography would make a great gift for anyone who's a fan of Cohen's music or writing

Something a little different from the norm is the non-fiction graphic novel Ducks by Katie Beaton. In it, Beaton details her two years spent living and working in Alberta's oil sands. Reviewer Carmen Maria Machado calls it "an exceptionally beautiful book about loneliness, labor, and survival."

For kids, Forster said a popular read right now is Cat Kid Comic Club Collaborations by Dav Pilkey. Another good read is Killer Underwear Invasion by Elise Gravel. This funny book actually serves as an important tool to teach kids about media literacy and how to spot fake news. "It's really quite brilliant," said Forster.

Caledon Citizen readers may remember a story in May about Caledon resident Filipe Leite, who rode a horse from the Calgary Stampede to his hometown in Brazil. He then rode from there to the southernmost tip of South America. To complete his



**HOLIDAY READS** — Among the top books recommended by Forster's Book Garden for the holidays are The Last Long Ride, written by Caledon's Filipe Leite, pictured above, and (right) The Light We Carry by former U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama .

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epic 25,000-kilometre journey across the Americas, he rode from Alaska back to the Calgary Stampede. Leite has recently re-

leased his latest book, The Last Long Ride, and Forster said she has many copies of it available at the store.

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### 5 ways to support small businesses this holiday shopping season

Small businesses long have been the heart and soul of local communities. There is something to be said about being on a first-name basis with a local restaurateur or another small business owner, as such familiarity often translates into exemplary service.

Consumers who want to help their favourite small businesses survive can use the holiday season and beyond to set the course for success. Consumers can make a concerted effort to fuel this important cog in their local economic engines.

**Shop local**

The concept is simple but effective. Opting to shop in local stores over larger conglomerates and franchises can help small businesses take root. Before making holiday shopping lists, visit local stores and base gift ideas on items they have in stock. Chances are those gifts will be one-of-a-kind.

**Purchase gift cards/certificates**

All businesses have slow periods, and post-holidays is often a time when sales stagnate. Gift cards may bring new customers into local businesses who might otherwise not have patronized them, potentially creating new repeat customers.

**Cater holiday meals and gatherings**

The holiday season is chock-full of entertainment opportunities. Individuals can rely on nearby restaurants and other food and beverage businesses to cater holiday parties. Some businesses also may be willing to discount or donate food for nonprofit group activities, such as church holiday bazaars, school holiday concerts or fundraising fairs.

**Mention small businesses on social media**

The holiday season breeds excitement. Therefore, when shoppers are in local stores, they can snap pictures of products and overflowing shopping bags and post them online while praising local businesses.

**Think about subscription gifts**

Enrollment in a health club or a massage therapy service are gifts that keep on giving for the recipient but also help ensure consistent incoming cash for the business providing the service.

When shopping this holiday season, consumers can look to the small, local businesses in their communities that help make towns and cities unique.



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### HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL FOR KIDS

Christmas Eve is viewed differently by different people, even those who live under the same Santa-ready roof. Adults may see Christmas Eve as crunch time when they must prepare food for the next day or set up presents for their children to open in the morning. Children, on the other hand, are focused on Santa's visit and little else.

Parents naturally want to make Christmastime as special as possible for their children, and that may involve ensuring that Christmas Eve is just as memorable as Christmas Day. The following are some ways to impart more magic into Christmas Eve celebrations.

#### BAKE FRESH COOKIES

Children like to leave out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa. That makes Christmas Eve a perfect time to whip up a fresh batch of cookies. Explore different recipes to come up with a unique offering each year.

#### READ A CHRISTMAS STORY

Watching television or looking at a tablet or mobile phone before bed can be too stimulating when it's time for children to wind down for bed. Choose a holiday tale that can be read as a Christmas Eve bedtime story. Reciting the poem A Visit from St. Nicholas (Twas the Night Before Christmas) is a great way to set the Christmas Eve mood.

#### MAKE A BATCH OF REINDEER DUST

Why should Santa's reindeer be left out when it comes to receiving treats? Reindeer dust, made from a combination of oatmeal, rice cereal, dried fruits, and glitter (if desired), is purported to attract Santas reindeer and provide them with a nibble at the same time. Plus, it's generally safe for other animals in the yard to eat.

#### GO CAROLLING

Carolling may not be the norm, but some families may want to revive it. Close-knit communities can organize family-centric carolling opportunities and roam the cul-de-sacs and other pedestrian-friendly areas singing popular songs.

Christmas Eve is a great time to embrace various traditions that help to make the season even more special.



## Easy holiday centerpiece ideas

The holiday season is a great time to make any home a bit more merry and bright. Most individuals let their personalities show through their home decor, and holiday decorating is just as personal as decorating throughout the rest of the year.

