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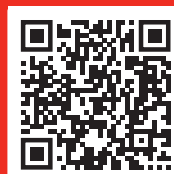
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NEW GAME IN TOWN – Dignitaries, including MPP Sylvia Jones and members of Council, representatives from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and the owners of ChainLink Disc Golf celebrated the grand opening of two new disc golf courses at Albion Hills Conservation Park on May 11. For more on the burgeoning sport within the Caledon community, see Page B1. **PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

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Caledon poised to adopt Green Development Standards

Delegates supported adopting standards at recent planning meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon is taking steps to ensure future development in the municipality is sustainable. At Caledon Council's May 14 Planning

and Development Committee meeting, Councillors unanimously supported adopting Green Development Standards (GDS) created by Town of Caledon staff.

With Council's approval at the planning meeting, the GDS will be coming to a future Council meeting where they'll be recommended for final approval. Once approved, the standards will come into effect on July 1.

A staff report created by Alexandra Service, a Climate Change Specialist in Caledon's energy and environment division, notes implementing GDS is a key action in

Caledon's climate change action plan.

The new GDS will apply to all new residential, commercial, and industrial developments in Caledon.

"Caledon's GDS involve a streamlined, single set of mandatory standards, with flexibility in how targets can be achieved," reads Service's report. "They will be rolled out within a one-year pilot phase to assess implementation and make adjustments if needed."

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Former owner and publisher of Citizen passes away at 80

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A community-focused woman who impacted countless lives in the region recently passed away.

Pamela Anne Claridge, who led a life dedicated to her passion for music and enhancing the community, passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre at the age of 80 on May 9.

She is survived by her four grandchildren, three children and husband Tom Claridge.

As a trained vocalist and soloist, she performed with countless choirs throughout her life and did many solo performances in her early years.

"In the later years, it was more about piano and organ – teaching people piano and accompanying choirs and other singers," said her son, Alan Claridge.

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“She did a lot of outreach through the church to seniors homes, and that sort of thing. A lot of times it had to do with music, playing songs during services.”

Over the years, Pam played for countless funerals with Dods and McNair. She was an organist and choirmaster at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Shelburne and later at St. Mark’s Church in Orangeville. For over 40 years she organized music programs in senior homes.

Pam was still accompanying devotionals in Montgomery Village Retirement Home up until two weeks before she passed.

“Her passion for music was carried through her work in the community. She was involved with the Rotary [Club of Orangeville Highlands] for a long time. She was just somebody that gave back to the community.”

Alan added, “I always appreciated that about her and have tried to do what I could in the community myself because of her.”

Pam was involved with a local school breakfast program for a number of years.

“I know that was really important to her,” Alan said. “She just couldn’t stand the fact that there were kids starting off their day without food.”

When it comes to community newspapers in the region, the Claridge name is well-known.

Tom and Pam Claridge founded the Orangeville Citizen and took ownership of the then Shelburne Free Press and Economist in the early 70s. They also owned the Grand Valley Star-Vidette and Caledon Citizen.

After a career as a professional singer in Toronto, Pam turned her focus to the family-owned community newspaper business. But music was never left behind.

“She simultaneously had the title of publisher and was a music teacher that taught both piano and voice,” said Tom.

Pam’s role at the Orangeville Citizen changed over the years, but she was primarily focused on publishing and the business side of things, while Tom focused on taking photos, editing, and writing. During the early days of the newspaper, she helped put pages together, wrote articles, and

provided guidance to reporters.

Alan said as with most entrepreneurial ventures, both Pam and Tom had to wear many hats when getting the paper off the ground.

“They had to be responsible for a lot of things for a lot of years, and I learned everything that I needed to know about how to run a newspaper from mom. Dad was more involved in the writing and editing, and I learned that from him,” said Alan, who worked for decades in various roles at the Claridge-owned newspapers.

“While it was maybe not her life’s ambition to be a newspaper publisher, I think that it allowed mom to be in the community in a really constructive way, and get things accomplished that she wanted to see accomplished for the town and Dufferin.”

Pam’s focus in the community was around music, outreach and publishing quality newspapers to keep residents informed

“Getting what was happening in the community out to the community was important to her because she understood that if people wanted to be active in the community, they had to be informed about it,” Alan explained.

Tom’s grandfather purchased both the Shelburne Economist and Shelburne Free Press before merging them in 1928, just before the stock market crash in October of 1929 that triggered the Great Depression.

Pam and Tom took ownership of the Shelburne paper at the start of 1972, but with the Orangeville Banner taking up what little advertising there was in the community, he came up with the idea for Orangeville Citizen.

“We determined the only way of saving the Shelburne paper was to compete with the Banner, so I opened the Orangeville Citizen in September ‘74. We moved from our lovely little home in Etobicoke to Orangeville in February of ‘75,” Tom recalled.

“I never thought 50 years later we would be the only game in town.”

Tom met Pam when covering the legislature for the Canadian Press in Victoria, B.C. While living there he came across the Victoria Choral Society.

“I showed up for a practice, and the beauti-



HUGE LOSS FOR THE COMMUNITY: Pam Claridge is remembered for her dedication to music, teaching young performers and keeping the community informed. She passed away on May 9 at the age of 80. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ful young lady who was the soprano soloist, I happened to bump into her,” Tom said. “She happened to persuade me to switch churches. I’d been raised in the United Church – she was Anglican.

“We became engaged about a couple of months later... and we were married in August ‘65.”

Pam achieved many significant accomplishments throughout her life. She was a founding member and president of the Orangeville Concert Association and a director, as well as chorister, in many productions for the Orangeville Music Theatre.

Pam also chaired the steering committee to establish Theatre Orangeville back in 1994.

She was recognized as Woman of the Year by Family Transition Place in 1995 and installed into the Order of Niagara for her contributions to Shelburne’s St. Paul’s in 2000.

A funeral service for Pam Claridge will be held at St. Mark’s Anglican Church (5 First Ave.) on Friday, May 17, at 2 p.m. Visitation begins at 1 p.m.

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Humberview Secondary School students prepare community garden



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Students using grant funding to improve garden

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Local students are hard at work garden-

ing. On May 6, Grade 11 Environmental Science and French Immersion Anthropol-

gy students from Humberview Secondary School prepared the school's community garden for another year of growing vegetables.

Public schools across Caledon have been building vegetable gardens thanks to an initiative that was started by Caledon's Peel District School Board trustee, Stan Cameron.

The gardens have produced hundreds of pounds of food that have been donated to The Exchange, Caledon's home for food support for those in need.

Humberview has a particularly large and

successful garden, and this resulted in the school receiving a grant for \$3,975 to put towards improving their garden even further.

The grant is from the Whole Kids Foundation, which is a U.S.-based non-profit dedicated to improving children's health and wellness through their nutrition.

Humberview's Curricular Head of Science, Andrew Hagen, had his Grade 11 environmental science students research and create detailed garden plans and proposals about how the grant should be used. He then had students present their plans and proposals.

As a result of that project and the grant, important items for the garden were identi-

fied, ordered and delivered. All that was left was for work to begin.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, who used to be a guidance counsellor at Humberview, came out for the May 6 garden preparation day to show support to the students — and grill up some lunch.

"The students worked hard and lots of work was completed as many hands make light work," said Maskell in an email to the Citizen. "The students enjoyed the opportunity to spend the day out in the spring sun while giving back to the community... there is still more work to do and we are excited to see the fruits of this labour as we move through the seasons."

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NUMEROUS CHARGES FOLLOWING HIGHWAY 10 BLITZ

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Provincial Police (OPP) teamed up with the Ministry of Transportation Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (MTO) for a Highway 10 traffic and equipment initiative. "On May 8, 2024, Caledon OPP and MTO participated in a day-long traffic and equipment initiative on Highway 10, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Officers were looking for aggressive drivers, proper seat-belt use, distracted driving, and unsafe commercial motor vehicles."

As a result of the initiative, the following charges were laid:

- 131 Moving and Commercial Vehicle Document violations
- 34 Commercial Motor Vehicle inspections
- 8 Commercial Vehicles placed out of service

"This initiative represents the on-going dedication of the Caledon OPP Detachment and the Ministry of Transportation to ensuring that Highway 10 is a safe roadway for all motorists."

Motorists are encouraged to contact the OPP to report unsafe vehicles and unsafe driving behaviours that are observed. Road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists can call 911 or *OPP (*677) to report unsafe incidents.

CHARGES STEM FROM DRIVE-THRU COMPLAINT

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver observed at a restaurant drive-thru.

"On May 5, 2024, at approximately 5:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a complaint from a concerned citizen over the way a vehicle entered a restaurant drive-thru in Bolton," say Police. "Officers attended and located the vehicle. The investigation revealed that the novice driver had a blood alcohol concentration above zero and stolen licence plates were recovered."

As a result, a 23-year-old male from Brampton was charged with:

- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero; and
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 6, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to educate motorists on the rules and consequences for novice and young

drivers when it comes to the consumption of alcohol or drugs:

- Ontario drivers with the licence class of G1 or G2 are considered novice drivers;
- Ontario drivers under the age of 22 are considered young drivers;
- Young and novice drivers cannot consume any alcohol or drug before operating a motor vehicle. This means young and novice drivers must have zero traces of alcohol or drug when operating a vehicle.

There is a zero-tolerance policy for impaired drivers on our roads and the OPP is committed to ensuring all drivers understand the rules and consequences before getting behind the wheel.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, do 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. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged two individuals with Impaired Operation.

"On May 3, 2024, at approximately 12:44 a.m., officers received a report of a two-vehicle collision on Columbia Way in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "During the investigation, officers formed grounds that one of the driver's abilities to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Maya Cascallar, 20, of Bolton, was charged with:

- Operation while Impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor;
- Class G1 licence driving at unlawful hour;
- Class G1 licence unaccompanied by qualified driver;
- Young driver blood alcohol concentration above zero;
- Novice driver blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

"A few minutes later officers responded to a traffic complaint of a possible impaired north on Airport Road and Mayfield. Obser-

ations from a witness advised that the vehicle was operating in a concerning manner. Officers located the vehicle on King Street near Airport Road. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Jagraj Dhaliwal, 31, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 23, 2024, to answer to the charges. Their driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days and the vehicles were impounded for seven.

"The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. 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."

AIRCRAFT ENFORCEMENT

Members of the Caledon and Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) participated in a motorcycle safety initiative by utilizing the OPP Aircraft Enforcement Program (AEP), which resulted in 26 driving-related charges.

"On May 4, 2024, OPP officers and pilots prioritized road safety for all motorists through aircraft surveillance along Highway 10 in Caledon and Dufferin," say Police. "The initiative aimed to proactively prepare for the upcoming increase in motorcycles due to improving weather conditions, as well as target aggressive driving, speeding, passing on the shoulder, and failing to stop."

"A total of 26 charges were laid including 3 stunt driving charges, 4 improperly displayed plates charges, and numerous speeding charges. Out of these charges, 11 were motorcycles."

The OPP is committed to reducing and preventing injuries on roads, highways, waterways, and trails, while enhancing safety for motorists and all other road users through public education and enforcement."

CALEDON OPP's YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are pleased to announce that the annual Youth Leadership Program will be held from Tuesday, July 23, 2024, to Friday, July 26, 2024,

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"By definition, leadership means, "action of leading a group of people or an organization," say Police. "Since 2003, Caledon OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) officers, along with the Optimist Club of Caledon, have been engaging with local youth to demonstrate the importance of community service, involvement, compassion, and leadership in their community."

During this four-day program, students will be given the opportunity to engage in a variety of community activities aimed at giving back to their community while interacting with Caledon OPP officers and fellow students.

Applicants interested in applying to the program must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Caledon;
- Currently in high school (Grade 9 to 12);
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Applicants are required to submit an OPP permission form signed by the applicant's parent/guardian along with a brief essay (minimum of 250 words) written by the applicant. The essay should outline reasons for the applicant's interest and identify what the applicant has to offer to the program.

OPP permission forms are available through email by contacting PC Melissa Sheardown at melissa.sheardown@opp.ca. If email is not an option, contact the officer by calling 905-584-2241 to make alternate arrangements.

