

Canada Day has arrived Dufferin-Caledon! It's time to proudly celebrate our incredible country, including our heritage and people, as well as our shared identity and values.

There are many fantastic ways to celebrate Canada's 158th birthday in Dufferin-Caledon. I'll be once again flipping pancakes at the annual Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival in Caledon Village, hosted by the Caledon Agricultural Society.



I also encourage you to participate in my **5th annual Canada Day contest.** It's open to my constituents who creatively display their flag poster (which can be found in my most recent Canada Day newsletter you should've received in your mailbox or will be receiving shortly) and post a photo of it on Facebook, Instagram, or X (formerly Twitter) along with the hashtag **#CanadaDayDC25**

Contest entrants will have an opportunity to win one of five 3'x6' Canadian flags from my office. Winners will be selected by random draw. If you don't use social media, you can still participate by e-mailing a photo to me at **kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca**

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and very Happy Canada Day!

Kyle

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JOIN ME ON CANADA DAY at the Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival!

I'll be back flipping and serving pancakes during the morning. Please come out and join me and the Caledon Agricultural Society for pancakes and to enjoy everything the festival has to offer! It's an outstanding family-friendly community event with something for everyone, including: a classic car show, pony rides and petting zoo, vendors village, BBQ and strawberry desserts, a village craft show, and much more!

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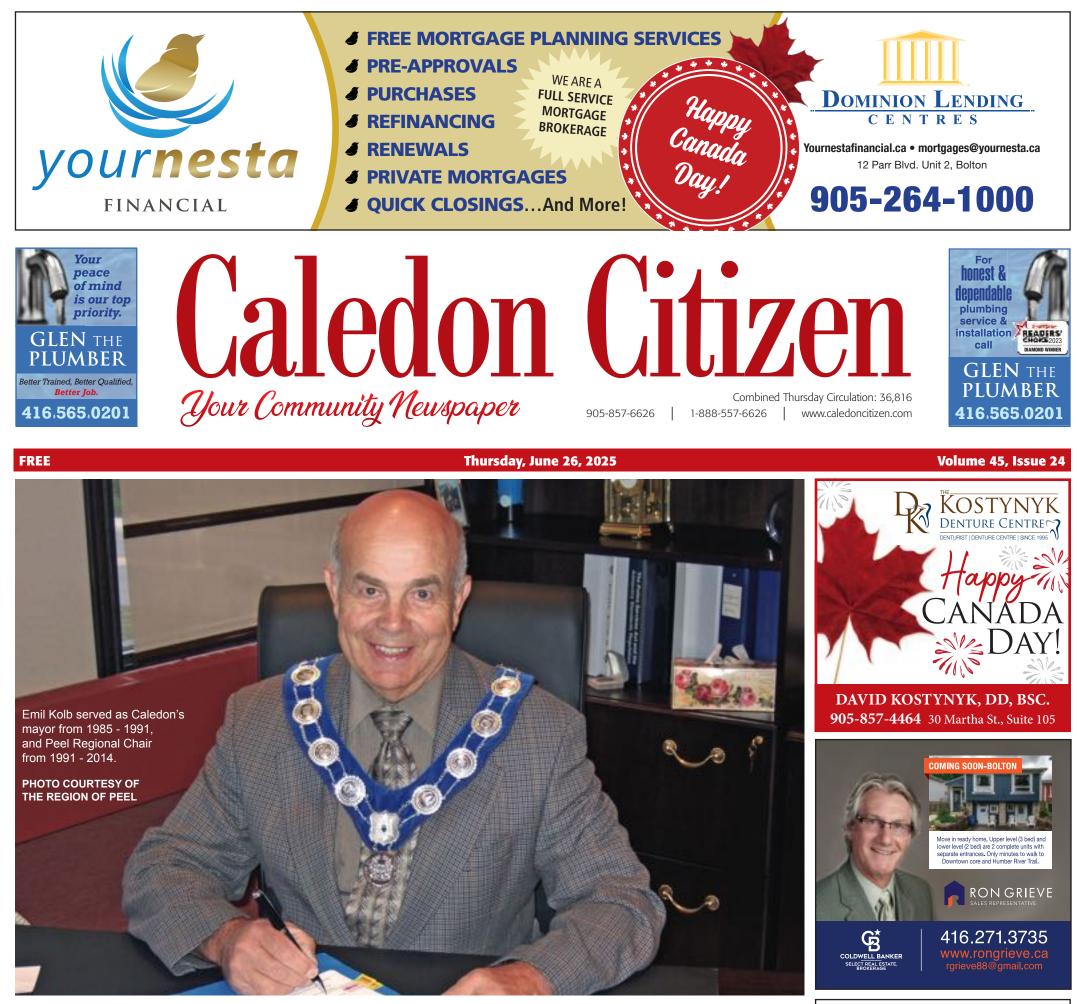
DUFFERIN-CALEDON CANADA DAY FLAG CONTEST

Below you will find the five winning photos from last year's Canada Day paper flag contest. I'm sure these photos will give you many creative ideas to display your own paper flag.



Good luck and have fun! Remember to post your photo to **#CanadaDayDC25** (or e-mail to kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca) by **11:59 p.m. July 1st**. Winners will be announced on July 04, 2025 on my Facebook page.

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Emil Kolb remembered for a lifetime of public service

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

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Mayor from 1985 to 1991 and Peel Regional Chair leadership and deep commitment to public service from 1991 to 2014.

left a lasting mark on policing in Peel.





Caledon is mourning the loss of former Mayor Emil V. Kolb, who passed away on June 18, 2025, at 89.

Emil Kolb served Caledon and Peel Region with distinction for 50 years.

Those who worked with and knew him took the time to remember his leadership and character.

Kolb was a proud farmer and community leader, said the Town of Caledon, announcing his passing.

He sat on the final Peel County Council and first Peel Region Council, later serving as Caledon's

Community honours

Adrianna McCauley on

birthday anniversary

Family, friends, and community members

Twenty-four to honour what would have been her late daughter, Adrianna McCauley's 24th

Adrianna tragically lost her life in Septem-

ber 2024, just three minutes from home, in a

four-vehicle collision on Coleraine Drive at

gathered on the street outside Pia's Bolton home and watched as she released 24 butterflies into

Caledon has lost a great statesman with the passing of Emil V. Kolb on June 18, 2025. Emil was driven by his unwavering values, inspired by family and community and he led Caledon and Peel Region with an eye to the future," Mayor Annette Groves told The Citizen.

Flags at all Town facilities have been lowered to half-mast in honour of Emil Kolb's life and dedicated service to the Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel.

He served as the longest-serving Chair of both the Region of Peel and Peel Police Services Board. The Peel Police Service Board said his steady

"He played a key role in strengthening police governance and building relationships between the Service and the community," said Peel Police Service Board. "We extend our condolences to his family and loved ones during this time."

He led Peel Region in becoming debt-free, building financial reserves, establishing funding for protecting environmentally sensitive lands, and ensuring long-term sustainability for a rapidly growing Region.

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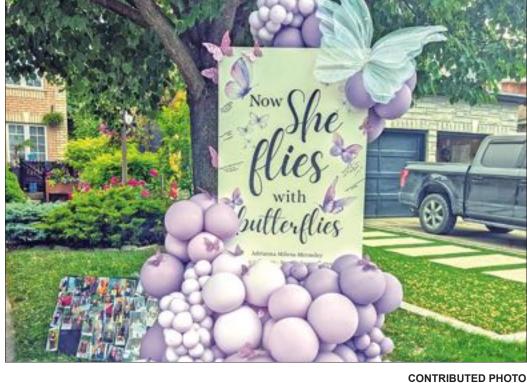
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Peel Council on Aging hosts third-annual Summit

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

"People are living longer, but not everyone is living well," said Juliet Jackson, Director of Culture and Inclusion at Peel

She was the keynote speaker at Peel Council on Aging's 3rd Annual Summit on Aging in Caledon.

The event featured multiple speakers, interactive discussions, and panel presentations focused on supporting safe, inclusive, and age-friendly communities across the Region of Peel.

This year's theme was Safety First: prioritizing safety, recognizing risks, and taking action.

Tanya Vintimilla, Peel Council on Aging Coordinator, shared that with times changing all around us, they wanted to do a theme this year that came naturally: safety.

Presentations were held regarding home and fire safety, medication management, elder abuse: fraud and financial exploitation, and safety and accessibility: living with vision loss.

Vintimilla said they very much wanted to ensure they had the expert featured for elder abuse: fraud and financial exploitation.

She said since there are so many ways to commit fraud, such as texts and emails, it was a prevalent theme that they wanted to incorporate.

The day started with 295 people registered for the summit, and Vintimilla said she was sure by the end of the day, they'd hit capacity at 300 with some walk-ins.

"It just feels that people really do care about healthy aging," said Vintimilla. "We're all going to go through the same process of life."

"People that are young need to understand that healthy aging is for everyone, we're all going to age, so make it important, make it a priority."

At the event, various booths were available to educate residents on the services available to them.

One of those booths was for Abbeyfield Caledon.

They are a non-profit senior residence that provides companionship and nutritious meals for independent seniors in an affordable family setting.

Gord Gunning, President and Board Chair for Abbeyfield Caledon, shared they were there in hopes of attracting more seniors to Abbeyfield, as they're also hoping to build a second Abbeyfield someday here in Caledon.

He shared the overall collaboration drew them to the event.

"It's the synergy of a number of different pro-



The Hon. Raymond Cho, Ontario's Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, is pictured getting the crowd excited.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY.

viders to provide care to seniors or services to seniors," said Gunning. "Seniors are growing and anything that any of us can do to support seniors aging in place is why we're here."

Hon. Raymond Cho, Ontario's Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, spoke at the panel to discuss the importance of senior equity living centers.

He shared a story of a woman who was struggling after losing her husband.

She began participating in activities at the senior equity living center thanks to her friends. Not only did she make new friends, but she also shared she felt incredibly happy again. event, said many of the services and activities Jackson shared during her speech were available

Part of Juliet Jackson's keynote speech was about keeping in touch with those around us and the services that keep us so involved and active.

She spoke about how to age gracefully with humour and honesty, and she got a few laughs of her own during her speech.

Jackson shared that if everyone could take one message home that day, it would be to "Live every day with gratitude and blessings."

Councillor Mario Russo, Acting Mayor at the

event, said many of the services and activities Jackson shared during her speech were available to Caledon seniors through the many services and groups in the Town.

"Caledon is committed to advancing age-friendly policies and working closely with our regional partners to support older adults. I'm especially proud of the work that our regional staff is doing on this, but I'm also very impressed with the age-friendly Caledon and the efforts we're making and the real difference in our community," he said.