**The** main living areas of a home get the most decorating attention, with a Christmas tree or menorah taking a prominent position in the front window. Garlands, candles and other accoutrements also may dress up spaces. However, when it comes to holiday hosting, attention also should be given to the dining table which can benefit from a festive centerpiece.

Premade centerpieces are undeniably attractive, but adding a homespun touch can be a fun creative pursuit and become a family tradition. Explore these simple ideas to dress up your holiday table.

**Frosted pine cones:** Take advantage of a crisp winter's day to venture into a forest or park that is rich with evergreen trees. Gather pine cones from the forest floor and, if possible, a few evergreen boughs. Give the pine cones a touch of winter whimsy with a little faux snow in a

can or even white paint. Nestle the boughs and pine cones into a wide-mouthed vase or bowl in the center of the table. Individual pine cones can later be turned into place cards for seating guests.

**Holiday thanks:** Cut many strips of paper roughly 6 inches in length from various coloured pieces of paper to match the holiday theme. When guests arrive, ask them to write a favourite holiday memory or two or what they're thankful for. Twirl the paper strips around a pencil to curl them, then place the curlicues into a decorative bowl in the center of the table. Later in the evening, the host or hostess can read some of the sentiments.

**Magical forest:** Use green and silver conical party hats to turn a table or sideboard into a veritable evergreen forest. Arrange them on a blanket of faux snow or white confetti.

**Freshly cut:** Select attractive flowers in vibrant holiday hues from a florist or even the supermarket floral section. Cut the stems and place them into an unusual display container, such as a holiday-themed mug or a punch bowl.

**Glass baubles:** Who says ornaments should be exclusive to the tree? A crystal or glass cake stand can be transformed into an icy delight when topped with silver and clear glass ornaments.

**Birchwood:** The crisp white colouring of birch bark is right at home with holiday decor. Go stark with pieces of cut wood in varying heights intermingled with white candles that mimic the shapes and scale of the wood.

**Fruit and vegetables:** If guests are coming over and the race is on for a fast centerpiece, look no further than the kitchen. Lemons, artichokes, pears,

or pomegranates look festive in a bowl interspersed with some greenery and baby's breath.

Holiday hosts and hostesses should not neglect the dining table when they decorate. Festive centerpieces can be handmade without much effort on the part of hosts.



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## BAKE UP A SWEET HOLIDAY TREAT

Entertaining is a big part of the holiday season. Calendars are packed this time of year with gatherings with friends, family and professional colleagues.

Entertaining requires keeping plenty of refreshments on hand to ensure guests maintain their holiday spirit. Dessert is no stranger to the season, with office break rooms, dining tables and buffet stations brimming with sweet treats to tempt celebrants' palates. Everyone should have a go-to dessert to bring along to a holiday party or to offer guests when hosting their own festivities. Cookies are a standard due to their versatility and portability.

Festive Sour Cream Cookies provide all of the holiday feels and can be customized in colour to reflect celebrations of Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or New Year's. Bake up a batch, courtesy of Live Well Bake Cookies (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye.



## Sour Cream Cookies

Makes 22 cookies

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and levelled
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature

### VANILLA BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream or milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Gel food colouring (optional)

To make the cookies: Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt until well combined. Set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.

Mix in the egg and vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

Mix in the dry ingredients in two additions, alternating with the sour cream. Make sure to mix in each addition until just combined, and be careful not to overmix the batter.

Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets,

making sure to leave a little room between each one.

Bake for 14 to 16 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and spring back when touched lightly. Remove from the oven, and allow to cool on the baking sheets for 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the vanilla buttercream frosting: In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter for 1 to 2 minutes, or until smooth. Add the powdered sugar, 1/2 cup at a time, mixing in each addition until well combined.

Add the heavy whipping cream, vanilla extract, and gel food colouring (if using), and continue mixing until fully combined.

Once the cookies have cooled completely, spread the frosting on top of the cookies.

Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.



## Great homemade food gifts

Gifts from the heart are among the most coveted and appreciated come the holiday season. Hobbyists from all walks of life can turn their passions into handmade gifts, but few gifts may be as welcomed as those that can be eaten.

**Cooking** and baking ramp up during the holiday season. People can turn extra time in the kitchen into opportunities to create festive treats that are ideal for gifting. But which items are the best of the best? Even though tastes are singular, these items will appeal to most foodies and others on your gift list.

**Jams and preserves:** Fruit jams and preserves are versatile foods. They are as at home on toast and biscuits as they are as fillings in cookies and tarts. Jams and preserves can be made with relatively few ingredients and work well with seasonal fruits.

