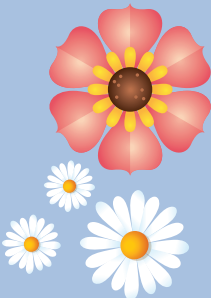




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**HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE** — Students from more than 25 schools from across the Province descended on Mayfield Secondary School last week for the Ontario Vocal Jazz/Contemporary Festival, a chance to not only perform but learn through workshops hosted by professional vocalists. Pictured here, The Magnetics, a vocal group from Mayfield S.S., performed a feature concert. For more, see Page A3.

PHOTO BY JEREMY CHAN

## Police report “dramatic increase” in collisions on Caledon roads

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Police data shows the number of fatal collisions in Caledon has more than doubled year over year.

In 2022, there were seven fatal collisions in Caledon. In 2023, there were 15. This data, and more, was shared with Caledon Council at its March 26 meeting

by Caledon OPP’s detachment commander, Inspector MaryLouise Kearns.

“There has been a dramatic increase in the number of collisions that have happened on Caledon roadways,” said Kearns. “Unfortunately, when we look closer at all of the Caledon, fatal, or even personal injury, accidents... there is not just one reason as to why these collisions are occurring.”

Kearns said the vast majority of collisions in Caledon are occurring due to people not following traffic laws, whether that means speeding, not wearing seatbelts, or driver inattention.

She explained each fatal collision in Caledon is reviewed by members of the Caledon OPP at a committee, where officers look for improvements that can be made to road safety.

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**Motionball Caledon team preparing for biggest day of sports fun yet**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Motionball Caledon team is encouraging residents to mark their calendars for this year’s “Marathon of Sport” event.

On September 28 at Edelweiss Park in Bolton, the third-annual Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport event will be held. The annual event welcomes all to enjoy a day of fun sports and games alongside Special Olympics athletes.

Organizers hope to raise \$20,000 from the event for Caledon Special Olympics and Special Olympics Canada.

Motionball is a national non-profit that raises money for Special Olympics through integrated sport and social events.

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# Team captains meet ahead of annual Hike for Bethell Hospice

This year’s hike is taking place on May 5

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon community is beginning to get ready for the annual Hike for Bethell Hospice. Now in its 14th year, the annual hike is a key fundraiser for Bethell Hospice, the Inglewood-based non-profit that provides free hospice residence care and community programs. Nicole Hand, Bethell Hospice Foundation’s Executive Director, explained that in order to keep Bethell Hospice’s services free, the foundation must now raise \$1.7 million per year. “It’s about the care... we want to make sure as a foundation that the hospice (staff) have all of the resources that they need to do their job,” said Hand. “This is why we hike.” The fundraising goal for this year’s hike is \$245,000. It’s a big goal, but one the community has shown it has potential to reach — last year’s hike raised over \$224,000.



2024 Hike for Bethell Hospice team captains met at Coywolf Coffee on March 20 for a pre-hike rally.

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Hand explained she encourages people to hike in memory or in honour of someone when they come to the hike. Each hiker gets a heart sticker they can write someone’s name on, and at the end of the hike, they can add it to a big wall full of theirs and others’ heart stickers. “We are really looking forward to another great year,” said Hand of this year’s hike. Hand shared these and other remarks at a March 20 meeting of Hike for Bethell Hospice team captains. The meeting took place at local coffee shop Coywolf Coffee. Each year, many people take on the role of team captain for the hike. Captains are responsible for leading fundraising efforts and getting team members registered for the hike. Registration for this year’s Hike for Bethell Hospice is free. Anyone interested in starting a team or joining a team for this year’s hike can visit bethell-hospice.org, where they can find links to the official Hike for Bethell Hospice website. Prospective donors and sponsors can find all the information they need at that link as well. At the team captains’ meeting, people shared why they were hiking. Many told stories of beloved family members and friends, and others spoke of their strong belief in hospice care and the good it does for the community. Over 160 people are already signed up for this year’s hike, and Hand said it’s a promising start. She said she has no doubt the fundraising goal for this year’s hike can be met. This year’s hike is on May 5 and begins at 8 a.m. at the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena in Inglewood. This date coincides with the beginning of National Hospice & Palliative Care Week.

## Orangeville Lions TV Bingo approaching \$200,000 in total funds raised over two years

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Lions will soon be wrapping up their second season of TV BINGO after achieving fantastic results in its first year. From October 2022 to May 2023, the group raised \$91,000 and in the more recent season – from September 2023 to May 2024 – the group is anticipating they’ll tally up an even higher amount. Counting both seasons, it is likely the Lions will be close to or surpass \$200,000 in total fundraising dollars from TV BINGO since it launched in late 2022. “It’s been so incredible to be able to raise that much money in that amount of time,” said Yasmine Slater, Orangeville Lions Club member. Some of the organizations that received funds generated through TV BINGO are Dufferin Emergency Search and Rescue, Meals on Wheels’ Project Lifesaver, Lions Home for the Deaf, Dufferin Alzheimer’s Society and Hospice Dufferin. Other recipients include the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, Lion’s Camp Dorset, Bethell Hospice Foundation, Food Cupboard at St. Mark’s Church and Celiac Canada. At \$10 per BINGO card, the game is an affordable way to support local charities while providing yourself with a chance to win. “Everybody loves the sound of calling BINGO!” Slater enthused. “It’s just a great way to support our community, and have a chance at winning a \$500 or \$1,500 cash prize.” BINGO cards are available in Orangeville at Metro (150 First St.), Zehrs (50 4th Ave.), Sobey’s (500 Riddell Rd.), Broadway Shell (226 Broadway), Raceway Esso (87 First St.), 7-Eleven (268 Broadway), Daily Convenience (200 Elizabeth), Total Convenience & Video (1-41 Broadway), ConWINience (235 Centennial Rd., Unit C) and Circle K (400 Townline, Unit 1). In Shelburne, BINGO cards are available at the Giant Tiger (226 First Ave. E), Food Basics (824 Ojibway Dr.), and Ultramar (517 Main St. E). In Caledon, cards can be purchased at Bolton Milk and Variety (17 Queen St. N.), Food Basics – Bolton (301 Queen St. S.), Foodland – Caledon East (15771 Airport Rd. #4A), and Tom’s Family Restaurant (16033 Airport Rd.) The Orangeville Lions’ TV BINGO is broadcast every Tuesday on Channel 63 of Rogers TV, which can be watched online or on cable. To learn more about the game or reach out to the BINGO committee, email bingo@orangevillelions.org.

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# Ontario Vocal Jazz/Contemporary Festival held at Mayfield Secondary School



Fanfare, Mayfield Secondary School's 200-plus voice choir.

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## Students from over 25 different schools enjoy festival in Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recent music festival held in Caledon hit the right note.

On March 21 and 22, the Ontario Vocal Jazz/Contemporary Festival was held at Mayfield Secondary School. It featured student vocal groups from more than 25 different schools, and at the festival students got to perform in a professional environment and learn in workshops with professional vocalists.

Mayfield Secondary School's auditorium has all the bells and whistles of a real concert hall, from the sound system to the lighting.

Jennifer Moon, a music teacher at Mayfield Secondary School, helped run the festival, which saw several vocal groups from Mayfield Secondary School perform. For example, Mayfield showcased a 200-voice choir, an 80-voice gospel choir, and performance from the "Magnetics", a vocal group from a music class Moon teaches.

"It's a lot of fun," said Moon of the festival.

She explained it's in a growth phase right now as it had to be put on hold during the pandemic.

This year, there were approximately double the number of groups performing as there were at last year's festival.

Moon said groups from as far east as Oshawa and west as Waterloo came to Mayfield for the festival. In the past, groups from even further have come to the festival, and Moon hopes to see them return in the coming years.

"We're lucky here because we have an amazing facility," said Moon. "We're really happy to host because many kids walk in and they're used to performing in their cafeteria. You'll hear kids say, 'Wow, this is impressive'."

Moon said hosting the festival is a way that Mayfield can give back to the greater music community. She said the workshops held at the festival are a great way for music students to learn about music and the music industry.

"You get a good, long clinic... with esteemed musicians. They work with the kids and as a teacher, they give you ideas," said Moon. "It's a really great experience for

everybody... no matter what level your ensemble is, come and do it because you get so much out of it."

One of the best parts of hosting the festival is seeing students get inspired, said Moon.

Some of the tunes performed by Moon's students included Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and a funk-meets-swing arrangement of "My Favourite Things".

Moon said Mayfield is planning to host the festival again next year and continue to try and grow it.

"The more the merrier, I always say," said Moon. "Next year it'll be even bigger and better."

To any students thinking of getting involved in music, Moon said it's an amazing experience.

She said students get to explore so many different genres of music in school and can become very well-rounded musicians.

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BETWEEN RECENT  
SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES

On Thursday, Peel Regional Police (PRP) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) shared information on the joint investigation of recent residential shootings and homicides which are believed to be related.

“On November 7, 2023, PRP responded to a shooting incident in the area of Cottrelle Boulevard and Thorndale Road in the City of Brampton,” say Police. “Two suspects discharged firearms outside of a residence and are believed to have left in a black Dodge RAM 1500 pick-up truck. On November 11, 2023, a similar incident occurred at a residence in the area of Lorenvile Drive and Elbern Markell Drive in the City of Brampton. Two suspects dressed in black hoodies fired shots at a residence. They are believed to have left in a burgundy Dodge RAM 1500 pick-up truck.

“Another shooting incident on November 14, 2023, occurred in which a suspect discharged a firearm from a vehicle directed at the same residence in the area of Lorenvile Drive and Ebern Markell Drive in the City of Brampton. The suspect fled in a late model silver Mazda 3 hatchback.”

No reports of any injuries were made following these three residential shooting incidents.