CELEBRATING "YOUR AWESOME" IN ORANGEVILLE

Park on Saturday, June 21, bringing together the community for a celebration of Pride and diversity. The event featured drag shows, with a couple of queens from the TV show, Canada's Drag Race. There was also live music, a vendors area and an atmosphere of acceptance. The event provides a safe space for the people in the community who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. Hundreds of people turned out to support the event. Due to the weather, there was a slight decrease in attendance compared to previous years, and adjustments were made to the entertainment, but the event continued without skipping a beat. With the event also falling on Indigenous People's Day, members of local Indigenous group, Brave Canoe, led the opening ceremonies. Heather Katz performed live mu-

Celebrate Your Awesome returned to Alexandra Park on Saturday, June 21, bringing together the community for a celebration of Pride and diversity. The event featured drag shows, with a couple of queens from the TV show, Canada's Drag Page. There was also live music a very

Public Library. Mark's Orangeville was also in attendance and made custom made shirts on site with a shirt press, using designs selected by attendees.

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Trillium Foundation supports BrightStart Caledon's vision for family-centered support



Representing MPP Sylvia Jones - Karol Jakubczak, Constituent Assistant, and from BrightStart Caledon Family Centre - Carine Strong, Board Chair, Tracey Stewart, Program Manager, Teresa Colasanti, Executive Director and John-Paul Bertone, Program Supervisor. солтявитер рното

BY RILEY MURPHY

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BrightStart Caledon has received a \$52,800 Ontario government grant funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

This grant will allow BrightStart Caledon to develop and pilot an Intake, Information, and Referral Process that will serve as a centralized hub for families with children aged 0 - 8 years seeking assistance, information, and/or connections within the Caledon community.

BrightStart Caledon began their journey in response to a call from the community to protect and strengthen the family unit.

BrightStart Caledon shared that it has become a sanctuary where children, parents, and caregivers can find support and belonging in their community.

They are here for the families of Caledon and are committed to helping build and support the family foundation.

The grant was announced at the Annual Members' Meeting of BrightStart Caledon Family Centre.

"Our government is proud to invest in the development of this new intake and referral system, so Bright Start Caledon can continue to play a vital role in strengthening families and supporting the well-being of children in our community," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin—Caledon in a media release. "This project will make it easier for families to access the services they need, when they need them, helping ensure every child in Caledon has the opportunity to thrive."

BrightStart Caledon is a registered charity and nonprofit committed to helping build and support

the family foundation.

"This is an important action coming out of our strategic plan and tied to our longer-term vision. We have engaged a consultant who is guiding us through a thoughtful and informed process — from designing the intake system and developing essential tools and forms, to identifying a user-friendly database and providing staff training." said Teresa Colasanti, BrightStart Caledon Executive Director, noting "We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for this funding. The work it supports will culminate in the creation of a centralized hub for families in Caledon, making it easier to access services and resources that are tailored to their unique needs."

The Ontario government grant received by BrightStart Caledon was funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The OTF is an Ontario government agency with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province.

BrightStart Caledon offers age-specific programming in 8-week cycles from September to May, during which program registration is required.

The upcoming eight-week cycles in 2025 will fall on August 25 to 29 and October 27 to 31.

They have also just launched ticket sales for their upcoming Warm Hearts & Boots Fundraiser at Glen Eagle Golf Club on September 26, 2025.

All proceeds support free programs and services for local children, and the night will feature country line-dancing lessons, a gourmet BBQ, a silent auction, and more.

More information regarding their programming and fundraisers can be found at brightstartcaledon.com.



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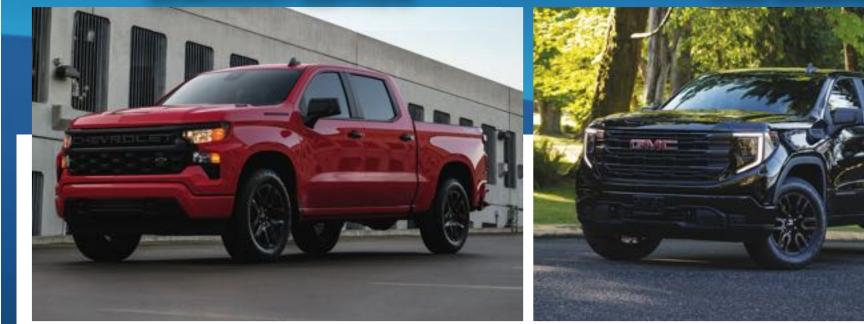
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OIL SPILL INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to investigate what is now known to be an oil spill in a stormwater pond in Bolton.

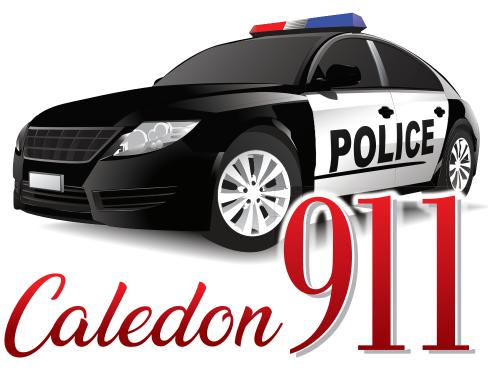
"Investigators from the Caledon OPP continue to work alongside the Town of Caledon and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, to investigate an oil spill in a stormwater pond in the area of Coleraine Drive and George Bolton Parkway," say Police. "The site has been secured, and the oil spill has been contained to the stormwater pond. At this time, investigators are unable to confirm the cause of the oil spill."

Residents can expect to see an increased volume of traffic in the area.

As the investigation continues, the Caledon OPP is encouraging residents to avoid the area until the situation is resolved.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Anyone who may have information regarding the oil spill is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.



SERIOUS COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious collision on King Street.

On June 15, 2025, just before 10:00 a.m., officers responded to a collision on King Street, near Torbram Road, in the Town of Caledon. Two vehicles were involved. Both drivers and two other passengers suffered from non-life-threatening injuries. An additional passenger was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries.

King Street between Torbram Road and Bramalea Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can

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be reached at 905-951-3838.

FAIL TO REMAIN

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fail to remain collision.

"On June 21, 2025, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a collision, where a young male riding a motorized scooter was struck by a vehicle that was traveling westbound on Mayfield Road, near Petch Avenue, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The male party was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries."

The Caledon OPP is encouraging the driver and any passengers to come forward and speak with investigators regarding the collision.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual involved in a collision with numerous offences.

"On June 15, 2025, just before 7:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a collision involving two vehicles on Mayfield Road, at The Gore Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."



"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."

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If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, 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.

PAVING SCAMS ON THE RISE, SAY POLICE

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is advising community members to be cautious of possible paving and repair scams across the province.

Individuals may offer to pave driveways, fix roofs, or do other home repairs, often claiming it's a "one-day-only deal." They may seem professional, with flyers and websites, but they often use fake names, false ID, and unmarked vehicles. They ask for cash up front, then leave behind poor-quality work, or never return at all.

The OPP would like the public to know that these scams usually happen between April and October and often go unreported. If someone shows up at your door offering services you didn't request, don't feel pressured. Take your time, talk to a trusted friend or family member, and report anything suspicious to police.

These types of scams happen on a regular basis and can be avoided by these simple tips/ reminders:

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- Proper businesses don't need to knock



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As a result, Vikrant Jaswal, 30, of Bolton, was charged with:

- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle:
- Operation while impaired alcohol;
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);

Possession of a Schedule III substance. The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 7, 2025, to answer to the charges. Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

on doors-they're usually already busy;

- Always check out the company first and read the whole contract;
- If you think it might be a scam, call your local police.

The OPP urges residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious paving offers or contractor activity. If you believe you have been targeted by a paving scam, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or

www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca For more information on how to recognize and protect yourself from scams, visit www. ontario.ca/page/identify-scam-or-fraud.

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



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"Now She Flies With Butterflies" Caledon community honours Adrianna McCauley

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Those who knew her said she was fun-loving, community-driven, and always caring for others.

She had just graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University.

The butterflies symbolized the ones Adrianna would watch grow as a kid; she and her family would catch them as caterpillars and release them when they metamorphosized into butterflies.

On June 18, her family, friends, boyfriend, residents of Caledon, and Town of Caledon staff gathered to honour Adrianna and celebrate what would have been her 24th birthday.

Even those walking past with their dogs were invited to join in.

Pia shared that she didn't expect the mass amount of support from the celebration.

She shared Mayor Annette Groves insisted that the road closure permits and off-duty officers were handled by her, were done in time, and taken care of.

She especially noted Tracy Smale, Supervisor, Service Caledon at the Town of Caledon, who helped secure these permits and even attended the event herself.

Pia said that the OPP has always been extremely helpful, from the time of the accident to now.

"I find it very difficult to put into words the love, the care, and the compassion that was shown from family, friends, neighbours and the community who came together to celebrate Adriana's heavenly birthday. Thank you. Now, she flies with butterflies," said Pia to her community. "It was beautiful, thank you, thank you, thank you to everybody who participated. It made that day special for me, and hopefully for my daughter."

Even the weather seemed to honour the day.

Pia said it was predicted to rain that whole night, but even at 11 p.m., when they were packing up the last of it, they hadn't felt a single drop.

Cassandra Hall from Air Affair Balloons with her parents from Walton Interlock Paving Ltd donated the balloon display adorning the front lawn.

She had Pizzaville for the pizza, Di Giovanni Bakery for the two decorated cakes, and Nick, the local ice cream truck driver, who came with his vehicle and stayed for the celebration.

The Stafford Family Tim Hortons helped to donate coffee and condiments, an fruit trays were donated by Maria Ianni DeFilippis and family.

She shared that the community has been extremely supportive through everything, and that shone on the 18th.

Following Adrianna's passing, Pia has been working with Traffic Safety Advisory Group and CCRSA to get Coleraine Drive and Harvest Moon King area designated as a community safe zone.

"It's not going to do anything for me, but I don't want anybody to go through this," said Pia. "I want to save lives."

The upcoming Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meetings, which Pia and many more will attend, will be on the following dates: September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1,2025, all occurring at 6 p.m. at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HERITAGE MONTH

Earlier this week, Council and municipal staff gathered outside Town Hall for a flag raising ceremony in honour of National Indigenous Heritage Month. Commemorations will continue on Thursday evening, June 26, at Humber River Centre with an evening featuring celebrated poet and storyteller, Gimaa R. Stacey Laforme where he will share readings from his latest book, "Love, Life, Loss and a Little Bit of Hope" and previous work. Q&A to follow. The event will be held from 6-7 p.m. **PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**





Proposed truck yard sparks community pushback

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

A proposed truck yard sparked community pushback at a public session last week.

At last week's municipal Planning and Development Meeting, Humphries Planning Group Inc., on behalf of Giampaolo Developments, held a public meeting regarding the 13291 Airport Road property in Ward 3.

