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Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Cassie's Place volunteer Joe Sassine joined Cassie's Place participants in welcoming Realtor Rocky Punia as the presenting sponsor of Cassie's Place's upcoming charity golf tournament. The tourney, which benefits the local organization that supports individuals with developmental disabilities, will take place August 6. For more, see Page B1.

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Group seeks resident support for stronger aggregate policies

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group that's been fighting for strengthened aggregate policies in Caledon is asking the public to lend their voice to the cause.

On May 23, the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FCPG) held a community meeting at the Alton Legion to update Caledon residents on its fight against a proposed blasting quarry and its efforts to have stronger aggregate policies implemented by the Town of Caledon.

Debra Wilson, an FCPG volunteer, said it

is critically important for people to reach out to Caledon councillors and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones so politicians know how invested the Caledon community is in the fight for stronger aggregate policies.

Wilson said the FCPG has been working with technical experts in areas like air quality, and that this is something that's important for residents to highlight when they reach out to politicians.

She said residents deserve to be protected from harmful effects of bad air quality that could come from aggregate operations if the right policies aren't implemented.

"We don't want the Ontario standard for air quality, because it's already out of date. What we want is the World Health Organization (WHO) standard. It's the most current science, it's promoted worldwide, and it sets the standard for what's called PM2.5... that really tiny particulate dust that we've talked about before, that gets in your lungs and stays forever," said Wilson.

The FCPG has also been working with experts to create policies that protect streams, wetlands, woodlands, and much more.

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Local residents encouraged to support "Smart Headwaters" campaign

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are being asked to consider supporting a fundraising campaign for a local hospital.

On May 28, Headwaters Health Care Foundation board member Anne Thompson announced the board was looking to update Caledon residents on the "Smart Headwaters" campaign and get them involved in it.

The Smart Headwaters campaign was launched last June and its goal is to raise \$18 million to bring a state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine, and more, to the Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville.

Thompson said the hospital has been doing more with less for many years and that new medical technology will revitalize the hospital's service.

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More than \$45,000 raised for Caledon Meals on Wheels from Smile Cookie campaign

Local Tim Hortons restaurant owners support Caledon charity

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents purchased a whole lot of cookies for a good cause this year.

On May 27, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) announced local Tim Hortons restaurants and Caledon residents raised \$45,187 for the charity through this year's Smile Cookie campaign.

CMOW is a volunteer and community-driven non-profit that provides meals, programs, and safety checks for seniors

and vulnerable community members in Caledon and surrounding areas.

The Smile Cookie campaign is an annual initiative. Each year, Tim Hortons restaurants sell Smile Cookies, and proceeds from the sale of these cookies are donated to local charities in the areas of the Tim Hortons franchises that sell them.

This year in Caledon, the following Tim Hortons locations supported CMOW: the Bolton Tim Hortons restaurants, owned by Brad and Liz Stafford; the Mayfield/Airport Tim Hortons, owned by the Scianitti Family; and the Caledon Village Tim Hortons, owned by Jay MacDonald.

Across Canada, a record-high \$19.7 million was raised by Canadians and Tim Hortons restaurants for charity through this year's Smile Cookie campaign.

Local Tim Hortons franchisees have



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been supporting CMOW through the Smile Cookie campaign since 2015, and residents have purchased enough cookies to have raised over \$276,000 for CMOW since then.

Kim Rodrigues, the Executive Director of CMOW, said she's feeling immense gratitude for all the support received during this year's Smile Cookie campaign.

"We extend our sincerest thanks to our local Tim Hortons for their amazing support during Smile Cookie Week," said Rodrigues. "Through (our) partnership, Caledon Meals on Wheels continues to fulfill its vital mission of providing nourishment and companionship to those in need. With these funds, we not only feed the body but also feed the soul, enriching lives and

spreading warmth throughout Caledon."

Rodrigues said in today's world, non-profits face many challenges and rely heavily on donations and fundraising campaigns like the Smile Cookie campaign.

"Whether [it's] our meals program, or our wellness programs, every dollar counts," said Rodrigues. "Smile Cookie is always an exciting week for our staff, volunteers, board members and even our community. We love to see familiar faces and those who support us every year by buying a cookie at the drive through or placing a large order with us... our awesome community in Caledon has truly been so amazing... thank you to our incredible Caledon community."

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Caledon baton twirlers to compete at national competition in July



Baton twirlers Amelia and Alicia Amaral are practicing for a national competition with head coach Susan Franklyn (not pictured) and assistant coach Lynsay Johnston. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Amelia and Alicia Amaral took up baton twirling in 2019

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two Caledon teens will soon be making the Town proud at a national baton twirling competition.

Amelia Amaral, 17, and her sister Alicia, 13, are baton twirlers with Starlight Destiny Baton & Pom Pom Club, which serves the Peel and Halton areas.

The sisters will be competing at the Canadian Baton Twirling Championship in Oshawa from July 1 to 6. This will be the sisters' third national competition, as they've competed in two previous national competitions in New Brunswick and Alberta.

Amelia and Alicia grew up as dancers and took up baton twirling in 2019, instantly falling in love with the discipline.

They enjoyed it recreationally at first and began competing two years ago.

"It's kind of like dance incorporated with a lot of skills and teamwork," said Amelia.

She explained baton twirlers compete in individual and group categories.

To make it to nationals, baton twirlers have to qualify through provincial competitions.

Amelia and Alicia practice with their team three times a week: three hours on Monday, two on Tuesday, and three on Wednesday. From March to July, they're usually in a competition every other weekend.

"My favourite part is the people; I really enjoy my teammates, we always have fun and we always laugh," said Amelia. "The competitions as well are something I really look forward to... even if I do bad at one competition, I know where to go from there and how to be better at the next one."

Amelia and Alicia's mom, Helga, said she's really proud of her daughters and that it's been amazing to see their growth.

"To see their accomplishments is very

good," she said.

Amelia said flexibility and endurance are two of the most important skills required for baton twirling. Lynsay Johnston, an assistant coach with Starlight Destiny, added that dance technique and gymnastics skills are key.

Amelia said her favourite routine is the one she gets to do with her sister. She said they have so much fun doing it, and recently moved up a competition level, something they're very proud of.

"I enjoy it because we work together," said Amelia.

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MULTIPLE ALCOHOL-RELATED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged four drivers with impaired operation and two others were issued three-day licence suspensions in a single shift.

“On May 25, 2024, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Caledon OPP was conducting a proactive patrol in the area St Andrew’s Road and The Grange Side Road,” say Police. “The way a vehicle was being operated led to a traffic stop. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Harpreet Singh Paul, 57, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

“On May 25, 2024, just before 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP was conducting speed enforcement in the area of Highway 10 and Forks of The Credit Road and stopped a vehicle for traveling at an excessive speed. Through further investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Virginio Dasilva Couto, 41, of Toronto was charged with:

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



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The charges have not been proven.

“On May 25, 2024, shortly before midnight, Caledon OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in the area of Innis Lake Road and Healey Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers observed a vehicle turn around before entering the spot check. Officers located and stopped the vehicle and formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Vishavdeep Singh, 28, of Arthur, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

“On May 26, 2024, a few minutes just after midnight, at the same R.I.D.E location, a vehicle entered the area and was met by officers. Grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Monica Oliveira Teixeira, 28, of Milton, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Additionally, at the same R.I.D.E location, officers issued two drivers with a three-day licence suspension for registering ‘Warn’ ranges on an Approved Screening Device (ASD). Warn ranges on an Approved Screening Device are having a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) between 0.05-0.079. First time penalties are an immediate 3-day licence suspension and \$250 fine. Second time penalties are an immediate 7-day licence suspension, \$350 fine and an education or treatment program. Third time penalties are an immediate 30-day licence suspension, \$450 fine, an education or treatment program, and a six-month ignition interlock condition.

The four accused charged with a criminal offence are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer for their charges. Their driver’s licences were suspended for 90 days vehicles impounded for seven.

“Drivers continue to take chances that can lead to disastrous consequences. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver,

take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

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

LAB DUMP SITES FOUND

Several clandestine laboratory dumpsites have been identified throughout Adjala-Tosorontio Township in the month of May, say OPP.

“Clandestine laboratory dumpsites pose a public safety concern due to the risk of accidental exposure, in addition to associated environmental concerns. The public is urged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and keep distance if they suspect they have encountered a potential clandestine laboratory dumpsite.

“The Nottawasaga OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the OPP Clandestine Laboratory Investigative Response Team (CLIRT), overseen by the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB), have secured the clandestine laboratory dumpsites that have been located. The OPP CLIRT is a specialized team that is trained to safely investigate and dismantle clandestine synthetic drug labs and their associated dumpsites across Ontario.

“The chemical wastes found at clandestine laboratory dumpsites have public safety impacts to humans and wildlife due to the nature of the debris left behind. The illegal dumping can result in environmental contamination and health hazards.”

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The dangers of clandestine synthetic drug labs include fire, explosion, harmful fumes, and chemical exposure as well as environmental damage and waste. Remember to remain at a safe distance.