Space is limited so please return the permission form and essay to the Caledon OPP detachment (drop off or email) to the attention of PC Melissa Sheardown no later than June 15, 2024. Successful applicants will be notified during the week of June 17, 2024.

In addition to earning a sense of satisfaction from being able to give back to their community, participants will also gain 40 hours of community work, a requirement to graduating high school.

For more information regarding the program, please contact PC Melissa Sheardown.

This program is supported by the Optimist Club of Caledon and relies on community support and involvement to ensure its continued success. All donations go towards the operational expenses associated with the program. For instructions on how to donate, please contact Sue Montgomery from the Optimist Club of Caledon at suemontgomery@live.ca.

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The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has released a three-dimensional (3-D) facial approximation and new Unsolved video (link) in the hopes of identifying a child whose remains were discovered in the Grand River in Dunnville almost two years ago.

"The unidentified remains of the child were found on May 17, 2022, by two individuals fishing on a boat," say Police. "The facial approximation, completed by the OPP Forensic Artist/Reconstruction Analyst, is that of a female child. It has been determined the child was between the ages of ten-and-a-half months and three years at the time of her death. We understand from the Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) results that the child's heritage is half Chinese or neighbouring countries along the southern Chinese border,

and is of North African heritage as well. Police hope the 3-D approximation and video (link) will prompt the public to provide new information to assist the investigation."

A \$50,000 reward, provided by the Government of Ontario, is also now available for information leading to the identity of the child.

Anyone who knows this child, has information that may help identify her or knows of a family who may have left town suddenly or moved away under circumstances that could now be considered suspicious, is encouraged to contact police. Call the dedicated tip line at 1-844-677-9403 or, should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip.

NEW COLLISION REPORTING CENTRE

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has launched a Collision Reporting Centre (CRC) in Dufferin County.

Motorists involved in a property damage collision in Dufferin County are now able to report their collision at the Dufferin CRC which is located at the Dufferin Detachment at 506312 Highway 89, in the Town of Mono.

"In many instances, there is no need for police to respond to property damage collisions in which no injuries are sustained," say Police. "Drivers involved in a property damage collisions, can now conveniently report their collision within 48 hours of the occurrence."

The Highway Traffic Act requires that all collisions where people are injured or property damage is valued at more than \$2,000.00 to vehicles or property, or damage to any highway property to be reported to police forthwith. Reporting to the CRC will meet this require-

ment. In many instances, there is no need for police to attend the scene of collisions in which no significant damage or injuries are sustained.

"The CRC expansion is an excellent example of Dufferin OPP's commitment to road safety and enhancing its policing services to road users and communities. Property damage collisions consume a large amount of police resources and time as well as put all involved occupants at risk of being involved in a secondary collision.

"Dufferin OPP attended 1282 collision between May 1, 2023, and May 1, 2024. If officers do not need to attend and investigate minor collisions, this makes them available to tend to other policing services."

The CRC will provide a more effective use of police resources and allow frontline officers to focus more time on proactive efforts to enhance public safety. The Dufferin OPP will con-

tinue to provide the same excellent service in responding to collisions that require an officer to attend.

The Collision Reporting Centre at Dufferin OPP Detachment - Mono Site hours of operation will be:

- Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday - Closed

If you're not sure if the collision meets the criteria, call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. The call taker will determine if it meets the CRC criteria and determine if an officer needs to be dispatched to the scene.

The OPP recognizes and appreciates the important role drivers and other road users play in helping keep our roads safe.

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- Geological time
- Ooze
- A set of eight
- Obstruction
- Swiss mathematician
- Philosophy
- The night before
- A timid person
- Unifies
- Gangs
- Alternative name
- Acumen
- Cathode-ray tube
- Tantalum
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Humiliate
- Earthy pigment
- Air Force
- Adult males
- Stiff untanned leather
- Before
- Atomic #18
- Beer mug
- Nostrils

- Type of chef
 - Midway between north and east
 - They ___
 - Splits
 - Walk in a timid manner
 - Preserved animal skin with hair
 - Popular donut shop item
 - You smear it on bagels
 - Don't know when yet
 - Equal to 10 amperes
 - Synthetic acrylic fiber
 - One point south of due east
 - Of mixed ancestry
 - Home of the Pyramids
 - A way to change color
- CLUES DOWN**
- Excessive fluid

- accumulation in tissues
- Untangle
- One from the U.S.
- Academic terms
- San ___ Obispo, in California
- Not healthy
- Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- Arugula genus
- VIII
- Makes a monarch
- Tormentor
- Commercials
- Sprinkle
- Make a mistake
- Vermont town
- Man-made device
- Entrap
- Places to store important things
- Accumulate
- Greek mythological nymph
- Gregory ___, American dancer
- Denotes past
36. Becoming popular again
40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
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Reflecting on National Hospice Palliative Care Week



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BY MARGARET PAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BETHELL HOSPICE

National Hospice Palliative Care Week was celebrated from May 5 to May 11.

This year's theme was "Palliative Care is for You", highlighting how a life-limiting illness, caregiving and bereavement touch us all in some way, and that supports are available for those in need.

Bethell Hospice is a community organization committed to supporting those with a life-limiting illness, those who care for them, and those who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Support is provided both within our Hospice Residence program, and within our Community Hospice Program. We work with our local Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team partners to bring our expertise and services out of the walls of Bethell Hospice and into all the spaces where those with palliative care needs reside, including personal homes, retirement and long-term care homes, and the hospital.

Within our community program, we offer support groups, one-to-one counselling, art and music therapy, therapeutic touch, and in-home volunteer visiting. There are supports appropriate for all ages, including children and youth. We recognize the incredible diversity of our community and the need for inclusive customized care, welcoming people of all backgrounds, cultures, and religions.

Our expert team of Social Workers and Spiritual Care & Grief Counsellors are passionate about personalizing a care plan that addresses the uniqueness of each person's needs. For example, our In-Home Volunteer Visiting Program is de-

signed to support both the individual with palliative care needs and their familial caregivers. Built around the person's unique needs, trained volunteers are matched to provide companionship and caregiver respite.

Our 10-bed Hospice Residence in Inglewood offers 24/7 expert clinical care for those who are in the last weeks and days of their lives. Our staff consists of nurses, physicians, personal support workers, spiritual care & grief counsellors, social workers, housekeeping, facilities, and many other back-office support roles. In addition to our staff, our team includes hundreds of specially-trained volunteers who help with both direct and indirect roles, ensuring our residents, their loved ones and visitors are offered an exceptional experience.

All our Bethell Hospice services are provided at no cost, supported by funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and augmented by very generous donations from our community. We are grateful for this ongoing support and will continue to advocate to our government to ensure that our critical services are sustained and available for all.

The Mission of Bethell Hospice is to provide compassionate specialized care for quality living, dying and bereavement. This is not possible if we remain the "best kept secret" in Caledon and so we focus on stretching, reaching, and boldly sharing who we are and what we do to serve the communities of Caledon, Dufferin, Brampton and beyond.

Living and dying is a universally-shared human experience. As such, palliative care is for you. Please join us in reflecting on, and celebrating, National Hospice Palliative Care Week and know that hospice palliative care will be here when you, and those you love, need it the most.

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Cycling event to raise money and awareness about mental health



There will be an in-person Ride Don't Hide event on June 23 at Caledon East Park.

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In-person ride takes place in Caledon East on June 23

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon residents are invited to pedal for a good cause next month.

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin is now gearing up for its annual Ride Don't Hide cycling event which takes place this June.

Ride Don't Hide started in 2010 thanks to the efforts of Vancouver-based teacher Michael Schratte. After experiencing stigma while living with bipolar disorder, he began a 40,000-kilometre ride around the world for mental health.

"It occurred to me that, if approximately twenty percent — or one in five — Canadians experienced a mental health issue in a given year, then where are those seven million Canadians?" said Schratte. "Stigma stops when we, the twenty percent, reveal ourselves. Mental illness is so common and

so varied, it is nothing but an integral part of what it is to be human."

This year, there will be an in-person ride on June 23 that starts at Caledon East Park. There will be five routes to choose from and after the ride there will be food and entertainment.

Residents are also invited to participate in an athletic event of their choosing, on their own time, between June 1 and 22 if they are unable to make it to the in-person event.

Through the ride, the CMHA Peel Dufferin is encouraging participants to fundraise and help it reach its \$100,000 goal to support its programs like Outreach, HomeWorks, Recovery College, Client Wellness, and the Sweedean Robinson Scholarship.

In addition to fundraising, CMHA Peel Dufferin encourages participants to use Ride Don't Hide as a way to have conversations about mental health with others and share their journeys.

Shawna Bailey, CMHA Peel Dufferin's fundraising and events officer, said the non-profit wanted to make the event in-person and virtual this year so everyone has a chance to participate.

"I know that, as a mom, I'm always looking for fun ways to get my kids moving and outdoors," said Bailey. "Having the ride over the entire month of June is such a great opportunity to lace up our shoes as a family, take the dogs out for a walk, and continue the conversation with my son and daughter about mental health and what it means to them."

Shahrukh Shah has been participating in Ride Don't Hide for years and is a team captain.

"I believe that the Ride provides a great opportunity for the community to come together," said Shah. "It allows us to break down the stigma surrounding mental health while riding for those not able to ride on their own. Together, we make a difference."

Facility Plus is the lead sponsor of Ride Don't Hide in Peel Dufferin, and Facility Plus Manager of Transformation and Corporate Strategy Alicia Levy said mental health affects everyone in some capacity.

"We ride to support our friends, family

members, colleagues, and community members who are struggling with mental health," said Levy. "Our team of 'Facility Plus Roadsters' are proud to ride to spread awareness around mental health and garner support for such an important cause. No one should struggle with their mental health alone, and we hope that by participating in the ride that we are lending one more helping hand and one more voice to bring mental health into the open."

Facility Plus president David Levy said his team is honoured to be a part of Ride Don't Hide.

"At events like Ride Don't Hide, you truly see first-hand how a community comes together to support and form a movement towards bringing awareness to mental health," he said.

To learn more about the ride, register for it, or donate, those interested can visit www.ridedonthide.com/peeldufferin.

NOTICE 2023/2024



Annual General Meeting

Join us Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old Church Rd, Caledon East)

Hear the business of the Corporation:

1. Receive and consider the financial statements of the Corporation for the year ending March 31, 2024.
2. Elect the Board of Directors for 2024/2025.
3. Appoint auditors and authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. Approve the Corporation's amendments to its governance by-laws.
5. Introduction of 2024/2027 Strategic Plan.
6. Transact other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Homes Away from Home

Taking a leaf out of some of our historic documents in the past, I'm writing this in two parts.

It rarely fails to bring a smile to my face when I come across an old postcard or letter where the writer has settled down to jot down their thoughts to the intended recipient, only to a break for one reason or another, and, noting with a simple "later," picks up where they left off after a day or two before hitting the post office.

Sometimes they are simple postcards back home to check in, catch relatives up on what they have been up to; other times, they can be a bit more exciting, like a missive from a more exotic part of the world or from a swanky ocean liner or train like the Orient Express.

What comes after the "later" often picks up directly where the writer left off, but other times the break in writing sessions can serve as evidence of "sober second thought," perhaps showing some additional perspective on the events in question, written a bit removed from the heat of the moment.

I'm starting this week's column about 10 days prior to when it's due to arrive at your door – setting fingers to keyboard just a few days before heading to the airport to spend some time on the west coast with friends.

It hasn't been all that long since I last saw them. I was in Los Angeles last November to celebrate the milestone of a dear, long-time friend. At that time, however, said milestone was the predominant focus of the trip, including extensive preparation for the big event. As valued as the reunion was – the first one we've had since the start of the global pandemic – it was nothing short of a whirlwind and, before too long, we all agreed that we deserved a bit more of a leisurely time to catch up, particularly after 27 years of friendship.

The concept of "home" means different things to different people. It always has, but perhaps these concepts have either been augmented, enhanced, or redefined in the midst of a housing crisis.