The property in question is located on the east side of Airport Road North.

The developer is currently seeking a zoning by-law amendment to permit truck and trailer parking on the property for a period of three years.

From 2022 to early 2023, the property was zoned as Prime Agricultural; in mid to late 2023, the zoning went back and forth between "Prime Agricultural" and "Employment Area."

In March of 2024, the Caledon Council adopted the Future Caledon Official Plan (FCOP), and 13291 Airport Road was designated "Prime Agricultural" in the FCOP.

Shortly after, Bill 162 reinstated some modifications to the Region of Peel Official Plan (RPOP) that were removed by Bill 150, such as 13291 Airport Road, which was designated Urban System (Employment Area) in RPOP.

In July of 2024, the Region of Peel became an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) became the approval authority for FCOP.

The Town of Caledon presented at the meeting that the MMAH is currently re-

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Town Staff shared the FCOP will likely be modified as revised by Bill 162, and 13291 Airport Road will be redesignated to New Employment Area in FCOP.

The zoning currently in effect is Agricultural (A1) and Environmental (EPA2), which is why a temporary zoning change is required.

Residential lots and agricultural land currently surround the lot itself.

Following the Town and Humphries Planning Group Inc. presentations were multiple resident delegations.

These delegations included concerns such as "premature planning," safety, environmental risks, and overall effects on the lands.

Amanda Corbett from the Caledon Community Road Safety Association shared the "ping-ponging" around the zoning leaves residents confused and unaware of the situation.

Corbett also went through the traffic study done for the lot and felt that much of it was concerning.

"The count station nearest to the subject site does not provide data from the last seven years, so that could not be used. The next nearest count station was approximately 1.5 kilometers north of Old School Road. It is noted that the 2024 Southwest data plot was inconsistent with years prior and is 40% greater than the data recorded in 2023 for Southwest. On this basis, a different calculation was used. If the appropriate data wasn't available for the traffic assessment, shouldn't it be gathered first to properly evaluate it," urged Corbett.

Corbett said despite this, they are thankful the developer is following the planning process.

"It's refreshing to see a temporary zoning application that's being requested prior to land alteration and truck storage happening. We thank the landowner for following the process. The residents do welcome zoning applications for truck and trailer storage in areas where it's appropriate as we want to see illegal truck yards removed and proper areas for truck and trailer storage implemented," said Corbett. "But given the infrastructure limitations, public safety concerns and Town of Caledon's intended plan for when these employment use. lands would be developed, this temporary not in the public's best interest."

traffic this project would cause.

"When a truck will enter or exit the be at this point, we don't know." yard, it will be required to make a wide turn, not only disrupting one way of traf- happens with this application. fic, but both. The road is not wide enough to accommodate this type of road usage. again by the municipality." It hasn't been expanded and we're not exmodate close to 700 trucks, 679 at the moment, is a disaster waiting to happen."

discuss how dangerous Airport Road had other wells or even the creek is affected?" become.

"Parents told us they're afraid to let their avoid it entirely. Local commuters told us the concerns. they experienced near misses almost every tern of frustration and fear from residents when they do." and commuters," said Pisani.

erty to the employment lands.

in 2023 when this was first brought to his attention.

"I have serious misgivings regarding about the environmental impact on the Council. lands. I just don't believe that the way that turning lanes, should be at all contemplat- port that follows. ed at this time for this usage," said Councillor Maskell.

after the temporary three years?"

Inc. said the long-term plans would be for don, Ontario L7C 1J6.

"This use is considered a temporary use zoning application seems premature and that would be complimentary as an employment use until such time as the prop-Other residents, including Joanna Vale- erty can be developed with full municipal riani, raised their concerns regarding the services, then a new use would actually be considered," they shared. "What that might

They shared they would have to see what

"Potentially, if we're successful, it's posfor vehicle traffic to go around," said Va- sible that another application or subsequent leriani. "Airport Road has not been built application could be filed and reconsidered

Councillor Christina Early, at the meetpecting to see that till 2031. To be blunt, ing, raised the issue that many delegated this idea of a truck yard that will accom- on, regarding fluid leakage with over 600 trucks parked at the lot.

"We still are cropping in the area and we Franca Pisani, also from CCRSA, said do have a creek that's right there. What has when they had a booth at Caledon Day, been the discussion to ensure that we don't multiple residents approached them to have contamination in the land and that asked Councillor Early.

Humphries Planning Group shared that teenagers drive on it. Seniors said they they have noted these comments regarding

"We have not had comments come back day because of the reckless traffic. These that have raised that issue thus far. I'm sure are not isolating complaints. This is a pat- they will, and we will have to address them

By the Planning Act, a Public Meeting is Councillor Doug Maskell was present held for applicants to present their proposal when then-Minister Clark added the prop- to the public and Council, to receive comments, and to answer questions the public He shared at that he had deep concerns and members of the Council may have.

> During these meetings, the Council cannot make a recommendation or decision.

Following the meeting, a Planning Reroad safety and personal safety on Airport port with recommendations will be brought Road and very, very, very deep concerns forward by staff and considered by the

These meetings allow for members of road is configured right now as a two-lane the public to have their voices heard and road without left turning lanes and right questions considered for the planning re-

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Former mayor remembered for long-lasting contributions



Continued from FRONT

He worked with residents and local historians on the Caledon Trailway, Building the Dream Book Project, and celebrating the history of the trailway through the community.

His annual Emil Kolb Hootenanny raised over \$2 million to support children's charities in Peel Region.

At his retirement, long-time Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion said, "If you want something done, give it to a farmer."

Kolb accomplished a long list of achievements during his time as former Mayor of Caledon, and his remarkable contributes continued through decades of dedicated public service.

"Most of us have people in our lives we look up to, and Emil Kolb was a mentor for me," said former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson.

Thompson shared it was easy for him to look up to Kolb as they were both Peel County dairy farmers with shared backgrounds.

He said Kolb's mayoral campaign was where he first got into municipal politics as a young volunteer.

Their paths continued to cross over the years, where they served together as political colleagues.

Thompson said that on the political stage Kolb was a distinguished diplomat whose every decision was guided by prac- owes a debt of gratitude." ticality, vision and a genuine sense of caring for his community.

He was also remembered as being a master at being able to broker a compromise when tensions around the table escalated.

"This is increasingly rare in today's day and age and I valued the time I got to serve with him as a political colleague," said Thompson.

He noted Kolb achieved an "enviable" triple-A credit rating during his term as Regional Chair.

"He also had a good sense of humour and loved to tease," said Thompson. "And he was always willing to give me advice, even if I didn't ask for it. The advice was always practical and rooted in his expansive political experience, and for that I was always appreciative."

He said that while this is a time to reflect on his commitment to our community, this is also a time to give thanks to Kolb's wife Beryle and his family.

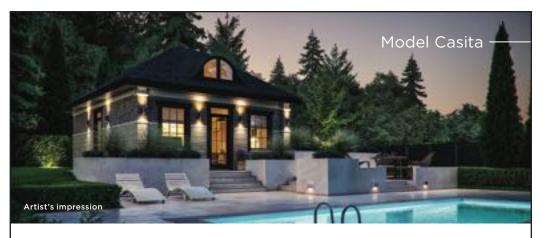
"My own family knows full well the sacrifices they are ultimately asked to make when a family loved one becomes involved in public service, and so, to them, we have to say thank you, both for sharing him with us, and for the extra lifting they would have no doubt had to shoulder back home on the family farm in his absence," said Thompson. "To them, our community



Kolb, who died last week at Newmarket's Southlake Health, leaves behind a lasting legacy in both our public, civic and agricultural spheres. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE REGION OF PEEL

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Theatre Orangeville and the community celebrate Nairn's contributions as artistic director

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

More than 150 people attended a party on June 16 that had been kept a close secret as a surprise for David Nairn, Artistic Director of Theatre Orangeville.

Nairn passes the job to Jennifer Stewart this Tuesday, July 1.

Stewart has spent the last six months learning the intricacies of how this theatre has worked under Nairn for the past 26 years and it will be her responsibility to decide how it will carry on.

The mood in the Monora Pavilion was euphoric with the glad greetings of theatre people who have known Nairn - and each other - for years, some for decades. What they all have in common is their association with Theatre Orangeville, where they wrote plays or acted in them; the creative teams who put the plays on the stage; and the staff who have worked for years at the theatre.

Everyone had a story or many memories of Nairn's brilliance as a director, his vision of what a theatre should be, namely the heartbeat of the broader community in which it stands.

The initiatives Nairn inspired have placed Theatre Orangeville as a unique organization in Canada.

The highlight of the party was the speakers who had been invited to share their own memories of Nairn's time at the theatre.

Before this very fine parade began and in order to draw the attention of the crowd and still the heady flow of conversation, Elisabeth DuBois stood near the podium and sang the opening lines to "For Good" from Wicked. It only took a few seconds for her lone voice to be joined by a singer across the room to sing the lyrics in response then, in seconds more, members and alumni from Young Company joined and the lovely song became rich and David Nairn was rich in the affection he received in all those song-filled moments.

Jim Betts, who became the founding artistic director in 1994, brought the tribute poem he penned and read it to the assembled crowd. The story begins with Betts himself, inspired but not which they had collaborated over all that time. quite able to make the money work as a summer Nairn, whom he had known and worked with for several years. In 1999, Nairn took on the task of artistic direca regional theatre with a full five-play season from praise and add snatches of history. October to May, including a significant produc-

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Artistic director David Nairn (centre of back row) and the entire staff and crew at Theatre Orangeville celebrated his 26 years with the organization. Jennifer Stewart (centre front row), the new artistic director, will begin the role on July 1. PHOTO BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

tion for the Christmas season.

Two years ago, Nairn replaced traditional Christmas stories with a holiday Pantomime. He even co-writes them with Debbie Collins. The two productions so far have each filled the house for most performances during a full month's schedule.

Betts' poem touches on all this with lines like "... the town did need/a director most artistic./But then he appeared/Blond hair and a beard/And the women went ballistic ... "

There were three "generations" of artistic directors attending the event: Jim Betts, Nairn and Jennifer Stewart all in one place.

Avery Saltzman, co-artistic director of the Harold Green Jewish Theatre in Toronto, told us that he had met Nairn in 1976 at university, and they've enjoyed "50 years of friendship." He noted the projects on

Among them, Saltzman had performed a numtheatre. After five years of trying, he approached ber of times on the Theatre Orangeville main stage, most memorably, perhaps, in Norm Foster's "Kiss the Sun, Kiss the Moon." Nairn's cup truly flowed to very full in the numtor and began by changing Theatre Orangeville to ber of folk who stood at the podium mic to tease,

wrote specifically for himself and Nairn to perform and tour, "Jonas and Barrie in the Home," which they did, numbering an impressive 206 performances.