If you see indicators of a clandestine synthetic drug lab or a suspected clandestine laboratory dumpsite, call the OPP’s non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. Alternatively, you can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

MURDER CHARGES IN ALLISTON

Members of the Major Crime Unit from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged a person in relation to a murder investigation in Alliston in the Town of New Tecumseth.

“On August 26, 2022, shortly before 6:30 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP and emergency services responded to reports of gunfire at a residence on Kidd Crescent,” say Police. “A 38-year-old female was located outside the residence with apparent gunshot wounds and transported to hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.”

The deceased was identified as 38-year-old Sibel Duzguner of New Tecumseth.

On May 23, 2024, members of the Nottawasaga OPP Major Crime Unit arrested and charged 51-year-old Ahmet Duzguner of New Tecumseth with First-Degree Murder contrary to the Criminal Code.

The accused remains in custody and was scheduled to virtually appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie on May 24, 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

OPP Central Region Crime Units and OPP Forensic Identification Services continue the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Coroner.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP through a dedicated tip line at 1-844-677-9407 or the OPP non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

More information will be released when available.

“Nottawasaga Detachment would like to thank the victim’s family and community for their patience during this investigation,” said Nottawasaga Detachment Commander D. McLagan.

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Region of Peel announces new Chief and Director of Paramedic Services



Brian Gibson is Peel's new Chief and Director of Paramedic Services. REGION OF PEEL IMAGE

Brian Gibson has been acting chief since 2023

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Region of Peel has a new Chief and Di-

rector of Paramedic Services.

On May 28, the Region announced Brian Gibson is the new leader of Peel's paramedic services, which are the second-largest in Ontario and serve 1.5 million people.

As Chief and Director of Paramedic Services, Gibson will report to Peel's Commissioner of Health Services Nancy Polsinelli.

"Chief Gibson will lead strategic direc-

tion in providing the community with the highest quality of care through the delivery of various programs — pre-hospital emergency response, community safety and relations, and community paramedicine," said the Region of Peel in a media release from communications specialist Monica Misra-Lui. "Peel Region is an innovative leader in pre-hospital paramedic care, working with hospitals to address off-load delays, addressing 9-1-1 misuse, improving ambulance dispatch, and enhancing community paramedicine to contribute solutions in caring for frail seniors in their homes."

Gibson has 34 years of paramedic leadership experience. He's been Peel's Deputy Chief since 2014, and acting chief since

2023.

Polsinelli said Gibson is an empathetic and innovative leader "who builds a strong, supportive workplace culture and forges partnerships across Peel Region and the health system to continually improve care to the community."

Peel's Chief Administrative Officer Gary Kent said Peel's paramedics are essential professionals who care for people in crisis and use their skills and knowledge to build a better community.

"Chief Gibson's extensive experience and significant leadership abilities will ensure continued progress in enabling excellence among our committed paramedic teams," said Polsinelli.

Peel, York Regional Police launch facial recognition partnership

BY BROCK WEIR

York and Peel Regions' police departments are joining forces to fight crime using facial-recognition technology.

The move, which was announced May 27, will forge a digital system for storing, searching, and comparing crime scene images to mugshots using the recognition tech.

The system, they said in a joint statement, has been developed "in consultation" with the Information and Privacy Commission of Ontario to determine best practices on how to use the tech in an "investigative capacity."

"As we're all too aware, criminals don't limit their activity to a single jurisdiction," said York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween in a statement. "Partnering with Peel Regional Police is cost-effective and enables us to collaborate more extensively to make both communities safer."

The Police say this collaboration encourages information sharing while also saving money by going in together on purchasing, maintenance and operating costs.

"Facial recognition technology allows police to compare obtained images of people identified by investigators as suspects or persons of interest with mugshots in an existing police database pursuant to the Identification of Criminals Act," they say. "Images are not gathered or obtained

by police from any live CCTV footage or any other live-streaming material including social media—they are collected during the course of an investigation, following a criminal incident. Law enforcement agencies and border checkpoints across Canada are already using facial recognition technology to help solve crimes in the communities they serve and keep Canadians safe.

"Individuals whose criminal booking image (mugshot) has been captured by York Regional Police under the authority of the Identification of Criminals Act, may be eligible to have their photograph and fingerprints destroyed provided certain criteria are met. All fees for photograph and fingerprint destruction requests have been waived by York Regional Police."

Criteria in this case for individuals 18 and over include having no criminal convictions with any police agency; no outstanding charges before the courts; and not being the subject of any police discharge.

Applications can't be made within one year of an absolute discharge, within three years of a conditional discharge, or within a year of a stay of proceedings (other than a judicial stay).

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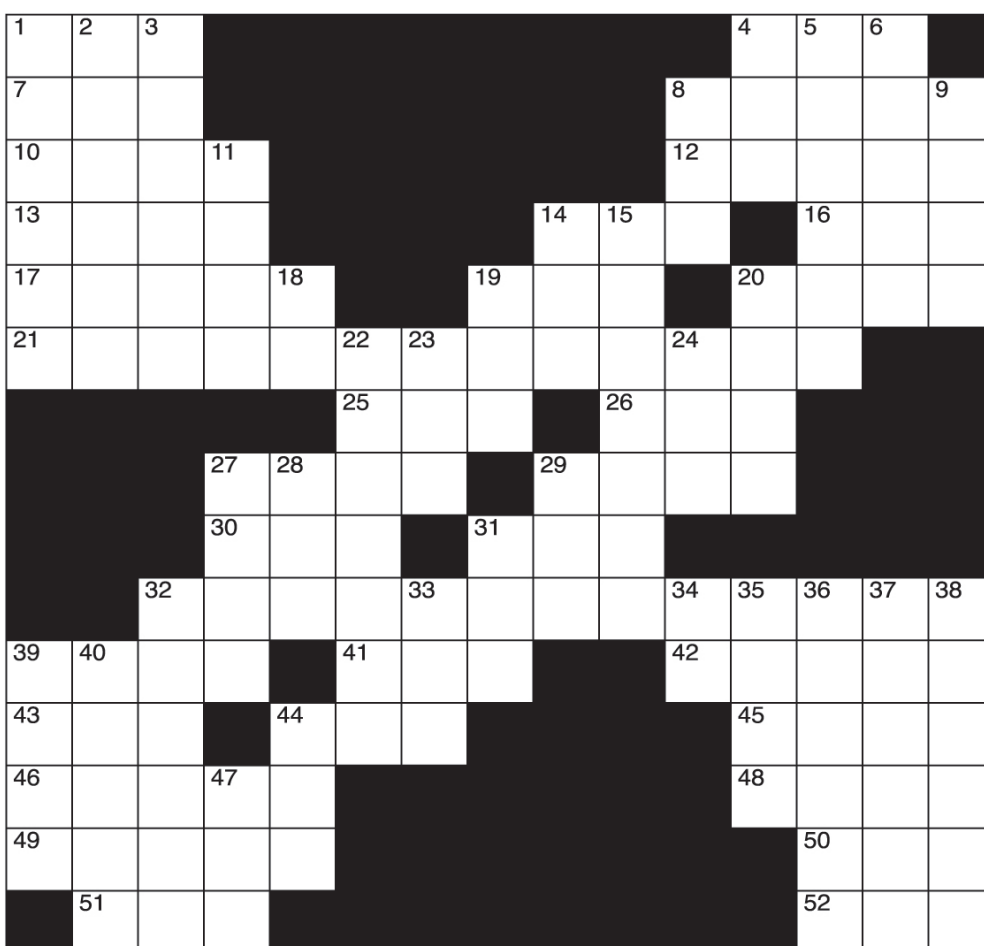


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1. Fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Small, faint constellation
8. Gives a job person
10. Self-righteous
12. Caucasian language
13. Surinam toad
14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. Former French coin
17. Levels the score
19. What stage performers do
20. Egyptian Sun god
21. Localities
25. Spherical body
26. Licensed for Wall Street

CLUES DOWN

27. Perfect
29. It's on many people's heads
30. Boxing's GOAT
31. Photo
32. Popular HBO show
39. Popular music awards show
41. Pouch
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Unruly group
44. One-fourth
45. Very eager
46. Edward __, author and writer
48. Flying insect
49. Dragged forcibly
50. Thus far
51. Not just "play"
52. Commercials

CLUES ACROSS

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Brother or sister
5. Secret get-togethers
6. Type of tea
8. Where the action is
9. Cast out
11. Crime group
14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
15. Accept and handle
18. Sacrifice hit
19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
20. Month
22. Most thin
23. Naturally occurring material
24. Luke's mentor

CLUES DOWN

- ___-Wan
27. Postmodernist
- Austrian "House"
28. Aquatic salamander
29. Baseball stat
31. Beginning military rank
32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
33. Paddle
34. Caregiver (abbr.)
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. In a way, acted
38. Things to see
39. Nursemaid
40. Type of tooth
44. To be demonstrated
47. Defunct European group

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

Forks of the Credit Preservation Group asking residents to reach out to leaders

Continued from A1

“We’ve been trying to be the voice for you, but we need to have a lot more voices saying to Council, ‘this is what we want,’” said Wilson. “We have the science to confirm the need for modernized policies, we have the experts to back it up.”

