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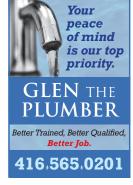
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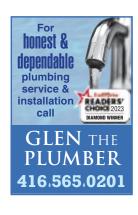
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Fire & Ice Festival draws crowds to Alton

Annual event is a celebration of local art and all things winter

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Alton was a hot spot last weekend as crowds braved the cold to come out to the annual Fire &

Ice Festival.

The festival is put on each year by the Alton Mill Arts Centre, which is home to art galleries, studios, event space, beautiful natural surroundings and much more.

A popular attraction at the event is live ice carving, and each year many different carvers showcase their talents outside at the festival.

Anthony Fenech is one such carver — he's also the principal videographer for the festival, and events coordinator for the Alton Mill Arts Centre. He was carving a hand making the "peace" sign out of ice on Sunday, and said the Arts Centre is a dynamic place that's really inspiring to him.

"I've been coming for eight Fire & Ice (festivals)... it's just such a magical, eccentric place," said Fenech. "It's an outrageously creative place and I wanted to be a part of it."

Fenech said he really enjoyed this year's festival and that there were so many things for people to do. He said he wants to see the Alton Mill Arts Centre flourish in the years to come.

"There's so many dynamic people here, a lot of visionaries," said Fenech.

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Caledon hosting interactive mobile museum for Black History Month

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

An interactive mobile museum is coming to Caledon to mark Black History Month.

On January 29, the Town of Caledon announced the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum would be coming to Caledon on four different dates to showcase its African Inventors and Icons exhibition. The exhibition features innovators of African descent and their inventions.

The exhibition will be on display on February 3 at the Caledon East Community Complex; February 10 at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness; February 19 at the Humber River Centre; and February 24 at the Southfields Community Centre.

At all these dates and locations the exhibition will be on display from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the Town is delighted to be collaborating with the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum.

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Volunteers, team leaders gather for launch of **Coldest Night of the Year campaign**

Fundraising goal of \$120,000 set by CCS

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

Caledon residents are taking the lead in fundraising for neighbours in need this winter.

On January 24, volunteers, team leaders and sponsors for this year's Coldest Night of the Year (CONY) fundraising walk met at The Exchange in Bolton, Caledon Community Services' (CCS) home for food and social support.

That evening, a launch event was held for the annual walk which aims to raise money for those experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness.

Rose Mazzon a Brampton resident whose son lives in Caledon, and one of the volunteers for this year's CONY walk. She said she's looking to move to Caledon and thought it would be nice to get to know the area by volunteering to help those in need.

"I enjoy giving back to the community in any fashion," said Mazzon. "It's nice to see communities come together."

CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar said the annual CONY walk helps Caledon residents struggling with homelessness, poverty and hunger.

"We're going to walk on the coldest night of the year in our warm coats for five kilometres... but can you imagine what it would be like if you didn't have warm clothes and a warm place to stay? It's difficult sometimes to remind ourselves that in this first-world country of ours there are people that have tremendous need," said Aguiar. "It's wonderful that the Caledon community is stepping up."

Cristina Bradbury, a team leader for this year's CNOY walk, alongside her husband Craig and their three children, Lucy, 6, John, 9, and Keith,



Cristina, Lucy, John and Keith Bradbury are leading the Birchview Blizzards Coldest Night of the Year fundraising team

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

10, first heard about CNOY years ago through her work, and when she heard it was happening in Caledon, she wanted to get her kids involved.

"I talked to the kids about The Exchange and everything they do here at Caledon Community Services, and told them about all of the other families in need that could use additional food and support, and asked them if they wanted to contribute and they were all very excited," said Bradbury.

The Bradbury's team is called Birchview Blizzards and every year they include their friends, family and neighbours in their walk.

John said this year is shaping up to be his fam-

ily's best fundraising walk yet. Keith said he and his siblings have been having a lot of fun doing the CONY walks each year, and that it's very important to help the homeless and hungry in our community and across Canada.

Lucy got a head start on fundraising for this year's CONY walk as she ran a lemonade stand in the summer to fundraise.

Bradbury said doing the CONY walk with her family has been an amazing experience and she's happy they get to be a part of the community in this way.

Aguiar said this year's CONY walk is more important than ever as the number of people needing support in Caledon keeps increasing.

"We've got an ambitious goal of (raising) \$120,000 and I know we can do it," said Aguiar. CCS Chief Development Officer Mariia Kup-

riianova agreed.

"Every step we take, every dollar we raise, goes right back into the community," said Kupriianova. This year's CONY walk is happening on February 24 and will begin at the Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old Church Road).

Anyone interested in registering for this year's walk — as a team, participant, or volunteer — can visit cnoy.org/location/caledon. Donations can also be made on the aforementioned website.

GENESIS Brampton receives prestigious award for overall excellence and customer service



hotels, restaurants, and spas. Because we have an affiliation with them, they were open to the opportunity to evaluate our distributors as they opened. This is not about the buildings, but about the people and amenities. All of those luxury elements they look for in luxury retail and five-star hotels - they are looking for those types of things and processes, and the follow-up with guests and personalization."

After examining Genesis Brampton, Forbes Travel Guide decided they had achieved the level of service that merits the distinction of this award.

"The partnership we have with Forbes Travel Guide is very special," said Eric Marshall, Direc-

Genesis Brampton has received an award for overall excellence and customer service from the Forbes Travel Guide for meeting the standards of a high-quality consumer experience. Performance Auto Group President Glen Alizadeh and Genesis Canada Director Eric Marshall received the award on behalf of the Brampton distributorship PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Since opening its doors at the Mayfield Auto Mall in the north end of Brampton, Genesis Brampton has provided service that exceeds what you may normally expect when looking for a new vehicle.

The Brampton distributorship has achieved a level of customer service that not only provides customers with an unforgettable experience when visiting the showroom but extends beyond that and delivers a lasting impact even after they have left with their new vehicle.

In recognition of achieving an exceptional culture of service, Genesis Brampton was honoured by Forbes Travel Guide for rising to the top and achieving an unmatched level of excellence.

The award was presented to the distributorship on Tuesday, January 23, with company executive and distributorship staff sharing in the honour.

While the Genesis line-up offers premium quality luxury in finely engineered and designed vehicles, it is the entire experience of finding the right vehicle that customers remember.

Everything at the Genesis distributorship is designed for a pleasant customer experience. From the general layout of the building and the open and visible service department to the friendly demeanour of staff, everyone who enters feels special and is enthusiastically greeted.

The distributorship even filters the air and provides a pleasant scent to the interior of the building.

"We have a corporate partnership with Forbes Travel Guide," explained Alexandra Miziolek, Senior Manager of Operational Excellence and Brand Experience at Genesis Canada. "That part-Forbes Travel Guide is a rating company who rate East.

tor of Genesis Canada. "The reason they chose to work with us is because we have standards. When we launched this brand, we really wanted to revolutionize the guest experience. We make sure we deliver that experience. Forbes Travel Guide really liked the fact that we have these standards, because we truly believe in delivering a strong experience. This brings another level of hospitality into play, which other competitors are not doing. When a consumer comes into our store and sees that plaque, they know they are dealing with the best of the best. They have come to expect, when walking into a hotel or spa, and can see the rating that Forbes Travel Guide has given them, for example, a five or four-star rating, that they are dealing with the best."

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and Inclusive Community Buildings Program

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Maninder Sidhu, MP for Brampton East, on behalf of Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, said investments in green community buildings are vital to the well-

"This new centre will provide residents and visitors with a place to gather and connect, while contributing to a more sustainable environment," said Sidhu. "The Humber River Centre stands as a testament to our commitment to foster a sense of community and implement sustainable practices that will not only benefit us today but also leave a

Those looking to find out more about the HRC can visit the following website: caledonbusiness. ca/HRC. The site can be used to find upcoming HRC programming, register for a coworking membership, and stay informed on what's going

being and growth of communities.

lasting legacy for generations to come."

dents and businesses on what they'd like to see offered in the HRC, and as mentioned earlier in this story, the HRC will officially open on Feb-

(\$4.2 million).

ruary 10.

Humber River Centre grand opening planned for February 10



Town staff to offer guided tours of new community space

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is planning a grand opening celebration for the Humber River Centre.

The Humber River Centre (HRC) has features like coworking and meeting spaces for businesses, and an indoor-outdoor gathering space for markets.

At 11 a.m. on February 10, the grand opening celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting at the HRC, which is located at 28 Ann Street in Downtown Bolton.

Mayor Annette Groves and members of Caledon Council will be at the ribbon cutting ceremony to deliver remarks.

From 12 noon to 2 p.m., Town of Caledon staff will be giving guided tours of the HRC where residents can learn more about the programs and services offered there.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be demonstrations of the Caledon Public Library's makerspace equipment and a vendor market with over 20 vendors.

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Groves said she's excited to be opening a green and accessible space in the heart of Bolton.

"In our strategic plan, we committed to supporting a thriving local economy and the growth of local businesses," said Groves in a statement. "The Humber River Centre is one of many ways we are acting on that commitment, as this business and culture hub will play a pivotal role in supporting the aspirations of our residents."

Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde said the new HRC will have a profound impact on the community.