Given my own experiences with housing transition over the past few months, I've come to see that as much as dwellings can be defined by their four-plus walls, for some "home" can mean the people you're with.

That's very much how I feel about the people I'm due to visit. They, and their environments, are homes away from home – despite the geographic and political border that separates us.

I feel the same way about a city in upstate New York that has been the destination of our annual family vacation for almost a quarter-of-a-century now. Although I don't have permanent roots there, the experiences we've had and the friendships made along the way, feel like the next best thing.

And yet, as excited as I am about this trip, and all the opportunities it will afford to renew connections, I have to admit there is a degree of trepidation.

Given how divided and heated the political climate is for our neighbours to the south at the moment ahead of what promises to be a federal election unlike anything we've seen before on either side of our parallels, there is a sense of urgency amid this trepidation.

Will this be a grand finale of sorts? Will there be more opportunities to get back to a place that will bear a resemblance to what's known and loved as it is?

If there are, will it be under the same circumstances or in an environment radically different from the one we know now?

Will future visits still have the sense of being a homecoming, or will the tables turn, making the GTA a new home-away-from-home destination for them, pending the fickle finger of fate that is the American electorate? Only time will tell.

Later...

Back on home turf after 10 days south of the border, I'm not sure if I came back any further enlightened on what the future might hold.

Interacting with friends in various parts of California, ride share drivers, and other assorted strangers, there seems to be a sense of trepidation over what's ahead. While I had a marvellous time catching up with well-loved friends and the unifying drive of renewing bonds that had slightly atrophied during, and were tested by the global pandemic, there was the sense of entering a tinderbox with a book of unlit matches just on the horizon with plenty of striking surfaces strewn on the road between said horizon and the here and now.

Indeed, and perhaps jokingly, were conversations of how to come north if things turn, well, south – questions of just how many people we might be able to accommodate if needed.

During previous trips, there were few topics off-limits and there felt to be both a reluctance to talk about politics this time around, coupled with the sense that there was so much to be said if only someone asked.

One ride share driver, for instance, was a very pleasant middle-aged woman who self-deprecatingly described herself as an "old bat" when she was anything but. Settling in to her back seat, it took only a few minutes for her to segue from her monologue on Barbra Streisand's 48-hour-long audio book to another audio book by US politician Liz Cheney and all thing related to the events of January 6, 2021.

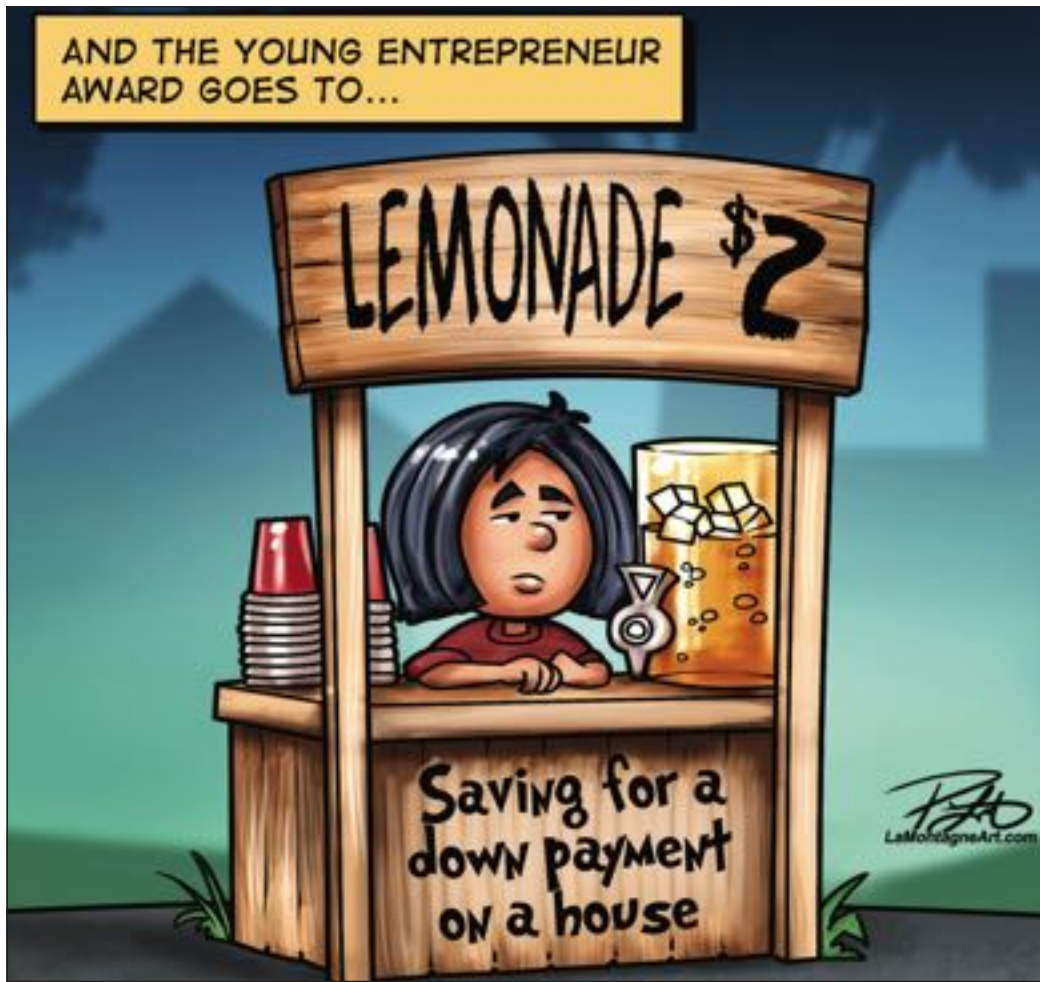
Passionate about singer and Senator alike, the daughter of the former US Vice President had the edge, leading to a further monologue on the Biden administration, the Trump trials, and the upcoming election. There was a sense that she was blessedly relieved to get a lot off her chest in what she presumably felt was a safe environment.

I felt this same relief as well. Not knowing just what kind of environment we would be walking into, I was heartened that the pressures from all directions had not diminished the generally warm and welcoming environment I've always experienced in California. With all they've had to endure over the last few years, no matter what "side" you're on, one might expect their collective light to have dimmed just a little bit.

Not so. There was a sense of perseverance all around, the determination to do what they can to foster the future they want, and be a either a part of change or preservation.

But, in the good sense of pragmatism, they're still open to having a Plan B in their back pockets.

It might, therefore, do us some good to give our collective guest rooms a once-over before too long, just in case!



Losing more than a shoe stuck in the mud

by Mark Pavilons



"Difficulties in life are intended to make us better, not bitter." – Dan Reeves

We all feel stuck at some point in our lives. Sometimes, this feeling is a signal that we need to change, or react differently to the challenges we're facing.

It's been said the road to success and the road to failure are the same. It's how we construct these paths that matters most.

Maybe it was the dreary weather or muddy back yard. Maybe it was losing our oldest dog or my wife breaking her ankle. Maybe it's my PSA tests and scans. Maybe it's life in general.

I've been feeling off lately and while I pick myself up by the bootstraps every day, there are times when I'm not really here.

Like a teenager, I hit "snooze" more times than I should, believing the day can wait just a little bit longer.

You can try reaching me, but I'm likely decades away in the past, thinking about this and that.

I'm in one of those giant inflatable "hamster" balls for humans, scratching my way to move and get ahead. My face hits the side of the smelly vinyl wall and my feet end up over my head. It's worse than being stuck in the mud.

I start to panic, breathing warm, unfriendly air and realize I'm all alone being tossed like a salad.

Well, not really. I'm with the many faces of Mark, but they don't offer a lot of comfort because they're constantly bickering amongst themselves. There are Id, Ego and Superego, too, in the mix, but they're not much help. Too conflicted, I gather.

The hamsters may enjoy this kind of activity and for them it's freedom. I do not, and for me it's stifling. People stop, point and laugh at my predicament. You'd think somebody would stop and help.

You feel like you're stuck and can't get out or move forward.

Our ancestors (forefathers) in the pre- and post-industrial era were used to the drudgery of the day, where the only way out and up was breeding and family ties.

I'm bogged down by thoughts of cancer, coupled with my repetitive motion carpal tunnel syndrome. When it flares, I am reminded of my mortality and yes, frailties.

But it's been said that "feeling stuck is an invitation to grow; don't resist it, embrace it."

Okay, I'm surrounded by it, so what do I do now?

I explore all avenues, lean on shoulders and shed tears in silence. Most don't bear any edible fruit at all.

I remember my dad's dying words when he told

me to look after my beautiful family.

I don't know just how successful I've been. There are physical measurements of relative security – a home, a solid nurturing environment, steady job. But we're by no means wealthy and I feel somewhat deflated, demoralized, by my lack of success.

Sure, being "successful" brings a multitude of definitions and different meanings among our species. Most of us will agree that success has nothing to do with financial wealth, but rather riches in terms of love, family, blessings and health. Being successful means winning the race, or least maintaining your pace for a lap or two.

It means a certain amount of peace. Yet, bouncing around in my self-made prison, the goodness is shed, falling away and clinging to the plastic surfaces. These mental bars are just as strong as steel ones.

For years, I didn't even realize I was being held hostage, because the captor was me. I was the one doing this.

I didn't pay admission for this form of rolling entertainment. My "sphere" was finely crafted through years of blood, sweat and tears.

I realize life is too short to feel sad or disempowered.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said that disappointment is finite, "but we must never lose infinite hope."

We must anticipate the dawn and draw upon the light within. We know the storm will pass, as surely as the sun will rise. I am reminded that being stuck and choosing to stay that way are much different. I can relinquish my power and give in to weakness and depression. Or I can thrive, see each new day as a problem to solve, and continue to make inroads, even if they are just one step at a time.

The old adage, two steps forward, one step back, seems to plague me lately. Every day can be a good day, and one filled with hope, joy and opportunity.

Each day can also bring setbacks. When you're a seasoned pro (that's what I like to call my 60-year-old self), you find ways to deal, to compartmentalize.

An upcoming PET scan may show nothing at all, or it may set the stage for a new challenge, a new course.

They say there's no point in worrying about something until you have to.

While true, when you're a fatalistic worry wart, you can't help it. It dominates your every thought.

I don't really consider myself strong, even though I've dealt with a lot and come out the other side.

When I'm out and about, at events in the community, I see many people who are strong. I see many dedicated volunteers. They are the very definition of strength in the face of adversity.

They permeate a certain courage and tenacity. I wish they could bottle the stuff and pass it around.

When it rains, we grab an umbrella. As Dolly Parton once said: "... if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

The sun will come up tomorrow, that you can bet on.

Each rung on the ladder can bring us closer to the top. From there we have a good look around and see where we've come from.

Enjoy the view, people!

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Your permanent record

There are few things that are dreaded more when you're in elementary school than when a teacher glares at you and says, "That is going to go on your permanent record!"

Oh no! Not your permanent record! You'll be carrying the mark of Cain like a neon sign bolted to your forehead, or maybe you'll have to wear a scarlet letter on all your clothes so everyone knows you have a blotch on your permanent record.

My Grade 7 home room teacher – a lovely woman, who would have fit in nicely as a guard in a Second World War internment camp – told us a blotch on our permanent record meant we would never get into university, or get a decent job, and we would be life-long losers. Yes, she really said that.

The blotch on your record meant you were doomed for eternity.

She would threaten you with adding something to your record every chance she got.

I'm pretty sure my permanent record is collecting dust somewhere in a school archives, or more likely was shredded and put in the trash years ago.

Despite the threats, I realized that no school, employer, or police agency, has ever requested a copy of my permanent record. In fact, no one has ever even requested an actual diploma to prove that I

even graduated high school.

I would like to think that girl that sat next to me in Grade 5, and eventually went on to become a teacher herself, realized what a nasty thing it is to threaten a kid with writing something bad about them on their permanent record – and that girl who is now a teacher, has decided not to be that kind of teacher.

But I'm sure it still happens.

There is an on-line forum that I am active on, and it occasionally has posts about school nightmares.