Wilson said the FCPG is calling people to action, asking them to phone or email Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, members of Caledon Council, and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

“The more voices out there, the more we’re going to be heard... we’ve got that fire stoked and we need you out there helping us,” said Wilson.

FCPG president David Sylvester explained the Interim Control Bylaw (ICBL) that Caledon implemented, which prevents any new aggregate extraction operations in Town, will expire in five months.

The ICBL was implemented so Caledon could update its aggregate policies, which were found to be some of the weakest out of all Ontario’s top aggregate-producing municipalities. Sylvester said work updating the policies had been slow going until this past January when the Town of Caledon hired a new project manager for the file.

“In the last two months, under the leadership of this new project manager, we’ve had about 20 meetings together with various experts and consultants,” said Sylvester. “In the last six weeks, the public members, the six of us, (Aggregate Resources Community Working Group) individually and collectively have submitted, I would say at least 100 pages of recommendations and requests for the planners to consider with our new aggregate policies.”

The Aggregate Resources Community Working Group was appointed by Council in May 2023 to help with the aggregate policy update process.

Sylvester said in roughly two weeks, it is expected the Town of Caledon will have a draft of its updated aggregate policies available for residents to review.

“We’ll finally get a look at what the head planner feels is appropriate,” said Sylvester. “There’s a very important date coming up: Wednesday, June 19... the Town is going to arrange a public open house to review the draft aggregate policies with members of the public.”

Sylvester said more details on the open house will come at a later date, and to check the FCPG’s website for details.

“If you want to contribute or have any input into this process of rewriting aggregate policies, I suggest you come to that public open house,” said Sylvester.



Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) host their annual plant sale on Saturday (May 25) on the hospital grounds. The fundraiser, which looks to raise proceeds to restore and maintain the 20 gardens and more than 400 native and hybrid trees on the property, also served as the 25th anniversary of the Friendship Garden initiative. Pictured is Joel Porter, director of philanthropy for Headwaters Health Care Foundation, and Lynn Sinclair-Smith, Friendship Gardens coordinator.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Friendship Gardens marks 25 years of uplifting patients’ spirits

BY PAULA BROWN

Gardening experts and novices alike braved the rain and chilly weather this past weekend as they looked to raise funds for a continually growing initiative.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) held its annual Friendship Gardens plant sale on Saturday, May 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the grounds of the local hospital and raised \$18,000. The annual plant sale is organized in partnership with Headwaters Health Care Foundation and looks to raise funds to support the maintenance and restoration of the gardens at Headwaters Hospital.

“[The sale] is about building some funds for the gardens themselves so the volunteers can actually do the work they do on them,” said Joel Porter, Director of Philanthropy for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. “It’s also a wonderful community engagement activity. The folks that come out, they want to come and buy one plant and they leave with a whole wheelbarrow full.”

While this year’s plant sale served once again as a fundraiser for the Friendship Gardens, it also marked a significant milestone in the initiative’s history as they celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Friendship Gardens.

The creation of the Friendship Gar-

dens was started in 1997 by a group of volunteers called Friends of Headwaters. After having raised money to buy equipment and a critical care unit for the then-new hospital, the group began looking at ways to beautify the new facility from the outside and decided to create a patient garden.

“I would love to say I started off with this vision of taking over the whole grounds and having a group of fellow volunteers build and maintain them, but I didn’t have that; it was initially one and done,” said Lynn Sinclair-Smith, Friendship Garden coordinator. “That one garden has now parlayed into something bigger.”

Since the inception of the first patient garden at Headwaters, the number of gardens on the hospital grounds has grown exponentially. In 2019, Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrated the unveiling of four new friendship gardens bringing the total number in the collection to 20 plus gardens and water features as well as more than 400 native and hybrid trees.

Initially planned as one garden, the vision of the Friendship Gardens has also changed to focus on giving as many patient rooms a view of the gardens.

Sinclair-Smith spoke about the significance the gardens have for patients at the hospital as well as staff. She also shared her family’s own experience

with the gardens.

“[The Friendship Gardens] are just these lovely little quiet places to go to, to feel rejuvenated. My husband spent five weeks in the hospital and the gardens were the last thing he saw. He enjoyed looking out to see the shrubs and the little birds, and the life,” she recalled.

Each of the gardens is designed and maintained by a group of active volunteers and supported by community donations.

“It’s pretty amazing to have a group of volunteers dedicated for 25 years to care for the grounds around the hospital, knowing that the patients, some of whom will end their life at this hospital get to enjoy it,” said Porter.

In 2018, the Friendship Gardens and the Town of Orangeville won the prestigious national award, “Communities in Bloom.” Students who have volunteered at Friendship Gardens have also gone on to win environmental awards from the University of Guelph and the University of Waterloo.

“The Friendship Gardens is really collaborative and it’s for the community by the community. There’s a very strong connection there,” said Sinclair-Smith.

To learn more about the Friendship Gardens initiative or to inquire about ways to donate and volunteer, visit www.friendshipgardens.ca.

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by Darlene Downey, Downey’s Farm

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Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer, Caledon Community Services
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Peel non-profits decry \$868 million Provincial community service funding shortfall

Research firm Blueprint ADE, commissioned by Metamorphosis Network, discovers shortfall

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



A study commissioned by a group of Peel non-profits has found a nearly \$1 billion annual Provincial funding shortfall for community services in the region.

The Metamorphosis Network, which represents over 100 Peel non-profits in the health and community services sectors, shared on May 23 results from a study it commissioned from research firm Blueprint ADE.

According to the study, there's an \$868 million annual shortfall in Provincial funding for Peel non-profits.

"The staggering, ongoing annual funding shortfall... equates to an annual gap of \$578 for every person in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon," reads a Metamorphosis Network news release from Metamorphosis Network coordinator Sean Meagher.

According to the study, the funding shortfall impacts services like housing, child care, schools, seniors' care, mental health programs and youth programs.

They went on to say Peel municipalities have to charge taxpayers \$138 per year on their property taxes to "compensate for in-

adequate provincial funding of essential services."

Sharon Mayne, the CEO of Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin and one of the leaders of the Metamorphosis Network, said the Blueprint ADE study underscores a long-standing, severe, and unsustainable funding gap in the Region of Peel.

"Peel is a diverse and growing community with bright prospects, but our community cannot bear the brunt of this financial gap," said Mayne. "Everyone deserves reliable services no matter where they live. This is an issue that starts in Queen's Park and we urge the provincial government to take immediate action to ensure fair and adequate funding for our region."

Melissa Harricharan, a Peel resident, is quoted in the Metamorphosis Network's news release.

"I rely on local community services that support me and my family, but I see how stretched they are, with long waiting lists and limited capacity," said Harricharan. "I am counting on our

MPPs to speak with the Premier and Cabinet to make sure that these gaps don't continue."

Blueprint ADE's report compares Peel to seven other municipalities in Ontario with populations over 500,000: Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, York, Durham, Waterloo and Halton.

"Funding in Peel is persistently low," the report reads. "In the most recent year of data available, Peel finishes dead last among comparators for municipal social service funding, non-profit community service funding, and Local Health Integration Network community health funding. In 2023-24, it ranked below average for school board funding."

The report found that non-profits in Peel grew less financially stable between 2021 and 2023.

"Over the same time period, fewer of them were able to rely on provincial support as their primary source of funding," the report reads. "...The available data suggest that the gap in provincial support for social services in Peel Region Municipalities is having negative consequences for the organizations that provide those services, and that the burden borne by municipal taxpayers in the Region is increasing."

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments

These sessions will provide further clarity on the process, address inquiries from the public and provide detailed information on the proposed amendments. Each session will feature the same information and presentation from staff. The public is invited to attend any of the sessions at their convenience.

While these sessions are exclusively in-person, the presentation and additional details will also be accessible on the Town website as they become available.



For more information scan the QR code

FINAL LOCATION AND DATE:

- **Caledon East Community Complex**
6215 Old Church Rd.
Monday, June 10 from 7-9 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

June is National Indigenous History Month

The Town of Caledon encourages residents to take the opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis at events taking place this month.

Maawnjiding Wiingushkeng Powwow – Friday, May 31 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Maawnjiding Wingushkeng Centre for Indigenous Excellence and Land-Based Learning. 13990 Mississauga Road, Cheltenham, ON

Indigenous Inventors & Innovators Exhibition – mobile museum making three stops in Caledon.

- Saturday, June 1 – Southfields Community Centre
- Saturday, June 15 – Caledon East Community Complex
- Saturday, June 22 – Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness

Beans (2020) Film Screening - In Honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day on Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at Caledon East Community Complex Banquet Hall. Please note this film is for mature audiences only.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intention to Designate

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the following properties as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

20469 WILLOUGHBY ROAD

The property is located on the east side of Willoughby Road, north of Highpoint Sideroad, being Part of Lot 26, Concession 1 WHS, within the geographic township of Caledon.