"This landmark establishment demonstrates our commitment to environmental stewardship and the enhancement of community vitality and livability in Caledon," said Hyde in a statement. "The HRC is designed to inspire innovation and foster a secure space for residents to come together. We look forward to welcoming our residents at the grand opening."

The HRC project began back in 2021 when a new fire station opened in Bolton - the HRC is located in what was once Bolton's fire hall. In March of 2022, Council decided that the space would be renamed "Humber River Centre."

Renovations to the HRC building began in April of 2022, and in January 2023, the Federal Government announced \$7.7 million in funding would be given to the Town for sustainable improvements to the HRC.

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CHARGES LAID AFTER *"***OFFICER STRUCK BY FLEEING VEHICLE**"

The Caledon OPP have laid several criminal charges following an incident where an officer was struck on Highway 410 in the City of Brampton.

"On Thursday, January 25, 2024 at approximately 1:30 p.m. an officer from the Caledon Detachment was southbound on Highway 410 when he observed a motor vehicle driving in a dangerous manner," say Police. "The officer stopped the vehicle just north of Steeles Avenue and was attempting to arrest the driver when the vehicle was put into motion. The officer was struck by the vehicle, sustaining minor injuries, and knocked down into a live lane of traffic.

"As a result of investigation by the Caledon Detachment's Community Street Crime Unit, the suspect driver was located and arrested in Toronto at approximately 8:00 p.m."

Van Viet Duong, 40, from Toronto has been charged with:

- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Resisting Arrest;
- Assault Peace Officer:



- Flight From Police;
- Stunt Driving;
- Possession for the Purpose of Distribution.

The charges have not been proven. The accused was held for a bail hearing.

The officer was able to return to active duty the following day.

R.I.D.E. CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Barrie resident following a RIDE program.

"On January 21, 2024, Caledon OPP officers were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check Street," say Police. "Just before 11:00 a.m., you never have to testify. a vehicle entered the area and officers subsequently formed grounds that driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and they were subsequently arrested."

As a result, Nirojan Kanagasabapathy, 29, of Barrie, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven. The accused is scheduled to appear at the

Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 15, 2024, to answer to the charges. Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

"Although the OPP runs its annual Festive RIDE campaign, RIDE spot checks are conducted throughout the year, 24/7. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/ drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life."

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 on the Highway 410 off-ramp at Hurontario Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and

> For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/ impaired-driving.

FOUR TIMES LEGAL LIMIT: OPP

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one driver with impaired operation related offences as the result of a traffic complaint.

"On January 27, 2024, just before 1:00 p.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of HWY 89 and Ojibway Road in the Town of Shelburne," say Police. "Officers arrived on scene and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation."

A 20-year-old male, from Hanover has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol and drugs;
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);



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SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Nottawasaga OPP are seeking the public's assistance in relation to a sexual assault investigation in the Town of New Tecumseth.

"A sexual assault was reported to have taken place in the area of Victoria Street and Paris Street in the Town of Alliston on January 26, 2024, between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.," say Police. "The victim was working at a local business when an unknown male entered the premise and began touching the victim inappropriately, while soliciting sex.

"The male is described as approximately 5'5" with a slim build, 30-40 years old, dark brown skin, dark short, groomed hair, dark eyes, clean shaven, and spoke with a slight accent. The male was wearing a fitted black jacket, dark jeans, black boots, and had a small black backpack."

The Nottawasaga Crime Unit is continuing the investigation which is still in the early stages.

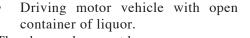
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The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads. We are committed to the safety of our community.

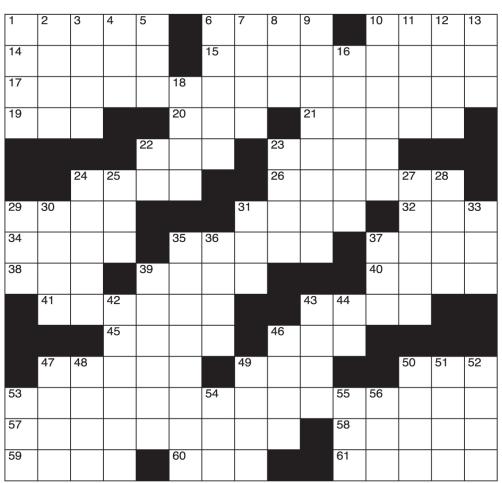
The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or

The OPP is requesting that if anyone was in the area during the timeframe of the incident and saw anything suspicious or has any information or video surveillance that may assist investigators, to please call Nottawasaga OPP Crime Unit at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

The OPP is reminding the public to always use caution and be aware of their personal safety at all times. The OPP's website, www.opp.ca, contains several useful resources tips and links.

More information will be released when it is available, Police say.

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Caledon joins Mono in declaring "road safety emergency"

Municipalities coming together to advocate for safer roads

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has joined neighbouring municipality Mono in declaring a road safety emergency.

At a recent meeting of Mono's Town Council, it passed a motion calling on other municipalities, and the Province of Ontario, to declare a road safety emergency.

The motion also calls on the Province do the following: launch an Ontario-wide road safety education campaign; review and increase Highway Traffic Act (HTA) fines to a "deterrent amount... that sends a message that driving is a privilege subject to conditions"; and permit municipalities to deploy Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras without having to declare community safety zones or meet "onerous conditions."

Further, the motion asks the Province to: establish a working group with municipalities to eliminate "red tape" associated with the use of ASE cameras; develop mechanisms that ensure Provincial Offences Act (POA) fines and penalties do not lose their deterrent effect over time; and work with municipalities to create better means of collecting outstanding POA fines and victim surcharge monies.

The motion passed by Mono's Council said road safety is of continuing and increasing concern to Ontarians. The motion said that the number of traffic collisions, and resulting injuries and fatalities, in the province is unacceptable.

In 2023, the number of fatalities from motor vehicle collisions in Caledon more than doubled.

Mono Council's motion said speeding is a contributing factor in many accidents and that fines for speeding have not increased in decades. Caledon Council received Mono's motion at its January 30 meeting.

In discussion about the motion, Mayor Annette Groves said municipalities need to come together to advocate to the Province, and get the Ministry of Transportation at the table to help.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said traffic safety is her number one focus and that Caledon Council's voice will continue to be raised on the issue. She said the Caledon OPP say drivers are coming to Caledon where there's less congestion and driving more recklessly than they would anywhere else.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said traffic safety is the number one concern of residents in his ward and that it's the number one complaint he hears. He said he sees so many drivers on Caledon roads driving with no care for those around them.

Caledon Council unanimously supported Mono's motion to declare a road safety emergency and call on the Province to take action to increase road safety.

Two Caledon residents delegated to the motion at the January 30 meeting, sharing their thoughts on road safety in Caledon.

Kate Hepworth said in Caledon Village where she lives, many people won't walk anywhere because the roads are too dangerous. Recently, Hepworth's husband was almost hit by a transport truck that ran a red light.

Kiernan said those kinds of close calls are all too common in Caledon.

Hepworth said traffic safety is everyone's problem and has been for a long time. She said people need to join together to find solutions, because we can't afford to have any more fatal collisions in Caledon.

Joanna Valeriani said we live in a time where people feel like they're entitled to drive recklessly on our roads; that it's something she experiences daily on her commute on Highway 10. She said drivers are the problem.

"We need everyone at the table... engage the province to make these changes. We need reform to happen," said Valeriani. "We are at war with bad drivers."

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Town of Caledon recruiting for Accessibility Advisory Committee and Age-Friendly Task Force

The Town of Caledon is currently seeking experienced and dedicated citizens interested in bringing their knowledge and passion to serve the Caledon community. The Town promotes and encourages civic engagement. Committees and task forces play an important role in guiding community improvements and making recommendations to Council.

We are currently recruiting for the following opportunities:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Age-Friendly Task Force

Interested residents can learn more and apply by visiting **caledon.ca/committees**. Applications are due February 20, 2024 by 4:30 p.m.

Phase 1 of the Future Caledon Official Plan is almost complete!

You are invited to review the latest draft and attend upcoming meetings. KEY DATES

February 14, 2024

Revised draft Future Caledon (Phase 1) to be released

March 5, 2024 Public Meeting hosted by the

Planning and Development Committee, 7 p.m.

March 19, 2024

Planning and Development Committee Meeting: Final draft Future Caledon Official Plan (Phase 1) to be recommended for adoption

March 26, 2024

Council Meeting: Final draft Future Caledon Official Plan (Phase 1) to be considered for adoption

Visit **haveyoursaycaledon.ca** for details and more updates. Meeting agendas will be posted at **caledon.ca**.

Future Caledon will replace the Town's existing official plan in three phases. Phase 1 provides a framework for land use planning and decision-making to 2051. More policies and area-specific secondary plans will be added through Phases 2 and 3.



Each year in June, the Town names a Caledon resident the Senior of the Year. Do you know someone 65+ who has made a difference in Caledon?

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Public Input Needed: Retail Cannabis Stores in Caledon

The Town of Caledon is looking for input from residents and businesses to help inform a decision about including retail cannabis stores in Caledon.