It is a list of speakers too long to number the details they brought. But among them was Nancy Frater, the long-time owner of BookLore, with whom Nairn established the New Play Development Program.

Essentially sponsored by the Authors on Stage feature, the program has given Theatre Orangeville the thrill of seeing some of the country's most august authors.

All of them show up here as invited by Frater, whose charm and powers of persuasion apparently none of them can resist.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, along with Council, recognized Nairn by naming the Orangeville Opera House stage the David Nairn Stage at the "Twas the Night Gala," last November. She had little more to add to her remarks at the time but wanted to say that she would miss his morning call at the Town Hall offices, "Good morning, your worshipfulness!"

It reached the point where many had spoken and each had hugged and been hugged by Nairn when the man himself took the floor, disdaining the mic.

This celebration was a surprise for Nairn, so he had no notes, but he has always spoken from the heart. This heart needs no notes.

He talked primarily about how only with the full support of the company were Theatre Orangeville's landmarks possible.

"I'm not the one who has done all this," he declared, arms spread wide. "You are - but for your hard work and unflinching support - none of this could have happened."

He told the Citizen about being contacted by Theatre Orangeville to come for an interview for the position of artistic director. He and Leisa Way were living and acting in Detroit. They were all but applying for their green cards but he came to Orangeville; then, came a second call to come for another conversation; but the third time, they asked him and

A note from Norm Foster talked about the play he

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, spoke briefly about her appreciation and admiration for his passion for making arts so vital in Orangeville.

they asked him to "bring Leisa."

"Because they knew," he told her directly while including all of us, "how important you are to me, I couldn't have done this job without you - 26 years, the two of us living it through."

And he told her - he told us, "Leisa, I love you!"

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CaleDine 2025 set to spotlight Caledon's Culinary Scene this July

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Foodies all over Caledon can get excited for the start of Caledine 2025, which is happening in less than a week.

Starting on July 2 and running until the July 20, CaleDine provides residents with an opportunity to try multiple different restaurants around Caledon.

This program invites local diners to experience special prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants, usually at a discounted price.

CaleDine, run by the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, allows residents to stop and try somewhere they've never been.

"I like the idea of being able to try a restaurant that I haven't had a chance to experience yet at a rate that is definitely cheaper than it normally would be," shared Stephanie Rowe, Member Partnership Specialist at Caledon Chamber of Commerce. "It's the sense of joining in a community event, for the community."

She shared residents can check out each restaurant's reservation policy and menu online through the Caledon Chamber of Commerce website.

"Get out there and try them; these places are great, they're community businesses and supporting local is a great thing," said Rowe.

Councillor Tony Rosa, a Caledon Chamber of Commerce member, shared with the Citizen that CaleDine is an opportunity to both explore the culinary scene and support small businesses during a quieter time for the industry.

"CaleDine isn't just about good food, it's all about celebrating creativity, community, and the entrepreneurial spirit that makes Caledon so vibrant. I'm thrilled to see it becoming a bi-annual tradition, spotlighting our local talent and culture," said Councillor Rosa.

Alex Zander, owner of Blue Smoke Restaurant in Caledon, said he is looking forward to the possi-

bility of more local support through CaleDine.

Everything they do is homemade, and he shared they created their menu for CaleDine to encourage new people to try them out.

Their lunch menu will feature a \$20 appetizer, entree and dessert and their \$40 dinner menu follows the same format.

Blue Smoke Restaurant was also a part of Winterlicious, and many restaurants that participated found themselves registering again.

One of those restaurants was Wine Spot.

Kimberly Medeiros, who co-owns Wine Spot, shared she loves that the Chamber can bring it together in one place and highlight all of Caledon's different offerings.

"Caledon has a really great food scene and I love that the Chamber is leading the charge and bringing all the good restaurants together and helping to highlight all of the different places that we have all over Caledon," said Medeiros.

Wine Spot will be offering a \$50 prefix menu with an appetizer, a second course, and a dessert.

They will also offer \$10 summer cocktails in keeping with the hot weather.

"What we found last time, and what we're really excited about this time, is inviting new diners into our restaurant," said Medeiros. "Because of the advertising that goes behind this and because of the Chamber's reach, we get to reach new customers and we get to feature some of our foods to people who may not have been in before. We're really excited about being able to welcome in new customers and give them a chance to see what downtown Bolton has to offer."

She said when they participated in the winter, multiple people said they had never tried their restaurant before and found them through the program.

"We do know that it worked, so we're excited to be a part of it again."

To see the currently involved restaurants visit caledonchamberofcommerce.ca/caledine.





PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

King and Queen Opticians brings new perspective to optometry scene

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

Nestled between various services and stores on ever-busy King Street is a brand-new optometry store for Bolton: King & Queen Opticians.

Owner Amen Singh, a long-time member of the Bolton community, just opened up shop last month and is excited to showcase everything he has to offer to the area.

Singh grew up attending school in Bolton at Humberview and said it felt right to return to the familiar community to open up his own store.

"I've opened up clinics before, but Bolton's different, it's a more tight-knit community, I've made lifelong friends here," expressed Singh, reflecting fondly on his time spent here.

Singh went to optometry school at Seneca College, and after several years of working at a wide variety of stores and clinics, he finally decided it was time to open his first store from scratch.

He said that through his business, he aims to offer better eyewear options and frames people can truly take pride in, which he believes is missing from what's currently available.

At King and Queen Opticians, Singh has a wide variety of merchandise.

"Not everyone wants luxury, but I find that everyone wants fashion-forward glasses. I tried to curate our collection based on that," said Singh.

They have brands such as Gucci and Prada day.

and more budget-friendly yet stylish frames. Singh wants everyone to find the perfect

frame for them: "We don't want to forget that you wear the glasses, the glasses don't wear you."

Because they offer such a vast variety of options, Singh says they cater to every demographic.

"We welcome the doors to anyone here. As long as you're willing to try on a pair of frames, we're willing to help you," laughed Singh.

He shared someone looking for a repair on their frames, whether that be on the nosepiece or a loose screw, can come in and get it repaired free of charge.

They will even work on frames not sold at their store.

"If it's someone else's glasses, not an issue, bring it by and we'll try our best," he said.

Beyond eyewear fitting and consultations, they also provide eye exams, aesthetics, contact fittings, geriatric services, dry eye therapy, and more.

Singh said when building his store, the number one thing he wanted to ensure was that it created a welcoming environment well-suited to the community of Bolton.

"Whether it be your general eye exam or an ongoing case with either yourself, your parents, your children, or if you're in a bind and you need your glasses fixed, we'll definitely be there for you," said Singh. "That's why I opened this store."

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They desire a better country

Who are we as Canadians?

blush, but the more one thinks about it - and retrospect, most of these were decidedly marthe more we think about it as a collective the more complex a question it becomes.

national parties was in the middle of a conten- opportunity to pour out some tempera paint tious leadership race, a middle-of-the-pack and learn the basics of what was presented to contender for the party's top job suggested us as Indigenous art. that all those looking to secure Canadian citizenship should not only pass the regular questions on a citizenship test – such as those on our structure of government, geography, led by an Indigenous instructor and to our and the responsibilities that go along with cit- sensibilities some three decades on, that was izenship – but also a test to affirm they share not the appropriate approach to take in im-Canadian values.

Again, it seemed like a simple sentiment at art forms. the outset, but the deeper people delved into the merits of such a test, or an evaluation at to know better, yet our teachers were - but, the very least, the more complex, conten- as loath as I am to say about a time period in tious, and ultimately nonsensical the sugges- which I grew up purely due to vanity, it was tion seemed.

Sure, we as Canadians, have many things in common from coast to coast to coast, but Canada 150, an anniversary that was signifiin a Confederation like ours, the devil is truly cantly more muted by comparison for many in the details. What might be a core value for reasons, not the least of which was the fact a citizen of Prince Edward Island, for exam- we are (and were) a nation that was coming to ple, might be wildly different from a citizen grips on some hard truths about our heritage. of Alberta. And this was always the case well before Wild Rose Country renewed their sa- to light, the more we were forced to challenge bre-rattling efforts to divorce the rest of us some of the idyllic, peaceful, and bucolic nofor an uncertain future.

What it means to be Canadian, and the very idea of Canada itself, has become more overt- but necessary, and I think we're collectively ly complex in recent years, a fact that can be stronger for it. attributed to many factors, including heritage, geography, resources, and sometimes to do. an appreciation of what we aren't rather than what we are.

ably find myself thinking back to 1992, when he told his Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Canada was celebrating its 125th anniversary as a nation.

centennial in nation-building projects, Expo care of yourselves." 67, and so much more – I've had to content myself with second-hand thrills through the gize for his remarks, unfortunately made just shared with me - 1992 comes pretty darn Day, an apology which Grand Council Chief look. Many people swear by them. close through my own then-youthful lens.

My elementary school in Newmarket embraced the anniversary wholeheartedly. In but, in many ways, it was indicative that we, weighed down by dread and an uncertain future. fact, much of the lessons and activities Prince as a nation, still have to travel a fair bit of Charles Public School offered that year road ahead. seemed tailor-made to give students - at least those of us in the younger grades – a com- understood that recognizing our weaknesses everlasting energy that may lay ahead. plete immersion in what was considered Ca- is a weakness in itself. To my mind, recognadian culture at the time.

chocolatier), an afternoon learning some of It might seem like a simple question at first Canada's quirkier folk songs (although, in itime numbers), a chance to sample some of our national dishes (poutine hadn't really hit Several years ago, while one of our main yet in these parts, if memory serves), and an

> It was a very European-centric view of what it meant to be Canadian 33 years ago, including the art session. It certainly was not parting the characteristics of such traditional

We, as students, were not yet in a position a different time.

A quarter century on from Canada 125 came

The more we learned, the more that came tions that were sold to us early on.

It was an uncomfortable process for some,

But even today there's still much we have

Last week, Premier Ford sparked a controversy when, in a press conference on Bill Around this time of year, I almost invari- 5 and its impact on First Nations, he said "When I first came into office [I said] treat them well, give them what they want, but While I wasn't born in time enough to expe- there is going to be a point where you can't rience what appears to be a near-ecstatic lev- just keep coming hat in hand all the time to el of patriotism when Canada celebrated its the government. You have to be able to take

> It didn't take long for the Premier to apolo-Linda Debassinge said felt sincere.

> It was something of a tempest in a tea pot,

There is a misconception I've never truly nizing our respective weaknesses - whether faith.