One parent told her story. Her young daughter had been having a difficult time in school for several years. She complained the teachers picked on her and always gave her a hard time.

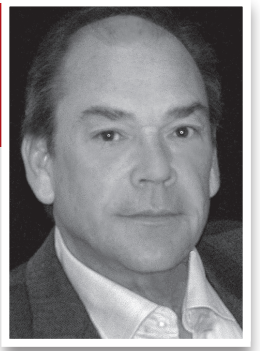
The kid started a new year, and was suddenly enjoying school, getting good marks, and was a lot happier.

The parent was determined to find out why things had changed.

During a parent/teacher conference, the parent asked a lot of questions. The teacher finally admitted he did not read reports on kids coming into his class.

He reasoned that the reports were only someone else's opinion, and he did not want to judge one

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



of his new students by what another teacher said about them.

They pulled the kid's record. Sure enough, the original teacher labelled the daughter as trouble.

The next year, the new teacher saw this report, and treated the daughter as if she were going to be trouble. The trend continued for several years all because one teacher didn't like the student.

The current teacher, the one who did not pre-judge his student by reading the opinion of others, said he found the daughter to be pleasant and polite in the classroom, and a good student.

There seems to be very little forgiveness when it comes to writing down some people's wrong doings.

When it comes to criminal or anti-social behaviour, you have to keep a record. A guy who has a long rap sheet and continues to be a menace to society needs to be kept on a short leash.

However, some people make mistakes, and never make another one.

The TV show Border Patrol documents border crossings and focuses in on people who did ridiculous things, like bringing in a dozen chickens in a suitcase, but declaring they are not carrying any kind of meat. Those circumstances never end well.

There was one fellow trying to enter the U.S. to attend a sporting event. He was denied entry, because they discovered he had an assault charge – 40 years earlier – as the result of a street fight.

The customs people, determined he was a threat, because of that incident, which he said he could barely remember.

Think back to a time you have done something, probably in your youth, that now, are not proud of. Would you be happy if someone brought it up at a social event in front of other people decades later?

"Hey Bob, remember that time you got drunk, and drove your car over the neighbour's dog, and we buried it in the back forty, and the neighbour asked you the next day if you had seen his beloved pet?"

Think back – for many people, that's not all that far-fetched, is it?

Sometimes letting bygones be bygones, is the best course of action.

The Mother of All Feedbacks?

"Just like this year, last year the heat wave extended from parts of India to Bangladesh and Myanmar, and all the way to Thailand. This year it went further east, into the Philippines. So, it's the same pattern," said Prof. Krishna AchutaRao of the Indian Institute of Technology. "I do not particularly buy into this idea that El Niño is the cause."

That is the burning question, not just for South and Southeast Asia but for the entire world. A heat wave is a random phenomenon that comes and goes in certain seasons for a period of some days. A climate feedback is forever.

April to June, before the monsoon arrives, is always the hottest part of the year in South Asia, but now it's breaking all bounds.

On May 6, the Indian Meteorological Department reported: "Yesterday, maximum temperatures were 44-45°C over Telangana, interior Karnataka, and north Madhya Pradesh; in the range of 42-44°C in southeast Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Coastal Andhra Pradesh."

Crazy hot all over the place, in other words.

The actual numbers are lower in regions farther from the equator, but the average global temperature for each of the past 11 months has been the hottest the world has ever experienced in that

month.

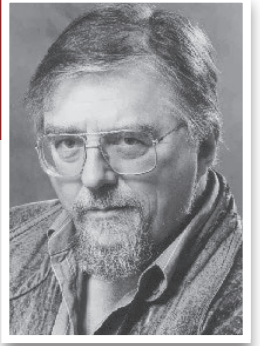
So obviously something big is happening, but what? Is it just a big El Niño, a heating of the surface waters of the eastern Pacific that happens every three to seven years. That would be nice, because it would mean it's cyclical and will go away again in due course.

Or is it confirmation of climate scientist Jim Hansen's claim that the average global temperature is going to jump half a degree C. He says that new rules on pollution are cutting back hard on the sulphur dioxide emissions that used to reflect a lot of incoming sunlight back into space and therefore cool the planet.

Or have we triggered a big feedback in some natural system that we were not aware of? There's about a dozen potential tipping points that we do know about – the collapse of the West Antarctic ice sheet, the melting of the permafrost, a switch from rainforest to savannah in the Amazon, etc. – but there may be a few that we don't know about yet.

So, which is it? It's very unlikely to be El Niño, because this one was not particularly strong. Besides, it peaked in December and has been fading away ever since, while global temperatures go on breaking records.

GWYNNE DYER OUR WORLD TODAY



Jim Hansen's proposed explanation is a contender, because the "brown clouds" that used to hang over big Chinese cities and the "ship track" clouds from the exhaust gases of 60,000 giant tankers and container ships did reflect enough sunlight to have a significant cooling effect. Cleaning up those emissions was bound to drive up the temperature.

Alas, the dates don't match very well. The emissions from Chinese factories and ocean-going ships were reduced over a period of about fifteen years, whereas the "non-linear" jump in average global temperature began just a year ago. Moreover, some scientists doubt that the amount of cooling that was lost is big enough to explain the scale of the heating.

I say "alas", because this leaves us with the least desirable explanation: the sudden activation of an unknown feedback. And remember how this stuff works. The heating that human beings have already caused carries us across a "tipping point" we cannot see, and that unleashes a feedback: warming from non-human sources that we cannot turn off.

The likeliest candidate for a new mystery feedback is the world's oceans. Since we began burning fossil fuels in a big way two centuries ago,

they have absorbed around a quarter of the carbon dioxide that humans emitted. More importantly, they have soaked up around 90% of the excess heat.

Now they may be giving some of it back. In the past thirteen months the average sea surface temperature worldwide has soared. According to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Service, it is now at an all-time global high of 21.09°C.

There was not enough data about the behaviour of the deep ocean currents to put the ocean heat sink on most climate scientists' list of potential feedbacks. However, many always feared there would be a limit how much heat the oceans could contain over the long run.

We may be about to find out where the limit is, and it could be the Mother of All Feedbacks. Or maybe it will turn out to be a false alarm this time. The fact that we don't even know which yet illustrates the depth of our ignorance, and the scale of our peril.

Restoring universities to the original mission

About a month from now, hundreds of thousands of students in cap and gown will attend graduation ceremonies on university campuses across Canada.

The students will graduate with a lot of knowledge regarding topics such as philosophy, sociology and political science.

The one topic they won't have explored, however, might be the most important one of all – and that's the question of what constitutes an ideal society.

The Greek philosopher Plato founded the Academy around 2,400 years ago, regarded by many as the first university in the West. At the top of the curriculum at Plato's Academy was the subject of what constitutes an ideal society.

Plato's ideal state included features such as justice, harmony and the greater good of society.

But what about our society? What do we believe are the essential building blocks for creating a more civilized society, one that brings the greatest amount of freedom, peace and prosperity to its citizens?

Universities are the ideal place to explore

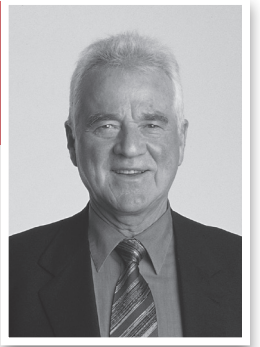
these sorts of issues. After all, advancing knowledge and exploring new ideas are a fundamental part of a university's DNA.

Over the years, I've had dealings with many universities around the world. I've funded research centres related to entrepreneurship and technological innovation and given guest lectures on campuses in Canada, the US and Europe.

But until recently, it never occurred to me to consider what was the overriding purpose of a university. In conceiving and drafting the framework of an ideal society, universities should look at all aspects – everything from the arts and sports to business and medicine. They should also consider the ideal structure of government – one that ensures individual liberty and places certain checks on the power of elected officials.

One of the ways we currently do that is through our charter of democratic rights and freedoms. But what about other rights, including, most importantly, economic rights? Why has no society ever enshrined an economic charter of rights, and what should those rights be?

FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



My belief is that economic charters of rights will help create economic democracies, and economic democracies – where the greatest number of people enjoy the greatest amount of wealth – are the foundation for democracy itself. I also believe that an economic charter of rights would be one of the cornerstones of any ideal society.

The composition of an ideal society isn't just something for ancient philosophers to ponder. It's a noble quest that we should likewise pursue – and our universities should be leading the way.

Universities can get the ball rolling by inviting some of the world's best minds and accomplished people to talk about the framework necessary for building an ideal society. They should convene symposia and open forums and begin mapping out a blueprint for what that society would look like and what we need to construct it. And they should create new faculties solely dedicated to this topic.

That doesn't mean throwing out many of the features that have made our society a magnet for people from around the world. Instead, it's a chance to make our society greater yet – to

add new elements that would enrich the lives of its citizens while shoring up many of the shortcomings that are currently holding us back.

The ancient Greeks thought the creation of an ideal society was a noble pursuit and ended up building one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever seen.

We should also take up the same challenge. A society that stops striving for greatness is a decaying society.

To learn more about how an economic charter could improve our society, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

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Region of Peel asks Province to fully fund transition board

Ask comes from motion at May 9 Region of Peel Council meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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The Region of Peel would like to see the Provincial Government fully fund the Peel Region Transition Board.

At Region of Peel Council's May 9 meeting, Councillors unanimously supported a motion requesting that the Province fund, in its entirety, the work of the Peel Region Transition Board.

In a May 10 news release, Region of Peel Communications Staff said if the Province were to fund the work of the transition board, it would be a significant step towards ensuring accountability and transparency in financial matters concerning the board.

Staff noted the motion was initiated by Regional Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor and highlights the need for clarity and responsible use of public funds.

"Bill 112 cost \$1.5 million in direct billing from the Provincial Transition Board and \$2.7 million incurred by Peel in responding to the Hazel McCallion Act, which included maintaining business continuity, and supporting the work of the Provincial Transition Team," said the Re-

gion in its announcement.

The motion unanimously supported by Regional Councillors also calls on the transition board to provide detailed information on all third-party consultants it used and any associated costs.

"The apparent disparity in funding approaches for regional governance reviews across Ontario is of significant concern," reads the news release. "While Peel Region is required to fund its transition process, other regions benefit from a provincially funded public consultation process via the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy."

Region of Peel Chair Nando Iannicca said the Region of Peel is committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency.

"It is imperative the Province supports our efforts and the allocation of taxpayer dollars," said Iannicca.

The Peel Region Transition Board was initially formed to dissolve the Region of Peel, but has since been given a new mandate as the Region of Peel will be staying together.

A January 24 letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra to John Livey, Peel Region Transition Board Chair, outlines the Board's current role.

The Board is currently tasked with making recommendations on transferring the following Region-provided services to lower-tier municipalities: land-use planning, water and wastewater, regional roads, and waste management.



Nominations open for Caledon Sport Hall of Fame

Nominations will be accepted until June 21

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon is looking to celebrate its next class of sports legends.

On May 13, the Town of Caledon announced it was accepting nominations for its 2025 class of inductees to the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame.

"Sport brings people together, instills pride, and unites communities," wrote said Town Communications. "Whether as athletes, builders, or teams, these nominees represent the epitome of dedication and excellence."

Athlete, builder, and team are the three categories in the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame. In order to be inducted in the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame, nominees must have either been born in Caledon; maintained residency in Caledon for five consecutive years; or been raised or spent their formative years in Caledon.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said she's looking forward to celebrating more of Caledon's amazing sports community.

"We are excited to see who is nominat-

ed this year and who will be considered for the 2025 class of inductees," said Groves. "Be sure to nominate someone or a team who has made an impact in our sporting community."

Those interested in nominating a person or team to be inducted can visit caledon.ca/cshof to make a nomination by June 21.

The Caledon Sports Hall of Fame was created in 2018 as a place to recognize, memorialize, and celebrate the accomplishments of Caledon athletes, builders and teams. The hall is located on the second floor of the Caledon East Community Complex.