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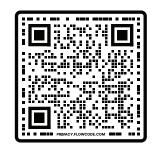
In 2019 the Town of Caledon opted out of cannabis retails stores and is reviewing the decision. Residents are invited to provide their input in a survey online or to drop-in to an open house for cannabis retail stores to ask questions and participate in the survey.

OPEN HOUSE

February 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Town Hall Atrium 6311 Old Church Road

Scan the QR code to take the survey now.





View Final Draft: Caledon East Streetscape and Urban Design Study



Residents and businesses are invited to view final designs for the Caledon East Streetscape and Urban Design Study at an open house on February 21. Council will vote on the Caledon East Streetscape Masterplan in April.

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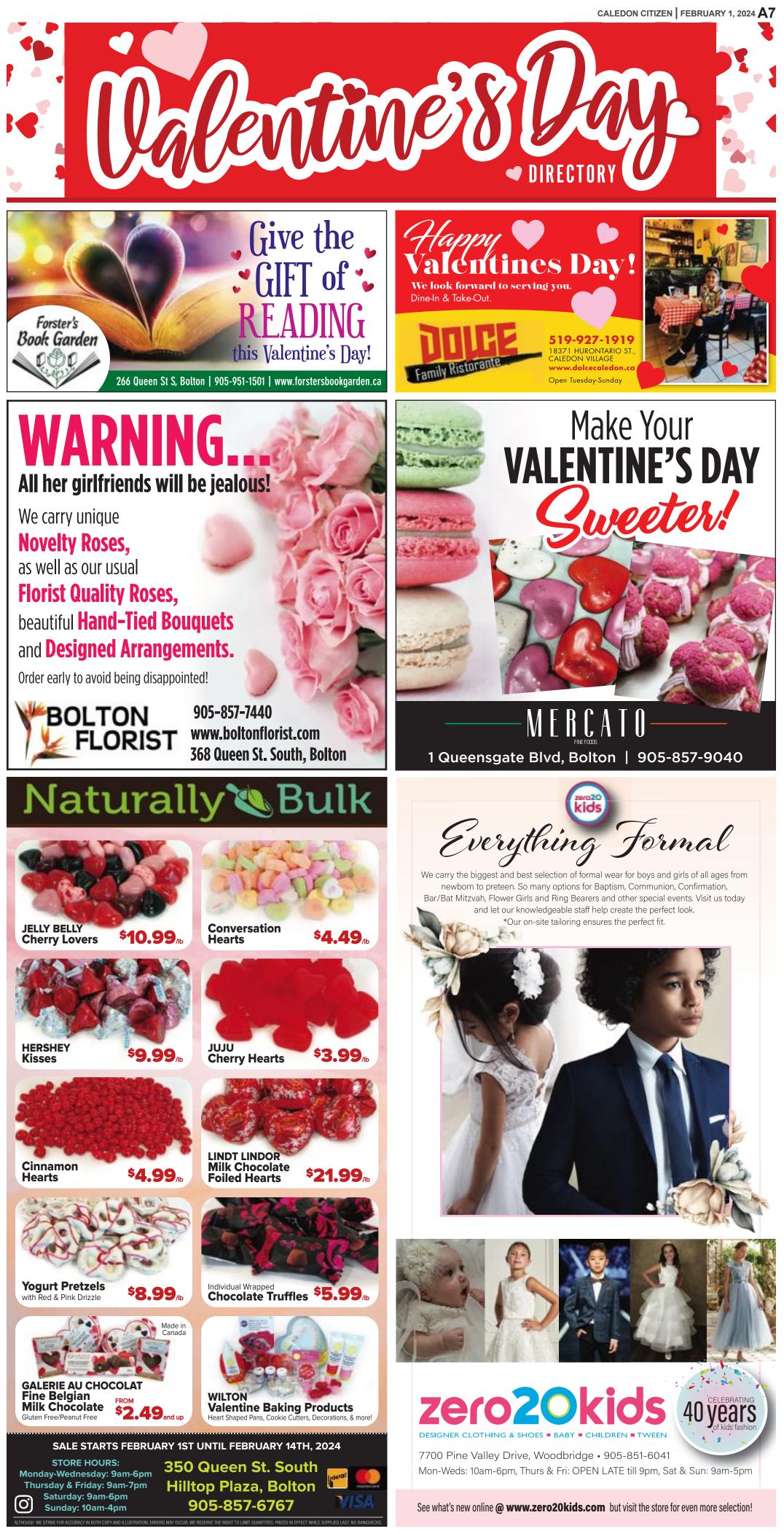
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Being in your nineties ain't what it used to be

what it means to be in your nineties?

Do images of grey hair come to mind? How about visions of a slower gait?

Maybe it's a slightly different way of even a thirst for days gone by, the ol' days good ol', and simple nostalgia?

Maybe all of these things come to mind. respectively. Maybe none of them make the cut. But, if you're like me, whatever preconceived notions you have about getting "old" are challenged all the time.

this year's out, I will be nine months away from 40, but I think it can be chalked up to those in our community, our country, and on does it really help? the world stage who do their utmost to challenge these concepts each and every day.

Take, for instance, the 75th annual Emmy Awards on January 15 which paid tribute nalist in 2009. to all those creatives, and their output, who have entertained us - and continue to do so over the last three-quarters of a century.

Among the presenters were such television luminaries as Carol Burnett (The Carol Burnett Show), Marla Gibbs (The Jeffersons, zations, to their neighbours, or within their 227), and Dame Joan Collins (Dynasty) – all of whom are unbelievably in their 90s, showing little signs of slowing down. Heck, after a successful and critically acclaimed run on shame! Better Call Saul little over two years ago, Burnett is set to bow in a new television se- less people who might not be old enough for ries later this year.

nineties."

In addition to the three aforementioned ladies, I was staggered to learn that this past December of Jane Fonda's most recent birthday, one which made her a comparative munities who have, whether it is through youngster of 86.

admission, had some assistance in maintain- the ropes on their devices, on social media, ing the façade - and there will be no room and much more to facilitate these same opfor shame on that front in this space! – just about everything belies notions we have of have realized early on what many of us her years, from her outlook on life to the pas- don't until it's too late - that seniors, and the sions that continue to drive her on the path of life-experiences they offer us, are valuable social justice, whether or not you happen to and irreplaceable community resources. subscribe to her views.

I couldn't help but think of my own grandparents when they reached the age of 86.

My paternal grandfather didn't have long evolved over the years. to settle into 86 (he decided to call it a day on wheelchair

What comes to mind when you think about that, as such, there were certain things she could and could not do - or would and would not do - simply on principle.

As a result, the decline was steep.

Outside of the world of entertainment, we speaking – slower, more methodical – or can look to the examples of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, that seem to always be remembered as the who were active, vital, interested, and forward-thinking until their deaths at 96 and 99

Those, I feel, even from my layman's perspective, are the key ingredients to anything. Of course, money helps as well. You can have all the cosmetic support you want, but No, I don't think it's because, by the time if you're not active, even if it is only in mind, interested in the world around you, and looking forward rather than backward, how much

In our communities, I am heartened by the number of seniors who are still as active as they were when I revived my career as a jour-

There is a saying that if you want something done you ask a busy person to do it - and that's certainly exemplified by those volunteers who give of their time at our seniors' centres, service clubs, cultural organiretirement communities to make the world a better place.

They certainly put my energy levels to

The same can be said for the equally tiretheir seniors' centre membership cards but This ain't your grandpa's definition of "the still work their butts off to make opportunities for seniors to stay active, vital, interested and forward-thinking possible.

On this front, I would also like to give a shout-out to the younger peoples in our comtheir schools, volunteer opportunities, or just When I look at Fonda, who has, by her own interest, given of their time to teach seniors portunities. Those young'uns who do this

> After last month's Emmy ceremony, I reminisced with a close friend about how dras-

We forged our friendship in a fan commuthe very anniversary of his birth, little over nity in the reasonably early days of the interan hour after his birthday party broke up, net and part of that entailed keeping track of which was kind of an admirable way to go the comings and goings of people associated in my book!) but in the lead-up to it, he had with the fandom who were still with us. At precedented high in 2023. many physical ailments which left him in a the time, it seemed almost astounding that people in their late 70s and early 80s were



Necessity driving Canadians' habits



Necessity has been called the "mother of invention," and a host of other catchy terms.

But we are all realizing – all too well – just how necessity is fitting into our current lifestyles.

Philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said that "money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul." True, but Henry never heard of inflation, interest rates and grocery stores.

With a staggering C\$2.42 trillion (2023) in Canadians are drowning in debt.

The latest study by savvynewcanadians.com, "Canada's Consumer Debt Surge 2023," provides some interesting data.

Mortgage debt is the biggest driver of this tube. rowth, accounting for a whopping 74.3% of to-

by Mark Pavilons

junk, which becomes a vicious circle.

You want fresh, it costs. You want organic, it costs.

For Boomers, we have a decent perspective on necessity and the cost of living. Our parents were prime examples of frugality, making do and working hard to make ends meet.

They were the real heroes of our previous generation. Blood, sweat and tears.

They never openly discussed finances and seldom complained about debt.

My parents never wasted anything - food, money or resources. Granted, the cost of living was much lower in the 1970s and '80s, but they say everything is relative.