**Cinnamon rolls:** Warm, sticky and full of aromatic spice, cinnamon rolls are the perfect comfort foods. These rolls do not typically have a long shelf life, so be sure to present them promptly before they get stale.

**Pancakes (or cookies) in a jar:** If you have a fantastic recipe that you can't resist sharing, try turning it into a gift. Measure and package the ingredients into mason jars, tie them with ribbons and include directions for preparation and cooking.

**Mini bundt cakes:** Fruit cakes may be a holiday standard, but bundt cakes make for great and traditional offerings as well. Miniature bundts filled with chocolate chips, dried fruits or even those soaked in a favourite boozy-butter glaze can be moist and delicious.

**Chocolate barks or fudges:** Seasonal flavours can come to life in chocolate treats. White chocolate filled with peppermint pieces or dark chocolate and cherry chunks is a tasty pairing. Break apart portions of the bark or cut the fudge with cookie cutters and the gift inside cello bags tied with ribbons or in cardboard candy boxes.

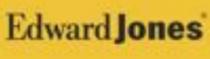
**Cocktail syrups:** Create spicy or sweet syrups that are tailor-made for enhancing cocktails. Anyone on your gift list can then become a master mixologist.

**Shortbread cookie ornaments:** Circular shortbread cookies can be decorated with royal icing to look like Christmas ornaments. They can be eaten or even placed on trees to complete holiday decor.

**Festive cookie pops:** Cookie pops can be made by mixing homemade or pre-purchased crumbled cake with frosting or softened cream cheese and formed into balls. Insert a lollipop stick and dip the balls into melted chocolate or candy melts. Sprinkles, nonpareils or lustre dust can be used to enhance the covered pops.

Food gifts are perfect for the holiday season. Handmade treats from the heart show loved ones how just much you care.







## Greetings of the Season!

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# Holiday baking gets even sweeter with brownies

What would the holidays be without delicious foods to share with loved ones? In fact, crafting elaborate meals and baking goodies is par for the course once the weather begins to cool and decorations turn up in businesses and homes.

Many people have tried-and-true recipes they rely on each year, but there's always the possibility to give new tasty tidbits a try. There are so many tantalizing desserts to tickle the tongue, but this recipe for Rocky Recchiuti Brownies from Chocolate Obsession (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Michael Recchiuti and Fran Gage yields rich and chewy brownies that no holiday celebrant will be able to resist.

## Rocky Recchiuti Brownies

Makes 16 brownies

5 1/2 ounces 100 percent unsweetened chocolate, coarsely chopped, divided

10 tablespoons (5 ounces) unsalted butter with 82 percent butterfat, cut into 1-inch slices.

2/3 cup (312 ounces) unbleached all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, preferably Madagascar Bourbon

1 1/3 cups granulated cane sugar

1/3 cup walnut halves, roasted and roughly chopped

6 Tahitian Vanilla Bean Marshmallows, each 1 1/2 inches square, cut into quarters (see recipe below)

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Line the bottom of an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper and liberally coat the paper and the pan sides with flavourless vegetable oil.

Put 3 ounces of the chocolate and the butter in a medium stainless-steel bowl and set over a pot of simmering water. Heat, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate and butter melt and are fully combined and the mixture is smooth. Lift the bowl from the pot. Set aside.

Sift the flour and salt together in a bowl. In another bowl, combine the eggs and vanilla extract and whisk together by hand until blended. Whisk in the sugar.

Whisk the egg mixture into the chocolate. Add the flour and the remaining 2 1/2 ounces of chocolate to the batter and, using a rubber spatula, mix well. Then mix in the walnuts.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Spread it evenly with a small offset spatula. Scatter the marshmallow pieces evenly over the surface and push them halfway into the batter. The tops should remain uncovered.

Bake on the middle shelf of the oven until the marshmallows are browned and a skewer inserted into the center of the brownie sheet comes out with some batter clinging to it, about 45 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until cold.

Run a table knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the sides of the brownie, and then slide the brownie, still on the paper, onto a work surface. Using a ruler to guide you and a sharp knife, cut into sixteen 2-inch squares. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

## Tahitian Vanilla Bean Marshmallows

About 40 marshmallows

Flavourless vegetable oil for the pan

3 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin

3 tablespoons water

2 cups granulated cane sugar, divided into halves

1 1/2 cups light corn syrup

4 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature

1 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally

About 3 cups powdered cane sugar for finishing

Line the bottom of an 8-by-12-inch sheet pan with parchment paper and lightly coat the paper and the pan sides with flavourless vegetable oil. Put the gelatin in a small bowl. Add the water and stir. Set aside to soften.

Combine 1 cup of the sugar with the corn syrup in a large, heavy-bottomed pot. Use an unlined copper pot if you have one. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until the sugar melts. Then continue to cook, without stirring, until the mixture reaches 230° F on a candy thermometer. If any crystals form on the sides of the pan and the mixture heats, wash them down with a wet pastry brush.