“On November 15, 2023, PRP responded to a homicide in the area of Royal Windsor Drive and Winston Churchill Boulevard in the City of Mississauga. The victim is Jagraj Singh, a 29-year-old man from Brampton. It is believed that the suspects arrived and departed in a blue Dodge Challenger.

“Caledon OPP Detachment members are investigating a shooting incident that they believe involved multiple individuals on Mayfield Road in the Town of Caledon on November 20, 2023. This shooting resulted in the death of two individuals and serious injuries for a third victim. In relation to the November 20 incident, the possible suspect was seen entering an alleged stolen truck, a black Dodge RAM 2500 pick-up truck, which travelled westbound on Mayfield Road. The same truck was involved in a vehicle fire on Olde Baseline Road and Creditview Road in the Town of Caledon.”

This alleged stolen truck was taken on November 14, 2023, in the area of Mississauga Valley Boulevard and Arista Way in the City of Mississauga, police say.

Investigators are asking for assistance in identifying a person of interest in relation to the theft of that vehicle.

“Although the police believe that all the shootings were targeted, the victims in the ho-

micides were not the intended targets.”

To view photos of the suspects, a person of interest and the vehicles, please visit the Peel Regional Police [peelpolice.ca](http://peelpolice.ca).

Investigators are urging anyone with information about any these incidents to call the dedicated tip line at 1-833-941-5570. Anonymous tips can be shared by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

The Peel Regional Police Homicide Bureau and Caledon OPP Detachment Major Crime Unit continue the investigation, with assistance from the OPP and Peel Regional Police Forensic Identification Services and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario Forensic Pathology Service and the Centre of Forensic Sciences.

THEFT INVESTIGATION



Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a theft from a local business and are requesting assistance to identify two individuals.

“On March 16, 2024, at approximately 2:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of a theft on Queensgate Boulevard, near Highway 50, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The investigation revealed two individuals attended the store, took a variety of items, and left without making a payment. At this time, investigators are actively looking for information that may lead to the identification of the individuals displayed in the footage photo.

If you recognize these parties, or have information regarding this incident, please contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to investigate a fatal collision on Highway 10.

“On March 19, 2024, at approximately 8:30 p.m., emergency services responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10, near Escarpment Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The incident involved two passenger vehicles. An 85-year-old male and an 86-year-old female from Amaranth were pronounced deceased on scene, while a third individual sustained serious injuries, but is in stable condition.”

Investigators from the Caledon Detachment are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage of the collision. Please contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122 if you have information.

FOUR TIMES  
LEGAL LIMIT: POLICE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Brampton resident with operation while impaired after they registered over four times the legal limit.

“On March 25, 2024, just before 1:00 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop while patrolling the area of Mayfield Road and Coleraine Drive, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Angad Singh, 39, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 11, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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.

“Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

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**Answer:** A designated beneficiary is considered a testamentary disposition and the designated beneficiary may be made in the insurance policy itself or in the Will. It is important to note that subsequent revisions to a Will, or changes to the beneficiary designated in the policy will typically impact who is entitled to the proceeds. For example, your father may have designated your sibling “Bob” as the beneficiary when he initially bought the insurance policy, but later when he had a Will drafted, he designated your sister without amending the actual insurance policy. Both the language of the Will and the timing of it are important. The last designation is typically the valid designation and in your case, Barb is entitled to the proceeds. It is also important to note that where a Will designates a beneficiary over insurance proceeds, it only applies to policies in place at the time the Will was executed. This also applies to registered plans such as RRSP’s and RRIF’s, so it is important to determine what specific assets are designated, as well as to whom.



If you have questions about an estate, as an executor or beneficiary, or have other estate related matters, give us a call to discuss how we can help. Enjoy your weekend.

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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.



IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) over the past week have charged several residents with operation while impaired.

“On March 22, 2024, shortly after 12:00 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report from a motorist expressing concern as to how a motor vehicle was being operated,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle stopped in the area of Highway 10 and King Street, in the Town of Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Michael Rochon, 36, of Keene, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused was scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 25, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“On March 23, 2024, shortly after 4:30 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Commercial Road, near Albion Vaughan Road, in the Town of Caledon. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

Following the investigation, Erica Leo, 28, of Minesing, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 11, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

Both driver’s vehicles were impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 90 days.

“Drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol continue to pose a significant threat on Ontario roads. Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or

drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

“On March 20, 2024, just before 10:00 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop while patrolling the community of Southfields Village, in the Town of Caledon,” Police continue. “During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Kuldeep Singh, 52, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Novice driver fail to provide breath sample;
- Drive motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 4, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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.

“On March 19, 2024, just before 12:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road, near Kennedy Road, in the Town of Caledon. One driver was transported to hospital with minor injuries. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Fahad Hanif, 31, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 4, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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.

“On March 16, 2024, just before 10:00 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report from a motorist expressing concern as to how a motor vehicle was being operated. Officers located the vehicle on Highway 10, near Charleston Sideroad, in the Town of

Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Roger Comrie, 61, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Drive motor vehicle with cannabis readily available.

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 4, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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.

SPEED CHARGES

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two more drivers with stunt driving. This comes just one day after three drivers were charged with the same offence in Caledon.

“On March 13, 2024, Caledon OPP was conducting focused speed enforcement in the area of King Caledon Town Line, near Colum-

bia Way in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During this time, two different motorists were observed traveling 55 and 44 kilometres per hour over the 60km/hr posted speed limit.”

As a result of these investigations, both drivers were charged with the following offence:

- Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform Stunt - Excessive Speed

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicles were also impounded for a period of 14 days, and their driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 30 days.

“The OPP remains committed to making our roads a safer place through enforcement and public education. If convicted of a stunt driving offence for the first time, you face a minimum of a one-year licence suspension and a maximum of three-years. More severe penalties are imposed for further convictions. Stunt driving includes but is not limited to, driving 40 kilometres per hour or more over the speed limit on roads with a speed limit less than 80 kilometres per hour, and driving 50 kilometres per hour or more over the speed limit.

For more information about the penalties of speeding and stunt driving, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/speeding-and-aggressive-driving](http://www.ontario.ca/page/speeding-and-aggressive-driving).

Vince’s announces results of 2024 Toonies for Tummies campaign

BY NEIL MOORE

Vince’s continues its steadfast commitment to fighting hunger in our communities, raising \$7,296 in the recent Toonies for Tummies (TFT) national campaign. This annual initiative, supported by Vince’s customers and team members, contributes to the Grocery Foundation’s efforts to ensure that no child goes to school hungry.

Over the last nine years, Vince’s has contributed more than \$38,000 to TFT. They are part of a growing community of nearly 1,500 grocery retailers across Canada supporting this vital cause, which is focused on nourishing the 1 in 3 children at risk of going to school on an empty stomach. This year, the campaign aims to raise \$4 million, which will help provide approximately 2 million healthy meals to school-aged children in more than 3,000 programs.

Maria Ciarlandini, Vince’s Community Support Ambassador, expressed her gratitude: “Thank you to every customer who donated a toonie and made this year’s Toonies for Tummies campaign so successful.”

The campaign ensures that 100 percent of donations made at participating stores and online directly support the Grocery Foundation’s student nutrition partners. This year’s beneficiaries, The Breakfast Club of Canada in Western and Atlantic Canada, and Student Nutrition Ontario offer judgment-free, inclusive programs, which are a key source of nutrition for many students. Beyond providing healthy meals, they also offer nutrition education and foster a supportive school community, helping students flourish throughout the day.

“The power of this program is that every toonie has an impact,” said Grocery Foundation Executive Director Shaun McKenna. “Individual toonies can help nourish a child, and collectively, when we help an entire school or several schools, we are helping students and communities today and for the longer term. Breakfasts come with a welcoming smile, and they elevate a child’s day both physically and emotionally. We are incredibly grateful to Vince’s, to their store teams, and every donor who is part of helping dreams take flight and making essential nour-

ishment within reach.”

But Vince’s commitment doesn’t stop with the annual two-week February campaign. The independent grocer has expanded its support, through the Community Product Initiative (CPI), to continue fundraising for TFT throughout 2024. CPI involves all four stores, participating vendors, and, crucially, Vince’s customers. This program selects various staple items (Community Products) throughout the year, and sets aside 15 percent of sales for the CPI beneficiary – which is Toonies for Tummies in 2024. Since its inception in 2018, Vince’s Community Product Initiative has raised approximately \$150,000 for several life-changing organizations, and looks forward to significant contributions in 2024.

“We are proud that we’re able to make an even greater impact on this program in 2024,” said Vince’s President Giancarlo Trimarchi. “A big thanks to our customers for helping tackle child hunger. It’s wonderful to see the difference we’re making in kids’ lives, boosting their nutrition, and helping them focus and succeed in school.”

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# New parking and stopping prohibitions coming to Belfountain and Brimstone

Popular scenic areas see many visitors in the summer and fall

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There will soon be new parking rules in effect in two of Caledon’s villages.

New parking and stopping prohibitions are going to be implemented in Belfountain and Brimstone. These scenic areas see many visitors, especially in the summer and fall months.

Within these two villages, parking and stopping on the shoulders of roads will now be prohibited except at “select locations where permissive shoulder parking can safely be accommodated,” according to Region of Peel staff.

Region of Peel Council approved the new prohibitions on consent at a March 21 meeting.

A report from Peel traffic engineering specialist Nathan Sinka notes that Regional staff received numerous inquiries from residents and councillors to designate safe shoulder parking areas for visitors on regional roads in Belfountain and Brimstone.

“Staff conducted a comprehensive review of the road right of way and identified areas that require designation as prohibited parking and stopping, as well as permissive parking zones within the villages to address pedestrian safety for residents and visitors,” reads the report.

According to the report, residents said since the onset of the pandemic there’s been a marked increase in the number of visitors to the area. Residents said there’s been increased traffic volumes, vehicle noise, shoulder parking, and pedestrian activity.

Residents said that visitors parking along the shoulders of roads often blocked residential driveways.