Really? Not anymore.

I doubt Canadians suffered such financial burdens then as they do today.

Is it habit, lifestyle or desire? Or is it simply staying afloat and constantly adjusting our habits to counteract the ever-changing economic forces?

Perhaps all of the above.

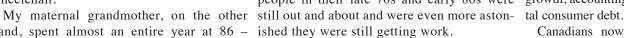
Online shopping and instant delivery have tically our perception of "seniorhood" has consumer debt - a 17.7% increase since 2019 likely added to our credit card debt in recent years, especially since the pandemic.

We simply lowered our heads and accepted the highest gas prices ever. We don't complain about \$80 fast food bills or \$400 cell phone Consumer debt has surged, reaching an un- charges. It costs a family a small fortune just to keep everyone on their devices and watching the

I grew up in rural Caledon, just outside Bolton.

hand, spent almost an entire year at 86 - ished they were still getting work. passing away less than two weeks before her 87th birthday – a year which she too spent in rospect, it's laughable that that was our attia wheelchair with a variety of physical challenges as well.

quite evident. In my paternal grandfather's case, he had many a goal on his proverbial bucket list that had to be permanently put on as she turned an arbitrary age, she decided richer for all of you!



That was close to 25 years ago and, in rettude.

Then again, what it meant to be 80, 90, or If the physical was removed from the equa- even a centenarian in the late 1990s or the tion, I suspect the same differences would be first years of the New Millennium seems like a totally foreign concept to our collective ideas of 2024.

As much as our world feels to be headthe backburner in order to be a caregiver. In ing in the wrong direction these days, I'll the instance of my maternal grandmother's say, on the subject of aging, this is one case, it took a little bit longer for the physical trajectory I think we can all celebrate. ailments to manifest themselves but as soon We're certainly the richer for it - and the



Canadians now carry an average of over \$65,000 in consumer debt.

Vancouver and Toronto are the cities with the highest per capita consumer debt, at C\$360,683 and C\$187,350 respectively.

Victoria has the highest per capita credit card debt, at C\$12,874.

We've recognized the benefits of eating a healthy diet and are many options out there today for a more sustainable diet. We want nutritious food and many want to shed a few pounds. produce. But cost is a monkey wrench in the whole thing.

Nearly 9 out of 10 Canadians (87 per cent) believe adopting more sustainable behaviors is an a \$20. urgent matter.

desire to change come up against financial considerations and entrenched eating habits, both in Canada and globally.

Changes that Canadians are prepared to make are more about reduction or adjustments than indepth transformations.

When shopping for groceries, price is the most important factor for Canadians: 91 per cent selected price as a top 5 most important factor.

A survey of more than 1,500 Canadians conducted by Leger in December 2023 delivers insights with comparisons to the results to Sodexo's International Sustainable Food Barometer survey conducted by Harris Interactive. The Barometer identifies current trends and obstacles, as well as the narratives and incentives needed to induce changes in eating habits and support consumers in making the shift towards more sustainable diets.

Given the rate of obesity in North America, is it any wonder that cost is a factor? If you're not a middle class wage earner, you're stuck eating

We didn't have cable, but one of those nifty towers with a rotating antenna. We relied on well water. We had a fireplace insert and oil furnace.

These things substantially reduced the cost of home ownership, compared to today's litany of costly utilities.

We seldom ate out and my German mom was constantly making amazing home-cooked meals, which we shared together. We had a large vegetable garden and enjoyed our own fresh

I could go to the movies, grab a pizza, put a few bucks in the tank, and still had change from

Okay, that was a long time ago. Today, few While strong, the feeling of urgency and the of us enjoy living scaled-back, simple lifestyles. Yet, as the world gets harsher, the more I long for living "off the grid."

> Sure, building a log cabin and catching field mice would be challenging, but hey, they're becoming more appealing as the months go by.

> We don't live lavishly and try not to order in very often. We prioritize, pay our bills on time and keep the cars rolling.

And yet, a simple lifestyle is not without its challenges. As I mentioned, if you combine our family's five cell phones, cable, internet, hydro, gas, insurance, taxes and mortgage, there's little left to buy fancy handbags and designer clothes. Add five mouths and four more four-legged ones, and you've got a bustling household.

I will take home-made leftovers any day over day-old fast food. A couple of brews while playing cards at the kitchen table suits me just fine.

Maybe I'm old school, maybe I'm just cheap. Or perhaps I'm thrifty.

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The price of things

shows the logging industry chopping down a tree, back yard. putting the trunk in a lathe, and whittling it down to one toothpick, which is then delicately placed in on the good side of living in a western democracy a box with several others, before the next tree becomes the next toothpick.

I guess it was a parody of the manufacturing industry. To me, as a kid, it was just funny.

The other day I watched a YouTube video of how aluminum foil is made. It's not that much different the land and planted lemon trees. They waited for from the cartoon.

process that makes aluminum.

A massive block of aluminum is placed under pressure several times and made thinner each time. ons are ready, they are placed in a box and shipped. The end result is a piece of aluminum so thin you can wrap your potato in it and bake it on the barbecue.

You can buy a roll of aluminum foil for around thousand miles on his vehicle to bring them here. \$2.99.

We are currently experiencing inflation which is to be fuelled. driving up the price of just about everything.

Food products are a main concern, because we than a dollar. have to eat. You can stop buying other products if they are too pricey, but you can't skip the grocery

There's an old Warner Brothers cartoon that store and save money by grazing like sheep in the all the bells and whistles - or in the modern sense, can make up your own

Although things are going up, you can still look that uses capitalism and free enterprise as a way of off the assembly line is huge. doing business.

and buy a lemon for .99 cents.

Think about that for a minute. Someone bought several years until the trees could produce fruit. They After mining tons of bauxite ore, there is an entire then have a growing season and employ someone to prune the trees and look after the orchard, and a crew to pick the lemons from the tree. Once the lem-

> But since lemons only grow in certain climates, they are shipped here from, most likely Mexico or California. Either way, some truck driver put several

The truck driver had to be paid and the truck had

Yet, after all that, you can still buy a lemon for less

Automobiles are getting pricey, especially if you

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

the one with the 5 Litre engine, 15 console touch- price, and demand peoscreen and self-driving capabilities. ple pay it.

However, the path to having an automobile roll

First, you need engineers and designers who have That explains why you can go to the grocery store to create the automobile on paper – or whichever method they currently use.

> Then somewhere, someone is mining the ore to create the metal that makes a good part of each car. A supplier factory makes the individual components. Someone has to put it all together at an assembly

plant.

I drive by the Honda plant in Alliston on a regular basis. That place is huge. The electricity bill alone must be a fortune. It employs around 4,000 well paid employees.

It costs millions just to operate that factory.

Yet, they still manage to sell a Civic at a reasonable cost.

One of the main reasons we can get goods at a reasonable price - is good old-fashioned competition

feel the need to buy a high-end luxury model with it a necessary product that most people need, you coffee.

However, if another widget builder goes into business and has a better

way to make and sell widgets cheaper, people will buy from him instead.

What would the price of a light bulb be if there was just one manufacturer? Considering a light bulb is a necessity, you would have to pay that manufacture's price or live in the dark.

The only problem here, is if two or more companies conspire to fix prices all around, and all demand an unfair price for a product.

This happens, but it is rare, and can result in serious penalties for companies who do this.

Hopefully inflation has started to plateau and things should level off. Although that doesn't do much good for people who don't get a cost of living raise every year.

Even so, be happy you live in a place where you If you're the only guy who makes a widget, and can buy a lemon for less than the price of a small

Looking for kindness when the weather isn't kind

There's no denying that Canadian winters are doesn't matter where I've lived in Caledon, the wrangling carts back into stalls as, on more than 200 hours of fog over hard. Well, harder for some of us that is! Those kindness of the snowplowing neighbour is leg- one occasion, they've simply unlocked and pro- just 17 days this past of us who don't ski, dislike the cold, don't own endary. They are the people who are outside first, snowshoes or who otherwise don't treat every snowfall like some kind of a special gift from itself consistently every winter. I count myself as mother nature tend to find winter dull, dreary and damp. We sometimes find it challenging to wake up in the morning, or indeed, to even know if it IS morning between cloud-filled skies and attempting to push said buggies (never cooperatime changes that make discerning day and night difficult.

For us non-skiing enthusiasts, we find the "thrill" of de-icing the car, shoveling the driveway and walking the dog in minus 18-degree weather just so we can then drive to work in the dark, very, very unmotivating. It seems just lately however, the more I chat with people, it's actually kindness that's becoming more prevalent than snow. It's almost as if some of us are ac- nial passing of a quarter from one set of frozen tively looking for kindness (and finding it!) even fingers to another to save people from a cold, when the weather isn't being kind at all.

ery snowfall seems to be an opportunity for your other reason than kindness. Perhaps it's based on neighbour with a snowblower to show kind- the sure and certain knowledge that as one who ness. How often does this brave soul seem to is finished with a cart and about to climb into arrive just in the nick of time, that is - right after a nice, warm car, the least they can do is make the snow plow has just passed and left the bot- someone else's journey into the store a faster tom of your driveway looking like a particularly one. I've even witnessed these random acts of craggy and ice-filled section of the Himalayas? It kindness extend to store employees charged with

stay out the longest and their kindness has shown lucky and grateful to be one of the many recipients of such neighbourhood heroes.