Four athletes, three builders, and one team were inducted into the Caledon Sports Hall of Fame at the first annual induction ceremony, which was held earlier this year.

The athletes were hockey player Bert McCaffrey, triathlete Bob Knuckey, skier Laurie Graham, and jockey Robin Platts.

The builders were editor and reporter Bill Whitbread, former Toronto Maple Leafs owner and racehorse breeder Conn Smythe, and much-loved basketball coach Gord Everett.

The team inducted this year was the 2004 Mayfield Secondary School Girls Nordic Ski Team, consisting of Brittany Webster, Julie Porter, Gillian Montgomery, Brittany Reid, and Robyn Kemp.





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From left: Maureen Riedler, Hospice Dufferin Executive Director; Annette Smith, Headwaters Health Care Centre Charge Nurse; Debbie Sherwood, Town of Orangeville Councillor; Julie Thurgood-Burnett, Hereward Farms owner; Lisa Post, Town of Orangeville Mayor; Heidi Vanderhorst, HOHC OHT Engagement Lead; Kim Delahunt, Headwaters Health Care Centre President & CEO; Tanya Dear, Community Member; and Margaret Paan, Bethell Hospice Executive Director. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Wind Phones installed across Caledon and Dufferin



Greg Unger, Maintenance/Facilities Coordinator, stands next to the wind phone at Bethell Hospice. This phone is specifically for anyone currently accessing Bethell Hospice services, as well as anyone who has accessed its services in the past, as a patient, caregiver, or bereaved individual. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Phones implemented to support people experiencing grief

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Local health care groups have come together for a unique project that aims to support people in times of grief.

On May 7, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team's (HOHC OHT) bereavement group, in partnership with the Headwaters Health Care Centre, unveiled the first of many wind phones to support bereaved individuals in Caledon and Dufferin County.

According to a HOHC OHT news release, the phones are inspired by a Japanese concept and are a "tool for people to communicate with loved ones who have passed away."

The first phone to be unveiled was at Headwaters Health Care Centre during National Hospice Palliative Care week. The other locations of the phones are as follows: Town of Shelburne Cemetery, 156035 Highway 10; Hereward Farms, 141051 Sideroad 15; Bethell Hospice, 15835 McLaughlin

Road; and Kay Cee Gardens, 29 Bythia Street. The announcement notes more phones are set to be installed in months to come.

HOHC OHT Engagement Lead Heidi Vanderhorst said the wind phones will support those who have lost a loved one and provide an outlet for them to help them through their grief journey.

"HOHC OHT's Grief and Bereavement Group felt it was important to add these structures in our community to provide bereaved individuals with a safe space to mourn their loved ones," said Vanderhorst. "We are extremely grateful to all of our current partners who have agreed to install these structures and look forward to creating more partnerships to increase the number of wind phones available for our community."

Kim Delahunt, CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Centre, said the Centre is committed to caring for patients during their end-of-life journeys and supporting their caregivers.

"We are honoured to be one of the wind phone sites through this meaningful partnership with our OHT, hospice and health system partners," said Delahunt. "We extend a welcoming hand to our community's bereaved individuals." Those looking for grief and bereavement services in Caledon and Dufferin County can visit the following link: hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca/grief.



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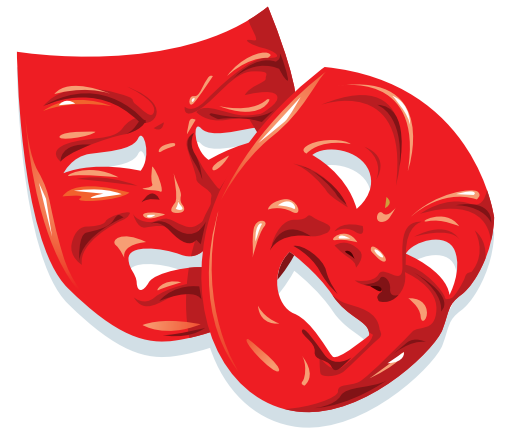
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ARTS & CULTURE



Town seeking artists and performers for Caledon Creative Arts Festival

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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If you're a Caledon artist, your talents are wanted at an upcoming festival.

On September 28, the Town of Caledon will host its annual Caledon Creative Arts

Festival for the third time. The festival, which is free to attend, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The festival wouldn't be able to happen without local artists and performers, and the Town is looking for applicants to be



Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli painted a self-portrait alongside fellow Councillors in a fun challenge at last year's Caledon Creative Arts Festival.

FILE PHOTO

vendors, performers, and workshop leaders. Jason Schildroth, Caledon's Manager of Recreation and Culture, said the Town is very excited to be inviting local creatives to

participate in the festival. "Caledon is home to incredible artists and performers. This is a great opportunity for local creatives to connect with residents, fellow artists and the community as a whole. We encourage you to get involved," said Schildroth.

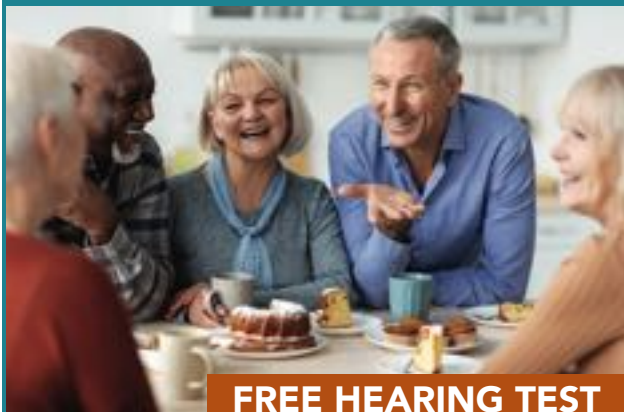
In a media release, Town staff said the Caledon Creative Arts Festival will be a celebration of all things art, performance, music and creativity.

"Connect with fellow artists, showcase upcoming workshops, sell pieces — the stage is yours. Be part of an event that showcases Caledon's vibrant and captivating arts and culture scene," wrote staff.

Applications to be a part of the festival will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on June 14. To apply, those interested are encouraged to visit caledon.ca/culturedays.

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Caledon Pit Run to benefit Headwaters Health Care Foundation

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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An upcoming running race will raise money for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

On July 6, the Caledon Pit Run will return to the Caledon Pit at 18000 Willoughby Road. There will be an opening address followed by stretching at 9:30 a.m. and then the 5-kilometre race begins at 10 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m. there will be a special one-kilometre race for kids. After that, there will be awards and live music by the Campfire Poets. Other activities include rock truck rides, arts and crafts, and bouncy castles.

Funds raised from the event will be going towards "Smart Headwaters", an initiative from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation that aims to bring a cutting-edge MRI machine to the Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Those interested in participating in the run can register for it online at caledon-pitrn.ca. The run is sponsored by Lafarge Canada and Aecon.

Fibre artists thriving at the Alton Mill Arts Centre



Leslie Knight (left) and Yvonne Iten-Scott pose before their beautiful strands of wool, which is a favourite material for much of the fibre art they produce in their studio upstairs at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. They have many interesting plans for this year. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Yvonne Iten-Scott and Leslie Knight moved into their studio in the Alton Mill about a year ago. They had met during a Zoom call about the craft of making beautiful things from an assortment of materials – wool.

The Citizen sat down for our own Zoom talk with the ladies about their history and plans.

Ms. Iten-Scott was born and lived in Orangeville but now lives in Erin. Caledon is home to Leslie Knight.

After meeting online, the pair realized they lived 15 minutes apart and they were both taking classes on fibre art. They got together for tea to talk about their passion for fibre art and, in due course, they began to discuss a plan to open a studio together.

The heritage Alton Mill, with its complete focus on the arts, and its several studios where artists can have spaces to work and meet the many visitors who come to the Mill, seemed the logical place for their own plans.

At first, they worried they would have to wait for space but the Mill’s owners were so intrigued to have fibre artists on site they were invited to move in.

For Ms. Knight, her interest in rug hooking began when her grandmother taught her and it only grew from there.

Ms. Iten-Scott realized when she saw a decorative rug or cushion in a shop window that was too much money that she could make it herself.

There were workshops to teach her and she had a natural love for the craft. Shortly thereafter she found herself immersed and

enthusiastic.

She became “obsessed with wool in any form, raw, fleece – wool fabrics.

They made the point that in this world of waste, to use repurposed textiles, turning them into practical things like rugs, stools, and cushions makes a lot of sense. They source material through fibre festivals and find lots of wool and yarn, locally sourced. They run their own workshops now at their studio, The Mill Fibre Art, teaching felting, rug hooking and wet felting.

Ms. Knight told us, “It’s so satisfying with endless possibilities – your only limit is your imagination. Usually after a wet felting class, people go home with something they made and they’re so happy to have learned that, how simple it is. A few pieces of wet felt and you can have a beautiful picture.”

The history of their art is thrilling to think about, how old the techniques are with these “old time crafts.”

“Felting goes back tens of thousands of years ago,” she said. “We really enjoy sharing our love for this craft.”

“We want to introduce it to younger generations,” Ms. Iten-Scott added.

They went on to talk about the children’s book they have put together for which they are already in discussion with a publisher. They have developed an exhibition of hooked rug squares, all with the image of an insect on them, from 45 artists around the world. Using this exhibition for the content of their upcoming book, each page has an illustration of the rug with an insect, a little poem about it and a note of interest. This is fun for the kids, with “Magnificent Bugs in Rugs.”

As an example, Ms. Knight informed us, “The [African] dung beetle uses the Milky Way to navigate and if the sky is overcast it can’t find its way.”

The Magnificent Bugs in Rugs is the Featured Exhibition in Ohio “for the largest rug hooking conference in the world,” Ms. Iten-Scott noted. “Proceeds from the books will go back in the illustrations of the rugs.”

They are going to the conference in Sauder Village in Archbold, OH, to conduct a three-day retreat, teaching about hooking and using the book as a reference.

Otherwise, as they remarked, they are going to Iceland for the month of November for an immersion retreat there to expand their knowledge.

There’s a loom there, a dye kitchen and plenty of Icelandic sheep producing wool.

“They take discarded fish skin and make fish leather of it in Iceland, so I’m really looking forward to working with that,” said Ms. Iten-Scott.

Promoting the rug hooking craft, “It’s great to teach young people to do it too. It’s so simple to learn to put a loop through the hook.”

Most people fall in love and [like] to make practical things, like a purse, too.

“Leslie even made a lamp of wool – you put a light inside and it glows through the wool – it was beautiful,” Yvonne Iten-Scott told us.

You can visit the two fibre artists at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. Check the ladies out at www.themillfibreart.com.

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Caledon poised to adopt Green Development Standards

Continued from FRONT

The GDS have 20 metrics across three theme areas: community design and mobility, green infrastructure, and buildings and energy.

GDS will be implemented through the planning approvals process as a required part of any complete development application.

“Applicants will submit a GDS checklist along with supporting documentation demonstrating how each metric has been achieved,” said Service in the report.

Caledon’s GDS implement requirements to create complete, connected communities that enable active and sustainable modes of transportation; improve stormwater management, reduce urban heat islands, and enhance habitat through urban green space; and support low carbon, energy efficient and resilient buildings and renewable energy systems.

At the May 14 meeting, there was a large show of support for implementing the GDS. Many delegates made presentations to Council where they detailed reasons Caledon should adopt GDS.

The first delegate was Evan Wiseman. He’s the Senior Manager of Climate Policy for The Atmospheric Fund (TAF), which is a non-profit climate agency that invests in

low-carbon solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and helps scale them up for broad implementation.

“I can safely say that Caledon staff set a new gold standard when dealing with stakeholders for other municipalities to follow,” said Wiseman, after noting TAF supported Caledon’s work on the GDS. “This update will ensure future buildings in the town are designed with sustainable best practices in mind.”

Wiseman said it’s encouraging to see robust requirements for embodied carbon, energy efficiency, solar-ready rooftops, and climate resilience in Caledon’s GDS. He said in the future, Caledon’s GDS could be updated to require new multi-unit residential buildings to be 100 per cent Electric Vehicle (EV) ready rather than 50. Wiseman also said the GDS could be updated in the future to require new low-rise residential buildings to use non-fossil heating systems.