The design value or physical value of the property at 20469 Willoughby Road, known historically as Riverholme, is linked to its dwelling and several landscape features. Set on the banks of the Credit River, the house and garden were designed and built in stages by well-known vaudevillian actor Arthur Huston and his third wife, Helen. The house at Riverholme is a rare example of the English Cottage style with Craftsman and Tudor Revival influences, popular in Canada in the 1920s and 1930s. The house displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit. Its current built form entails the additions and improvements made by the Hustons by 1933, including its complex 1.5-storey roofline with shed dormers, two large fieldstone chimneys, an enclosed front vestibule and flat-roofed sunroom/conservatory.

Riverholme has significant historical and associative value due to its direct and long-term association with Arthur Huston, whose grandparents had settled in Caledon Township in the mid-19th century. Born in 1892, Arthur spent much of his boyhood in Caledon Township. By 1902 he had achieved success performing in American cities as a juggling vaudevillian comic with his first wife, May McDonald. In 1910, Arthur purchased 65 acres near Melville that included the subject property where he lived until his death in 1961. In 1922, Arthur married his third wife, Helen Qua. Together, they designed and built the house at Riverholme as well as five acres of perennial gardens with numerous landscape features, many of which are extant within the 2.46 acre property. They also designed and built a nine-hole golf course north of their river-side house that opened in 1930 as the 'Riverholme Golf Club' (now the Orangeville Golf Club).

Riverholme also has historical value or associative value because it reflects the work and ideas of the Hustons, who were significant to the community. Arthur and Helen supported many local causes, raising funds and awareness through lectures and events hosted at Riverholme. Arthur was the cousin of Hollywood film actor Walter Huston; these family ties brought the Hollywood Hustons to Riverholme along with other notable Hollywood stars, including Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Elizabeth Taylor, and Vivian Leigh.

Riverholme has contextual value as it helps define, maintain and support the rural character of Willoughby Road in the community of Melville with its mature plantings, vestiges of former gardens and the proximity and orientation of the house front to the Credit River. The property is visually and historically linked to the adjacent golf course, owned and operated by Arthur and Helen Huston from 1930-1958.

12461 MCLAUGHLIN ROAD

The property is located on the east side of McLaughlin Road, north of Mayfield Road, being Part of the West Half of Lot 20, Concession 1 WHS, within the geographic township of Chinguacousy.

The west half of Lot 20, Concession 1 WHS was sold to James Giffen in 1873. Giffen had also acquired the 50 acres immediately south of the lot in 1854. James Giffen was a member of a prominent pioneer family in the area and successfully farmed the property for the later quarter of the nineteenth century. The 1891 Census of Canada shows that Giffen was living in a brick one-and-a-half storey farmhouse on the property. The 1901 Census shows that the house had been replaced by then with the extant two-storey brick farmhouse. Based on the design of the house and interior detailing, it is likely that the Giffen Farmhouse was constructed between 1891 and 1895.

By 1901, Giffen was leasing out the land, having retired to Brampton. In 1908, Giffen sold the farm to George Hogg, who owned the farm immediately to the north. The Hogg family continued to reside on and farm the property until 1973.

The Giffen Farmhouse is a well-crafted two-storey, hip roofed house clad in a red brick veneer. A one-storey brick clad wing, attached to the north side of the building, has a gable roof. The building is distinguished by its southern entrance opening, which contains a centre door, segmental arched transom, side lights and box paneling; its use of terra cotta banding around the three elevations visible to the street; the filigreed tiles in the second storey of the west elevation; and by the narrow projecting brick hoods over almost all window and door openings. Other notable exterior features include segmental arches with radiating brick voussoirs on almost all openings; two over two original window sashes; projecting eaves; and a coursed, squared rubble stone foundation with a rock faced finish. The building displays a high degree of heritage integrity on the exterior, retaining most of its original features.

Contextually, the Giffen Farmhouse is historically, physically and visually linked to its setting on the east side of McLaughlin Road where it is a visual reminder of the agricultural origins of the area.

RIGHT TO OBJECT

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of this notice, dated May 30, 2024, serve the Clerk notice of their objection to the proposed designation in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

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Albion Hills Community Farm hosts spring festival and plant sale



Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of Albion Hills Community Farm volunteers during the farm's annual spring festival and plant sale.

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Gardening enthusiasts enjoyed an annual spring celebration last weekend.

On May 25, the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF) hosted its annual spring festival and plant sale. The farm is located off Humber Station Road in the Albion Hills Conservation Park.

Karen Hutchinson is the president of the AHCF and explained the spring festi-

val and plant sale is a great way to get the community out and celebrating spring.

"We like to offer everybody in our community the chance to get some plants and hang out at the farm," said Hutchinson.

In 2024, the AHCF is going to be focusing on education and bringing in school groups and more to the farm.

"We've got all kinds of community groups coming this year," said Hutchinson.

"We're just trying to continue bridging that understanding between farming, food, and nature... we're excited about all our projects... we're also working with the Caledon school vegetable garden project again this year."

The Caledon school vegetable garden project is a collaborative effort from many local non-profits and businesses to bring vegetable gardens to Caledon's public schools.

"It was really successful in 2023, all the schools finished the season with gardens and did donations... it got kids thinking about food and farming and growing," said Hutchinson. "We're trying to support everybody on their growing journeys."

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Regional Councillor Mario Russo attended the grand reopening of Dr. Rupa Salwab's Wildflower Health & Wellness and Dr. Aliyyah Aldina's Bolton Total Rehabilitation on May 25.
PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Bolton health care businesses celebrate grand reopening

Bolton Total Rehabilitation and Wildflower Health & Wellness now at 22 Simona Drive

CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

Two Bolton health care providers have moved to a new location.

On May 25, Bolton Total Rehabilitation and Wildflower Health & Wellness celebrated their grand reopening at 22 Simona Drive.

Dr. Aliyyah Alidina is a chiropractor and is the owner of Bolton Total Rehabilitation; Dr. Rupa Salwab is a naturopathic doctor and is the owner of Wildflower Health and Wellness.

Alidina explained Bolton Total Rehabilitation has been in the Bolton community for 13 years, and has moved to various locations trying to find the perfect space.

"We have finally found our home for the long haul," said Alidina.

She said her business offers chiropractic services, physiotherapy, massage therapy, acupuncture and more to patients of all ages.

"We take care of the entire family," said Alidina. "Our new space allows us to serve a lot more people in the community."

Alidina said her team's comprehensive approach to health care makes patients feel comfortable and supported.

Salwab explained the businesses focus on patient-centred care.

"It's a team of people looking at different aspects of your health," said Salwab. "We combine our practitioners and have a well-rounded approach to looking at each person."

Salwab explained Wildflower Health & Wellness is a multidisciplinary team that includes naturopathic doctors, nurse practitioners, a social worker, nutritionist and reflexologist.

"We really believe in preventative medicine, making sure your health is where it should be — not just free from disease but keeping you healthy and active," said Salwab. "We take time with our patients... take a deep dive into your health, really getting to the roots of what's been going on and providing a comprehensive approach."

Alidina said it's an exciting time to be reopening at a new location.

Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo attended the grand reopening on behalf of Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Council.

"As Caledon grows, it's important for residents to have health care options," said Russo. "Thank you for re-choosing Caledon as your home, it's very important for our residents to have local options to stay well and invest in their health. Congratulations on today's reopening and best wishes in the years to come."

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE



Town of Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study

Meeting Date: Wednesday June 19, 2024
Public Meeting Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)
Location: Caledon East Community Complex Halls A and B
 6215 Old Church Rd, Caledon East, ON L7C 1J7

This is to inform you that a Draft Policy Options Report has been prepared for the Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and the Town is looking to solicit feedback from the public through an Open House event.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS STUDY?

To review and update Town Official Plan aggregate policies, build upon the joint Region and Town Aggregate Policy Review and the Town's Aggregate Rehabilitation Master Plan. The Study will look at background on aggregates in Caledon, review aggregate Official Plan policies, and make recommendations for improvements to those policies to ensure Caledon can reach its planning goals

In October 2022, Council directed Town Staff to initiate the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and enacted Interim Control By-law No. 2022-075 to control the establishment of new pits and quarries based on the findings of the Study.

WHAT STAGE OF THE STUDY ARE WE AT?

In May 2024, Council received a Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study Status Update Report and a Background Report as information items. The next step in the project is to consider policy options, and a Draft Policy Options Report with preliminary preferred directions has been released for public comment. This Report is posted on the project website:

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PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE

This Open House is being held to solicit public feedback on the policy directions outlined in the Draft Policy Options Report, to ultimately inform the preparation of draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to implement the study recommendations in September 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

All currently prepared Studies and Reports and Open House materials will be posted on the project website.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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- Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the Draft Policy Options Report to:
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- A Statutory Public Meeting for Council is anticipated for September 2024. Additional information to follow.

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Letters, fares and own-goals

A few days ago, I attended an event that involved emergency personnel.

These occasions are always a great opportunity to express appreciation for the persons who tirelessly give of themselves day in and day out to make our communities better – and safer – places to live, work, and play.

In this job, I also enjoy seeing the wonder on the faces of kids when they have the chance to get up close and personal with a person in uniform, the vehicle they use to get to the point of emergency or interest, and the equipment that allows them to rise to the occasion on behalf of us all.

Do these occasions sow the seeds for future police officers, fire fighters, paramedics or other emergency personnel? Maybe – only time will tell, but it certainly doesn't hurt.