Meanwhile, put the egg whites in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the bowl.

When the sugar syrup reaches 240° F, start to beat the egg whites on medium speed. When the whites form very soft peaks, add the remaining 1 cup of sugar and continue beating.

When the sugar syrup reaches 250° F, remove it from the heat and stir in the softened gelatin. The syrup will foam up and triple in volume. Switch the mixer to high speed and slowly pour the syrup into the beaten egg whites, aiming for the side of the bowl. The whites will almost double in volume. Reduce the speed to medium-high and beat until the whites (not the outside of the bowl) are lukewarm to the touch, about 114° F, for about 15 minutes.

Scrape the marshmallow mixture into the prepared pan and, using a small offset spatula, spread it evenly to the sides. Let cool completely at room temperature.

To cut the marshmallows, sift about 1/2 cup of the powdered sugar onto a work surface in a rectangle the size of a sheet pan. Sift another 2 cups of powdered sugar into a large bowl. Run a thin-bladed knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the marshmallow. Invert the pan onto the sugared surface to unmold, then lift off the pan and peel off the parchment paper. Sift about 1/2 cup of powdered sugar evenly over the top. Using a ruler to guide you and a lightly oiled sharp knife, cut the marshmallow sheet into 1 1/2-inch squares. It is easier if you use a pressing motion, rather than pulling the knife. After cutting, toss the marshmallows, a few at a time, in the bowl of powdered sugar, coating them lightly.

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# Champagne takes centre stage again

Sparkling wines are made by sealing the beverages before the fermentation process is complete, causing the effervescent bubbles that are their hallmark. Sparkling wines are produced in various regions of the world, but champagne is unique to the Champagne region of northeast France, where vines were introduced by the Romans many centuries ago.

One of the most legendary and heralded brands of champagne was created by a French monk named Perignon. Historians say Perignon lived from 1638 to 1715 and was admitted in his lifetime to the abbey of Saint-Vanne. He acquired the honorary title of Dom while there, and also served as cellar master, creating what later would be known as the vins de Perignon.

Dom Perignon champagne is still a prestigious brand today, joined by other leaders of the industry like Moet & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Nicolas Feuillatte, and Pol Roger. French champagnes are part of ele-

gant toasts, A-list events and five-star dining experiences. They also may be poured on New Year's Eve. All champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wine is champagne.

Enjoying champagne on its own in the requisite stemmed glass is tradition, but champagne also can be mixed into any number of cocktails from bellinis to mimosas. This Blood-Orange Champagne Cocktail is a variation on the classic mimosa and doesn't necessarily need to be enjoyed at brunch. Serve it on New Year's Eve, or for any special occasion, courtesy of Martha Stewart.

## Blood-Orange Champagne Cocktail

2 1/4 cups freshly squeezed or frozen blood-orange juice

2 750-ml bottles of champagne, chilled

Pour 3 tablespoons of juice into each champagne flute.

Fill flutes with champagne, and serve.



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### The benefits of making New Year's resolutions

The end of December is a busy time of year. Families are shopping for gifts for loved ones and friends, holiday celebrations are in full swing and thoughts begin to turn to the new year ahead.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, it is customary to sip a glass of champagne and toast the new year. Many people use the dawn of a new year as a time to create a list of resolutions that reflect positive changes they hope to make in the year ahead.

Resolutions may seem silly to some, but there are several positive reasons to make them.

**Resolutions provide practice in setting goals.** Goal-setting is an important component of life. Goals are key because they provide general direction in life. A goal is a map that can give you an idea of where you are heading and what path you need to take to get there, according to the self-improvement guide Success Consciousness. Resolutions can be fun, low-pressure goals. Think of them as dress rehearsals for bigger life changes.

**Resolutions offer time for reflection.**

Too often people are rushing through daily life without stopping or slowing down to truly assess the impact of their actions. Resolutions help you reflect on the past, present and future, figuring out what has been working and what may need to be changed to provide a boost, according to the wellness resource Alternative Daily.

**Resolutions can catalyze positive change.**

When something isn't working with your routine, personal health or relationships, resolutions can serve as the catalyst that ultimately rights the ship.

**Resolutions can promote self-esteem and empowerment.**

Making resolutions and keeping them can provide a sense of accomplishment that comes with goal-setting and following through. Resolving to lose five pounds and then seeing the proof on a scale can be a powerful motivator that compels you to make other self-improvements. Accomplishing small goals also can boost self-esteem.

**Resolutions are often made at the dawn of a new year.**

These efforts can provide the motivation and direction people need to make positive changes in their lives.



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