“We applaud Town of Caledon staff and Council for their hard work and leadership in advancing green development standards, and we look forward to collaborating with you and staff in the coming years on this file,” said Wiseman.

Lucrezia Chiappetta and John MacRae, co-chairs of local non-profit ecoCaledon, were next to delegate. During the en-

tire GDS process, ecoCaledon have been strong advocates for implementation of the standards.

“Embracing these standards will ensure that Caledon grows in a sustainable way, preserving itself to be an enviable place to live, play and work into the future,” said MacRae. “They ensure that new construction is environmentally friendly, socially friendly, and economically responsible.”

Chiappetta said while international agreements and national policies are essential, tangible change can be achieved at the local level too.

“[Implementing] standards for new buildings is one of the most powerful climate actions we can take to curb increasing emissions,” said Chiappetta. “We at ecoCaledon strongly support our municipality adopting strong green development standards with mandatory energy performance targets as a key pathway to a healthy, net zero future.”

Malkeet Sandhu from the David Suzuki Foundation was the next to delegate.

“Caledon is at a really critical point right now; the decisions that Council makes today are going to lay the foundation for the town’s future,” said Sandhu. “You might have noticed some emails in your inboxes the past month... over 200 Caledon residents have been emailing Council, saying this exact thing as well; that they want

green development standards in place.”

Kaneera Uthayakumaran, Ottavia Paluch, Nivedya Sudhir, and Kenisha Ahuja were the next to delegate. They represented New Majority, a non-partisan, non-profit organization focused on getting young people involved in the democratic process.

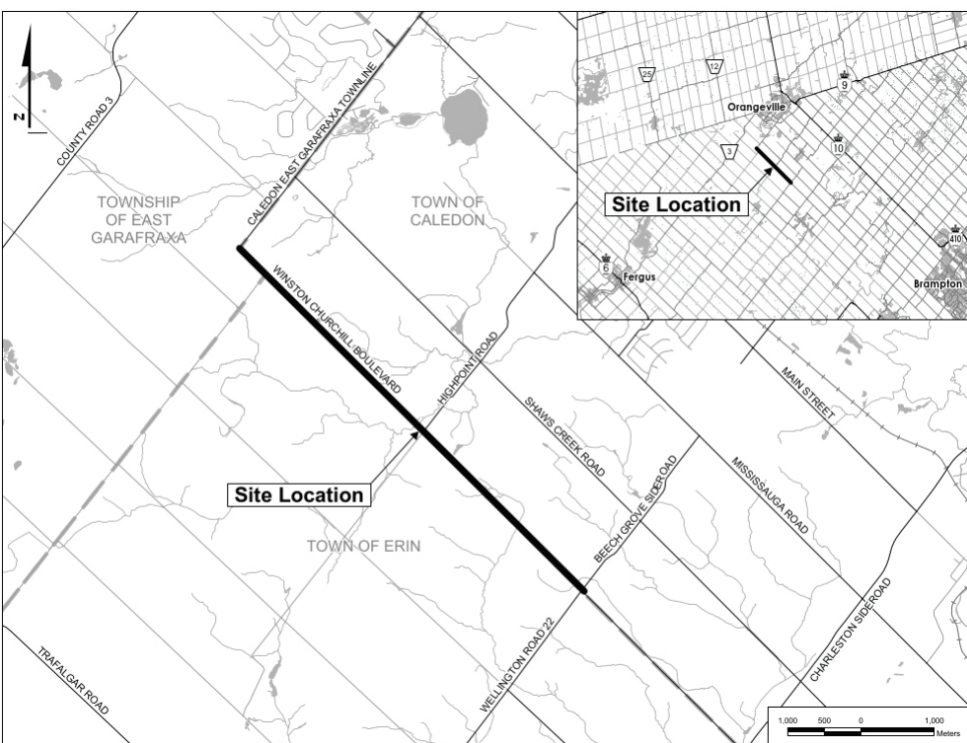
“You might not have been expecting this many teenagers and 20-somethings to be rallying around green development standards, but we’re here because this matters, because this is one of the most impactful climate policies a city can pass,” they said. “We don’t want to see cities fall behind on climate action in the GTA... a vote for GDS is a vote for young people, for our futures, and for the future of our planet.”

Dr. Mili Roy, a member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, said implementing GDS is critical for public health.

“Built infrastructure already contributes about 30 per cent of Caledon’s entire greenhouse gas emissions, primarily due to fossil gas use in buildings and this will rise steeply, as you all know, as the population is projected to nearly triple by 2050,” said Roy. “Mandatory GDS are essential to meeting our climate targets, culminating in all new buildings being net zero by 2030.”

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY BEECHGROVE SIDEROAD TO CALEDON EAST GARAFRAXA TOWN LINE



THE STUDY

In response to continued population growth and increased traffic volumes, the Town of Caledon has identified a need for improvements to Winston Churchill Boulevard, from Beechgrove Sideroad to Highpoint Sideroad in 2023, and from Highpoint Sideroad to Caledon East Garafraxa Town Line. Subsequently, the Town initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to review and identify necessary road, intersection and drainage improvements along these corridors. Within the study limits, Winston Churchill Boulevard will retain the existing two-lane configuration, however various options were evaluated to enhance safety, improve traffic operations and to better accommodate road users of all types.

STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Through a rigorous evaluation process that included public engagement with local residents, the Town recommends rehabilitation of the existing roadway with consideration given to improving the existing platform to a consistent width through minor widenings in select areas. The preferred alternative selected for implementation consists of a 9.5 m platform width, including a 1.25 m wide fully paved shoulder.

THE PROCESS

The study was undertaken in accordance with all of the requirements of the Class EA process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2017) for Schedule ‘B’ projects. The Class EA process included public and agency review at key milestones to elicit input, as well as one Public Information Centre.

A Project File Report (PFR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process for this study. By this Notice, the PFR is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period from May 16th, 2024 to June 15th, 2024. The PFR is available for review through the Town of Caledon website at: www.caledon.ca/en/news/winston-churchill-ea.aspx

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this study, please contact one of the Project Team members below by June 15th, 2024:

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Alliston Lions Club collecting unwanted smartphones

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Alliston Lions Club has launched a new initiative in partnership with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

They are collecting unwanted smart cell phones that can be repurposed for people who are visually challenged.

The phones can be modified to assist people with a visual impairment by providing mag-

nification and flash lights. They can turn a voice into a text format and created voice from incoming messages.

In addition, the repurposed phones can be adapted to use a larger screen. There are several other modifications to cell phones that can be used to help people with visual impairments.

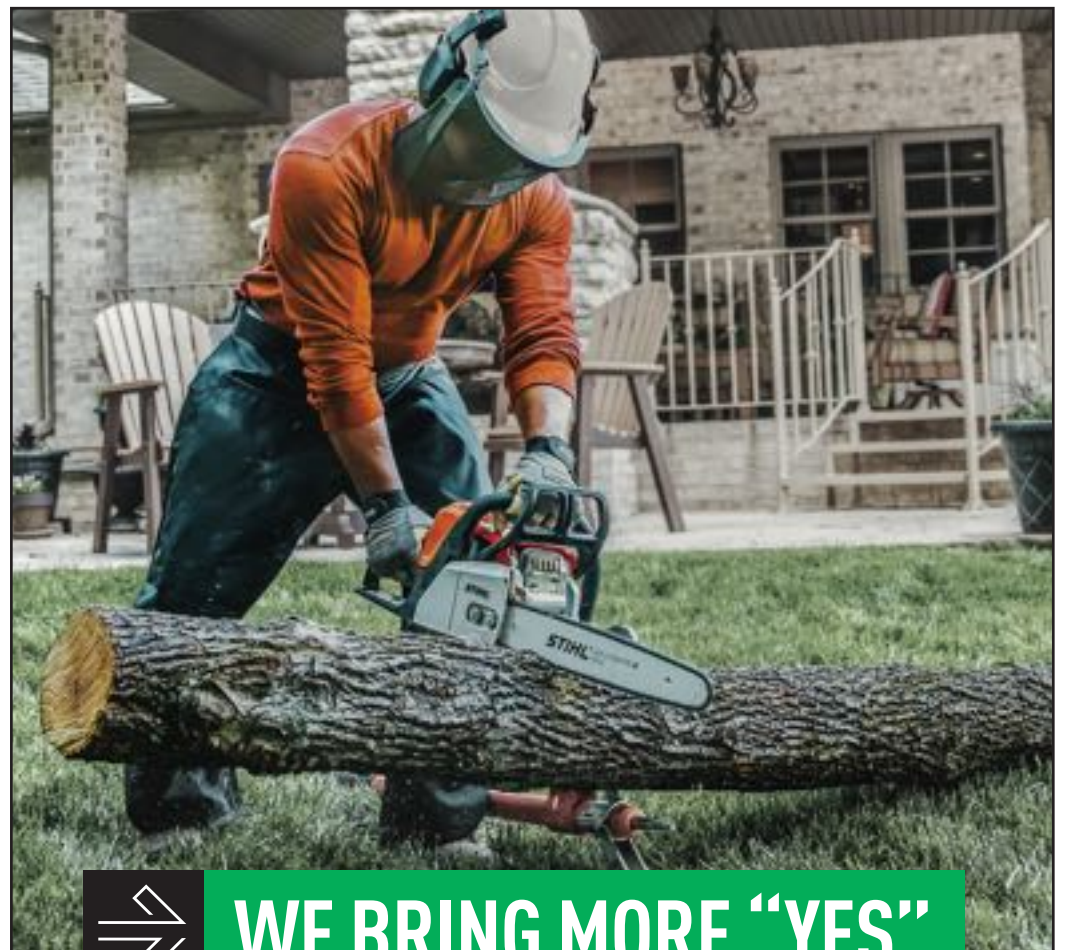
The Lions are embarking on a new challenge of collecting

used photos and donating them to CNIB.

The CNIB cleans, disinfects, erases data, and repurposes these phones for people in the New Tecumseth area.

If you have an unwanted phone, you can drop it off at the drop box in front of the Lions Hall at 60 Boyne Street in Alliston.

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Two disc golf courses open at Albion Hills Conservation Park

Albion Birdie and Albion Albatross courses designed by ChainLink Disc Golf

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon residents can now enjoy two brand-new disc golf courses.

On May 11, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and ChainLink Disc Golf held a grand opening ceremony for two disc golf courses at Albion Hills Conservation Park.

The two courses are “Albion Birdie”, a nine-hole course suitable for beginners and families; and “Albion Albatross”, a professional-level 18-hole course designed to give even the most experienced disc golfer a proper challenge.

Cara Hovius and Jeff MacKeigan, co-owners of ChainLink Disc Golf, were both at the ceremony.

Hovius explained ChainLink Disc Golf has designed and installed golf courses all across Ontario and beyond. The company is also known for running popular disc golf events. With their new courses at Albion Hills Conservation Park, Hovius and MacKeigan kept conservation top of mind during the design and construction processes.

“We removed invasive species as part of the build... instead of being something that’s developing the land, (the courses are) something that’s restoring the land,” said Hovius. “Improving the health of forests is really important to us and we knew it was important to the TRCA as well.”

During the build, Hovius and MacKeigan used fallen trees to create habitat for animals on the sides of some holes.

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf, as players try to throw a disc (very similar to a frisbee) from a tee box into a basket in the least amount of throws. Hovius said disc golf is amazing because it can be played in so many different environments; it doesn’t need manicured fairways. Hovius said this is why she and MacKeigan sometimes call it “disk hike.”

Hovius said she and MacKeigan want to encourage everyone from Caledon and beyond to come out and give disc golf a try.

“It’s super fun and all people really need is a frisbee to try it,” she said.

ChainLink Disc Golf will host a series of conservation-themed disc golf events this summer. On June 15 and 16, it will host a Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned tournament on the Albion Albatross course.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended the grand opening of the disc golf courses and congratulated the TRCA and ChainLink Disc Golf for their partnership on the courses.