“This parking behaviour has created safety risks to area residents potentially being unable to leave their home in case of an emergency,” reads the report. “Visitors also often park vehicles in areas where the shoulder is too narrow, forcing pedestrians to walk within the travelled portion of the roadway posing additional safety concerns.”

Maps showcasing the new parking and stopping rules can be seen above.

# Peel submits plans, funding requests to Provincial and Federal governments for asylum claimant response

Peel to open Regional Reception Centre for asylum claimants pending funding

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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The Region of Peel has developed what it calls a sustainable plan to help asylum claimants — but it needs the support of the Provincial and Federal governments to implement it.

On March 21 the Region announced it was submitting its “Asylum Claimant Response — Moving Towards a Sustainable Model” proposal to the Provincial and Federal governments to let them know what funding would be required to adopt and implement it.

There’s an unprecedented number of asylum seekers coming to Canada right now, and it can be seen in Peel Region where emergency shelters are operating well above capacity (over 350 per cent). The Region said the rise in asylum claimants first started in June 2023 and has continued to grow since, with no end in sight.

The Region of Peel, which is in charge of housing services, secured additional shelter facilities and overflow hotels. However, this is expensive and unsustainable from a funding standpoint. Due to this, Peel is looking to differentiate its asylum claimant response system from its emergency shelter and homelessness response system.

The Region has been working on a new model which will contain two distinct components. The Region wants to implement a “Regional Reception Centre” with coordinated transfers to other municipalities, and dedicated Peel shelter facilities for asylum claimants.

According to the Region, the Regional Reception Centre will serve the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and provide the following services: needs assessments, service navigation, orientation sessions, legal aid, IRCC information, Ontario Works infor-

mation, language and settlement services, and health services where applicable.

The Region said this approach, which it calls person-centred, will give asylum claimants the tools and resources they need to successfully integrate into Canadian society.

Peel said it needs an annual commitment of \$62,000 per asylum claimant from the Provincial and Federal governments in order to operationalize its Regional Reception Centre. It said funding will move with asylum claimants if they settle outside of Peel.

Peel said regardless of whether it gets the funding, it will create asylum claimant-focused shelters. However, it said if it doesn’t get funding, the approach will cause further strain on homelessness prevention efforts and hinder asylum claimants in their efforts to integrate into the community.

The Region also wants the Federal Government to commit to one-time capital and annual operating costs for the Regional Reception Centre, which it currently estimates at \$10 million and \$9.3 million respectively.

Peel’s commissioner of human services Sean Baird said the continued arrival of asylum seekers in Peel Region represents a growing social crisis. He said Peel’s already-strained homelessness support system is nearing collapse.

“We cannot continue to simply lease additional hotels to provide temporary housing for thousands of asylum seekers,” said Baird. “A new model is necessary to ensure all levels of government can work together and proper supports can be provided to those who are here and working to establish themselves in Canada, as well as the tens of thousands expected to continue to arrive into the GTHA.”

Region of Peel Council Chair Nando Iannicca said Peel staff have gone above and beyond to support asylum claimants on their journeys to settling in Canada.

“This is incredibly complex work that touches so many lives,” he said. “As we move from a crisis-level response to a more sustainable solution, an all-governments approach is required. I look forward to sharing Peel’s proposed response and actioning its solutions together.”



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Caledon Councillors Cosimo Napoli, Tony Rosa, Mario Russo, Christina Early and Doug Maskell joined Riyasat Indian Restaurant & Bar owners M.K. Sharma and Meet Aulakh for a grand opening ceremony on March 23.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Riyasat Indian Restaurant & Bar opens in Bolton

Restaurant is the eighth Riyasat to open in the GTA

CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

There's a new Indian restaurant in Bolton.

On March 23, members of Caledon Council attended Riyasat Indian Restaurant & Bar in Bolton for a grand opening ceremony.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Acting Mayor for the day, shared a welcome message to restaurant owners M.K. Sharma and Meet Aulakh.

"On behalf of Mayor Groves and all our Council colleagues, congratulations. It's our pleasure to be here today to celebrate the grand opening of Riyasat," said Russo. "As Caledon grows, the Town remains committed to supporting the growth of our local economy. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the Riyasat team for

choosing to invest in Caledon."

Russo said a new restaurant in Caledon creates jobs and drives the local economy.

"We are fortunate to have your business and look forward to supporting your growth in the community," said Russo.

Aulakh explained Riyasat was founded in 2018 with a location in Oakville, and after seeing success it has since expanded to include locations in Etobicoke, Brampton, Mississauga, and now Caledon.

"This city has been welcoming... we have seen an overwhelming response," he said, adding that Caledon is a beautiful town.

Aulakh said the decor at Riyasat is designed to provide a royal ambiance.

"The most important thing is our focus on cuisine, quality of food," he said. "We give authentic Indian food, it's like a gateway to India."

Aulakh said he was thankful Riyasat received a warm welcome in Bolton and said he's looking forward to being a part of the Bolton business community and growing alongside Caledon's economy.

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# An evaporating sense of humanity?

My first real job in a newsroom began with something of a whirlwind.

Reasonably fresh out of university, the job came about in a somewhat unexpected way and unfolded in a similar manner. Little was asked of me beyond my ability to make deadlines and, from there, it was directly into the eye of what was painted to be a storm.

From the outset, I had no shortage of well-wishers and community members at large making contact to give me “the real story” on the community and its so-called power-players, elected and otherwise.

Some of it was good, some of it... less so and unlikely, but as my first week wore on, I felt as though my eyes were growing wider and wider. Finding my feet, I was able to sift through the bulk of this detritus and forge ahead. But it soon became apparent that getting the “scoop” cut both ways.

Before too long, a leading politician of the day, who I first met on the second day of the gig, came up to me in a flurry of concern to ask if I was okay.

As far as I could tell I was fine and asked them why they had asked.

Apparently, due to a minor limp I’ve had since elementary school due to arthritis that decided to settle in a bit earlier than most, a story was circulating that I had been in some sort of terrible accident. I think we were both relieved that was not the case – I certainly know I was! – but nonetheless the rumour persisted for a good long while, bubbling up to the surface without any rhyme or reason.

Thankfully, as far as rumours go, it was a reasonably inconsequential one; something that I was able to brush off pretty quickly, with no lasting harm to myself or my family.

The same, I fear, cannot be said by the Princess of Wales as she continues in the early days of her cancer journey.

On Friday, the Princess announced to the world that the serious abdominal surgery she underwent in mid-January sadly, and after the fact, resulted in a cancer diagnosis. In her moving statement, she thanked people for the well-wishes she had received since her surgery was first announced and during her subsequent recovery out of the public eye.

“At the time, it was thought my condition was non-cancerous,” she said. “The surgery was successful. However, tests after the operation found cancer had been present. My medical team therefore advised that I should undergo a course of preventative chemotherapy and I am now in the early stages of that treatment. This, of course, came as a huge shock, and William and I have been doing everything we can to process and manage this privately for the sake of our young family.

“As you can imagine, this has taken time. It has taken me time to recover from major surgery in order to start my treatment. But, most importantly, it has taken us time to explain everything to George, Charlotte and Louis in a way that is appropriate for them, and to reassure them that I am going to be okay....

“We hope that you will understand that, as a family, we now need some time, space, and privacy while I complete my treatment. My work has always brought me a deep sense of joy and I look forward to being back when I am able, but for now I must focus on making a full recovery. At this time, I am also thinking of all those whose lives have been affected by cancer. For everyone facing this disease, in whatever form, please do not lose faith or hope. You are not alone.”

One can only hope they get as much time, space, and privacy as private individuals do

during this difficult time – as it was certainly absent in the lead-up to Friday’s announcement.

Since stepping back from the public eye shortly after the New Year for a then-undisclosed reason, Catherine and her family were subject to some of the most vile treatment on social media I’ve ever seen aimed at an apolitical public figure who, along with her family, have stived to be figures of unity more than anything else.

They were faced with countless alarming worst-case-scenario online rumours of her health, a particularly distressing turn of events for someone who has children growing up in the most tech-savvy generation we’ve yet seen; disheartening and outlandish claims about their personal lives; and even claims of things sinister and/or criminal afoot.

Each step they made was the subject of intense and off-the-charts scrutiny – suddenly, everyone and their uncle appointed themselves among the ranks of the great Photoshop savants and foremost AI experts of our time – all the while a very real family was going through an experience traumatic in itself, but trebled due to what I think can only be described as a lack of basic of consideration for one another – and, when it comes down to it, a lack of humanity and compassion not just for her, but everyone going through a private battle.

Despite going public with her diagnosis – an announcement some have argued she was coerced into by keyboard warriors in an effort to quell their increasingly unhinged ramblings – those culprits are still working overtime to try to prove their theories; or, quite unbelievably, trying to turn the blame back on the Prince and Princess of Wales for being less than forthcoming and leaving them a vacuum to fill.

Intense scrutiny bordering, in my view, on the ludicrous is nothing new when it comes to the Royal Family.

Catherine’s late mother-in-law, Diana, Princess of Wales, certainly experienced it with tragic consequences. Her father-in-law’s wife, Queen Camilla, experienced it as well. Her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Sussex, continues to experience abuse of her own, burlished with inarguable racial undertones; and now this.

Yet, this was something else again.

Some argue that, in the United Kingdom, the privileges enjoyed by members of the Royal Family are funded by the taxpayer – the intricacies of that claim can be the subject of a column all its own – and therefore (at best) the public has the right to know and/or (at worst) these individuals are public property.

While they are, in my opinion, public servants, they are not public property. They, just like any other individual, regardless of who pays for or maintains their lifestyle, have the right to wage private health battles as they see fit, particularly where minors are concerned.

Those who say otherwise need to get some fresh air.

Holding our public figures accountable for the work they do is integral to any democracy. Relentless bullying of a public figure to lay bare what was always clear from the outset to be a significant health concern does not fit the bill.