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> For me, it's a bit of a battle, a Catch-22. I realize all of the goodness that's possible, but I'm

> I've partially made my peace with cancer and my fate, thinking about the wonders of the universe and the potential miracles of creation and

It's all speculation of course, and a little bit of

by Mark Pavilons

children at home, pampering myself is seldom, if ever, in the equation. I did use my Father's Day gift cards to splurge on some tiny trinkets.

My daughter gave my wife and I a gift card for an Airbnb and hopefully we can plan a night away soon.

We always "plan" a date night, or dinner out together, but life has a habit of getting in the way of our best-laid plans.

We shrug it off, believing we can catch up or make up for it later. I think that line of thinking is what is hindering our society today. What if something happens and "later" becomes "never?"

Oscar Wilde said living is the rarest thing in the world; most people just exist. But Oscar didn't have to deal with tariffs or high grocery prices.

Rick Steves recommends that we be "fanatically positive and militantly optimistic."

I kind of like Amanda Gorman's analogy that "only when we're drowning do we understand how fierce our feet can kick."

I envy those who can enjoy cloudy days, knowing the sun will eventually come out. I am jealous of those who've come out a different, improved version of themselves after fighting some fierce battles.

I will admit that I'm a bit fatigued from the battle, but the war is not lost, not by a long shot.

Despite what happens to us, we are still empathetic and compassionate beings.

In public, I go out of my way to be pleasant to thers, masking my own pain. At home, I'm a bit

In this environment, not unlike Ontario, as individuals or as a collective - is a really a Canada was essentially ours to discover.

We had a full menu of electives we could enjoy and there were far too many offerings to sample each and every one. We had to be a bit judicious in what we wanted to fit in. da's main strengths lies: our ability to grow Where to start? Well, our once ubiquitous Heritage Minutes on television gave me a few ideas on where I wanted to start.

option that was available to us, but they offered walking tours of Toronto landmarks - hey, to students living in the 'burbs, that a duty to work towards. was a glamourous, exotic, hot-ticket elective - as was a stroll to our local museum to learn wave of "Elbows Up" patriotism as we look about seminal moments in Canadian history to a future of strength amid uncertainty. But but the key is how to draft these invitations and that could be traced back to Newmarket in one out of this uncertainty comes opportunity – way or another. There were crafting work- not only to redefine ourselves on the world shops designed to give us the fundamentals stage, but here at home, too, as we look to of Laura Secord and what she accomplished bolster our domestic bonds in the face of during the War of 1812 (some of my peers pressures from outside. were quite surprised she was not, in fact, a

show of strength as it identifies areas in need of improvement and catalyses us to get off our duffs and do something about it.

It's there, in my view, where one of Canaand move forward together, always striving to improve and build upon who we are. It's no accident that the motto of the Order of Cana-I can't, of course, remember every single da is "Desiderantes meliorem patriam" - or, "They desire a better country."

We all do, and it's an objective we all have

We're going into this Canada Day riding a

Let's take advantage of it.



I suppose the reality is it all comes down to two choices - to whine, cry and sulk, or be as upbeat as possible, enjoying the sunshine of each new day.

Who wouldn't want to be constantly cheery and always spectacular?

I will admit that even in the hardest chores, financial burdens and life challenges, there are tiny tidbits of movement and progress. We're not stagnant but always on the move, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Since our brains and bodies have the ability to accept and embrace positivity, why not invite it in more often?

We may all agree on this particular game plan, keep the door open to the pleasantries that blow in, carried on summer's wings.

Seeing the sunshine lately is like a miracle. It's no secret that sunshine and vitamin D can excite our minds and bodies. It's like the gas in our lawnmowers or water in our sprinklers.

I love summer and try to enjoy every minute food for the soul.

Despite our vast knowledge, huge amounts of common sense messages, sound medical advice help. and nutritional facts, we tend to ignore our souls, our inner being. That needs just as much nourishment, if not more, than our bodies.

We have so much at our disposal that there's really no excuse for not treating ourselves well.

We are the most important person in our lives.

Recently, someone suggested that in all the hustle and bustle, in between blood work and dogs, sucking in every fragrant breeze that blows scans, errands and responsibilities, that I should my way. I will try to alter my lifestyle and reduce treat myself to something nice. I scoffed at the stress to a minimum. suggestion.

of a grouch, but I'm hoping to continue to grow.

I've tried not to let the world's bitterness steal my smile, laugh or sense of humour.

A recent visit to my oncologist once again tested my positivity. My PSA is up again, but nothing to be alarmed at, yet. We discussed upcoming scans and possible "next steps."

My wife, always the bright, calming influence, tried to ensure I was on an even keel, and that things will work out.

Well, my own personal Shakespearean tragedy will play out as it must, as it was designed to do.

Not as written by William, but penned by the Almighty, edited by my own troublesome DNA.

I was surprisingly upbeat, knowing that I no longer expect to hear miraculous news. A slow progression is the best I can aim for.

Our daughter earned her Masters Degree at York and her convocation was a reminder how exciting it is to be young, facing your future with a mountain of positivity. It was refreshing, almost as much as Lexie's smile that day. She will go far!

With the good weather upon us, I can now our life-giving sun smacks me in the face. It's like stretch my legs and get some exercise, just like the doctor ordered. Reducing stress, drinking plenty of water and improving my diet will all

> Funny, those same directives were given by doctors for thousands of years.

> I wonder what green leafy vegetable aids in positivity? What grain fosters the production of zeal? How do I put on a happy face as I slip on my sandals?

I will enjoy evening strolls with my wife and

I may not light up a room as I enter, but I do With a mortgage, three dogs and three adult plan shining a bit brighter. Any suggestions?

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Town of Caledon Trade **Delegation and Sister** City Exchange to Italy



on an exciting chapter in our ongoing rela- sioner Service and the Italian Chamber of tionship with Italy. Prime Ministers Mark Commerce of Ontario Canada, the initiative Carney and Giorgia Meloni recently met and reaffirmed the vitality and strategic value of the Canada-Italy partnership as Canada and Italy reaffirm ties at the G7 Summit where with prequalified companies eager to exthe leaders committed to deepening commercial ties and diversifying trade between Canada and Italy.

More than a cultural exchange, our formal trade delegation represents a meaningful opportunity to build lasting connections with Italian businesses that share our values and strengths.

This initiative is to position Caledon as a job creation, and sustainable growth. vibrant, welcoming destination for global investment.

we've built through our Sister City relationship and reinforces our commitment to fostering international collaboration-particularly in key sectors like agri-food and food tion in the Greater Toronto Area, world-class processing, where both Caledon and Italy transportation infrastructure, and a growing have long-standing expertise.

support of the Government of Canada's Can-Export Community Investments Program, the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service, ship, our Business Attraction & Investment and the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada. Their partnership is helping us create meaningful connections with Italian businesses interested in expanding to North America.

We are thrilled to have the support of the federal government as we continue this important work.

Funding through CanExport Community Investments supports curated, consultant-led lead generation and prequalified business perfect time to foster new partnerships. meetings that are essential components of this mission.

in Rome, Isola del Liri, and Milan, further economic growth-one that will open new strengthening our economic and cultural doors for investment, innovation, and prosties. Planned in close collaboration with the perity for years to come.

This month, the Town of Caledon embarks Government of Canada's Trade Commispromises to build on the momentum we are generating today.

> Throughout the visit, our team is meeting plore the Canadian market, industry associations in the food and agriculture sectors, forward-thinking academic institutions, and innovation-focused organizations. These targeted meetings reflect Caledon's strategic approach to building a thriving, future-ready local economy-one rooted in innovation,

This delegation aligns with Caledon's long-term goals as outlined in our Strate-Our delegation highlights the strong ties gic Plan, reinforcing our focus on creating high-quality employment opportunities and attracting investment to our dynamic food and beverage sector. With our prime locapopulation of skilled talent, Caledon offers This mission is made possible through the an ideal environment for international businesses looking to grow and innovate.

> As part of our ongoing Sister City partnerteam has taken a deep dive into the economic opportunities in Isola del Liri, the Lazio Region, and the broader Italian market. Our analysis confirmed a strong alignment in the food processing and agri-business sectors-areas where Caledon has already seen significant growth and investment. Italy's leadership in these industries, combined with favorable trade agreements, makes this the

By aligning international outreach with our community's sector strengths, Caledon The delegation includes key meetings is taking a proactive step toward sustainable

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Town of Caledon officially launches **Lobbyist Registry**

BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has officially launched a Lobbyist Registry, a tool designed to help make local government more transparent and accountable.

The Lobbyist Registry is available online and provides residents with easy access to information about who is lobbying with Council, Committee of Adjustment members, Property Standards Committee members, and statutorily appointed staff.

It will now be publicly documented who is lobbying public officeholders.

The registry will include details such as who is lobbying, who they are lobbying to, the topic and subject matter, and the date the lobbying activity took place.

"Lobby" or "lobbying," according to the Town of Caledon, means "any communication with a public office holder not otherwise exempted under Part 5 of the By-law by an individual who represents a business or financial interest with the goal of trying to influence any legislative action including development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a by-law, motion, resolution, or the outcome of a decision on any matter before Council, a Committee of Council, or a staff member acting under delegated authority."

Kevin Klingenberg, Municipal Clerk for the Town of Caledon, who will serve as the Town's Lobbyist Registrar, shared in a statement that the Registry ensures transparency in the Town of Caledon's decisions.

"It's a milestone of service excellence and accountability enhancement for the public in alignment with the Town's Strategic Plan implementation," said Klingenberg.

The Registry is for those who communicate with members of the Council or senior staff representing a business or financial interest to influence legislation.

"Open and transparent local government is a cornerstone of democracy," said Mayor Annette Groves in a statement. "This new Registry will give the public insight into the decisions being made at Council and help ensure that all voices are heard fairly and equally."

As of July 1, 2025, anyone participating in lobbying as defined by the Lobbyist Registry By-law, must register within ten days of communicating with a public office holder.

The Lobbyist Registry By-law, formally known as By-law No. 2025-010, can be found in its entirety on the Town's official website.

Councillor Dave Sheen shared with The Citizen that as the Councillor for Ward 2, he is happy to express full support for the Registry.

"This important tool marks a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to enhance transparency, accountability, and public trust in local government," said Councillor Sheen.

He said the Registry ensures the public can easily access information about who communicates with Town officials, on what issues, and on whose behalf.

"By making this information available, we are reinforcing our commitment to open and ethical decision-making, a value that is at the heart of good governance," said Councillor Sheen. "I would also like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated Town staff who worked hard to develop the registry and provide comprehensive training to Council and committee members. Their professionalism and commitment have been instrumental in bringing this initiative to life and ensuring its successful rollout.

"I look forward to seeing the positive impact this registry will have on our community, and I encourage all residents to make use of this new resource."

For more information, those can visit www.caledon.ca/lobbyistregistry or email lobbyistregistry@caledon.ca.