People tangling with tangled grocery carts and tive even on a good day) through slush and ice are another example of what I believe to be a unique brand of "Canadian Nice." It's that kind of collective "snow won't defeat us" attitude that sees complete strangers working together to force those pesky shopping cart wheels up and over the snowbank and into the store. Moreover, I've witnessed (for those stores that make you pay for the privilege of using a cart) the ceremomad scramble in pockets and purses for forgot-I'm not the only one who is noticing that ev- ten change. Why? I have to assume it's for no

vided a buggy to a struggling shopper – bypass- December! ing the quarter altogether.

Doors being held open, fellow dog-walkers nosticators are predictwarning each other on local Facebook groups about a particularly icy patch on a pathway (protecting both pooches and people), these too are examples of opportunities when our fellow citizens have decided to help, not hinder, our progress as we attempt to move about town safely even as the snow and ice tries to ensure otherwise. It's like we have collectively come together to smile ever more warmly at the frozen grimace en tomorrow's status as Groundhog Day. of Jack Frost just to let him know that he can huff and he can puff and blow around a whole lot of snow, but he just can't keep us down.

Sure, the sun isn't shining, it's slushy outside and my boots are soaking wet, but a total stranger just offered to help carry a heavy box to my car so that I wouldn't slip and fall! True story (possibly motivated by my gray hair and the fear story that should brighten anyone's day!

These past several weeks – leading up to and including so called "Blue Monday," have been guarantee you'll find it. Look for clouds, dirty challenging for many of us. It's a fact that we've snow and slush - I guarantee you'll find that too, experienced more gray skies this winter than but wouldn't you rather try looking for kindness usual, with Environment Canada recording over first?

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

In fact, the EC proging that "drizzly, gray weather is expected to

continue through January and February." Blech! That makes, by my reckoning, three full months of gloom – and that's pretty gloomy indeed. While looking for a brighter side, upon further research, it seems this prediction of many more gray days to come is unlikely to change even giv-

Current odds that the "Big Three," (Wiarton Willie, Shubenacadie Sam and our US neighbour Punxsutaney Phil) will see their shadow are set at "Nil." In other words, unless you're a sevenyear-old, with a fast toboggan, living near a hill and have no fear of heights or speed, this dreary winter weather threatens to bring us all down with a severe case of seasonal affective disorder. of watching an "old lady" fall) but it's the kind of I think as Canadians however, the bright spot is that we're up for the challenge - as recent experiences have shown, look for kindness and I

How do we bridge the growing divide between the wealthy and the workers?

FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHT



The rich get richer and the poor get poorer, goes ism: A Warning to the Global Middle Class. Kotkin the old saying.

But is it true? It certainly seems to be the case in neo-feudal state. Canada.

week showed that the wealth gap in our country con-20 per cent of Canadians account for nearly 70 per cent of the country's total wealth, while the bottom tion that is property-less and poor. 40 per cent of Canadians represented a meagre three percent of Canada's wealth.

During the third quarter of 2023, high-income Canadians saw their savings grow while low-income households experienced a decrease in savings as they struggled to pay bills, make higher interest more for higher food and gas costs. In other words, while the rich got richer, the poor got poorer.

Joel Kotkin, an urban studies professor from Calhis 2020 book titled The Coming of Neo-Feudal-

cites California as a striking example of a modern

According to him, California is characterized by A new report published by Statistics Canada last an ultra-rich upper class composed of tech oligarchs of capitalism where workers become partners in which he describes as a new aristocracy - and tinues to widen. According to the report, the richest below them, at the bottom of society, are the new "serfs", a large and growing segment of the popula-

> California's middle class, meanwhile, is evaporating as people and companies flee the state's high taxes, crime and suffocating regulations.

Canada is looking more and more like a neo-feudal state, with a small number of very wealthy individuals and an increasingly expanding lower class payments on loans and mortgages, and fork out of people whose incomes and wealth are shrinking year by year. And in between these two groups is the bureaucratic class, which serves the very rich and powerful and keeps the rest of the people under ifornia, wrote about the growing divide in wealth in their thumb with countless rules and regulations that restrict nearly every aspect of their lives.

So, what is the best course of action to bridge the economic principles for growing divide between the wealthy and the work- creating ers in Canada?

I believe that we need to move into a new phase profitability and share in the financial outcome of the businesses they work for.

It's a key plank in the economic charter of rights I've been promoting to get Canada's economy back on a solid footing and to increase the living standards of millions of Canadians. Everything, in the end, hinges on the health of the economy.

If we laid the foundation for a profit-sharing economy - one where workers are partners - then we can not only raise the incomes of millions of Canadians, but we'll also unleash a boom in corporate productivity and innovation.

To make that happen, we need small businesses and concerned citizens across Canada to band together and push for the adoption of an economic charter of rights - a charter that consists of proven

long-lasting prosperity.

When a country's middle class begins to

crumble and the great divide in income grows larger, it will only be a matter of time before the country also starts to fall apart.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could generate economic growth and prosperity, email me at info@economiccharter.ca. Or to learn more about the economic charter, visit: www. economiccharter.ca.

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First community cooking club meeting a delicious success

Attendees learned new plant-based recipes and made meals to donate to The Exchange

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

There's a new "Community Cooking Club" in Caledon, and it has the recipe for success.

On January 25, the club met for the first time in the community kitchen at the Palgrave United Church.

The club is a collaboration between Gratitude for Food Caledon, a subcommittee of ecoCaledon, and the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK).

At the first meeting, club members learned how to make two different types of plantbased curry, shared a meal together, and packaged meals to donate to The Exchange, Caledon's food bank.

Carolyn Vallejo, co-chair of ecoCaledon's Gratitude for Food subcommittee, said the first club meeting was a great time.

that satisfaction of being able to give back to the community," said Vallejo. "That's why tee, said it was a successful day of cooking made possible thanks to funding from the interested in finding out more about the we're doing this, we love it."

Lucrezia Chiappetta, the other co-chair of everything turn out great. ecoCaledon's Gratitude for Food subcommit-



"Cooking together is really fun, and there's Community Cooking Club participants had a great time learning new plant-based recipes together at their first meeting. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

and that the group came together to make

100 Women Who Care Caledon.

The Community Cooking Club is being Thursday of every month until June. Those or emailing info@palgravekitchen.org.

club or attending a future meeting can indi-The club will continue to meet on the last cate their interest by calling 905-880-0303

Public Notice



Expropriations Act

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND Form 2

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands, as set out in Schedule "A" herein, in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel being:

1. Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land.

2. Temporary Construction Easement: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon and occupying the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment, material and supplies required to facilitate the entrance grading related to the widening and improving of Mayfield Road, grading and other works ancillary thereto ("Temporary Construction Easement"), for a term of one (1) year commencing the earlier of (i) no less than one (1) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the sixth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "Commencement Date") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration

of the plan of expropriation.

For the municipal purpose of facilitating the widening and improving of Mayfield Road from Dixie Road to Bramalea Road in the Town of Caledon, together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described in Schedule "A" set out herein.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is: Name of expropriating authority:

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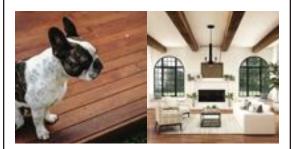
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by Sam Odrowski

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Bright Skylights never uses sub-contractors, with all of their work being carried out by their own team from start to finish.

Owner Joe Sousa has operated locally in Orangeville for close to 10 years and during that time, he has built a strong reputation, due to the quality of his work.

"I take a lot of pride in the work I do and in this renovation business, or window or door business, these days, you have to be as precise as possible," he explained.

If your skylight is 15 years old or older, it's a good idea to call Bright Skylights and have it assessed, as it's getting close to its end of life.

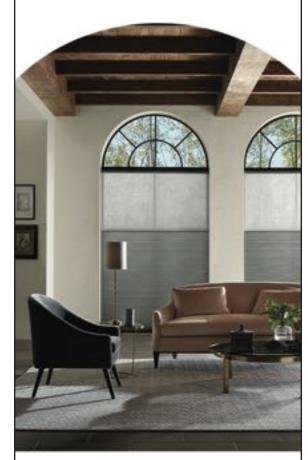
The units that the company uses today are much higher in quality and can last significantly longer than the ones constructed in the mid 2000s.

"Today's units are superior in quality and they'll stay on your roof for the next 20-25 years trouble free, but with the older ones, the glazing tapes were poorer quality, the welding was poorer quality, and so was the acrylic that the domes are made from," said Mr. Sousa.

He noted that Bright Skylights only uses the very best products in the industry and his skylights (frame included) are guaranteed to last at least 20 years, while other skylight company's often can only



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"Fight for Heart and Stroke" market planned for Humber River Centre event



Cristina Guardi and Jos Insalaco are the owners of Escape Your Reality Creativity. They're hosting a vendor market at the grand opening of the Humber River Centre on February 10.