I can only hope that following Friday’s announcement that these “concerned” parties, if only for a moment, put themselves in the Princess’s shoes and consider their own life choices.



## Losing a friend, a piece of ourselves

by Mark Pavilons



nally, she was once again bright-eyed and bushy tailed in the white light that welcomed her.

I have a keen interest in the afterlife and watch all shows, movies and documentaries on the subject. Many contend that while we are separated from our bodies, our souls are everlasting. And since dogs are allowed in Heaven, I’m sure the same holds true for them.

One of my favourite original Twilight Zone episodes is of a man who drowns trying to save his dog in a river. As the duo walk down the country path searching for the Pearly Gates, the first gatekeeper welcomes them, but says dogs aren’t allowed. The man found this odd, so he continued on his way, only to find the true entrance to Heaven, where he and his dog were welcomed. The first gate was, of course, Hell. A timeless tale, indeed.

For Kim and I, Marley was our second dog together. Kim searched for a breeder and we picked her out of a litter of energetic, cute-as-a-button critters. Great lines, it appears. We got her sister Lola from the same breeder. We’ve since added two more sisters, a pair of year-old Belgian Malinois (mixed with Boxer) herding dogs.

Yes, we have a full house.

At first, we see them as cuddly, living stuffed toys. We get them to fill a need, perhaps even a selfish one.

But what happens is quite remarkable. A bond develops between human and dog that can’t really be explained. It’s a deep, heart-felt connection that defies the human condition.

Our dogs just accept us. Who would put up with us, ignore our irrational behaviour and still kiss our faces at the end of the night? Our dogs. Who would nudge their noses at us, refuse to let go of their chew toys, still wagging their tails? Our dogs. Who would stick by our side, through thick and thin, until death do us part? Our dogs.

Pet owners all say they can’t imagine their lives without one of these companions by our side, under our feet, or stealing our sandwich off the counter. One of new puppies ate an entire breakfast serving of bacon that I left too close to the edge!

As our pets age, we try not to notice their frailties, and inabilities. They demand patience, at every stage, but especially as they age.

Everyone in the family had to exercise plenty of patience as Marley struggled. We had to use lift straps to carry her from her bowl to the door to her bed.

My wife doted over her for weeks, straining her own arms, shoulders and back in the process.

She broke her ankle just last week slipping on ice at the back door with dog in tow. My ever-compassionate spouse would do anything, for anyone, to her own detriment. She should be right as rain in four to six weeks!

We all had very heavy hearts – a dark, dreary, soul-draining feeling – in the days leading up to the final farewell.

Goodbye Marley – our playmate, confidant, soccer player, garbage disposal, sentry, welcome mat, friend, comforter and foot licker.

We will all miss her dearly.

“It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog that comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all of the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and as loving as they are.” – Anonymous

Our home is a bit quieter than usual.

It’s a strange silence, where you know something isn’t right.

Our 14-year-old Lab Marley is no longer with us. For dogs, that’s a heck of a life, roughly equivalent to 98 human years!

We don’t really “own” our best friends but merely “rent” them. We all hope for a long “lease.”

Saying goodbye to a four-legged family member is never easy, and I’m sure most pet owners will attest to that. They may not be our whole lives, but they do make our lives whole.

We love our animals with all of our hearts and believe they’ll always be with us, even though their lifespans are relatively short.

“Such short little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day,” John Grogan said.

Even when our beloved pets get old, we don’t want to say goodbye. We’re never ready for the inevitable.

These things, however, aren’t really in our hands.

Perhaps Marley knew, long before we did, the end was near. There were a few occasions when she looked at me with an unusual stare, as if to say “I’ve had enough.” I felt it.

We humans have such power over our pets and yet, we are often helpless.

At the end, in our home filled with loved ones, we said farewell as she quietly slipped away. The tears flowed, joined by sorrow, and plenty of what-ifs.

Vets always tell us it’s the humane thing to do. When a dog no longer has the ability to walk, run and play, or even stand at their bowls to eat, their quality of life is gone. They are merely existing, moving through the fog, from one day to the next.

They can’t vocalize and tell us about their aches and pains. At 14, Marley likely had many.

Her back legs were strained and she lost the ability to stand recently. She became incontinent and had a horrible cough. The vet mentioned Marley was enduring a great deal of pain.

The decision was, really, the only one.

But our furry friends don’t fear death as we do, they have no concept of it. I’m sure as she drifted away from Earth, she felt at ease. For all we know, as she crossed over, she may have thought she’d see us all the very next day.

I read that it was important that her last sights and sounds were of her family members – our faces and voices. I hope she carried these images with her and know that we loved her dearly.

Maybe her final thoughts turned to grassy fields, chasing balls and swimming in a lake. Perhaps, fi-

BRIAN PERRAS  
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## Our Readers Write

### Tackling illegal dumping

As an ex-Peel cop who never saw justice served (a.k.a. The Punishment fitting The Crime), I have an idea regarding all the illegal dumping we are seeing on all the beautiful landscapes of Caledon.

Anyone caught dumping any type of garbage in Caledon would be charged and released with these two conditions:

One, for one full year every time there is illegal dumping in Caledon they will be called to come and assist the Caledon Works Department to do the cleanup.

Two, for every time they fail to show when called to help, they will be charged a \$1,000. fine as well as remaining on the call out list to assist for the entire year they were sentenced to.

Will this help?

Any deterrent more than the current slap on the wrist has to help if we want Caledon to continue to be the Country Jewel it is/was.

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# Free speech?

I used to have a friend from college who routinely offended people around her.

It's like she had absolutely no filter at all. If she didn't like something, she said so. Where a normal person would keep a thought to themselves, she would blurt out her opinion regardless of who might be offended or hurt.

She pretty much alienated every other female she knew because of her way of letting someone know she didn't like their hairstyle, clothing, or telling them they had gained too much weight.

I once called her out on her behaviour.

Her response was, "I speak my mind."

When I bought my new house, she wanted to come over to see it.

I was pretty happy with my purchase. I had saved for years for a down payment and finally had a place of my own.

She walked through the house, criticized everything she didn't like, and left.

Over the next several years, she mentioned several times that I had not invited her back. She had apparently no clue, why I have never asked her back to my home.

It was a decision on my part, to not listen to her ridiculous and offensive opinions any more. I simply

ignored her.

She has the right to say whatever she wants – and I have the right to not listen to it.

We supposedly have free speech in this country. You can form any opinion you want. If others don't like it, they don't have to listen.

However, when people are sanctioned or disciplined for having an opinion, that's a problem.

Libraries have been going through a lot of controversy over the past few years. Books have been banned or removed from shelves because of perceived "offensive" content. This includes many books that were previously considered classics.

But who gets to decide what is offensive? Just because one person finds a book's content to be offensive, someone else may not.

We don't need anyone telling us what to read.

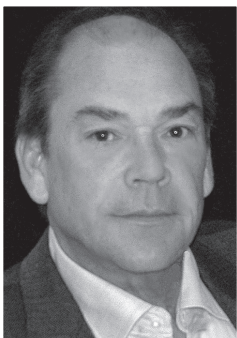
If you don't like it, don't read it. Pretty simple.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, the chief librarian was fired from her job for an opinion piece she wrote in a local newspaper column.

She exercised her right of free speech in a column titled, "Freedom to read is more than fighting book bans."

The library board said the Chief Librarian had written in support of a "right wing" American group.

# BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



In the column, the librarian wrote, "viewpoints that don't conform to progressive agendas are rarely represented in library collections and anyone who challenges this is labelled a bigot."

The library board certainly proved her point themselves when they fired her for having an opinion.

Basically it came down to a "philosophical disagreement," said the library board chair.

This is a public library, not a religious or political institution.

Since when are librarians forced to follow an institutional thought program?

What next? Are they going to fire an employee because they found out someone voted for a political party they don't like?

The board asked the librarian to "take a few days" to reflect on the article and decide what to do next to resolve the article's impact on the community. Did the Niagara-on-the-Lake library board get this right out of Kim John Un's official manifesto?

They actually want someone to correct their opinion to fall in line with their own way of thinking.

Would this library board have made the same decision if she wrote in support of a far left organization? Probably not.

When the far left and the far right get too far, they

eventually meet and are doing the same thing.

Does the library board send out spies to hang around the water cooler to listen to conversations and see if an employee makes a comment they don't like, then take action against them having the "wrong" opinion?

I'm not even sure you can call the library board thought process, "political correctness." It's more like social incorrectness.

Here's the thing – not everyone in life is going to agree with you.

Not everyone will follow your way of thinking – you aren't right all the time, whether or not you think you are.

If this library board fires a person for not having the "right opinion", what else have they done?

When you have people in a public institution disciplining someone for having the wrong opinion – maybe the someone should write a book about that to go into the library.

On second thought, it's already been done.

# Credit where credit is due

We are rapidly approaching everyone's favourite time of year, tax time, but despite the title, that's not what this column is about. Known for occasionally calling out the Town (and/or Doug Ford) on a variety of issues, I hope I am equally known for trying to be generous of spirit and give credit where credit is due, even if the amount of credit is very, very, small.

After all, most progress is incremental whether we're talking about a baby learning to walk, recovery from a health concern, or when learning long division. Is that still a thing? Did I just give away my age with that last question? I digress. Slow or not, here's a reminder of some of the things for which we should be thankful, followed of course by perhaps just one or two callouts!

While the Town (at least in theory) remains busy addressing a response to the application of a multinational consortium intent on decimating yet more Caledon acreage, it's only fair we make note of something pit-related that's slightly more positive. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is hosting a "Pits to Parks" information session on April 18 to update residents and seek input on the ecological restoration of two former aggregate sites. Their goal is to undertake a series of studies reviewing the "technical, environmental and social feasibility of importing clean excess soil to facilitate the enhanced ecological restoration of Pinchin Pit and Flaherty West Pit."