Instances like these often remind me of my youngest cousin.

Six years separate us, so when we were growing up, in retrospect, I must have thought I was the proverbial "big man on campus." Although the age difference matters little now, there was enough of a gap there that I could exercise a bit of adult-level snarkiness about some of her youthful ideas.

I don't know if she ever had a chance in her earliest days to visit a fire station, but I remember her boldly proclaiming one day, when the well-worn question of what we both wanted to be when we grew up bubbled to the surface, that her goal was to be a "fire truck or a cow thing."

Not a firefighter, mind you, but the truck itself.

Not a cowgirl, cowboy, or cow-person, of course; but a mysterious – and potentially ominous-sounding – "cow thing."

As far as I know, some thirty-odd years later, she hasn't yet hit the wild, wild, west, become a ranch hand, secured a job at an abattoir, or pursued a career at her nearest meat counter. Nor has she tapped Tony Stark to see what he could do to make her fire truck dreams come true. But the intentions were good, despite by juvenile and precocious eyerolls.

Truth be told, I was in no position to roll. My goals at that age were only slightly more grounded. For reasons that escape me, around that particular time I loved the idea of working in a gas station – that is, one of those basic gas stations from the 1980s and 90s that pumped fuel, had a tiny kiosk of the most basic of convenience items, and – and maybe this is why I thought the job was particularly glamorous – dispensed all manner of prizes to young customers. If memory serves, they offered everything from fairy tale and wildlife books penned by Dr. Jane Goodall to flimsy drinking glasses promoting everything from the Michael Keaton "Batman" movies to flavours of the month that came out of what was then the World Wrestling Federation.

Perhaps placing second in my employment stakes at that time was anything to do with Canada Post. I loved the idea of being on the committee that selects stamp designs and being part of the creative process, but, truth be told, I would have picked any job in their hierarchy. I just thought it was cool, and for that I solely attribute my philatelist grandfather.

Those dreams were short-lived, but I still felt a bit of a pang last week when Canada Post's latest forecast was published.

According to a report from The Canadian Press published on Friday, 2023 wasn't Canada Post's most successful year, to put it mildly, posting a loss of \$748 million before taxes. It was, they said, their "second-worst year on record."

Among the reasons cited for this loss were

less traditional letter mail going around, and courier companies nibbling into the parcel business.

Some of the possible methods the Crown Corporation might explore to help right the ship are higher stamp prices to send a letter; employee layoffs, and even, per the federal government, easing up legislation to potentially allow for delivery a few times a week rather than all five weekdays.

Personally, when COVID-19 came knocking and so many of us were unable to get out and shop for the non-essentials, I thought this would be a boon for Canada Post as more and more people were getting what they needed online – after all, it had to be delivered somehow. Courier services saw a bump, certainly, in the volume they were hauling, but it seems Canada Post somehow missed the mailbox on this.

Maybe it's just me, but I fail to see how raising prices on the cost to send an envelope, reducing existing services, or laying off individuals who are ultimately tasked with delivering the product would help in any significant way. Making things more difficult and costly for customers has never, in my experience, been a sure-fire way to have patrons proverbially beating down your door to fork over their dough.

If people are interested in sending a letter or parcel at the moment, hiking up the rates sure isn't going to entice people.

It might sound counterintuitive on the surface, but wouldn't it be smarter in the long run to lower the cost to send a letter, a parcel or take advantage of the myriad other services provided by Canada Post to incentivize people to take a second look at the organization that was a ubiquitous part of our lives? Or, at the very least, position themselves as an alternative to courier services?

The same could also be said for our transit providers.

In York Region, for instance, we hear year in and year out that in many cases ridership is on the decline and, as a consequence, so are revenues. Finding efficiencies is always the name of the game when it comes to publicly-funded services, but raising fares for potential customers who might find existing fares already out of reach for use on a regular basis seems like an own-goal.

Take, for example, Orangeville's method of transit delivery. Over the last couple of years, the Town has eliminated transit fares and is currently providing it as a free service to residents.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the system has seen a surge in use – in February, they reported ridership was up 102 per cent.

Now, of course, this does create a financial burden on the municipality as they are not collecting fares to help with the cost of fuel and regular maintenance, but with ridership seeing such a surge, even a nominal fee shouldered by this new surge in patrons would surely narrow the gap.

When times get tough for customer-driven services, thoughts should turn to enticing people back rather than driving them away.

Unfortunately for Canada Post and transit providers the country-over, offering books on chimps, wildebeests, baboons, zebras, elephants, hyena, giraffes, and lions, no matter Dr. Goodall's talents, or dinner wear featuring the unappetizing image of The Penguin, as depicted by Danny DeVito in Batman Returns, won't do the trick.

But it might help be a balm for sticker shock at the pumps!



Grant us the patience to endure the pain of waiting

by Mark Pavilons



"Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen. Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love." – Bradley Whitford

Take it from me (and Bradley), waiting often sucks, big time.

Some optimists say there's always a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning, the start of a new day.

Perhaps the magic, and the mystery of the universe, is waiting for us to become smarter, sharper.

It's been said numerous times over the centuries that good things are worth waiting for.

I'm an expert at waiting, anticipating, counting the days and being "on hold."

This past year has been filled with waiting – waiting for test results, scan results, surgery, post-op and follow up tests and visits. I anticipate the worst, and with every new PSA test and scan, I anxiously await the results, hoping for good news.

I suppose in this case, constant monitoring can only be in my favour by possibly catching anything early.

I find that lately I've lost patience for stupid things and, honestly, stupid people. I feel I don't want to waste my precious time on such idiots. My time is worth more, and made more valuable since my cancer treatments.

But I am well versed in life's "necessary evils," and waiting is one of them.

Just think about how much time average consumers spend waiting in line, also known as a "timeless form of torture."

According to the consumer study, "The State of Waiting in Line (2022)," wait times have gotten worse during and after the pandemic. With shorter attention spans, we frail humans are stuck waiting. The most common places we're kept waiting are retail stores, restaurants, pharmacies and grocery stores.

We're all familiar with the jokes and barbs about waiting behind slow folks at the checkout, or waiting for a staff member to come and fix the self-checkout machine from flashing.

Pharmacies? Don't get me started. When they can actually find the medication, which has been ready for days, it still takes several minutes to locate it in the sea of bags.

My wife and I almost always use the self-checkout lanes for their efficiency. It does help.

But often, we have no choice but to be "timetortured." It's estimated we spend 20 minutes each day waiting in line. That's about 13 hours a year and a total of six months in our lifetime. Six months! It gets worse. We spend roughly 3.7 years waiting for transportation; 2.8 years waiting for our food orders; 14 days waiting for appointments and another 3.7 months waiting for our friends and family members to arrive. There's no mention about being stuck

in traffic, but commuters know full well how much time is wasted travelling to and from work.

While the data was somewhat skewed during the pandemic years, commuting is officially on the rise in Ontario, reaching record highs. By car, average one-way commute times hover around 25 minutes and more than 40 minutes by transit. So, one can assume that the majority of us spend an hour or so dashing to and fro.

Who among us wouldn't do anything to get those hours, days, months and years back, especially when the end is near?

Our tug-of-war with time wasters continues on the phone or online.

I constantly hear a litany of introductory messages when I call a number – dozens of items in a menu, all to serve you better. Better maybe, but faster? Not. I think my wife holds the household record of being on hold for almost two hours. I've stuck it out for 30 or so minutes and if you're fortunate, there's an option where you can ask them to call you back.

I'm sure we've all been send down time-consuming rabbit holes on the internet. We've all encountered time-sucking virtual wait times and checkout woes.

Some say the greatest art is to sit, wait and let it come. Others pray for patience. We are reminded that if we spend too much time waiting for the storm, we won't enjoy the sunshine. Alexandre Dumas once said that "all human wisdom is summed up in two words; wait and hope."

I've spent way too much time in dreary, emotion-filled anticipation.

I want to be in a position where waiting is as pleasant as a summer's day filled with BBQ aromas. I want to be free.

So I say, why wait?

My oldest daughter reminded me that each day can be a blessing and we should be thankful for every moment we have to enjoy. Even during our down time on the sofa we can simply soak up the sight and sounds of our most precious commodity – time with our families. Sure, it can be hectic and crazy at times, but that's what makes it perfect. You can't really appreciate the calm unless you've been through turmoil. So, my friends, why wait any longer? It's time for us to revolt, and stand up together against waiting in all forms. My daughter told me to seize the day and turn things in my favour. Instead of shuffling through the same, mundane daily rituals, why not switch it up a bit? Ask a co-worker out for coffee. Come home early and surprise your spouse. Go get KFC if you want and damn the calories. Close your eyes, let the sun shine on your face and feel the breeze. My wise daughter also asked me what it was that I needed or wanted. Peace of mind, calm and comfort were my answers. Do they come to those who wait, or will they only arrive when we are ready, with an open and grateful heart? Even worry warts like myself can take the time to count our blessings. I do have many things to be thankful for and I must make sure I embrace them. I should give more compliments and hugs; it only takes a minute.