Caledon’s Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5, and 6 Mario Russo was also in attendance and said it’s wonderful to be adding the popular sport of disc golf to Albion Hills Conservation Park.

“All ages can enjoy this sport, and it is a great family friendly activity,” said Russo. “Recreation activities are so important for mental health and physical well-being.”

MacKeigan said on the tee boxes of every disc golf hole at Albion Hills Conservation Park, there’s interesting nature facts for people to read. He added that during the building of the courses, ChainLink Disc Golf helped to restore wetland.

“I would highly recommend that all of you bring people out, go for a walk in nature and enjoy disc golf or as we call it... disc hike, and enjoy yourselves out there,” said MacKeigan.

Caledon Citizen’s Student Athlete of the Week Wolfpack Rugby Captain Claire VanNiejehuis recovers from ACL injury to return to the pitch

BY JIM STEWART

Claire VanNiejehuis captained and kicked her Hall Wolfpack to a ROPSAA Rugby championship in 2022.

The talented leader of the squad appeared headed for another stellar season when a debilitating knee injury shut down her 2023 season.

Her successful rehabilitation is a poignant one, indeed, as is her return to the rugby pitch in a Wolfpack uniform this Spring and in a Golden Gaels uniform this Fall at Queen’s University.

VanNiejehuis expressed her gratitude at being nominated as the Caledon Citizen’s Student Athlete of the Week and explained her arduous road to recovery.

“I am honored and grateful to even be considered, let alone be picked to be Athlete of the Week. This means a lot considering just over a year ago, I was learning how to walk and run again. Therefore, this truly means a lot to my athletic career.”

Based on this courageous comeback and her past achievements on the flag football field and rugby pitch, Wolfpack coaches Dale Paolucci and Erica Harrison nominated the Robert F. Hall Grade 12 student for community recognition in our newspaper.

Both coaches delineated VanNiejehuis’s qualities as an exceptional athlete.

“Not only is Claire an exceptional athlete, but it is her exemplary work ethic that sets her apart from the rest. She is constantly looking to learn, better herself, and improve her own personal skills. And it is this drive for excellence that inspires the desire for success in others. Claire brings honesty and integrity to everything she does.”

Coach Paolucci and Coach Harrison also described VanNiejehuis’s qualities as a student at Robert F. Hall CSS.

“Her work ethic is evident as much on and it is off the pitch. Claire is also an exemplary student in the classroom.”

What impressed the Hall Wolfpack coaches the most about this student-athlete was her “ability to lead by example, her work ethic and commitment is displayed in everything she does; her ability to connect with her teammates and be a positive role model for others.”

“She’s the teammate that pushes others to want to do their best as well and always offers to help.”

They both were looking forward to the Spring Rugby season as VanNiejehuis returns to the pitch.

“After being sidelined due to injury last year, we are very much looking forward to having Claire back with us this year and cannot wait to see the immediate impact she will make for us on the field in 2024.”

The two-sport athlete and Honor



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Roll student at Hall took time out from her second semester studies to answer our interview questions:

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

Claire VanNiejehuis: “I believe that my leadership qualities allow me to be recognized as Student-Athlete of the Week. This is because I am very understanding when it comes to rugby as it is many people’s first time playing the sport. Therefore, I try to help wherever I can in helping my new teammates learn and understand the sport.”

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

Claire VanNiejehuis: “Unfortunately, during the 2022/2023 season, I was not playing because I tore my ACL. However, during the 2021/2022 season, I captained the team and was the main kicker. Additionally, I am very proud to say that in that season, our team won the ROPSAA championship.”

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

Claire VanNiejehuis: “Rugby is an odd sport in the way that you can play on many teams at once. I play for the Aurora Barbarians (club team), Toronto Reds (rep/regional team) and I am a member of the Ontario Blues Development Academy.”

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

Claire VanNiejehuis: “I believe that I am a fairly well-rounded student due to my commitment and work ethic. I am part of the flag football and the rugby team at Hall. In addition to this, I have also made Honour Roll in all my years of high school and plan on doing the same this year in grade 12.”

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

Claire VanNiejehuis: “Next year I will be attending Queen’s University to further both my academic and athletic career as I have officially signed for the Women’s Rugby Team. Additionally, I will be majoring in Health Sciences so I can follow my pursuit of going into the medical field.”

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

Claire VanNiejehuis: “My role model is Chloe Daniels who is on the National Canadian Women’s Rugby 7’s team. This is because she is my coach’s daughter and she shows me that it is achievable for someone from our area to make it to the big stage. Furthermore, Chloe is also a great student and is getting her degree in Commerce.”

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OBITUARIES

PAMELA ANNE CLARIDGE, O.N. (NEE PAVER)

JANUARY 1, 1944 – MAY 9, 2024

Surrounded by love, Pamela passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Born on New Year's Day 1944 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and raised in Victoria, British Columbia, Pam was the elder daughter of Edward Alan and Iris Elizabeth Paver. A beautifully talented singer, she met her future husband while performing and started on her six decade journey with Thomas Macdonald Claridge. Married August 28, 1965, the newspaper business called the couple back to Ontario, originally settling in Toronto, and ultimately moving to Dufferin County in 1975.

Pam and Tom have three children: Alan (Vanessa), Nancy, and Christopher (Liisa), and four grandchildren: Jacob, Ella, Owen and Maija. She will be greatly missed by the extended family: Phil (Val), John (Cheryl), Fred (Unni), Mary (Peter), Heather (Rob), Julie (Lance), Julie (Aanson), Jenn (Paul), Heather (Derek), and the great-nieces and great-nephews. Pam was predeceased by her younger sister, Jill McVie.



It is impossible to list all of the activities Pam was involved in through her life. She was a professional singer in Toronto before turning her focus for many decades to the family newspapers, publishing the Orangeville Citizen, Shelburne Free Press and Economist, Grand Valley Star-Vidette and the Caledon Citizen. It was a running joke how she managed to outlast her male counterparts at the competition. But music was never left behind, with Pam teaching voice and piano, as well as being the organist and choir master at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Shelburne, and later St. Mark's Anglican Church, Orangeville, as well as organizing music programs in seniors homes for over 40 years. Pam was a licensed lay reader for the Diocese of Niagara, a lay chaplain in local seniors homes, as well as helping with a breakfast program in a local elementary school. Pam was a founding member and president of the Orangeville Concert Association, a director and chorister in many productions for the Orangeville Music Theatre and she chaired the steering committee to establish Theatre Orangeville, amongst many other community activities.

Friends and guests will always remember walking into the house on Golden Road and being greeted by music. Pam playing her grand piano and either singing by herself, teaching students to sing, or more often being joined by multiple friends making beautiful harmonies. Up until two weeks before her passing, Pam was still accompanying devotionals at Montgomery Village Retirement Home.

In 1995, Pam was recognized as Woman of the Year by Family Transition Place, and in 2000, Pam was installed into the Order of Niagara for her contributions to St. Paul's, Shelburne.

A dedicated mother and grandmother, Pam gave unconditional love and support to her family. Special moments will be missed by all of us. Pam will be eternally missed by her co-pilot in love, family, business and life's adventures, Tom.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church 5 First Ave. Orangeville, Ontario on Friday, May 17th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations to St. Mark's Anglican Church or the Orangeville Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Pamela in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

OBITUARIES

AMANDA LOUISE TAYLOR

JULY 12, 1983 – APRIL 29, 2024

On April 29th, 2024, Amanda left this world following a short illness, surrounded by family, in her 41st year.



Amanda leaves behind the love of her life, Chris Wyman, and her beautiful children Jakob and Anika. She is survived by her parents Douglas & Anna Taylor. She was a treasured sister of Krista Taylor (John Rempel), Sharon (Sean) Peatson, Adam Taylor, Diana (Scott) Morrison and fun-loving aunt to Sheldon, Shayn, Shamus, Shaedyn, Cadence, Jesse, Lily, Carter and Hannah.

Amanda was predeceased by her Grandparents Grant & Mildred Taylor, and her Opa & Oma, Sid & Louise Vanderwerf.

Lovingly remembered by Chris' mother Elizabeth Wyman, sister Joyce Wyman (Alex Solimeno), and nieces Maya and Sophie. Amanda will be missed by Chris's father Greg and stepmother Irene Wyman.

A celebration of Amanda's life has already taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Meningitis Foundation Canada in Amanda's memory would be appreciated by the family.

BILL MCDOWELL

Passed on April 14th at the age of 93.

Will be very missed by his wife Joyce, children Brenda (Paul), Cheryl (Daryl) and Dwain (Joanne), his 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Bill was a long time resident of Bolton. He was very active in his community coaching both baseball and hockey. He will be remembered by many. At his request there was no service. Notes of condolence may be mailed to c/o 19 Marni Lane, Phelpston ON, L0L 2K0.

PETER "JIM" JAMES CAMPBELL

MARCH 11, 1940 - MAY 1, 2024

Jim will be sadly missed by his wife Dawn of close to 65 years, daughters Sherry (Craig) and Tracey (Darrell), his granddaughters Allison (Zac) and Madison, his great grandsons Max and Ari and sister Jane along with nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family wants to thank the staff at the Shelburne Residence Apartments and the doctors and nurses at Headwaters Hospital.

A private family service will be held. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date

DONNA LOUISE RINTOUL

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at the age of 78. Beloved wife of Roy Rintoul. Dear mother of Chris Rintoul. Cherished sister of Linda Whitaker, Bob Grant (Roz) and Jim Grant (Janice). Donna will also be greatly missed by other relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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

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O St. Joseph I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy Heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph Patron of departing souls, pray for me.

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(a soul, an intention, a worry, a business).

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Let Your Heart be moved...

O Jesus, I rely on You...

I confide in You...

I abandon myself to you...

I am sure of You...

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

I trust in You.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, May Your Kingdom come.

O HOLY ST. ANTHONY

Gentlest and kindest of all the saints, your burning love for God and your exalted virtue towards your fellow creatures made you worthy when on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited at your word and that word you were ever ready to speak at the request of those in trouble. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my prayer in the ears of the infant Jesus who loved to linger in your arms. One word from you and my prayer will be granted. The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen

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THERESA HUNTER

JULY 20, 1936 - APRIL 29, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Theresa Hunter on April 29, 2024, at the Trillium - Mississauga Hospital. Theresa Hunter was in her 88th year. Adored wife of Clifford Hunter of 68 years. Loved mother of Terry (Cheryl), Gary and Kim (Mike). Cherished Nana of Shawn (Jenna), Cory (Ashley), Brendan and Mikaela. Great-Nana of Haley, Ayva, Lilah, Paisleigh and Navie. Loving sister of Rose Buffett, Bill McCormick (Marie), Marilyn Fischer, Chris McCormick (Eva) and Margaret Stagg. Theresa was a loving aunt to her many nieces and nephews.



Theresa was predeceased by her siblings Ben White, Jim McCormick, Hugh McCormick (Helen), Terry McCormick, Rita Borutski, Barry McCormick (Phyllis) Kathleen Bourtski (Allan) and Peter McCormick.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Theresa.

A private family service was held at In Memoriam Funeral Service Inc. 28 Main St. North. Grand Valley. On L9W 5S7.

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GLENN HOWARD AWREY

Passed away May 11, 2024 at Bethell Hospice at the age of 59. Son of Howard and Doreen Awrey; Dear brother of Hope and Paul (Jackie). Cherished uncle of Candace and Nigel Awrey. Glenn will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Glenn was quite efficient in Computer Science during his lifetime. He faced death 3 times; first while playing in the water at Wasaga Beach with his sister and brother, at the age of 3 in a pontoon rubber boat, an off shore wind blew Glenn and the boat out into the Bay, by the time a rescue boat reached him he was 1 mile off shore; second while sleigh riding late winter one day, Glenn aged 3-4 rode down a hill and was heading for the open water of the Credit River, we yelled 'roll off' and he did 5 feet from the waters edge; and third facing a serious illness at age 59, Glenn fought hard but Cancer won.