Yes, it strikes me as a little ironic that while we are talking about allowing not just excavation, but the blasting to kingdom come at yet another quarry in our collective backyards, we are also talking about filling

in the damage caused by previous pits. However, to give credit where credit is due, the potential incremental progress of a "pits to parks" policy is one that will benefit Caledon residents if not now, then for generations to come.

In other news, the carnage on Highway 10 continues to dominate the Caledon news cycle.

There's simply no other way to refer to this highway as anything other than a multitude of accidents waiting to happen, and happening they are. However, in addition to changes that were implemented some time ago to address significant traffic concerns at Highway 10 and Olde Base Line, finally something is also being done to help alleviate the chaotic mayhem happening now at Highway 10 and Old School Road. A recent announcement has confirmed that a "protective permissive left turn" signal has been installed. In other words, an advanced green light. This will potentially enhance the safety of the thousands of people travelling through that intersection daily. Combined with the VERY LONG OVERDUE building of a second exit out of Southfields (when Abbotside Way finally connects to Heart Lake Road) residents at the south end of Caledon will hopefully begin to feel at least a little more secure in their daily commutes. Nonetheless, the critics were fast and furious, taking to social media demanding a complete overhaul of the highway from Shelburne to south of Valleywood Blvd. I am in complete agreement, but progress is progress however slow it might be, so I'm giving credit where credit is due.

As "giving credit" goes, let's hope that those Coun-

cillors who have lobbied hard for further changes to enhance safety on Highway 10 (Ward One Councillor Lynn Kiernan, thank you) continue to do so. In his own recent social media post, it seems Councillor Sheen agrees that "Highway 10 continues to be a very busy highway with ever increasing volumes of traffic."

Perhaps he and other Councillors will add their voice to the advocacy work because with both commuters and heavy truck traffic rising exponentially, if approved a new quarry will only exacerbate the problem. Credit where it is due but let's keep up the push for change.

In other news, I fear yet more traffic trouble is headed our way. It appears that roads previously designated as "haulage routes" are henceforth to be known as a Strategic Goods Movement Network (SGMN). That's a mouthful. A cynic (ok, me) might think this is not a "rose by any other name would smell as sweet" scenario, but rather, an attempt at labelling something as a "strategic goods" movement network provides a workaround allowing pits and quarries to use whatever roads suit them best (such as the completely unsafe use of Main Street through downtown Alton running within just a few metres of an elementary school, a retirement home and places of business) because what they are "moving" are considered "strategic goods."

Still on the topic of traffic, my final comments are "credit is due," served with a side of snark.

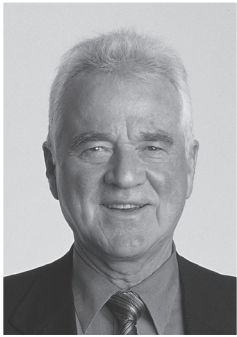
Adding their voices to the many calling for an overhead crosswalk or a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Stowmarket and Kennedy Road in South-

fields, a group of area seniors met a while ago with Mayor Groves to share their concerns. So, this is first, a thank you to the Mayor for making time in her busy schedule to meet personally with those residents. There are genuine concerns about this portion of our Caledon roadways and with both seniors walking, and children heading to school, forming a significant portion of the pedestrian traffic in an area where stop sign running occurs regularly at high speeds, something must be done sooner than later.

Since the meeting, however, as the saying goes, it's been "crickets." Things take time, we all understand that, but let's not wait until someone is injured or worse. There have already been too many close calls. Whether it was already scheduled work, or a social media posting by Councillor Sheen last year, the offer to paint "more visible" crosswalk lines was made but that will do nothing to disrupt the flow of traffic, particularly so in winter when those lines will be anything BUT visible.

It's time to do the right thing and listen to our elders who really do know better. Make this intersection safe please, Mayor Groves. I'm going to go ahead and give credit where credit is due and hope that you'll recognize (when no one else seems to be listening) the importance of a "safety first" attitude at this particular location. Older adults and young children's lives depend on it.

# FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



# Halt all hiring: an immediate fix for reining in unchecked government bureaucracy

Most Canadians would not be surprised to learn there are way too many civil servants in Ottawa.

But they would probably be shocked to learn just how top-heavy the Canadian bureaucracy really is. That's one of the eye-opening bits of information revealed at a House of Commons committee meeting last week featuring Parliamentary Budget Officer Yves Giroux.

According to Giroux, federal bureaucrats can report to as many as seven different levels of management within various government departments. When questioned whether seven layers of management was excessive or necessary, Giroux responded that "there is room to reduce."

Even the federal government, which is not known for fiscal discipline, said it could lop \$3 billion per year in government administration over the next five years. But that only represents a paltry one percent reduction in total annual spending. Surely there's a lot more fat, duplication and waste that can be cut out of the budget without laying off any civil servants.

For the past several years, I've consistently ad-

vocated for government spending cuts of 5 per cent per year over a period of ten years, which would end up reducing government overhead by half within a decade. I've also suggested the creation of a task force comprised of retired business leaders who could assist in determining areas where the government could cut spending.

The Fraser Institute published a report last month showing how the federal government could balance the budget within a year simply by reducing government spending by 4.3 per cent – an amount very close to what I've proposed.

The proposed spending cut formula I put forward is one of seven common-sense principles I've advocated for the past year as part of a new Economic Charter of Rights to revive our economy and restore Canadian prosperity.

But it's not just the cost of excessive bureaucracy that Canadians object to. It's also the red tape and regulations that come with it, which end up making everything slower and more complicated than necessary.

The federal civil service now chews up over \$67

billion per year in salaries, benefits and pensions – a record high amount. The escalating growth in payroll was termed "worrisome" by the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Not only are there more civil servants than ever, but there's also more bureaucrats than ever taking home six-figure salaries. According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, over 110,000 federal public servants made in excess of \$100,000 in 2023. In short, not only is our bureaucracy growing by the day – it's also becoming more expensive.

Despite the swelling size of our civil service, it's important to note that bureaucrats should never be made the scapegoat for the financial mismanagement created by governments. It's not their fault spending has gotten out of control.

Regardless, the problem posed by our ever-expanding bureaucracy needs to be dealt with immediately. It's been put on the back burner for far too long.

In addition to reducing government spending on overhead by five per cent per year for ten years, we should implement an immediate and permanent

hiring freeze when it comes to the civil service until the public sector payroll shrinks to a more sustainable level.

If the government official who's been put in charge of keeping an eye on our budget says there's room to reduce the size of our bureaucracy, then we should start reducing.

Not only will we save billions of dollars, but Canadians might also finally get a break from overzealous bureaucrats meddling in every aspect of our lives.

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# Peel Police hold summit addressing rising cases of auto theft

## Summit held in collaboration with a joint management team

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Peel Regional Police, along with police services from across Ontario, recently met to discuss a rising issue in the Province: auto theft.

On March 20, in collaboration with a joint management team, the Peel Regional Police held the 2024 Auto Theft Summit.

The joint management team consisted of the Durham Regional Police Service, Halton Regional Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, Niagara Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police, Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario, and Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

The summit was held to give law enforcement agencies, government officials, auto manufacturers, the insurance industry, and advocates a chance to come together and tackle the issue of auto theft and address vulnerabilities that are contributing to it.

The summit was the second to be held; a first was held in 2023.

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah said organized auto theft has become an epidemic in many Ontario jurisdictions.

“It has escalated into a complex national issue, impacting the safety and well-being of our communities,” he said. “While we continue to dedicate significant policing resources and see positive results in the work, we also need solutions from government, [and the] automotive and insurance (industries), to vulnerabilities that are contributing to auto theft.”

According to data from the Peel Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police service, York Regional Police, Durham Regional Police, Hamilton Regional Police, Niagara Regional Police, and Ottawa Police Services, there

has been a 116 per cent increase in stolen vehicles between 2019 and 2023.

During that time, 15,757 stolen vehicles, valued at \$545 million, were recovered.

Peel Regional Police said in 2023 alone 7,400 vehicles were stolen in the Region of Peel. This equals over 600 vehicles stolen per month, around 20 per day.

In the last two years in Peel, there’s been 185 carjackings. One of them resulted in a homicide.

Police services in Ontario have combined to establish a Provincial Car Jacking Task Force to address the rising number of violent auto theft incidents.

According to Peel Regional Police, the task force has to date laid over 730 criminal charges and recovered more than 150 stolen vehicles. This has also resulted in the seizure of numerous firearms.

Provincially-led operations from the Ontario Provincial Police and Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario have, to date, resulted in over 1,400 criminal charges and the recovery of over 900 stolen vehicles.

York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween, President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, said Ontario’s police services are working together with governments, community groups, and cor-

porate partners to find effective ways to stop auto theft.

“Organized auto theft is among the top three revenue generators for criminal organizations. It represents a growing and serious threat to public safety and puts police officers at risk as individuals committing these crimes are using increasingly dangerous ways to evade capture and eventual arrest,” said MacSween.

At the summit, calls were made to strengthen enforcement at ports of entry, as well as for targeted legislation and sanctions to curb organized crime.

## 15 fatal collisions in Caledon last year, up from seven in 2022

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“These meetings are informative for those involved, allowing an opportunity for partners to gain a deeper understanding of the circumstances and contributing factors associated with these fatal collisions,” said Kearns. “Countermeasures are identified through these discussions that will help lead to the prevention of recurrence.”

Something Caledon OPP have noticed is fatal collisions are happening in Caledon on roads where they’ve never occurred before. Kearns said the public should be aware these collisions are happening even on roads they may not have considered to be dangerous.

She said many of the deaths from collisions that happened in Caledon last year were preventable. Speeding is still the number one cause of collisions, said Kearns, adding police saw many instances where people were not obeying lights, stop signs, or passing rules.

“The impact and collateral damage is so long lasting for the families that have lost their loved ones on the road,” said Kearns. “These are preventable collisions... people think going 140 in a 100 is going to get them there five minutes faster... you might never get there.”