Bolton residents Cristina Guardi and Jos Insalaco organizing market

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two Bolton residents are working together to host a vendor market that will benefit the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Cristina Guardi and Jos Insalaco are the co-owners of Escape Your Reality Creativity, a business that's dedicated to changing the world of vendor markets.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 10, at the grand opening of the Humber River Centre (HRC) in Downtown Bolton, they're hosting a "Fight for Heart and Stroke" market.

It will feature 20 local vendors selling a wide range of products like organic smoothies, jewelry, beard oils, beauty products, tumblers, and homemade apparel.

Guardi and Insalaco said it's important for them to support local businesses and vendors.

"We also like to give back to charity... every time we run a market we give back to a different charity," they said.

For the upcoming market, local businesses have donated gift cards which will be raffled off. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Heart & Stroke Foundation.

With Escape Your Reality Creativity being a business that's all about hosting markets, Guardi and Insalaco said it's amazing to have a space like the HRC open up in Caledon. One of the HRC's main features is that it has space for both indoor and outdoor markets. It will also be a home for small business support and collaboration in Caledon.

"It's a great opportunity... I think it's great for small businesses, for markets, and events in town," said Guardi. "I think it's a great thing."

Guardi and Insalaco attended markets as vendors themselves before starting their business a little over a year ago. They said they saw an opening to become a company that showcases the hard work and talent of local vendors who work really hard to create their products and get them out into the world.

"We really want to make a change...we really want to help these small businesses," they said. 'We're really grateful for our vendors that are loyal to us."

Guardi and Insalaco said they're honoured to be a part of the grand opening of the HRC and said it's an amazing opportunity for their vendors, and their business.

"This gives us an opportunity to grow," they said.

More information on the upcoming market can be found on Instagram and Facebook @escapeyourrealitycreativity.

Annual Fire & Ice festival is a celebration of local art and all things winter

Continued from FRONT

In addition to watching the amazing ice carvers, there were many other outdoor activities for attendees to take part in at the festival, such as:

the super snow slide, fun photo booth, bonfire, and blacksmith demonstrations. On Saturday evening, there was the famous fire sculpture experience that local artist Paul Morin puts on each vear.



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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 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available. The Bolton Al-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.

enthusiastic speaker and re-enactor and will be in the uniform of a 1800s British soldier. He will also have some artifacts on display.



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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 from 7pm-9pm. Meetings are free. For more info:https://evsociety.ca/caledon/ or email Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca

Free Chair Yoga Program at Bolton United Church. Every Saturday at 8:30 am and Monday at 9:30 am starting on January 6 2024. To reserve your spot call 905-857-2615 Mon to Thurs mornings or email us at office@boltonunitedchurch.com. Taught by an experienced and qualified Yoga Instructor. Brought to you by an Ontario Trillium Fund grant.

FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, Feb. 3rd at Caledon East United Church 8:30 to 10:30

Albion Bolton Historical Society - February 12, 2024, 7:30 PM meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C. Upper Canada Preserved presented by noted historian Richard David Feltoe. He is an

Kinsmen Toonie Treasure Sale: Saturday February 10th from 10 am till 1 pm at the President Bldg, Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. Racks and racks of new /gently used apparel for men women and children all for a TOONIE !! All proceeds help support community needs.

PAYADORA TANGO ENSEMBLE Feb 3 - 7:30 pm St. James Anglican Church - Great Hall 6025 Old Church Road Caledon East, Ont. TICKETS: www.CaledonChamberConcerts Need Info? Call 905-880-2445 Adult \$40; 16 years old and younger FREE

Valentine's Day Special Lunch

The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Valentine's Day Special Lunch on Wed. Feb. 14 at Rotary Place in Bolton. The menu is: peameal bacon on a bun, fresh coleslaw and delicious Black Forest Cake.

Plus, there will be a photo booth and Valentine's cookies courtesy of Montgomery Village!

Special Cost: \$7. The lunch is sponsored by Chartwell Montgomery Village. Pick up at 11:30 am, dine-in served at

12:00 pm and local delivery is \$2. Register by Feb. 12 by calling 905-951-6114

Luncheon, Bridge & Oh Hell Tournament The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting a Luncheon & Bridge/Oh Hell Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Lunch menu is: 4 Meatball Sub, Salad, Red Velvet Cake

Check-in at 11:15 am

Lunch Pick-up: 11:30 am Dine-in served at 12:00 pm Tournaments start at 1:00 pm Pre-registration is required! Bridge - sign up by Feb. 6 with your partner (or we assign you one) Lunch & Oh Hell – sign up by Feb. 10 Call the Centre at 905-951-6114

Monthly Dinner

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, Feb. 23. The menu is: ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple upside down cake. Cost is \$16

Pick-up at 5:15 pm Dine-in served at 5:30 pm Local delivery \$2 Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register and purchase your tickets.

Nahid Azari showcases one of her paintings that's hanging in the Headwaters Arts gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Inside the Arts Centre, there was lots going joys nature photography. Often, she will use on as well. Nahid Azari is an artist and volunteer with Headwaters Arts, and she was greeting guests at the door as they came inside from the cold. She happened to have some of her own art on display in Headwaters Arts' current exhibition: ReLaunch 2024.

Azari is a librarian and has always had a passion for art. Recently, she's been able to work on, and showcase, her art more. She paints in oil and acrylic, and said they each have their benefits.

Azari spends a lot of time in nature and en-

photos she takes as references for her paintings. One of her recent paintings is of a view off the Caledon Trailway.

She said the Fire & Ice Festival was very active and busy this year which was great to see.

Proceeds from the festival this year were donated to Headwaters Arts, which is a non-profit that supports local artists in the community.

Indoor activities at this year's festival included a ticketed comedy show and concert, artist workshops, a vendor market, tarot card readings, and more.



Caledon hosting interactive mobile museum for **Black History Month**

Continued from FRONT

"In celebrating our vibrant community in Caledon and honouring Black History Month, the Town is delighted to collaborate with the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum to present an engaging mobile museum showcasing the achievements of African innovators and their inventions. I invite everyone to visit one of our recreation facilities and explore the fascinating inventions and rich history on display," said Groves in the announcement. "While February marks Black History Month, let us remain committed to acknowledging and appreciating Black culture in Canada year-round. It is essential to perpetuate awareness of significant cultural initiatives and address important social topics continuously."

There will also be two information sessions taking place in Caledon as part of Black History Month. The first is on February 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southfields Commu-

nity Centre.

It's being hosted by Roots Community Services, which provides culturally relevant programs and services to inspire and empower individuals, primarily from the Black, African and Caribbean communities, to make positive changes in their lives and within their communities.

The second session is on February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Room C at the new Humber River Centre. It's being hosted by the Anti-Black Racism and Systemic Discrimination Collective and will feature guest speaker Angela Carter, executive director of Roots Community Services.

In a January 29 media release, Town of Caledon communications staff said this February and beyond, Caledon is committed to celebrating Black culture, providing educational opportunities to staff, recognizing Black history, amplifying Black voices, and celebrating the lives of Black Canadians.



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It's the Season for Freezin' the Polar Plunge is back

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

There's nothing quite as refreshing as jumping into a pool of near-freezing water outdoors in the middle of February.

The 2024 Dufferin OPP Polar the middle of winter! Plunge is returning to Fiddle Park in February, and you have the chance to enjoy an outdoor swim and raise money for a good cause at the same time.

You don't have to do it alone. You can form your own group based on friends or your workplace, and all enjoy the plunge together.

Not only can you come as a group, but you can choose a theme and dress up in costume for

Just imagine your workgroup in super-hero-themed costumes leaping into the pool together

the event

and enjoying the sudden shock of plunging into ice-cold water in

"We're doing it again on Family Day," explained organizer Constable Jeff McLean of the Dufferin OPP. "It's a fundraiser under the Law Enforcement Torch Run banner for Special Olympics. People can sign up or donate, or sponsor an individual."

This is the first Polar Plunge since 2020 when the pandemic put a stop to large gatherings.

"Our goal is to get it back up and running this year and bring it

back to the community," Constable McLean explained. "We're putting a pool that was donated by D&D Pools in Orangeville. We still have that pool and they are on board for coming in and setting it up. Registration for the event will start at 11:00 a.m. and the plunging will start around 1:00 p.m. The last time we did it we had almost 400 spectators and around 76 plungers."

The Dufferin OPP Polar Plunge will take place on the Family Day holiday, Monday, February 19, at Fiddle Park, 515677 Dufferin County Road 11, in Shelburne.

You can register online by visiting: PolarPlunge.ca/Dufferin.









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JESS JONES

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PWHL Toronto's Jess Jones "living the dream" playing pro hockey

Jones took a leave of absence from Caledon OPP to join Toronto's PWHL club

skin and embracing the physicality of the game.

PWHL Toronto's home arena is the Mattamy Athletic Centre, which used to be Maple Leaf Gardens. Jones said the vibe there for home games has been fantastic.

"The fans in Toronto have been incredible. We sold out every single game so far... our season tickets, they're on a waitlist," said Jones. Support from the fans has been great for Jones, and so has support from her colleagues at the Caledon OPP detachment. She said her colleagues have been reaching out to say how proud they are, offering their support as she lives her lifelong dream. "That overwhelming support I have from the staff back in town was amazing," said Jones. "I thank the OPP organization as a whole for allowing me to go on this leave... it's something I'll be grateful for for the rest of my life." The PWHL is not yet even halfway through its inaugural season, and Jones said it's been an amazing league to play in. She said it's been fun travelling to face off against the league's other franchises: Ottawa, New York, Montreal, Minnesota, and Boston.