Private family burial - Huxley Cemetery on Thursday, May 16th, 2024. Memorial donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Glenn in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

GEORGE LEACH



Born in a field with the gate open in Cobden, Ontario, George Leach passed suddenly on May 9, 2024, at the age of 87. As a young man, George moved to Manotick, where he met his beloved wife Gail on a blind date. They found success in love and life, moving their family of 4 children, Julie (Paul), Holly (Peter), Merydie (Joe), and Rob (Anna-Marie), to Brampton, then Edmonton, before finally settling in Caledon, Ontario, as a proud employee of the Ford Motor Company. Predeceased by siblings Graham, Annie, and William, and his wife Gail. Following Gail's death, George was lucky to find love a second time with Sheila Shields. George is remembered by his grandchildren, Sally, Lucas, Erica, Maddie, AJ, Samantha, Allison, and William, and his four great-grandchildren. George leaves us with a lasting memory of a true gentleman; a charming and honourable man who made lifelong friends wherever he went.

Memorial service was held at Mayfield United Church, Caledon on Thursday, May 16th, 2024.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Mayfield United Church, or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

ELSIE ISABELLE SHINNIMAN (NEE TRIBBLE)

Elsie Isabelle (Tribble) passed away peacefully on Monday, May 13, 2024 at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus, ON, in her 82nd year. Daughter of the late Charles (1978) & Leta (Graham) (1983), born September 7, 1942, in Orangeville, ON. Beloved wife of Stanley Roy Shinniman (1995). Loving mother of Robert Shinniman (Jennifer Betz), Nancy (Michael) McLeod, step-children, Carol (Robert) Way, Patricia (Jim) Hearder, Steven Shinniman and Peggy McCullough; grandmother of 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 5 great great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Betty (Smith) Clark, Agnes Buelow and Graham (Merle) Tribble.



Predeceased by brothers-in law, William Smith, Douglas Clark, Wesley Buelow, Douglas Shinniman, Murray Shinniman; sister-in-law, Isabelle (Ken) Postles; and step-son, Frank Shinniman.

Elsie grew up on a farm in Caledon, later moving to Orangeville where she made many friends over the years with her calm, peaceful demeanor. She worked at and was well known at places such as The Coffee Corner, Dairy Queen BBQ, Clover Farm, Bun Basket Bakery, KMART and the ODS cafe. Life gave her many hurdles, but she faced them with strength, perseverance and grace. She had a great sense of humour. She will forever be known for her love of licorice, the Woman's Network Hallmark Movies and gossip. She had many facial expressions, loved to joke with others and her wise cracks...said it all.

Funeral Service will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Kidney Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

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

LINDA MARJORIE MOOTE

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville on December 28th 2023 at the age of 75. Loving Aunt of Angie Evans and her partner Chris Jacobson. Predeceased by her parents Marj and Dave Moote and her sister Karen Evans. Linda will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



A public interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Orangeville on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. with a light reception to follow at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel and Reception Centre. Memorial donations to the Canadian Lung Association would be appreciated by the family.

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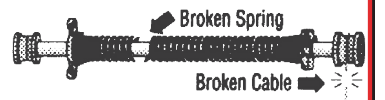
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PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Blue Jays Academy staff teach the finer points of the game to 114 players at CMBA Clinic in East Caledon

BY JIM STEWART

In overcast but comfortable conditions last weekend, 114 registrants enjoyed learning the finer points of baseball from the engaging on-field Blue Jays Academy instructors at Harley Davis Field in

East Caledon.

A travelling staff of eighteen, who were growing the grand old game in Woodstock on Saturday afternoon, put the local House League players through their paces at five stations.

The young registrants—aged 8-12 and clad in

their Blue Jays clinic gear—received specialized and personalized small-group instruction from three energetic instructors at each of the hitting, fielding, running, throwing and catching, and base-running stations.

The Academy instructors brought with them a range of NCAA, national team, and professional experiences and the kids responded enthusiastically to their on-field lessons.

The sound of kids having fun was music to the ears of Blue Jays' Amateur Baseball Program Specialist and On-field Coordinator Geoff Seto.

"It makes your heart feel warm when the kids have such a positive experience. They're always a little nervous and queasy at registration about going on the field with college and professional baseball players, but it's fun for us to make it a series of cool moments for them to enjoy. It's all about the experience of the kids."

Seto, who has been an instructor with the Blue Jays Academy since 2010, enjoys traversing Canada to work with local baseball organizations and their players.

"It's an unbelievable experience. It's about helping the local kids enjoy the game.

The Caledon Minor Baseball Association reps—John Ruta and Jason Sweeney—have been phenomenal hosts. Our job is to look after youth baseball across Canada. A big part is participating with grassroots baseball organizations. We're creating better ballplayers together, but we're also creating life-long fans of the game."

Chad and Jenna Vinden, who travelled from Orangeville so their eight-year old daughter Presley could enjoy the clinic prior to the start of her base-

ball season, were sold on the Blue Jays Academy's on-field methodology and their positive impact on the clinic participants.

Stationed strategically on the third base bleachers, Jenna Vinden noted that, "The kids seem to be listening really well and the skills that are being taught are really getting Presley back in the swing of things before her season starts."

Chad Vinden concurred with his wife's insights about the efficacy of the clinic's teaching strategies and the on-field staff.

"The best part of today's clinic is the set of skills that will get Presley excited to play the game and enjoy it even more. The staff is very vocal and everyone is enjoying the stations out there."

CMBA Vice President Jason Sweeney, who leads the organization's House League program, was pleased with the delivery and timing of the instruction by the Blue Jays Academy.

"Getting these kids such an excellent on-field practice before the season starts gets them re-acclimated to the game and gets them excited to play their games starting on May 25 with our Opening Day Ceremonies at North Hill Park in Bolton."

Coach Sweeney noted, "114 players aged 8-12 really benefitted from today's instruction and we lucked out with the weather, too, as the rain missed us."

"Our rain date would have been in August which wouldn't have been as effective as this preseason clinic is. We would have had to contend with conflicting activities like family holidays and startups of other sports seasons. The conditions were great today for a preseason clinic."

MoD to mark Museum Month and International Museum Day

BY PAULA BROWN

Take a trip back in time and learn how Dufferin County's local museum is preserving history for the community.

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is inviting the community to join them in celebrating Museum Month and International Museum Day on May 18.

Started in 1977, International Museum Day is an annual event organized by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). Museum Month, which coincides with International Museum Month, is a program of the Ontario Museum Association that is celebrated by more than 700 provincial museums, galleries and heritage sites.

The aim of International Museum Day and Museum Month is to give local museums the opportunity to engage with the public and highlight the important role the institutions serve the community.

This year the theme for Museum Month is 'Museums for Education and

Research.'

"Museums play an integral role in learning and innovation as well as knowledge keeping and sharing," said Jasmine Proteau, Museum Services Manager for the MoD. "We welcome Dufferin County residents and visitors to explore the MoD this May—discover our galleries, take part in our programs and events, and immerse yourself in the stories of Dufferin's history and culture."

The Museum of Dufferin will be opening its doors to visitors for free on May 18 in celebration of International Museum Day. Visitors will be able to take part in a scavenger hunt and other activities throughout the galleries.

The local museum will also be giving visitors a behind-the-scenes tour of its storage rooms with staff, which are typically not accessible to the public. Through this tour, visitors will learn how the museum keeps artifacts and archival documents safe, how they chose which items go on display, and some of the specific items the mu-

seum has in its archives.

The Museum of Dufferin, which is located at 936029 Airport Road in Mulmur, collects and preserves the stories of the people, places and culture of Dufferin County—both past and present.

The museum features three galleries with permanent and rotating exhibitions and art shows as well as four historic buildings. The MoD is home to the largest public collection of W. J. Hughes Corn Flower Glass in the world with over 2,200 pieces.

The MoD is also home to the Dufferin County Archives, where residents are able to research facts about the people, places and culture related to Dufferin County including the Local War Veteran Database with information on 6,236 local veterans.

Visitors can keep up to date on upcoming events and activities at the Museum of Dufferin by visiting their website, at www.dufferinmuseum.com or following their social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

COMMUNITY events

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

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

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Cost: \$11
Pick-up: 11:30 am
Dine-in served at 12:00 pm
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Register by Tuesday, May 21 at 12:00 pm


Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Thursday, May 30, 2024 – Laughter & Lunch
Join us for this fun event "Survive & Thrive With Humour" at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton at 11:00 am! Presented by Tim Westhead.
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Lunch menu: Chicken Caesar Wraps, Pasta Salad and Bread Pudding with Custard.
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Friday, May 31, 2024 - Monthly Dinner
Meet us at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton for dinner!
Menu: Stuffed Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Kale Salad and Ice-Cream Sandwich Dessert
Cost: \$16
Pick-up: 5:15 pm
Dine-in served at 5:30 pm
Local delivery available for \$2
Register by Wednesday, May 29 at 3:30 pm
Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

The Kin Club of Bolton are holding another Toonie Treasure Sale Saturday May 25th from 10 am till 1 pm at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds President building. RACKS and RACKS of fabulous new and gently used women, men, children apparel.. and yes, all for a toonie! All proceeds go to community needs.

S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation's Annual Plant Sale to be held Sat. May 25 & Sun. May 26. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the back yard of Cheltenham General Store 14386 Creditview Road, Cheltenham. Annuals, perennials flowers, vegetables & compost.



2ND Annual MMR Gala

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The charity provides music and dance classes for individuals in our community with physical and neurological challenges. They support local organizations such as Cassie's Place, GOALS, White Birch and Brampton Caledon Community Living. The Gala included a live and silent auction, and a 50/50 draw.


Guests who attended were entertained by live performances from some of the young adults who attend classes at Meaghan's Music Room. They were treated to a well deserved standing ovation from a very enthusiastic crowd.


A very special and heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing and generous sponsors who supported Meaghan's Music Room. Your contributions make it possible for our charity to continue its good work and help the most vulnerable people in our community.


The Board would also like to extend its sincere appreciation to Mayor Annette Groves, & Councillors Russo & Napoli for attending the Gala and supporting this very important community organization.





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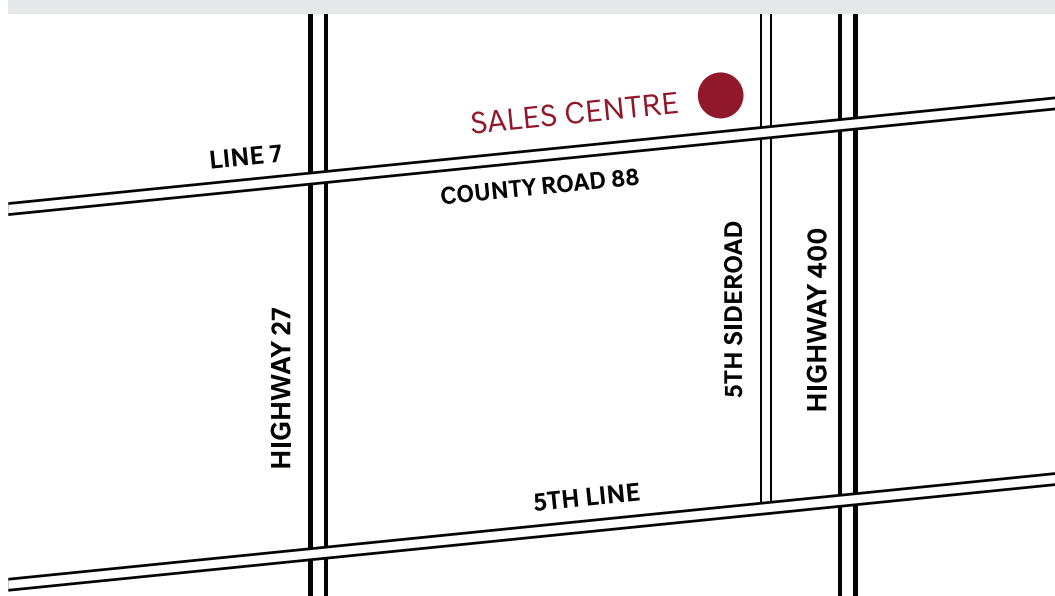
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