Kearns said Caledon OPP continue to be proactive in trying to stop tragic events from occurring on Caledon roadways.

In 2023, Caledon OPP laid 13,256 Highway Traffic Act charges, a 19 per cent increase from 2022. Police also laid 359 Criminal Code charges related to traffic offences, a 15 per cent increase

from 2022.

There were 245 motor vehicle collisions that resulted in personal injury in 2023, and 1,711 that resulted in property damage.

Kearns shared that Caledon OPP continues to participate in Provincial traffic safety campaigns. On the Thanksgiving long weekend last year, Caledon OPP issued 45 tickets to people not wearing seatbelts, 84 tickets to speeders, impounded eight vehicles from people caught stunt driving, and caught four impaired drivers.

Caledon OPP also ran its annual Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) campaign from November 16 to January 1. This campaign caught 46 impaired drivers on Caledon roads.

“I can truly say I am proud of our members’ collective efforts in improving road safety in Caledon,” said Kearns.

In 2024 so far, Kearns said officers have issued 5,484 tickets related to traffic in Caledon. By March 2023, officers had issued 3,257 tickets.

“The increase in tickets year-to-year is tremendous,” she said.

On March 20 this year, Kearns said Caledon OPP ran a “blitz” and conducted 61 truck inspections in the area of Mayfield Road and Highway 410. The blitz resulted in 25 charges being laid, eight warnings issued, and 10 trucks being taken out of service.

Kearns said traffic safety is everyone’s responsibility and that everyone needs to be part of the solution.

“All of us in the room... haven’t had perfect driving days. We all have to be part of the change

we want to see,” she said.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kieman said the community has noticed an increase in police presence on the roads and that she appreciates the efforts being made to keep Caledon roads safe.

Regional Councillor Christina Early said she was happy to hear about the recent truck blitz and said it’s the type of thing that should be happening more in Caledon.

“We need to get the word out that we mean business... that we are going to do these inspections and we are going to make sure that you’re safe on our roads,” said Early.

Kearns said Caledon OPP plans to continue the truck blitzes, at least quarterly.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said he appreciates seeing an increase in the number of tickets issued in Caledon. He also said the community has noticed an increase in police presence on the road.

“I’m amazed at the number of drunk drivers that you’re pulling off the road,” said Sheen.

Kearns agreed and said she can’t believe the amount of people who are driving impaired. She said harsher penalties should be implemented by the courts for impaired drivers.

Kearns said she encourages Caledon residents to call police when they see dangerous driving in Caledon, even if they don’t catch a license plate. Often, she said a vehicle colour and travel direction will be enough for an officer out on the roads to catch someone.

“Call us right away so we can do our job,” said Kearns.



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**“Fresh Food Focus - Celebrating Nutrition Month in Caledon”**  
*by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead*



In May 2020, the COVID-19 response closed the doors on college campuses, sending students home, many with feelings of fear and uncertainty.

Brown University student Ben Collier left Providence, R.I. and once back home, was spurred into action. Gripped by a strong urgency to help those in need, two media stories caught his eye.

Ben read how food banks were struggling to keep up with the increased demand and at the same time, farmers with an abundance of crops were being forced to discard the excess. The idea to connect food banks with these farmers took shape in Ben’s mind.

And ‘The Farmlink Project’ was born. Ben gathered a small group of like-minded students and began researching and calling farmers. Connecting with a farmer with a large excess of onions, the students rented a truck, collected the onions and donated them to a food bank.

Today, The Farmlink Project continues to connect farms with surplus produce to food banks in need. Their team is now made up of more than 100 students helping to combat food insecurity and food waste.

Farmlink’s founding story is a reminder of the important role our agricultural producers play in ensuring fresh, nutritious foods make it from farm to

table, as well as a reminder that we all have the power to make a difference.

According to Food Banks Canada, 40 per cent of food distributed by food banks in Canada is fresh and with a study from Dalhousie University citing that 50 per cent of people surveyed are choosing cost over nutritional value at the grocery store, ensuring access to fresh, nutritional foods is more important than ever.

March is Nutrition Month and we want to thank all the amazing local farms, farmers and green thumbs who generously donate fresh foods to Caledon Community Services (CCS) food pantry at the Exchange.

So how can you help? Food donations to CCS’ Exchange (55 Healey Rd., Bolton) and financial donations at [ccs4u.org](https://ccs4u.org) both make a difference. Consider growing a row, hosting a food drive or adding a couple items to your grocery list.

Most needed items are always changing; current needs include jam, honey, Nutella, peanut butter, mac’n cheese, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, cereal, ketchup, BBQ sauce, flour, oil, sugar, almond milk, family-size juice and juice boxes, crackers, cookies and kids’ snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, popcorn, pudding cups).

For more information, please visit [ccs4u.org](https://ccs4u.org) or call 905-584-2300 ext. 202 and ask about acceptable fresh food donations. Thank you Caledon, together we’re making a difference in our community!

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Tell us how you see it.  
Kim D’Eri, Manager, Community Animation, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 202 or [kderi@ccs4u.org](mailto:kderi@ccs4u.org)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Notice of Public Open House Southfields Skatepark

**Meeting Date:** **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**Public Meeting Start Time:** **5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:** **Southfields Community Centre – Community Room  
225 Dougall Avenue  
Caledon, L7C 3M7**

The Town of Caledon is currently designing a new skatepark to be located adjacent to the Southfields Community Centre. Earlier this year, an online survey was held on the Have Your Say Caledon website to collect information on what the community would like to see in the overall design.

Based on the feedback received from the survey, a conceptual design of the skatepark has been developed and will be on display at the Southfields Community Centre for review, conversation, and comment.

The Town will take the comments received from this Open House and the Have Your Say website to make any necessary final changes to the overall design. Construction of this new skatepark is scheduled for Summer 2024.



**HAVE YOUR SAY CALEDON**

Prior to the meeting, the skatepark conceptual design will be posted on the Have Your Say Caledon website for review and comment. [HaveYourSayCaledon.ca/Southfields-Skatepark](https://HaveYourSayCaledon.ca/Southfields-Skatepark)

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# AUTO MAINTENANCE



## Maintenance intervals drivers should know

Vehicles are among the most costly expenses individuals have.

According to data from Kelley Blue Book, the average price paid for a new vehicle in the United States in September 2022 was \$48,094. Canadian car buyers face an equally expensive reality in their country, where the average MSRP for a new car is more than \$45,000.

Since vehicles are such sizable investments, it behooves motorists to do as much as they can to keep their cars and trucks running smoothly. Vehicle owner's manuals typically recommend maintenance intervals and should be drivers' first resource for information regarding how to take care of their cars and trucks. But the following are some standard maintenance intervals drivers can keep in mind.

### 3,000 MILES

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer between oil changes. However, it's still a good idea to check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles. Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low.

It's wise for drivers to perform some additional maintenance checkups every 3,000 miles. Check tire pressure, inspect hoses (which should not be leaking or bulging) and clean the interior of the vehicle every 3,000 miles.

### 5,000 MILES

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles. Tire rotations also can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask

their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan.

Drivers also can request that cabin air filters be inspected at this point, though they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use. Each of those signs indicates the wipers need to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles before they begin to wear down. In such instances, they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

### 10,000 MILES

Some vehicles may only require oil changes every 10,000 miles. That's not uncommon in vehicles that use synthetic oil, though drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals.

Brake pads also may need to be replaced around this time, and one telltale sign of that is a squeaking noise whenever the brakes are applied.

Drivers can ask their mechanics to check the alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well. Though many vehicles won't develop alignment issues, it's best to check for such issues every 10,000 miles or whenever a vehicle feels as though it's pulling in one specific direction.

Maintenance intervals are created to serve as a guideline for drivers. Any issues that arise should still be brought to the attention of a mechanic regardless of how many miles have been added to the odometer since the most recent trip to the garage.



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**Q. Should I replace my car's timing belt?**

**A.** Yes, if your car has a timing belt, check your manual to determine when it should be replaced. These rubber belts can wear out and break over time, causing engine damage or failure, so most auto manufacturers recommend replacing them every 60,000 to 100,000 miles.



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**Q. What maintenance tips can improve fuel economy?**

**A.** Keeping your tires properly inflated can improve your gas mileage by 0.6% on average. Check the sticker on your driver's door to determine the recommended tire pressure for your vehicle. Replacing an old air filter is another inexpensive way to improve gas mileage. In addition, regular tune-ups will ensure bad spark plugs aren't costing you gas.



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**Q. Should I use synthetic motor oil or conventional?**

**A.** Synthetic motor oil will break down more slowly than conventional oil, and provide better overall engine protection and performance support. While more expensive than conventional oil, synthetic oils also generally allow for longer intervals between oil changes. Many vehicles require synthetics for their engines, so always check your manual or consult a mechanic if you are unsure.



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# AUTOMAINTEANCE



## WARNING SIGNS that brakes are faltering

Automotive problems are often best left to professionals. Though seasoned car enthusiasts may be capable of diagnosing and fixing car troubles without the assistance of a trusted mechanic, most drivers are better off letting the pros address issues under the hood.

However, drivers can still play a vital role in vehicle maintenance. Learning to recognize warning signs of various problems that can affect cars can prevent breakdowns and potentially costly repairs. In certain instances, such as when the brake system is not working properly, knowing how to spot problems before they escalate into something larger can make drivers and their passengers safer and potentially prevent accidents.

Television shows and movies have lent credence to the notion that brake problems are marked by the sudden

cessation of a vehicle's ability to stop. Though that can happen, warning signs of fading brake systems tend to be more subtle.

### NOISES:

Much like a knocking sound typically indicates a problem with a vehicle's air-fuel ration mixture, certain noises also suggest there are problems with the brakes. The most noticeable such sign is a high-pitched squeal that occurs when drivers apply the brakes. But grinding sounds and noises like scratching and scraping also warrant a visit to a brake specialist.