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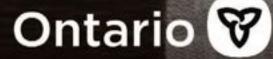
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More than 600 rugby players and 13 clubs compete at Caledon Cavaliers' 4th Annual **Tourney at Palgrave Park**



BY JIM STEWART

The fourth annual Caledon Cavaliers Rugby tournament rolled out in super-heated conditions on Sunday at Palgrave Park.

Burgers on the grill and the sweet scent of spun blue candy floss provided an aromatic backdrop for players, coaches, and parents getting hydrated in the shade of the Palgrave pavilion as daytime temperatures soared to 44 on the Humidex scale.

The challenging humidity was ameliorated by a constant breeze that swept through Palgrave Park, but an abundance of caution was meted out by tournament organizers. Cavaliers' Community Development Director Ryan Nesbitt explained strategies that were put in place to provide relief for participants.

tween games."

Parents and coaches could be seen deploying spray bottles and misters for onand, remarkably, medical services reported no cases of heat exhaustion to treat.

Equally observant of his players' needs in the heat was Cavs' U12 Coach David four games in the morning.

"Water, shade, and verbal motivation pipeline. were ways to beat the heat today. The effort was there today, as was their endur- the Cavaliers program for four years. The playing rugby that are here at Palgrave." ance, but taking care of our players was legacy is building. Our U10 team looks rethe key. This is our third tournament so ally good, too. As soon as they're allowed Cavs' 4th annual tournament were from they're getting used to playing multi- to tackle, it's going to be a great team." ple games. We had success at the recent Barbarians Festival in Aurora. Our guys resurrected the Cavaliers' program four Balmy Beach Rugby, Barrie Rugby, Fergus played well and made the club proud - as years ago and created the legacy to which Highlanders, Georgian Bay Titans, Hamwell, they made the coaching staff and Nesbitt referred, was pleased by what he parents proud of their efforts."

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

conditions, but also by his players' emotional growth.

field players. Water breaks were frequent, field-the ease of how they talk with each other. It's great to see them having fun on and off the field."

Community Director Nesbitt offered insights into the composition of Franceschet-Franceschetti whose team went 2-2 in its ti's high-performing U12 squad and noted that even stronger Cavs teams are in the

Cavaliers' President Mike Iacovelli, who saw at Palgrave Park.

clubs. Teams have had some difficulties connecting this year, due to changes in regional play directed by Rugby Ontario. Many teams opted for our tournament and it's worked out really well for everybody. The best part of today is that we've pulled everyone together. Each team is getting four games. We've invited the community and built community. We have more girls' teams this year, too. The tournament switches in the afternoon to 14U Girls and 14U Boys teams playing on the two main fields. We've also received huge support from the Palgrave and Bolton Rotary Clubs which have done so much for our rugby program, including the donation of the new uprights on the main field."

At noon, the U6 to U12 squads that populated Palgrave's pitches secured their post-game meals in the shaded, breezy pavilion and beat the heat while the U14 to U18 teams took their places for the afternoon matches. Nesbitt, in his first year as Community Development Director and fourth year with the Cavaliers, noted the success of the tournament and its complex schedule.

"We're at field capacity for the day. Our "Just seeing them get along off the facility here in Palgrave is quaint, but it's convenient and accessible for our teams and for visiting teams. It's helped us to feed the desire for the game that wasn't being served years ago. It's challenging to run the program and tournaments of this size, but we have a great volunteer army. The athletes are showing up and we're getting it done for them in Caledon. Today, we're "Almost all of the U12 team has been in making it happen for the 600 kids who love

The 600 players that competed in the

"The teams aren't playing back-to-back games in this heat. The kids are being taken care of by coaches and parents. They're cooling off in the shade and hydrating be-

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Coach Franceschetti was satisfied not only by his team's efforts in challenging nament and attracted 55 teams from 13

"We pivoted to a Sunday Open tour-

thirteen rugby clubs across the GTHA and Central Ontario: the Aurora Barbarians, ilton Hornets, Markham Irish, Niagara Wasps, Oakville Crusaders, Owen Sound Rugby, Toronto City, Toronto Nomads, and the host club, the Caledon Cavaliers.



Work set to begin on **Youth Cricket Field**

BY MARK PAVILONS

Work is starting on the long-anticipated cricket field in Caledon.

Town staff noted that work on the Neighbourhood Youth Cricket Field - Bonnie Glen Farm Park, will begin July 4.

Work includes the conversion of the existing baseball diamond to facilitate the construction of a new youth cricket field. Work will include an artificial turf pitch, chain link fencing, and grading and sodding works.

The field will be located in the existing Bonne Glen Farm Park located at 45 Twistleton Street, Caledon.

No road closures are required and the playground, basketball court and other park amenities will remain open.

Pathways may be temporarily closed next to the field during active construction works.

Part of the parking lot will be used for loading purposes and the north driveway access will be temporarily closed for short periods of time.

Neighbouring properties of the park can expect construction noise at times throughout the day for the duration of the project.

Staff said hopes are the construction will wrap up by August 29.

If you have any questions regarding this project, contact Parks and Natural Heritage Staff by email at parksnh@caledon. ca or Service Caledon at 905-584-2272 ext. 7750.

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First-place Brewers' win streak reaches five with doubleheader sweep of the Mariners in Midland



BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers reclaimed first place in the NDBL's Senior Division on Saturday with an impressive pair of road wins over the Midland Mariners.

The doubleheader sweep, in "The Heart of Georgian Bay", extended the Brewers' winning streak to five.

Three-spot hitter Ben Sterritt hit a grand slam and starter Nick Fiorucci went the distance in the Brewers' 14-6 mauling of the Mariners in Game 1.

Starter Mike Blackwood delivered a quality six-inning performance in Game 2 to impel the Brewers to a narrow 6-4 win versus the third-place Mariners.

Player-Coach Mike Wallace—who blasted out six hits and scored three runs in the double dip—offered reasons for the Brewers' five-game heater and the club's subsequent ascent in the standings.

"With our starting pitching—Matteo (Stothers], Nick [Fiorucci], Mike, and Chris [Fafalios]—and Sterritt and [Brett] Chater out of the bullpen, we're throwing the kitchen sink at them and seeing what works.

There's a team approach to hitting—our table-setters are doing such a good job. The guys at the bottom of the order are getting on and moving runners and guys at the top like Brett and Ben are driving them in. That's the stuff you have to do to win games."

In Game 1 versus Midland, Coach Wallace praised the efforts of starting pitcher Nick Fiorucci and centerfielder Ben Sterritt.

"Nick went the distance. Ben hit a grand slam, drove in six runs, and scored three times."

In addition to Sterritt's heroics, two-spot hitter Drew Volkey scored three runs, drew two walks, and collected a hit to provide top-of-the-order production.

Six-spot hitter Stephen Warden had three knocks in the opening game rout. The Brewers plated nine runs in the first four innings to take a 9-4 lead before scoring five more at the top of the seventh to remove most of Game 1's suspense.

Coach Wallace was pleased with Blackwood's strong starting performance and his club's timely hitting which subdued the home side in Game 2.

"Blackwood pitched great: one earned run through six innings and Brett Chater earned the save. Evan McFadden and Logan Hart had big two-out RBI singles to break a 3-3 tie in the fifth."

Chater chipped in two hits out of the



lead-off spot before ascending the bump to close the game for the surging Brewers.

With the doubleheader sweep of the Mariners in Midland, the Brewers improved their record to 8-3-1.

Bolton has plated 63 runs during their five-game winning streak. Coach Wallace's club hit the century mark in runs scored on Saturday afternoon and is averaging 8.3 runs per game at the regular season's mid-way point.

Alas, the weather gods played havoc with the NDBL schedule the rest of the week. Thursday night's game versus the sixth-place Barrie Angels (5-4-3) at North Hill Park was rained out and will be rescheduled.

The Brewers host the fifth-place Lisle Astros (6-6-1) at North Hill Park on Thursday, June 26, at 7.30 p.m.

Bolton will look to avenge an 8-3 sea- 4 PM at North Hill Park. The Br son-opening loss that Lisle meted out on edged the Cardinals 5-2 on May 29.

May 9 at Ross Houston Memorial Park.

As Dorothy Parker once noted, "Revenge is a dish best served cold."

NDBL Notes:

The newly-minted Caledon Cardinals picked up their second win of the season on Friday the 13th by thumping the Astros 12-7 in Lisle. It was the biggest offensive outburst for Coach Dalton Cooke's expansion club in their inaugural NDBL campaign. Andrew Weber leads the team in two offensive categories with eleven hits and a .423 batting average. The Cardinals (2-9-0) currently reside in twelfth-place in the Senior Division-just three points behind the Orillia Majors and Mansfield Cubs. The Cardinals and the Brewers renew acquaintances on Sunday, July 6. First pitch between the crosstown rivals will be 4 PM at North Hill Park. The Brewers

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2025-0012

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an Official Plan Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:

Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. on behalf of Broccolini Airport Road Limited and Broccolini Airport Road GP Inc.

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LEAD PLANNER:

Harsh Padhya Senior Planner, Development and Design Planning and Development Department 905-584-2272 ext. 4997 email: harsh.padhya@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit **www.caledon.ca/notices** or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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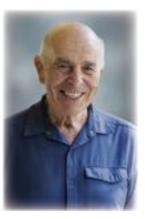
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OBITUARIES

The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton on Monday afternoon and evening. Funeral Mass was held in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 16066 The Gore Road, Caledon on Tuesday morning, June 24 at 10 o'clock with a reception following at Glen Eagle Golf Club, Caledon. Private family interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bethell Hospice Foundation or Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEGACY

In 1965, Emil began a long and distinguished career in Public Service as County Councillor, Peel Region Councillor, Mayor of Caledon and finally as the longest serving Chair of both the Region of Peel and Peel Police Services Board.

Emil was a visionary leader, a true collaborator who lived and served his values of fiscal accountability by leading Peel Region in becoming debt free, building financial reserves, establishing funding for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands, and ensuring long term sustainability for a rapidly growing Region.