I redirect the energy lost worrying to more productive tasks.

I aim to let serenity reign. Spreading joy is also on my list.

Let's not forget, even waiting will end, if you can just wait long enough!

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That's one tough steak

There's an old joke from way back, in cartoon form, that shows a guy who is down on his luck, eating an old boot.

The joke is, the leather came from a cow, so technically it is a form of steak.

When you are starving, you've got to eat what you can find.

A visit to the grocery store is now a scary thought. I'm not sure who is going to have a barbecue with all the trimmings this summer, unless you're planning on throwing home grown carrots on the grill, because not a lot of people can afford to invite a group of friends over and throw some decent quality steaks over the coals.

The cost of food has gone up dramatically over the past year. In many cases there was no need for an increase.

Some food producers saw other things going up, and raised their prices to match despite the fact that their costs have increased.

Just the small things that were .99 cents a year ago, are now \$1.99 in my grocery store. Other items have gone up even more.

Has the cost of growing olives really gone up 45 per cent over the past year?

A report from Food Banks Canada says al-

most half of people across the county feel financially worse off than last year and one in four are experiencing food insecurity.

Food Banks have seen an increase in visits that have gone up 50 per cent since 2021.

Since that same year, there has been an increase in people living below the poverty line.

However, everyone has a different version of what poverty is.

Some people think you're not living in poverty unless you abide in a log cabin and can't afford shoes for your kids. Others think poverty is when you can't afford two vacations or a new car this year.

A good deal of the inflation is related directly to transportation costs. It costs a lot of money to operate a big rig these days – and that's how food is delivered.

The federal government's plan to make us all pay more at the pumps has failed in whatever it was supposed to achieve. At the time, they said it would place us more in line with what European countries pay for fuel.

Why in the world would we have to be in line with European prices?

I don't care that someone in Europe pays a lot

of money for gas.

The reports claims there are several reasons for the current situation.

Rising interest rates were intended to tame inflation. However, what those interest rates did was put more pressure on lower income people who are struggling to keep a roof over their head in a real estate market that is already over inflated – you shouldn't have to pay over \$1 million for a house – even in this day and age.

With the price of a house now so high, when a mortgage comes up for renewal, just a one per cent increase in the rate can create a huge burden for someone who already struggled for years to come up with a down payment.

Rapid population growth has put pressure on housing availability as well as social services.

Building a huge amount of houses to handle the increase in need is not the solution. It will make a select few individuals wealthy, but the situation never should have happened in the first place.

Builders are now creating solid blocks of housing with no parking, no yard, and no hope – in a country of 9.9 million square kilometres – to jam several thousand people in one square

kilometre of space.

The federal government continues with insane immigration policy when many people can't afford a home in their own home town.

Those who must rent a place to live, are experiencing higher rents – vastly higher, which of course cuts into the food budget, which then cuts into a person's ability to buy a vehicle, which is needed to go to work, to buy money for food. It's a vicious cycle.

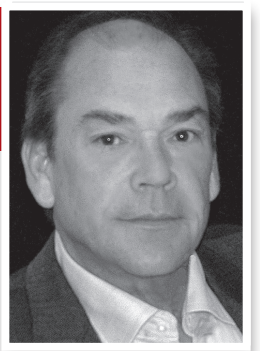
At the same time inflation is eroding the dollar and salaries are not keeping up with inflation, and with good reason.

Most employers simply can't pay their employees more and more every year to offset the cost of inflation. They have to make a profit to stay in business.

Current government policies are failing our citizens.

They need to get things under control before we are looking for boots to eat at the next barbecue.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Feeling Torn

Admittedly what I am about to comment on is not only a Caledon concern. However, with significant and ongoing issues related to traffic safety throughout our region, I do believe it's a particularly pressing matter here, but also one that's also leaving me feeling torn. What has me in such distress? Mr. Ford's recent "re-announcement" of his government's plan to allow beer, wine, cider and spirits to be sold in convenience stores.

First, and perhaps not really important in the grand scheme of things, I question the timing of his announcement. Was it a ploy to avoid the more important discussion of the investigation into the ongoing greenbelt land release saga? The Conservatives do, after all, have a long history of baiting and switching the media to draw attention away from negative stories while promoting "positive" news. That it was also yet another announcement made on a Friday (something the PCs also seem particularly adept at doing) fuels my scepticism, as did various media outlets suggesting this might have been a snap election focussed announcement. But I digress.

No, my main concern with this announcement and the reason I am feeling torn reflects my general sense that while it is about time we had a little less control over where we buy alcohol, less control opens the door to abuse, in this case abuse that could be deadly. Bringing us in line with countries

around the world, and even with other Canadian provinces, by allowing the sale of beer, wine and spirits anywhere, including outside of LCBO and Beer Store outlets, reflects the principal notion that we are all responsible adults. It provides access to substances that are already approved for retail sale, but not always readily available at a time that is convenient for all consumers. Expanding sales might also lead to enhanced selection, variety and competitive pricing, perhaps even making it easier for local craft brewers, cider and wine makers to get their product to market. These are all favourable potential outcomes.

However, what some might suggest is the current flagrant abuse of alcohol sales by some licensed retailers, combined with what seems to be a coincidental rise in impaired driving charges, is what's really of concern. Are we trading freedom of choice for an increased risk of serious injury or death on area roads? According to CAMH there are already "6,000 alcohol-attributable deaths a year in Ontario," and they fear these changes "will significantly increase this number."

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, on its website, notes that "to provide ongoing flexibility for customers and retail stores...the permissible hours of liquor sales in retail stores will remain 7:00am - 11:00pm." This change took place during Covid but I'm sure, like me, Caledon

residents have noticed the long lines that sometimes form outside certain LCBO convenience outlets in Town at all hours of the day and night. The AGCO site goes on to say it "remains committed to protecting public safety and ensuring that liquor is sold, served, delivered and consumed in a responsible manner. Licensees must also ensure that any persons involved in the sale or delivery of liquor have completed Smart Serve training." I have to wonder if that's true of the many part-time young adults swiping your groceries or the person behind the counter printing off your gas receipt while also selling you a six-pack?

In a report to Council earlier this year, Caledon OPP noted an increase of over 100% in fatal motor vehicle accidents from 2022, to 2023. Violations of the Liquor License Act increased by 52% over the same timeframe. That's not to say every accident was the result of impaired driving but the report, presented to Council by Chief Inspector MaryLouise Kearns, included this statement following one Councillor's comment about drunk drivers: "Kearns agreed and said she can't believe the amount of people who are driving impaired. She said harsher penalties should be implemented by the courts for impaired drivers." (As reported in the March 28, 2024 edition of this paper)

More recently, "officers from the Caledon OPP have charged six drivers with impaired operation

related charges over this past Victoria Day long weekend." These offenses are taking place across Caledon from Highway 10, through Caledon Village, to the Mayfield West area, Humber Station Road and Innis Lake Road (to name just a few.) It is not, in other words, an isolated problem. Finally, it is being reported too that the number of people driving with open liquor in their vehicles has also increased dramatically.

These are frightening statistics. They should concern anyone, and I would argue, particularly those of us who are already concerned about the state of safety on Caledon roads as a result of the increased volume of truck traffic and adjacent truck yards; the amount of aggregate traffic and the increased number of stunt driving charges also seen on area roads. With even easier access to alcohol, are we putting ourselves more at risk than ever before? Yes, I'd like to think most of us are responsible adults and the freedom of choice on where, how and when to do our shopping (for booze or otherwise) is a right most of us expect and appreciate. But I can't help but be worried at what cost?

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



Why manufacturing matters

Made in China.

It's the label you see on most products sold in stores throughout the country. The odd time, you'll see a product manufactured in some other country. But you almost never see a product that's made here in Canada any longer.

We used to make fridges and phones and TVs in Canada not too long ago. We even built the world's fastest fighter jet – I once worked in a factory that made parts for the supersonic plane.

When we were a manufacturing powerhouse, our living standards were the envy of the world. Today, as our manufacturing sector shrivels, our living standards are likewise dropping.

China, on the other hand, is a rapidly rising economic and military super-power. They used to buy their fighter jets and aircraft carriers from other countries – now they mostly make their own.

Back in the 1990s and early 2000s, it was popular for economists to say that advanced economies like Canada and the US no longer needed to manufacture products. This work, they argued, could be offshored to countries where it could be done

more cheaply.

In the meantime, they said, we should focus instead on building wealth through software and the knowledge economy – products and services that didn't require physical input or materials like steel and plastic.

According to the experts, we'd all end up being highly skilled knowledge workers creating software and manipulating data, and we'd be much better off, no longer needing to dirty our hands digging minerals from the earth and toiling on factory assembly lines.

I never believed that line of thinking – and not just because I worked in the so-called "old economy" of manufacturing. To me, a country that abandons its manufacturing is doomed to fall behind and decay.

The manufacturing industry and its supply base jointly develop a vast array of technologies and products – everything from sophisticated electronics to new composite metals and plastics. For example, when I was Chair of Magna International, our mirror systems unit and Apple jointly devel-

oped the touch-screen glass technology on the new iPhone.