### INCREASE IN STOPPING DISTANCE:

An increase in the distance a vehicle travels before it stops after the brakes are applied indicates that there's an issue with the brakes. This issue may or may not require a brake replacement. In fact, it's sometimes indicative

that brake fluid levels are low, which can be remedied quickly and easily. However, an increase in stopping distance is significant enough that it should be brought to the attention of a brake specialist immediately.

### PULLING UPON STOPPING:

Another warning sign of brake problems is when the vehicle noticeably pulls to one side as it comes to a stop. This indicates that one side of the brakes is malfunctioning while the other is working properly. Like other issues with brakes, this one requires immediate attention from an automotive professional.

Brake systems should be inspected during routine maintenance visits. But issues with brakes can arise even after such inspections, which underscores how important it is that drivers learn to recognize the warning signs of brake problems.

## When should you replace rotors and brake pads?

The ability to accelerate and steer freely is vital to vehicle performance. Equally crucial is being able to stop the car to avoid collisions and obstacles. Brake pads and rotors are vital components of braking mechanisms that need to be maintained and serviced.

### REPLACING BRAKE PADS

Brake pads are made from different materials, but all will wear down over time, losing a portion of the material every time the brakes are used. Eventually, brake pads will not be able to generate enough friction to stop the vehicle quickly. Industry experts generally recommend brakes be replaced every 20,000 to 60,000 miles. Since that is a wide mileage range, drivers can listen for squealing noises or grinding sounds or feel for vibrations when deploying the brakes. Each of those signs may indicate brakes need to be replaced.

### REPLACING ROTORS

Like brake pads, rotors also will wear out over time. Brake rotors must meet a certain thickness to be considered safe. If they are below that thickness, then they must be fully replaced. Some drivers opt to have their rotors resurfaced. This means removing any grooves, hotspots or anomalies on the rotors that can cause uneven wear of the brake pads. However, if the rotors are too thin, they cannot be resurfaced, as this removes some additional rotor material. Rotors can only be resurfaced once before replacement. Some vehicles have rotors that cannot be resurfaced at all.

Rotors can go thousands of miles before they need to be replaced, but vibrations while braking and squeaking noises are usually indicative that rotors need to be checked and/or replaced. Even though brake pads and rotors may wear out at different intervals, many automotive professionals advise replacing rotors when brake pads are changed for optimal performance and safety.

Brakes are an essential safety component. Work with a qualified mechanic to have brake pads and rotors serviced before wear and tear adversely affects driver safety and vehicle performance.



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All cars come equipped with air filters, which are essential to optimum engine operation. The engine air filter is the first line of defense against outside air that is being brought into the car engine to be burned along with fuel to produce combustion. The filter will capture particulate matter that would normally enter a vehicle's engine and leave sediment. The automotive resource It Still Runs says dirty air can reduce engine efficiency and cause damage over time.

Dirty air can compromise the air/fuel mixture that is involved in combustion. Any debris that enters portals in fuel injection systems can compromise that system. In addition, debris can cause fuel to burn less efficiently, resulting in poor fuel economy.

There is no simple answer as to how often an engine air filter should be changed. It largely depends on miles driven and the environment in which the vehicle is used. Those who reside in rural or dusty areas will need to replace air filters more frequently. Drivers also can install air filters more suited to dusty areas.

An engine filter is not the only filter in a vehicle. There also is a cabin air filter. The cabin air filter does not affect engine performance, but it does help to provide

...All cars come equipped with air filters, which are essential to optimum engine operation...

clean air inside of the vehicle. The cabin air filter helps to keep dirt, pollen, bacteria, exhaust gases, and dust from entering the HVAC system. It also can be a barrier against bugs, leaves and other particles from clogging up the system. The cabin filter also helps to keep the air fresh and odour-free. A clogged filter can result in diminished heating and air conditioning performance, so it's important to change this filter as well.

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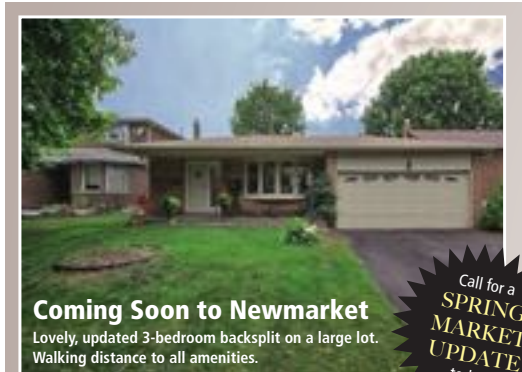
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## Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week

### High-scoring defenseman Piper Sebben leads the Hall Wolfpack Varsity Girls Hockey Team and the U15 Brampton Canadettes



Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week Piper Sebben of the Hall Wolfpack Hockey, Flag Football, and Rugby teams.

BY JIM STEWART

Piper Sebben has made quite a first impression in her Grade 9 year at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

Not only has the first-year Honor Roll student carved out a leadership role for herself on the Varsity Girls' Hockey team and thrived as a freshman on the Varsity Girls' Flag Football team, but she is also serving as Captain of her Brampton Canadettes rep team this winter as the team enters its playoff season.

Sebben played a key role in the resurrection of the Girls Hockey program at Hall and helped the re-born Wolfpack capture a tournament championship. After the hockey season, the tri-sport athlete will take to the pitch to compete for the Wolfpack Varsity Girls' Rugby squad.

Sebben was nominated as The Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week by her entire high school hockey coaching staff who were impressed collectively with the young student-athlete's level of play and her comportment on and off the ice.

According to Coaches Nick Pusateri, Chris Fielder, and Holly Jai, Sebben is viewed as an exceptional athlete.

"Piper's prowess on the ice has set a new standard for excellence in our varsity girls hockey team. Despite being a Grade 9 playing Varsity hockey, Piper has demonstrated remarkable skills both defensively and offensively, making her a true standout player. As a defenseman, Piper has not only excelled in protecting our goal, but has also shown incredible finesse in launching offensive plays, obtaining five goals and five assists in eight games played. Her strategic positioning, quick thinking, and unwavering determination have undoubtedly contributed to the success of our team on the ice. Beyond her impressive performance at the rink, Piper embodies the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork, inspiring her teammates to strive for greatness."

In addition to using these glowing superlatives to describe their rookie defenseman, the Wolfpack coaching staff also extolled Sebben's virtues as a student.

"Despite being a student-athlete with a demanding schedule, Piper consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to her academic success. Her unwavering determination and disciplined approach to both her studies and her sport serve as an inspiration to her peers."

What impresses the Hall hockey coaching triumvirate the most about Sebben is her "composure as a young defenseman playing against older students."

"She was patient with the puck and never chose the wrong play. She excelled under pressure, and consistently defended against the rush, and broke the team out of the d-zone quickly and effectively."

They highlighted a key performance moment

that encapsulated Sebben's freshman season with the Wolfpack.

"In our final tournament of the year, we were playing very shorthanded in the finals, down three players to a great Collingwood team. Collingwood had an excellent forward in Grade 12, whom Piper did not back down from. Double shifting, and in her fourth game of the day, Piper gave her absolute best effort to shut the opposing player down. She was relentless on defence, while also driving the team forward on offence. It was an inspiring effort and was a true show of character." Piper Sebben took time from her second semester studies and her rep hockey playoff commitments to respond to our interview questions:

**Caledon Citizen:** What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

**Piper Sebben:** "I feel that I have demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to the sports teams I belonged to so far this season. I am a team player and feel I bring a positive outlook to the teams. As well as on these teams, I always try my best in order for self-improvement and the improvement of my teammates."

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

**Piper Sebben:** "I am very proud that as a Grade 9 student, I made the varsity flag football team in September. I was one of three Grade 9 students amongst a team of mostly Grade 11 and 12 students. As a rep hockey player, I was proud to play a big role on the school's female hockey team, the first that Robert F. Hall has had in years. As a team, we won our first tournament and I feel I was a strong contributor to the success of this team."

**Caledon Citizen:** In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

**Piper Sebben:** "I am currently the Captain of the U15AA Brampton Canadettes Hockey Rep team. I have been called upon to practice several times with the U18AA rep hockey team as well as play in tournaments and games with the U18AA rep team."

**Caledon Citizen:** How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong?

**Piper Sebben:** "As a Grade 9 student, I have made a concentrated effort to involve myself in the school community both academically and athletically. I was on the flag football team as well as the school hockey team. I have also been asked to try out for the spring rugby team as well. Along with my outside sports commitments, I have still main-

tained a 90% average."

**Caledon Citizen:** What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

**Piper Sebben:** "My goal for post-secondary school is to attend a College/University in the USA and pursue hockey at a high level (ie. NCAA, PWHL, Team Canada). I intend to pursue a degree in Kinesiology which will allow me to pursue sports medicine."

**Caledon Citizen:** Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

**Piper Sebben:** "Throughout my hockey career, I have been lucky enough to be coached by many different coaches. The one who stands out to me and who I admire the most is Cheryl Pounder. She is a past Olympian and is currently working with

PWHL, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Ottawa Senators, and with TSN. I have been coached by her on and off the ice since I was six years old. She is a positive role model for women's hockey and the opportunities that exist within it. She has mentored me for years and has made a huge impact on me especially as I made the switch from playing forward to defense. As much as she helped me with my hockey career, she also helped me with my career as a person, helping and supporting me when and wherever."

**Caledon Citizen:** How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

**Piper Sebben:** "I am very honoured that, as a Grade 9 student, I was chosen to be Caledon's student-athlete of the week. I plan to continue on making athletics and academics both a priority."