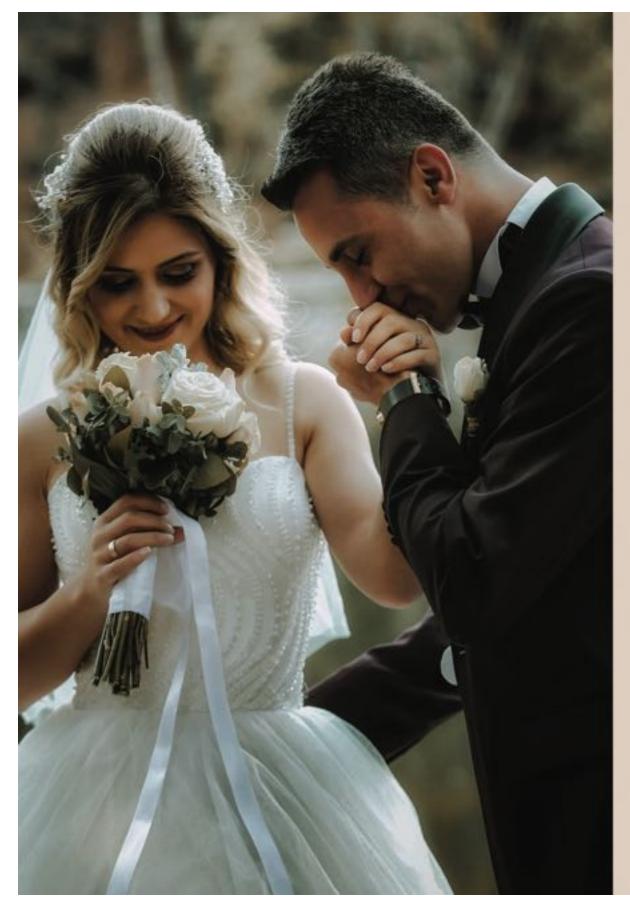
Under his leadership Peel opened state of the art water and wastewater treatment plants, developed a future forward innovative waste diversion program, launched long term care, newcomer services and affordable housing strategies. Emil championed the multi-million-dollar redevelopment of Peel Art Gallery and Museum Archives (PAMA) to ensure that the history, art, and historical archives of Peel were available to the public, and not lost to time. Emil continued in this endeavor in recent years by working with residents and local historians on the Caledon Trailway, Building the Dream Book Project, celebrating the history of the trailway through Caledon.

Emil Kolb was the long-serving Chair of the Peel Police Services Board and early in his tenure during the "social contract" Emil saw an opportunity to change the budgeting practice of Peel Region Police which resulted in Peel Police Service erasing its capital debt in short order and then becoming the best financed police service in Canada. Emil was a passionate believer in the civilian governance of police and spearheaded a number of initiatives that modernized police governance in Canada. His contributions to policing were recognized and honoured with the naming of the Emil V. Kolb Centre for Police Excellence in Peel Region and with honours from the Canadian Association of Police Service Boards.

Hazel McCallion said of Emil at his retirement "If you want something done, give it to a farmer". Emil used his knowledge and experience as a farmer in meeting immediate needs while keeping an eye to the future. And the future was never far from his thoughts, through his annual Emil Kolb Hootenanny he raised over 2 million dollars in support of Children's Charities in Peel Region.

Emil was revered by Mayors, Regional Chairs, and leaders across the Country, but it was in the way he was respected by residents, staff at every level and community groups and organizations that set him apart from many others, he was a Gentleman Politician.

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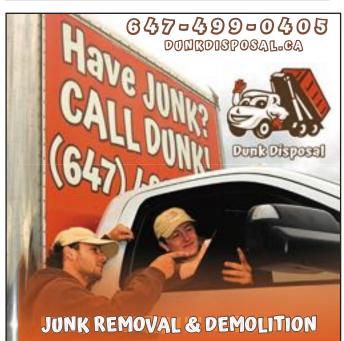
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WHAT IS CANADA DAY?

Canada Day is a federal statutory holiday that celebrates the formation of the Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1867. On this date, three separate colonies named the Province of Canada (an area later known as Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united into a single dominion within the British Empire called Canada.

The holiday originally was known as Dominion Day, but was later renamed Canada Day in 1982 when the Canada Act severed legal attachment to the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

FIREWORKS AND FUN

Massive celebrations honouring Canada Day, affectionately known as "Canada's Birthday," take place each year. Ottawa, which is Canada's capital city, is one of the best places to see fireworks and enjoy revelry near Parliament Hill. This year, everyone will celebrate the 158th anniversary of Canada Day. Nearly every Canadian city hosts Canada Day events and celebrations.



Many Canadian towns host Canada Day parades. Major cities like Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa are known for large-scale parades. However, even smaller towns will organize parades for their residents as part of Canada Day festivities. Cobourg, Niagara Falls, Sittsville, and Brantford host parades.

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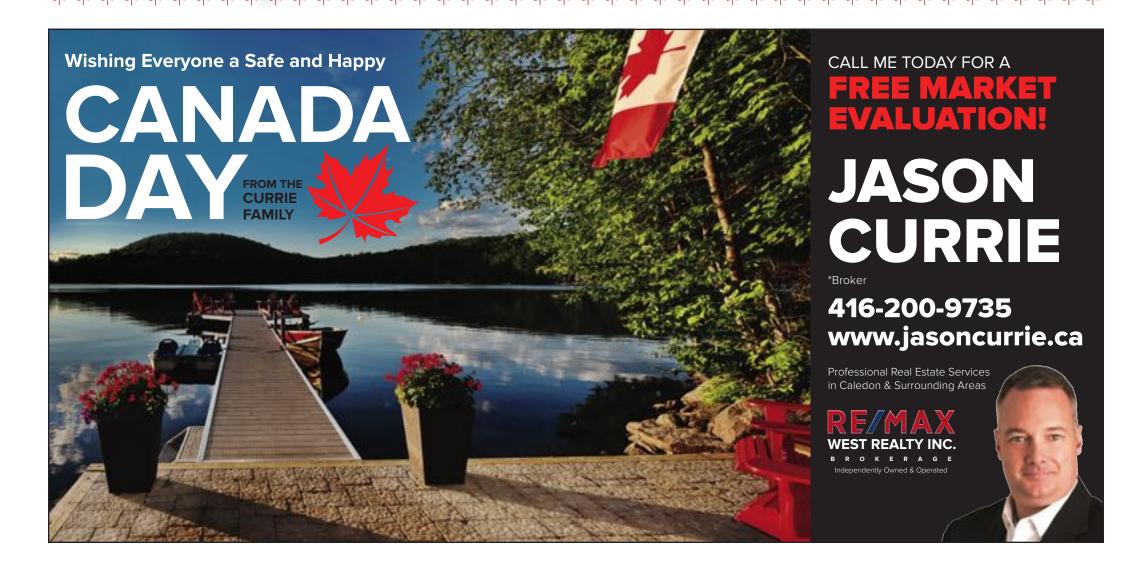
Red and white are on full display for Canada Day. Canadians also have an extra thing to celebrate during 2025 Canada Day festivities, as the year marks the 60th anniversary of the Canadian flag. The flag, with its iconic maple leaf and red and white stripes, is arguably the

most recognizable symbol of Canada. Those who want to promote the flag and Canada Day can use this official digital toolkit: www.canada. ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day/toolkit.html.

BARBECUE BONANZA

Of course, what would Canada Day be without friends and family gathered by the grill for a summertime cookout? Plan plenty of red-andwhite menu items and turn up a favourite summertime music playlist.

Canada Day is a time for celebration each July 1. Since July 1 falls on a Tuesday this year, chances are most people will be enjoying a four-day weekend and celebrating the nation even more.



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S avour the sweetness of Canada this July 1 monies itself, which will be led by local digni-taries beginning at 12 noon. Day with a Strawberry Festival at Caledon Fairgrounds.

Early birds can start Canada's Birthday Party off right at 8 a.m. as the Caledon Agricultural Society turns on the griddle for an all-day pancake breakfast.

A full program of family-friendly activities follows with a Vendor Village beginning at 9 a.m., live entertainment from Anthony the Drummer at 9.30, and, beginning at 10 a.m., a car show, pony rides, petting zoo, demonstrations from magician Steve Baker, and, for history buffs, a military re-enactment with Thompson's Militia taking centre-stage.

Additional activities throughout the day include the CAS Bavarian Garden beginning at 10 a.m. and a dignitary parade at 11.45 a.m.

And all that before the formal opening cere-

Rounding out the program are encore performances from Steve the Magician at 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m., a performance from The Wanted Band at 1 p.m., and recognition of the best hot rods in show with Car Show Awards beginning at 2 p.m.

For a full roster of activities surrounding Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival, https://www.caledonfair.ca/events/calevisit don-canada-day-and-strawberry-festival-2025.

Fun continues beyond Caledon with plenty going on in Mississauga to keep residents of all ages busy.

Our neighbours begin their party with special events hosted by Tim Hortons from 4 - 10.30 p.m. featuring activities, live entertainment, nearly 30 food trucks, and, to close the evening with a bang, a spectacular fireworks finale.

Among the entertainers set to take the stage

BY BROCK WEIR

are Cirque Revolution's Rise Up Canada! Aerial Show at 5 p.m., vocalist Nia Nadurata at 5.30 p.m., the Drome Duo, featuring djembe and cello, at 6 p.m., and disco and funk band The Free Label at 6.30 p.m.

Cirque Revolution returns with their aerial show at 7.15 (and again at 8.35), followed by pop star Anjulie at 7.45, and rapper Connor Price at 9 p.m.

Then, it's a matter of waiting for dusk for the



fireworks finale slated for 10 p.m.

Other attractions include a splash party in the fountain, inflatables that will put a bounce in anyone's step, a photo booth, hands-on fun in a sensory play zone, story times led by the Mississauga Library, and buskers to suit just about every taste.

For more on what Mississauga has in store, visit www.mississauga.ca/events-and-attractions/events-calendar/canada-day-2025.





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MCMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION HOSTS VARIETY **OF CANADA DAY** CREATIVITY

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lex some creative muscles this Canada Day as the McMichael Canadian Art Collection hosts a series of event to celebrate the nation's birthday - complete with free admission.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Kleinburg-based gallery will host A Message from Canada, a drop-in card illustration workshop.

"Celebrate the cultural diversity and natural beauty of Canada through creativity," says the McMichael. "In this hands-on workshop, guests of all ages are invited to design a personalized 'Message from Canada' card. Inspired by your favourite landscape or a meaningful memory, your card can express what Canada means to you—and what you'd like others to discover about this remarkable country."

Throughout the day, the Gallery will host outdoor tours amid its picturesque grounds.

It will showcase biodiversity of the Humber River Valley.

"Highlights include the Sculpture Garden, Minokamik Garden, and Artists' Cemetery," say organizers. "The tour ends inside the historic Tom Thomson Shack, where you'll explore a new installation by artist-in-residence Iris Häussler."

Live entertainment will also take place throughout the afternoon – from 12.30 – 1.30 p.m., and again from 2.30 – 3.30 p.m., featuring The Two City Pickers.