The technologies incubated in the manufacturing sector have applications not only in a wide range of industries but also in the defence industry, which is vital for the safeguarding of our freedom and the protection of democracies around the world.

At the end of the day, the continued deterioration of the manufacturing sector in North America and Europe will impact a wide range of other industries, including defence, and it will rob us of one of our chief engines of technological innovation.

What can we do to halt this erosion?

For one, we need to first work on restoring our technical skills base. That means training hundreds of thousands of skilled tradespeople across Canada through the creation of technical trade centres in every province focused on every industry from mining to manufacturing.

It's a major reason why technical trades training is one of the principles contained in the proposed economic charter of rights I believe Canada needs to adopt. Technical skills will give us the founda-

tion to rebuild our manufacturing, revitalize our economy, and restore our prosperity.

But if we don't protect and foster our manufacturing base, then years from now we shouldn't ask: How did China become so strong?

The real question we should ask is: Why did we stand idly by and watch the dismantling of the industries that made us prosperous in the first place?

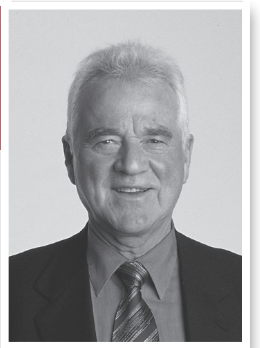
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Mayor Groves throws out first pitch at CMBA Opening Day Ceremonies



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“It builds community. It’s so important to see the camaraderie it builds. We need to support our local sports programs.”

She also credited the numerous volunteers who are at the heart of the CMBA: “Without these volunteers, none of these good things happen. They are the builders of this community and it’s clear that they’re happy to be there. The kids see the volunteer coaches and organizers putting in time so positively. They’re learning not only about baseball, but about volunteering, too.”

With Mayor Groves’s enthusiastic delivery of “Play ball!” kicking off the season, coupled with dozens of colorful-jerseyed players dotting the diamonds, and the aroma of hot dogs on the grill at the pavilion, the traditional sounds, sights, and smells of baseball were evident on a damp Saturday in Bolton.

BY JIM STEWART

Undaunted by slate gray skies and 13-degree drizzly conditions, the Caledon Minor Baseball Association conducted its Opening Day ceremonies with great energy and enthusiasm at North Hill Park in Bolton on Saturday morning.

Mayor Annette Groves brought her sunny disposition to the ballpark to counteract the clouds and was joined on the infield by Councillors Mario Russo, Doug Maskell, and Cosimo Napoli—all bedecked in Caledon Nationals gear.

CMBA House League VP Jason Sweeney welcomed the participants to the organization’s 57th Opening Day, Aria Sardelis delivered the national anthem, and Mayor

Groves threw out the first pitch—just a bit high and outside as Bob Uecker might say—to 7U catcher Cristian Pagliaroli.

The intrepid players and coaches ran between the raindrops on the dampened infields—enjoying their first games of the 2024 season and demonstrating the resilience of the Canadian spirit.

Mayor Groves was taken by the sight of local children enjoying sports.

“The best part of today’s ceremony is seeing the kids enjoying themselves – just seeing the kids play. It means a lot to me to see them having fun and to have these recreational facilities being used so well.”

A keen supporter of youth sports, Mayor Groves elaborated on the added value that local sports organizations provide for

Cassie’s Place announces presenting sponsor of upcoming charity golf tournament

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit serving individuals with developmental disabilities is having a charity golf tournament soon.

On August 6, Cassie’s Place will be hosting its annual charity golf tournament, “Swing for a Cause”, at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton.

Recently, Cassie’s Place announced the presenting sponsor of the tournament would be Rocky Punia, a Realtor who lives in Southfields Village — the same neighbourhood in which Cassie’s Place is located.

Punia, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, and Cassie’s Place volunteers and participants all came to Cassie’s Place to celebrate the announcement on May 28.

Punia said it was a privilege and honour to be able to contribute to Cassie’s Place.

“What you are doing... it’s a wonderful organization,” said Punia. “You are wonderful people, thank you for embracing me into your Cassie’s Place family... everyone here has become very close to me in a very short amount of time.”

Groves said it’s generous Caledon residents like Punia who make the town’s non-profits successful.

“Sponsorships like this are what really

make Cassie’s Place work... these individuals are able to come here and have a great time,” said Groves. “Let’s not forget the volunteers who are here all the time working and helping, making sure they have what they need.”

Groves said it takes great people to make great non-profits work and that she’s so thankful to see Cassie’s Place succeeding.

Cassie’s Place volunteer Joe Sassine said the non-profit will never forget Punia’s generosity and that it was a great day when the two parties met.

Before becoming a realtor, Punia was a special education teacher for a long time. When he learned of Cassie’s Place, he jumped at the chance to get involved.

“It felt right from the get go... it was near and dear to my heart from the beginning,” said Punia. “It’s an honour and a privilege to be a part of this Cassie’s Place family and I hope to be a part of this family for a long time to come.”

Cassie’s Place’s golf tournament will feature a barbeque lunch, 18 holes of golf, contests, prizes, a silent auction, and three-course dinner with an awards ceremony.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BARRY ROSS

DECEMBER 25, 1933 - MAY 9, 2024

Surrounded by family, Barry died peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Thursday, May 9th at the age of 90. Dearly loved husband of 63 years to Sharon and a wonderful father to Darrell (Leanne), Ragan (Greg), Virika (Dustin) and Matthew (Kristina). His loving presence and quirky sense of humour will be profoundly missed by his eleven grandchildren: Owen, Ava, Finn, Emily, Anna, Ryan, Annika, Ross, Madelyn, Henry and Charlotte; brother-in-law Keith and family and many life-long friends.



Born in Richmond Hill, ON, he went on to get his Bachelor of Applied Science and Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Toronto. Barry taught secondary school in Ontario for 4 years and in East Africa for 5 years prior to joining Sheridan College as a mathematics and physics teacher. He served in increasingly responsible roles, eventually being honoured with Professor Emeritus status. His final 4 years in the field of education were spent in the United Arab Emirates, having been recruited to help establish a community college system.

Barry was a keen tennis player and skier. While in East Africa he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and the Ruwenzori mountains. Wherever he lived, Barry was a part of the local musical theatre scene which greatly enriched his life. He was an avid reader, lover of big band music and airplanes. He was obsessed with the Avro Arrow and obtained his private pilot's license in his sixties. Barry is remembered as a true gentleman, with a charming wit who made friends wherever he went.

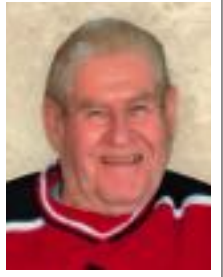
Our sincere thanks to Dr. Navroop Singh and to the kind, caring and compassionate staff at Headwaters Health Care Centre. Respecting Barry's wishes, there will be a private celebration of his life.



OBITUARIES

BRUCE FRANKLIN BURCH

A resident of Chatham, Bruce Franklin Burch passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the age of 93. Born in Newmarket, Ontario on March 12, 1931, Bruce was the son of Leonard and Sarahann (Winger) Burch. Bruce was the husband of Mary "Eileen" Burch (nee Johnston) for 70 years. Survived by his children Randall (Arlene) Burch, Roxanne St. Pierre, James (Cheryl) Burch and Janene (Greg) Medd. Bruce was lucky enough to enjoy the joy of 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Bruce was a loving Uncle to several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Brother to Donald (Edith) Burch, Eileen (Howard) Newton, Leonard (Estella) Burch, Alberta (Neil) Turnbull and Eula Goodhead. Brother-in-law to Grant (Margaret) Johnston, Keith (Marg) Johnston, Ross Johnston and sister-in-law Gail Johnston. In honouring the wishes of Bruce, there will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family celebration at a later date. In memory of Bruce, please consider donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation or The Alzheimer Society.



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EDUARD GARDILCIC

Peacefully at Wellington Terrace LTC in Fergus on Friday May 24, 2024, Eduard (Eddie) Gardilcic passed in his 99th year. Eddie loved spending time with his family, fishing at the cottage and winters in Florida. Born in Split, Yugoslavia on July 14, 1925, he immigrated to Canada in 1961 joining his brother George in Sudbury. In 1963 his wife and son arrived in Canada to be with Eddie. Eddie was a WWII veteran and in the 1950's was an avid kayaker. He represented his club (Ivo Lola Ribar) and was the Yugoslavian Champion for several years. Eddie and his beloved late wife Angela were married over 73 years.

Dearest father of Ivan and Lynne Gardilcic of Caledon East, awesome grandfather to Diane Gardilcic of Uxbridge, and Dave Gardilcic and his wife Mattie of Caledon East. Proud great-grandfather of Cameron and Andrew. He has left a space in our hearts. May he rest peacefully in eternity until we meet again. Service will be held in the chapel of the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday morning, May 31 at 11 o'clock, followed by a luncheon reception upstairs at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery in Etobicoke for those who wish to attend. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



KAREN LANDER

The family of Karen Bailey Lander (nee Lank) sorrowfully announce her passing on Mother's Day at the age of 69 at Credit Valley Hospital.



Karen will be missed by so many it's hard to name them all.