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Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024      Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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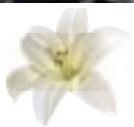
As a tribute to Carl's unwavering dedication to the Shelburne Fire Department for 25 years and the IGA for 43 years along with many other contributions to the town of Shelburne, his ashes will be escorted through town via fire truck. The procession will commence at 11:00 a.m., following the route along William St., up to Main St. and down Owen Sound St., culminating at the cemetery for the immediate family's gathering for the interment of ashes. We invite you to pay your respects along the route or join us at the Legion after 1:00 p.m. to reminisce, share stories, and honour Carl's memory. Light lunch fare will be provided and the bar will be open for those wishing to purchase adult beverages. Your presence and support during this commemoration are deeply appreciated as we come together to celebrate the life of a cherished member of our community.

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OBITUARIES

BOWLES, DONALD M.  
SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1946 - MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

Cherished husband and best friend to Brenda; predeceased by brothers Lender (the late Alberta), Richard (Debbie), Michael (Heather), William (the late Anne); survived by John (Claire), Gerald (Ruby), Robert (Karen) and sister Donna (the late Tim); brother-in-law to Barbara (the late Steve), Brian, Beverly (Gerald), and Bonita; father to Sarah and Gillian (Benjamin); grandfather and playmate to Cedar; uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews. Constant fishing trips kept him close to all.



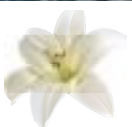
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A visitation will be held at 1:00 pm on April 4th at Westminster Church in Orangeville, with a funeral and celebration of his life to follow at 2 pm.

BRIAN & TINA HULL

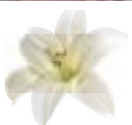
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Funeral Service was held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 at 3:30 pm. Visitation will begin at 2:30 pm. Spring interment - Greenwood. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

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# Marathon of Sport fundraising event supports Caledon Special Olympics

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Lucrezia Chiappetta, one of three executive directors on the Motionball Caledon team putting together this year's event, said: "We've spent the last couple of years building awareness on what Motionball is and how it benefits our community. This year, we would like to see more residents and businesses participating."

She said many people who attended last year's event didn't know what to expect — but left the event smiling, having had an incredible time and looking forward to this year's event.

Chiappetta said whether you play sports every day or never have, there's a place for you at the event.

"It's about coming out and being together, being inclusive," she said.

Teams of all kinds have participated in the event, such as teams from local businesses, the Caledon OPP, and Caledon Fire. Friends and families often team up to participate in the event too. However, having a team isn't necessary.

"If you want to do it as an individual, we'll get you on a team... it's a great way to meet new people," said Chiappetta.

People looking to play in this year's Marathon of Sport in Caledon, either as a team or as an individual, can email [motionball.caledon@gmail.com](mailto:motionball.caledon@gmail.com). There's also ample volunteer and sponsorship opportunities available for the event.

"There's so many different ways to support the event... we would love to see as many people as possible involved," said Chiappetta.

She said the event is a great way for high school students to get some volunteer hours done in a fun way, and that many have done so in previous years.

Last year's event was fun, said Chiappetta, and the Motionball Caledon team will be working hard in preparation for this year's event.

"Everybody had a great time... it's a big event and we want to make it the best we can possibly make it," said Chiappetta.

# Provincial Junior Hockey League moving into Division finals

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Sixteen Junior C hockey teams are going into the Division championship series this week after completing the quarter-final and semi-final rounds of competition.

The Provincial Junior Hockey League is the world's largest Junior hockey league with 61 teams and eight Divisions.

There were few surprises in the play-offs this season. In seven of the divisions, the two teams who placed first and second in the regular season will be meeting for the division championship.

The only exception is in the East Tod Division where the first-place Frankford Huskies lost their semi-final to the fourth-place Napanee Raiders. In that same Division, the third-place Port Hope Panthers defeated the second-place Amherstview Jets in a semi-final in a series that went six games. This means second

and fourth place teams will meet for the title series.

The Division championships provide some very exciting hockey for fans and many arenas are packed for the series games. Division champions will go on to play for the Conference championship. Teams that win the Conference will go on to compete for the provincial Schmaltz Cup.

The Stobbs Division final got an early start with game one of the series between the Lakeshore Canadiens and Essex 73's getting underway on Sunday, March 24.

Essex won that opening game to lead 1-0.

In the North Carruthers Division, the Stayner Siskins will be up against the Alliston Hornets. That series is scheduled to start on Thursday, March 28, on Alliston home ice. If it goes the distance, the final game will be held on April 8.

The Pollock Division will see the Hanover Barons facing the Mount Forest

Patriots.

The Clarington Eagles will meet the Georgina Ice for the Orr Division championship. That series is slated to start on March 28.

In the Tod Division, the Port Hope Panthers will be up against the Napanee Raiders.

The powerhouse Grimsby Peach Kings, who have won the Division title five times over the past seven years, will be up against the Dundas Blues.

In the Doherty Division, the New Hamburg Firebirds will meet the Woodstock Navy Vets.

The Thamesford Trojans will be up against the Mt. Brydges Bulldogs in the Yeck Division.

The winning teams can expect to be playing a long season as the Schmaltz Cup final takes place after the Conference championships meaning the final series of the Junior C season will take place well into May.

# Rose hits milestone in lacrosse career

106th career win after Sunday game

BY BRIAN LOCKHART



Toronto Rock goalie and former Junior A Northmen player, Nick Rose, has notched an impressive milestone in his professional career after the Rock won 9-8 in overtime over the Halifax Thunderbirds at the First Ontario Centre in Hamilton on Sunday, March 24.

The game marked Rose's 106th win as a professional goalie in the National Lacrosse League and moved him into third place for all-time goalie wins in the League.

The win moved him ahead of former Rock legend, Bob Watson, who retired with 105 wins. It also places him only one win behind Pat O'Toole who has 107 wins for his career.

O'Toole retired from the National Lacrosse League in 2010.

Rose could take over the second spot this season. He has won 12 games so far this year.

Rose won Sunday's game in front of a packed house of 9,500 fans.

Starting with the Orangeville Junior A Northmen, where he helped the Northmen win the 2009 Minto Cup, and was named the tournament MVP, Rose started his professional career with the Boston Blazers in 2010.

He played two seasons with the Blazers then moved to the Calgary Roughnecks.

Rose was traded to the Toronto Rock in 2012.

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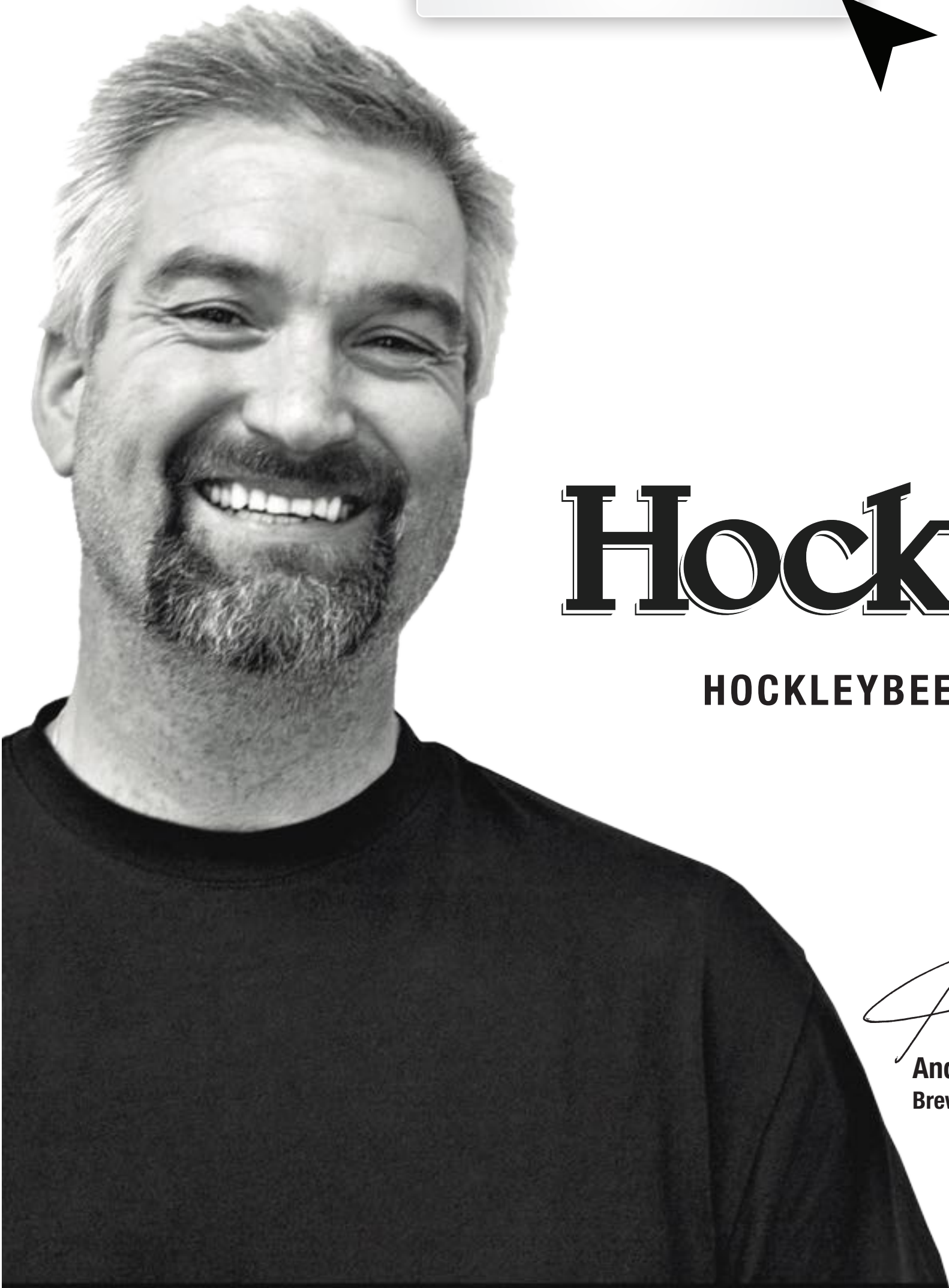
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