Polaczek's three-point performance paces Golden Hawks to 4-0 victory over the **Midland Flyers**

BY JIM STEWART

laczek tallied two goals and an assist to lead at the Innisfil Recreation Complex. Tanner Caledon to a 4-0 win over the Midland Flyers Kerr-Polgar's power play goal, his first of in PJHL action on Sunday afternoon at the five points on the night, opened the scoring at Mayfield Recreation Complex.

portion of their schedule with a 3-3 record, Smirnov beat Innisfil goaltender Francesco including Sunday afternoon's shutout victory.

Caledon's Anton Smirnov opened the scor- Perrino and Sam Dean. ing 48 seconds into the first period when the smooth-skating center fired the puck past Midland netminder Markus Stoikos. Andrew Perrino and Nathan Gelsomini earned assists on Smirnov's fourth of the season.

Polaczek's 20th goal, with helpers from er play goals in the middle frame to take a Ryan Scott and Nicholas Volpe, gave Cale- 3-2 lead over the home side when Patrick don a 2-0 lead at 13:07 of the first period.

With Flyers forward Nathan Kowalski scored at 16:21. in the penalty box for tripping, the Golden Hawks' power play went to work and con- the final frame when Kerr-Polgar tallied his verted the extra man opportunity within nine- second goal of the game-a short-handed efty seconds.

tallied his second goal of the game and 21st It was Kerr-Polgar's 15th goal of the season. of the season to give Caledon a three-goal cushion going into the first intermission.

Jacob Altomare gave the Golden Hawks a commanding 4-0 lead at 5:28 of the second period to provide the margin of victory-- with in the waning seconds of the game. assists going to Titus Mok and Polaczek.

Caledon outshot Midland 45-12.

SV% at .930.

On Friday night, the Spartans defeated Golden Hawks' leading scorer Patrick Po- the Golden Hawks 5-3 in front of 155 fans 10:07 to give Innisfil at 1-0 lead. The Gold-The Golden Hawks closed off the January en Hawks tied the game at 18:42 when Anton Sciabbarrasi with helpers going to Andrew

> However, the Spartans re-claimed the lead fifty-four seconds later when Nick Muraca beat Golden Hawks' goalie Chad Walker to close the period ahead by one.

The Golden Hawks tallied a pair of pow-Polaczek scored at 9:01 and Andrew Perrino

Caledon's tenuous lead held until 3:01 of fort-and the Innisfil forward completed his Polaczek, assisted by Volpe and Perrino, hat trick at 15:04 to put the Spartans up 4-3. Angelo Bullock added an empty net goal at 19:22 with Walker pulled for the extra attacker. Kerr-Polgar earned his fifth point when he earned the assist on Bullock's insurance goal

The seventh-place Golden Hawks (12-20-1-2) open the final month of the PJHL regu-Golden Hawks' goaltender Marek Andre- lar season in Stayner on Thursday, February oli enjoyed a quiet night between the pipes 1, when they face off against the perennial

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

A Caledon police officer is now hitting the ice for Toronto's new professional women's hockey team.

Jess Jones, 33, recently took a leave of absence from the Caledon OPP to join the Professional Women's Hockey League's (PWHL) Toronto franchise.

Jones was born in Picton, ON, and began playing hockey at the age of four. She played college hockey and in multiple professional leagues before becoming a police officer, something she always knew she wanted to do.

However, when the PWHL was formed, Jones knew she had to give it a shot.

"When it was announced, I was ecstatic," said Jones. "I was invited to Toronto's camp and I found a spot on the roster... just living the dream."

As of January 29, PWHL Toronto had a record of three wins and five losses. Jones said while it isn't quite the start Toronto was looking for, the team has been working together nicely and she's confident for the rest of the season.

Jones plays forward and said she can play any role based on what her team needs. Right now, she said she's playing more of a "grinder" role, trying to get under opposing players'

Jones said right now, nearly every game feels like a rivalry matchup.

"It's really physical and really intense," said Jones.

Jones said the PWHL is a big deal for young female hockey players.

"Now that there's a place you can play after schooling and university... if you work hard, do your best, and have fun with it... now there's a place you can play professionally," said Jones.

and turned aside all twelve shots he faced powerhouse and second-place Siskins (27to record the shutout. With the W versus the 7-0-0) at 8:00 before returning home to host Flyers, Andreoli improved his record to 8-3, the Midland Flyers (2-30-2-0) at the Mayfield lowered his GAA to 2.59, and is now the fifth- Recreation Complex at 2:30 on Sunday, Febranked goalie in the 61-team PJHL based on ruary 4.



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SIRR, JEAN BERTHA (NEE TERRY) **SEPTEMBER 8, 1925 – JANUARY 23, 2024**

With deepest sadness we announce the passing of the heart and soul of our family. Predeceased by her husband Errol (2012), survived by and dearly loved Mom to daughter

Nancy and son-in-law Bill Watson, Gram to her devoted grandsons Christopher (Janice) and Brian (Christine), Grandma Jean to great-grandson Fletcher, the youngest joy of her life. Fondly remembered by Dr. Anne Watson, and by Owen Heydon. Described as "amazing" by all who knew Mom as she continued to live independently in her own country home, drive her own car, and still bake the best tea biscuits, butter tarts and pies that we've ever tasted, and during maple syrup season, be the chief bottler of Sirr's Syrup. Blessed with visits and phone calls from the Terry and Sirr nieces and nephews, neighbours and friends, all who were such a big part of her life. Mom did love a good phone chat, and a lunch or dinner outing. Respecting her wishes, cremation will be followed by a private family interment in the spring at Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.

If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Adjala Firefighters Association, 2821 County Road 50, Loretto, L0G 1L0, where both grandsons have served.

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

JOE (JOACHIM) FRIEDERICH BELOW

OBITUARIES



It is with great sadness that the family announces his passing peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Monday, January 22, 2024, at the age of 85. Devoted husband of Katy. Loving father of Lori (Mark), Ernie and Tanya (Andrew). Cherished grandfather of Katie (Henrique), Lucas, Hanna, Henry, Zoe, Carter, Chloe and great-granddaughter Isla. Predeceased by his brother Eckhardt. Dear brother-in-law of Robert and Sandy, Rudy and Gabriele, Gus and Diane and Lydia. He will be remembered with love by his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, long time friends from near and far that became his family, all the family friends who were always welcomed into their home, his friends from the Caledon Centre gym, and customers from over the many years of owning Albion Nursery and Garden Centre.

Joe was born in Burg/Magdeburg, East Germany on October 18, 1938. He took his schooling there and then attended a horticultural school. In 1957 he escaped East Germany unable to take anything with him. For the next two years he worked in nurseries in West Germany, Switzerland, and then in Sweden. In

1959 he came to Canada and worked at the largest nursery in Canada, Sheridan Nurseries. He worked on the nursery farms and at the Sheridan Garden Centre, where Sherway Gardens is now. It was at that garden centre that Joe met Katy's dad, who had his own landscaping business.

Katy's dad was also president of the hunting club which would have dinner parties at the German Club. Katy's dad invited Joe and his good friend Uli to one of these dinners. There he introduced his daughter to Joe, and that began a two year romance. Joe and Katy were married in 1968 and by 1972 had all three children Lori, Ernie, and Tanya. In 1973 they slowly opened the doors to Albion Nursery and Garden Centre in Bolton on Hwy 50. Joe continued to work at Sheridan for two more years to ensure an income. On the weekends he would work at his own garden centre and Katy kept the doors open during the week. After two years he quit Sheridan and went to work full time for himself. They sold that location in 1988 and moved the business south of Bolton on Mayfield Rd in the early 90's. In 2007 he went through stage 4 esophageal cancer and with such a positive attitude survived another 17 years. In 2012 they sold on Mayfield Rd and retired.

He loved hiking in the conservation areas around where they live with his golden doodle Cooper. He spent many hours maintaining their home property. His son Ernie continued landscaping and Joe was always eager to go on the job and do layouts and give advice. He went to the gym at the Caledon Centre and loved talking to people there. He finally had a lot of time to spend with his family. His children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter were the light of his life.

Joe had many adventures before he was married. One winter down in St. Lucia he met two Australians who had their own sailboat. They explained to Joe that they wanted to do some rum smuggling but had no money. Joe lent them his holiday money to buy the rum so he could be part of the adventure and what an adventure it was. Joe loved to travel and with Katy travelled to many parts of the world. They travelled to many of the national parks to hike. Their favourite is Zion in Utah where they hiked up to Angel's Landing. Joe lived a wonderful life with no regrets. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Monday, February 12th from 2- 4pm and 6-8pm. Memorial service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday morning, February 13th at 11am. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Scott Mission or Transforming Faces. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

BIRCHALL, JUDITH APRIL 29, 1958 - JANUARY 4, 2024

On the morning of January 4th at 3:33 am, Judith Birchall drew her last breath and passed onto the next world. An avid traveler, it's expected her spirit will be found somewhere on the streets of Europe, eagerly looking for an art gallery to uncover, a book tucked underneath her arm, thinking of what lavish meal she'll spoil herself on next. She was - without a doubt - one of the greatest souls known to those who loved her.