Survived by stepmother Roberta Lank, mother-in-law Sheila Lander, husband of almost 25 years Mike Lander, daughters Meg and Eliza, son-in-laws Antonio and Adam, brother Bob, stepbrothers Rob, Jim and Mike, stepsister Jane, uncles, aunts, in-laws, nieces and nephews. Proud Nanya to grandchildren Willow and Manny.

Remembered by O.D.S.S. Staff and hundreds of guitar students who can probably still play Ode to Joy in the Dark.

Born in Montreal, July 1954. Received her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from U.N.B. Taught pre-school to high school and retired in 2011. Settled in Dufferin County. Loved art, music, chocolate, flowers, gardens, trees, animals, movies and furniture.

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We miss you "Nanya" and promise to water your plants.



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ALLAN PHILLIPS

Allan Phillips passed peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care with his family by his side.



Born on July 7, 1935, to William and Irena Phillips.

Allan was raised in East Luther Township on the Phillips family farm until he and his wife Pat married and moved to Shelburne. There they raised three children, Eric, Shari and Trudie (Mike).

He is predeceased by his brothers Doug, Gerald, Grant and sister Gayle and is survived by his brother Herb. Allan's early years were spent driving a delivery truck for Canada Packers until he was hired on with the Township of Amaranth in 1965 where he continued to serve 31 years until his retirement. He served on the Shelburne Town Council for 2 terms and was also a member of the Shelburne Kinsmen Club and K-40's.

Allan's idea was to RE-Tread, not re-tire, which saw he and Pat moving to the Century Homestead to further engage in the love of outdoors, farming, gardening, tinkering and fixing.

Allan loved family get togethers, playing cards, music and dancing. He and Pat enjoyed many years of traveling and camping with their young family and this trend continued at every opportunity to further connect with friends, attending music festivals or just a quiet few days away enjoying the outdoors. He will be forever in our hearts.

We would like to thank the staff at Dufferin Oaks on the 2nd floor Mulmur Mono Wing for their care and support to Allan and family.

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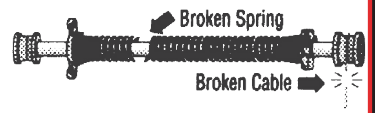
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Headwaters Health Care Foundation fundraising for MRI machine and more

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The MRI machine will allow health care professionals at the Headwaters Health Care Centre to provide more accurate and timely diagnoses for patients. It will improve treatment planning and patient outcomes, and save 4,000 patients per year from having to travel out of Dufferin and Caledon for care.

Thompson said since last June, many local businesses and families have been stepping up in a big way to make sure the Smart Headwaters campaign is a success.

“More must be done to get the campaign to the finish line,” said Thompson. “Headwaters

is serving one of the fastest-growing areas in the province and as our population continues to grow here in Caledon, we need to know our hospital is equipped to meet the ever-growing demands.”

The Smart Headwaters campaign is more than 75 per cent of the way to reaching its goal.

Despite this, Thompson said she knows not everyone in Caledon is aware of the campaign.

“The hard part is still ahead of us, and we must all do everything we can to help reach the fundraising goal by the final quarter of 2024,” said Thompson, noting by that time much of the work for the new hospital features

will be underway.

A major supporter of the Smart Headwaters campaign has been the Morningview Foundation, which has pledged up to \$1 million in matching donations toward the campaign for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Thompson said every effort must be made to maximize the offer and capitalize on extra funding for the Headwaters Health Care Centre.

In February of this year, 100 Women Who Care Caledon became supporters of the Smart Headwaters campaign after Thompson nominated the campaign to be the beneficiary of 100 Women Who Care Caledon’s February

meeting.

Thompson herself has been a supporter of the campaign through the 2024 disbursement from the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund through the Brampton and Caledon Community foundation.

“Just imagine the impact if every Caledon resident gave what they could,” said Thompson. “I’m asking our Caledon community to join with me in Caledon Cares, the collective community effort to help get the Smart Headwaters campaign to the finish line.”

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Bolton Brewers bludgeon Ivy Rangers and Lisle Astros, remain undefeated



(LEFT) Matteo Strothers earned the W for the Brewers by no-hitting the Rangers over his four innings of work.

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BY JIM STEWART

Ben Sterritt's fourth inning Grand Slam capped a 5-RBI performance and Matteo Strothers threw four innings of masterful no-hit pitching to lead the Bolton Brewers to a 17-1 win over the Ivy Rangers at North Hill Park on Thursday night.

The emphatic victory improved the Brewers' NDBL Senior Division record to 3-0 and fell hot on the heels of a 14-4 drubbing they laid on the Lisle Astros last week.

Brewers' shortstop Brett Chater led the 18-hit onslaught versus the Astros with three hits, including two home runs. Sterritt also contributed three hits to the Brewers' potent offence and starter Nick Fiorucci took care of business on the bump. Fiorucci provided Bolton with a quality start—rolling through five innings of work, yielding no earned runs, and striking out nine Astros.

On Thursday night versus the Ivy Rangers, the Brewers came out swinging and plated four runs in a bat-around first inning, stapled on two runs in both the second and third innings, and exploded for nine runs in the fourth inning highlighted by Sterritt's blast over the right field fence and into the reeds.

The tape measure tater caught the eye of Brewers' Head Coach Mike Wallace.

"We don't see shots like that too often. It landed in the marsh. Ben's an amazing player and a great addition to the team."

Coach Wallace also commented on his improved hitting lineup.

"We've really lengthened our lineup and our two-strike approach tonight was excellent. We want to be productive up and down our lineup so there are none of the dead spots that hurt us in playoff games versus Lowell last year."

Evidence of the Brewers' lengthened lineup was seen in the team's RBI distribution.

After Sterritt's quintet of RBIs, Bolton received a pair of RBIs each from Chater, Steve Warden, Marco Diroma, and Dalton Cooke.

Wallace, Josh Hickey, Carson Burns, and Mario Accardo drove in one each. In addition to his team's raw power, Wallace also deployed his team's speed on the bases.

"We're happy to be more aggressive by starting runners and driving balls into the gaps. We know their starter Jamie Gillespie is really good so we had to cash in early on the few chances that he gives you."

The Brewers cashed in on their chances versus Gillespie—one of the best pitchers in the loop—and showed their situational hitting savvy by delivering sacrifice flies, perfectly-executed hit and runs, and line drive opposite field hitting with two strikes to score runners on third base. Add three ringing doubles into the gap by Hickey, Chris Fafalios, and Diroma and Sterritt's Grand Slam to the mix and it turned out to be a short yet long night for the Rangers' pitching staff.

Further aggravating the normally-very competitive Rangers was the pitching performance of Matteo Strothers, especially in the fourth inning when the Brewers' starter wriggled out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam by inducing an infield fly

pop up to short and a 4-3 groundout to retain his 8-0 lead and no-hit performance.

Coach Wallace was impressed with his hurler's work, despite a wee bit of wildness that resulted in five walks.

"Matteo lost a bit of control in the fourth and needed a reset, but he pulled through it with a big pop up and a ground ball. I thought he worked his way around the walks really well tonight."

The Rangers got on the scoreboard when Riley Davies opened the top of the fifth with a triple off reliever Braydon Grech to break up the Brewers' combined no-hit bid. He scored on Ryan Barr's sacrifice fly to cut into Bolton's lead, but the game ended when Grech induced a crisp 4-6-3 double play that put a bow on the Brewers' third dominant win of the young NDBL season.

COMMUNITY events

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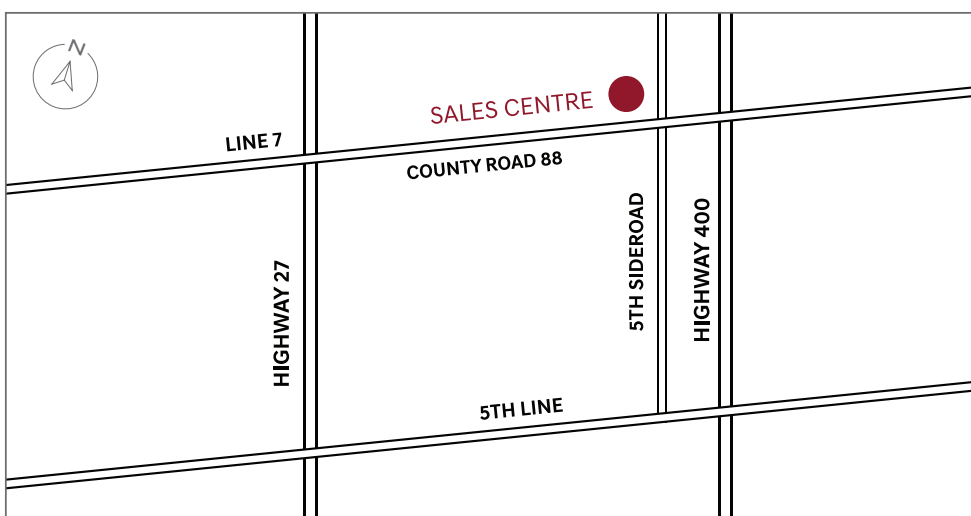
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