Judith is survived by her beloved and equally enamoured husband David Tilson, her partner in love, life, law, and euchre. This August 27th would have been their thirtieth anniversary, but the story goes that they'd fallen in love several years prior. Judith and David were truly a package deal, and anyone who knew them knows that they rarely made any decisions without joint consultation and more than a few witty remarks. Their "serendipity" Riley Tilson (Gordon McNicol), followed much later in their lives, completing the tight family unit. Judith was - without a doubt - the wisest, kindest, most maternal, yet unconventional mother to ever exist, and Riley will forever be grateful for having a best friend and a mother all wrapped up in one. There are no words to describe the

able to conjure something poignant to say about such things.



loss David and Riley feel for losing Judith, as she was always the one of the three who was

"Judy" (only family are allowed to call her this, mind you) is survived by her much-loved brothers, John Birchall (Marty) of Newmarket, and Jim Birchall (Kelly Millar) of Mississauga, who have served as some of her greatest friends and confidants in life. It is integral to emphasize that she loved her sisters-in-law nearly as much as her brothers, and valued their friendship and guidance over the years. She is pre-deceased by her beloved brother Stephen Birchall (Lori Toal-Birchall) of Meaford, and her adored parents Helen and John Birchall of Caledon East/Meaford. She is the proud Aunt of Amy (Steve), Jeff (Emily), Colleen (Neil), Dan (David) Scott Kate Tyler (Kyle) Devyn and their descendants She is honoured to share a specia connection with David's children Janet Clare of Orangeville, Greg Tilson (Annie Clifford) of Kingston, and their descendants Charlotte Clare of Guelph, and August Clare of Toronto, and was especially proud to be 'Nan Judy'' to George Tilson. She is also remembered fondly by dozens of friends whom she loved deeply.



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Judith was known professionally as a family lawyer, but equally regarded as a "barracuda" in (perhaps) a non-professional sense. She was known in her earlier years for causing an uproar as one of Orangeville' first female lawyers, in her later years for being a tough act to follow (or counter), and throughout her entire career; easily the best-dressed individual anyone will ever encounter in any profession. Judith's career as a lawyer spanned well over thirty-five years, and was entirely accumulated on Mill Street in Orangeville at the law firm Tilson and Birchall; a feat she was incredibly proud of. Judith was also an incredibly active community member, having been the past Chair of Georgian College' Board of Governors, Dufferin-Caledon Victim Services, the Dufferin Housing Authority, past Executive Member of the Dufferin Law Association, and many other community endeavours. Her service is a testament to Judith's life-long commitment to making the world around her a better place.

Nonetheless, Judith and David were thrilled to retire to their cottage in Burk's Falls in 2022, and she spent many happy days reading, relaxing on the dock, watching many rom-coms and sit-coms, and enjoying a good glass of wine.

Judith passed at Hospice Huntsville after a nearly five-and-a-half-year-long fight with Ovarian Cancer. She was surrounded by love, the way she'd conducted herself for her entire life. In her honour, the family asks that any donations be made to the Ovarian Cancer Society and Westminster United Church in her honour.

Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St. Orangeville on Friday, February 9th, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held at Westminster United Church 247 Broadway Orangeville on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

PATTON, WAYNE WHILDON



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Wayne Whildon Lorne Patton on January 24, 2024 at the Guelph General Hospital following a brief stay in the Intensive Care Unit, where he was surrounded by caring staff and love ones.

He was born on August 20, 1943 in Brampton, Ontario and is predeceased by his parents Aubrey and Viola Patton. Beloved husband of Lois Penelope Patton (aka Penny), loved and loving brother of Bud (wife Gwen, d. 2021), Gary (wife Yvonne, d. 2022), and Glen (Laura). He is well loved and a well-liked and loving uncle of Christopher and Scott Mullen, Melissa, Eric and Danielle Houstoun, Kyla Feeney, Kirk Bosselmann (d. 2004), Tiffany, Beth, Jennifer and James Hewson, Lorie Andrews, her sister Lynne (d. 2013), Josh and

Cameron Patton, and Dana and David Patton. He is the loved and fondly remembered brother-inlaw of Wendy Torode and her husband Frazer, Don Houstoun, Rainer and Beverley Bosselmann, Bill and Nancy Hewson. He is a fondly regarded person of many other relatives, was a good neighbour, and a charming and cheerful friend of the many people who got to know him.

Wayne's love of music helped him forge a career in the music business, beginning in the late 1960's, and onwards into the 1970's, 80's, and 90's. He was given the opportunity to work for several major record companies including Capital Records, CBS Records, and Sony Music. He worked as business executive and public relations man in charge of music publishing for most of those years, developed a global network of friends and associates, participated in international corporate conferences that took him to the annual Cannes Music Festival in France as well as to major cities such as New York, Los Angeles, London and Paris. He worked hard and learned a lot. Before he retired from the world of work, he also taught music publishing and related courses at the Toronto International School of Design and Technology and enjoyed mentoring young college students eager to build their own futures within the music industry. During his working years he travelled widely, made and maintained friends both near and far and did well because he was a good listener and was always glad to offer helpful advice, where and when he could. He was also a kind hearted man. His passing will be mourned and he will be missed by all those who knew him and loved him or simply liked him and enjoyed his company.

Resting at Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home, Hart Chapel, 1099 Gordon St. Guelph, cremation has taken place and a Funeral Service is scheduled for 2pm on Friday, February 2, 2024. Visitation starting at 1pm and a reception is to follow the Service in the Hart Fellowship Lounge.

If desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. In lieu of flowers, a tree may be planted in a Memorial Forest of your choice.

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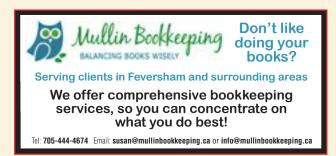
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Caledon Admirals' goaltender Von Kaufmann named OJHL First Star of the Game

BY JIM STEWART

In OJHL action on the weekend, the Caledon Admirals dropped a pair of close decisions to the Markham Royals and Toronto Patriots, but their goaltender Nicholas Van Kaufman put forth a memorable performance on Sunday evening in Etobicoke.

Although the seventh-place Toronto Patriots (20-18-3-3) edged the Admirals 4-3 at the Westwood Arena on Sunday night, the local story revolved around the stellar and productive play of Caledon's 6'6" Junior A goaltender Nicholas Von Kaufmann.

The Stouffville resident was named First Star of

the Game by OJHL staff at Westwood. Von Kaufman not only stopped 34 of the 38 shots he faced, but he also earned his second assist of the season on Owen Norman's power play goal in the second period. Norman tallied a pair of goals and Deacon King added one for the eleventh-place Admirals whose record fell to 6-32-1-5 with the pair of weekend losses. Norman is second in scoring for the Admirals with 10 goals and 12 assists.

On Saturday, the thirdplace Royals (25-14-3-2) defeated the Admirals 4-2 at the Mayfield Recreation Complex. Keegan Juchau scored both goals for Caledon—his sixth and seventh markers of the season.

Peel Regional Police to pilot 911 call screener, automatic abandoned call back

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Peel Regional Police will be trying out some new things to help address increasing demand on the 911 system.

According to a report presented to Region of Peel Council at its January 25 meeting, Peel Region Public Safety Answering Points, led by Peel Regional Police, are currently managing unprecedented call volumes into the 911 System.

The report, authored by 911 Advisory Committee chair Michelle Orth, said despite the Peel Regional Police Communications Centre hiring 38 communicators in 2023, 911 call answer times can still be delayed due to frequent call surges.

"Automated abandoned call back and 911 call screener are two new procedures designed to effectively manage excessive call volumes into the

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Public Safety Answering Point," reads the report.

The 911 call screener will be a call-taker whose primary role will be to answer calls and immediately route them to police, paramedics, or fire services.

The report said the screener will address "the backlog of calls waiting in the queue in an expeditious manner, reducing call answer times."

Automated abandoned call back technology will immediately call back a caller that dialed 911 and hung up. The caller will be able to choose to connect to 911 if there's an emergency, or cancel the call if they called by accident.

Currently, 911 communicators have to manually call back each 911 hangup, which contributes to delays — in 2022, 149,232 calls to 911 in Peel were pocket dials or hang-ups.

An update on the status of the 911 call screener and automated aban-

doned call back pilot will be presented at a May 2 Emergency Management Program Committee meeting.

This new pilot is one way the Region is looking to address issues with its 911 system.

It's also investigating the potential implementation of fines for negligent 911 calls, after Regional Council supported a motion from Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown asking for the investigation on January 11.

Peel Regional Police say 40 per cent of the 911 calls received at the public safety answering point are determined to be non-legitimate, inappropriate, or misuse.

"The wait times for these emergency services are on the rise in Peel, resulting in too many callers waiting for response from a dispatcher when every second counts," said Brown at the time.

Every day, there's approximately 1,800 calls to 911 in Peel.

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