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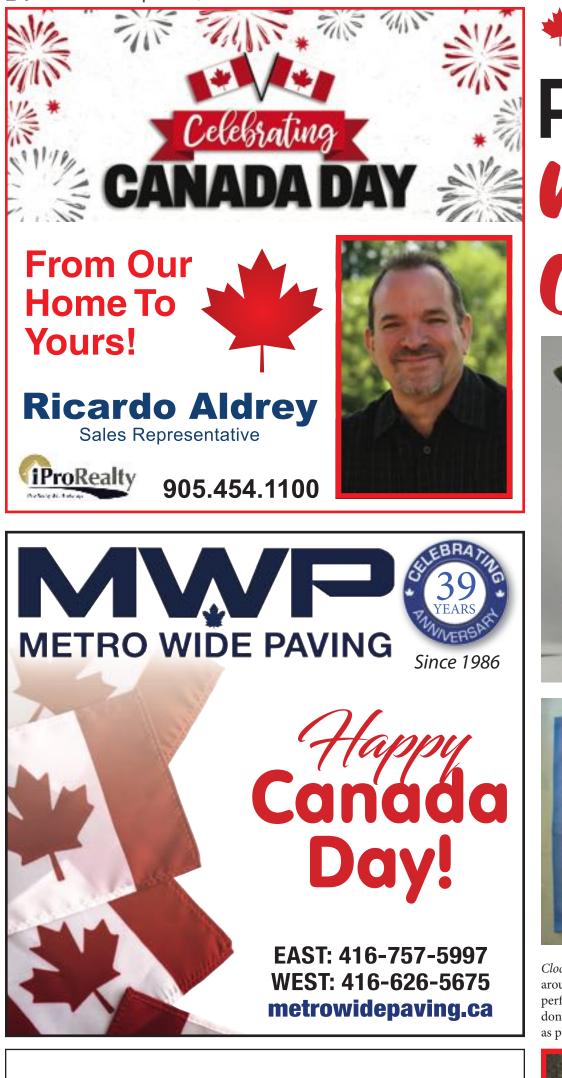
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DUFFY HOMESTEAD BRINGS

WITH **STORIES OF ELIZA'S GRANDSONS**





BY RILEY MURPHY LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

Exciting news regarding the Duffy Homestead was recently shared at the Albion Bolton Historical Society meeting.

wner of Duffy's Homestead and Chairman for the Duffy Heritage Foundation, Alan Duffy, presented "The Grandsons of Eliza Duffy" during the meeting.

He is a direct descendant of the original homesteaders, Eliza and James Duffy, who immigrated to Canada in 1832.

For five years, he has restored his family's original 1832 homestead, which now acts as Duffy's Homestead Museum.

Duffy's presentation centred on the story of Eliza Duffy and her family immigrating from Ireland to Canada in the 1830s and settling in Albion Township.

The presentation specifically focused on Eliza's grandsons, four of whom served in the military in the 1860s.

One fought in the US Civil War, and three were in the local militia during the Fenian Raids.

His slide presentation told their stories and how these sons of Albion impacted the community and the future of Canada.

Duffy also brought along some family treasures and military artifacts.

He shared stories of the grandsons, their legacies and the perils they faced.

Stories included her grandsons' times in the 150th New York Infantry Regiments, what they accomplished and went through after being mustered, what happened after the Fenian Raids, and so much more.

He also showcased photos of the original uniforms, battlegrounds, and pictures of the Duffys.

If residents are disappointed to have missed this educational presentation, much of the information and uniforms are now displayed at Duffy's Homestead Museum.

The museum is open Wednesday evenings and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the general public.

Private tours are still available to be booked. Duffy shared they are also looking forward to opening trails in the future on the 60 acres they own, out of the original 100 acreage that was part of the original homestead.



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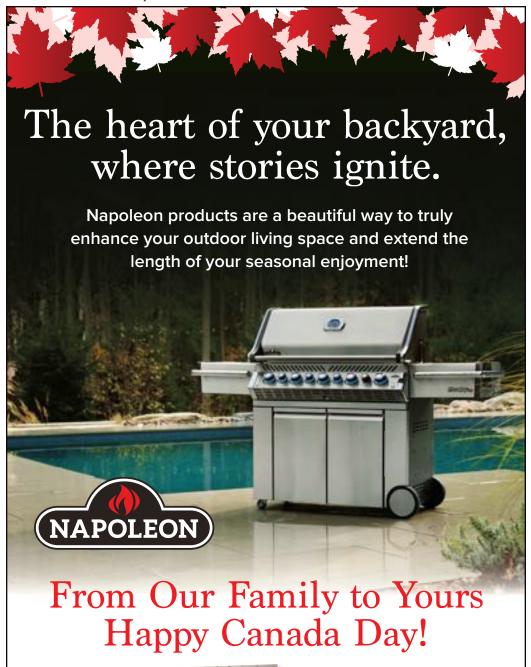


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HAPPY CANADA DAY

Canada Day is a federal holiday celebrated annually on July 1. Canadians have much to celebrate come July 1, and here are five things that make the Great White North unique.

1. Canada is the second-largest country in the world, spanning a total area of over 9.9 million square kilometres. In fact, according to Worldometer, Canada takes up 6.1 percent of the world's land mass, making it just one of six countries across the globe to count more than 5 percent of the global land mass as its own.

2. Canadians love their maple syrup, and perhaps some love it a tad too much. The first season of the Netflix documentary series "Dirty Money" included an episode about the Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist. That theft, during which 3,300 short tons of maple syrup valued at nearly \$18 million CAD were stolen from a storage facility over 2011 and 2012, is the most significant heist in Canadian history. The heist was discovered during an inventory of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers' strategic reserve. During the inspection, an investigator realized several barrels at the facility were empty, prompting a wider investigation and realization of the scope of the crime. Various individuals were ultimately found responsible for the theft and sentenced to prison.

3. Canada is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Arctic Ocean to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west. That undoubtedly contributes to Canada having the longest coastline in the world. According to the World Population Review, the Canadian coastline stretches more than 202,000 kilometres, which easily bests Indonesia, which has the second longest coastline at roughly 99,000 kilometres.

4. Though it's the second-largest country in the world, Canada is the twelfth least densely populated nation across the globe. Estimates indicate that Canada's population stood at around 41 million people in 2024. By comparison, the Japanese city of Tokyo is estimated to have more than 37 million people living in its metro area in 2024.

5. Roughly two-thirds of the world's polar bears call Canada home. According to Polar Bears in Canada, the global population of polar bears is divided into 19 subpopulations, and 13 of those are managed or co-managed by Canada. All told, roughly 16,000 polar bears reside in Canada, with just 10,000 residing beyond Canadian borders.

Canada Day is an annual celebration of the Great White North and a great time to consider the many things that make this beautiful nation so unique.





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Preheat oven to 325⁰F.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.

Cream butter until fluffy, add sugar and mix until well combined.

Mix in vegetable oil.

Beat in eggs one at a time to butter and sugar mixture. Mix well after each addition.

Alternately add flour mixture and milk to the butter and sugar mixture.

Stir in vanilla.

Pour the mixture into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a cake tester or toothpick comes out clean.

Rest on a cooling rack for 10 minutes, then invert the pan and cool completely before releasing from the pan.

STRAWBERRIES

1-1/2 quarts Ontario strawberries3 tbsp of sugar1 tbsp lemon juice

WHIPPED CREAM

1 cup heavy whipping cream 2 tsp icing sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract Wash and quarter strawberries into a bowl. Stir in sugar and lemon juice and let sit for a minimum of 30 minutes up to 1 day before.

Place whipping cream in a mixing bowl and beat at high speed until soft peaks form. Add icing sugar, vanilla extract and whip until stiff peaks form.

- Submitted by: Sarah Didycz

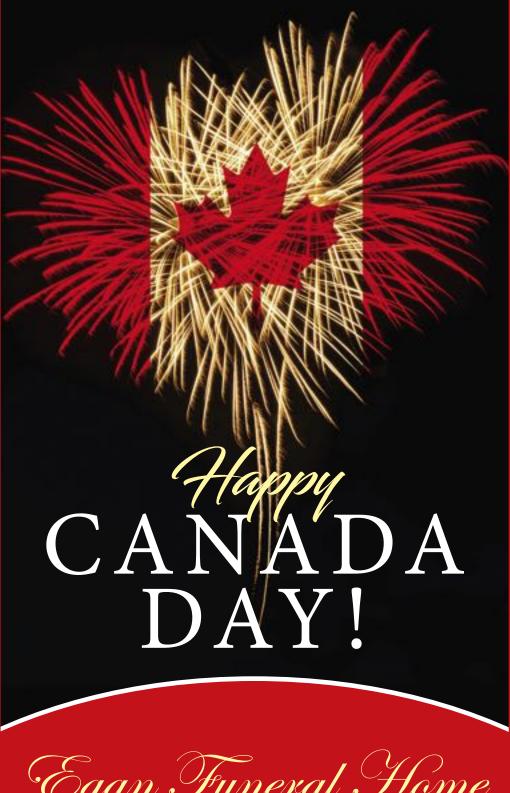
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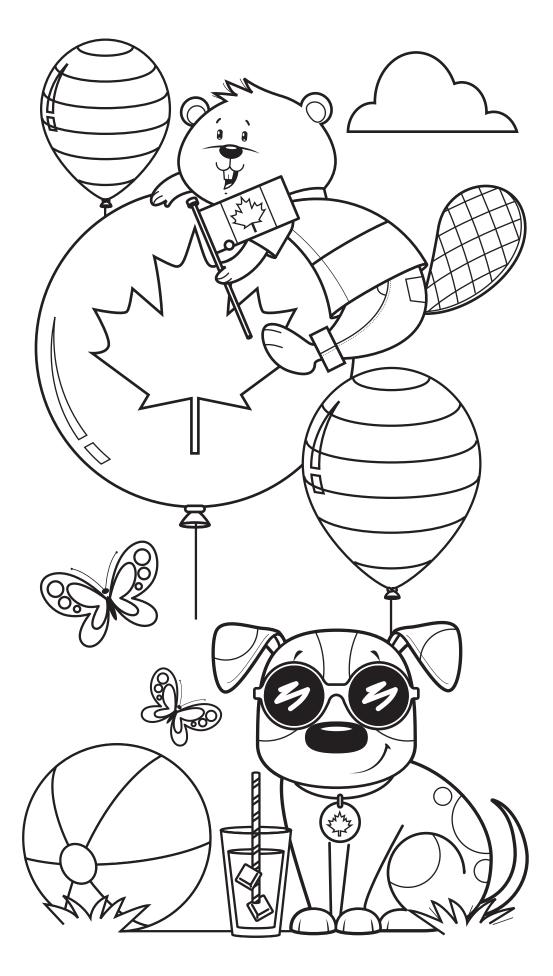
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10am	Opening Ceremonies
10:15am	Retro Rockers Band
11am	K-9 Dog Show
12pm	Retro Rockers Band
1pm	K-9 Dog Show
1:45	Magician Dick Joiner
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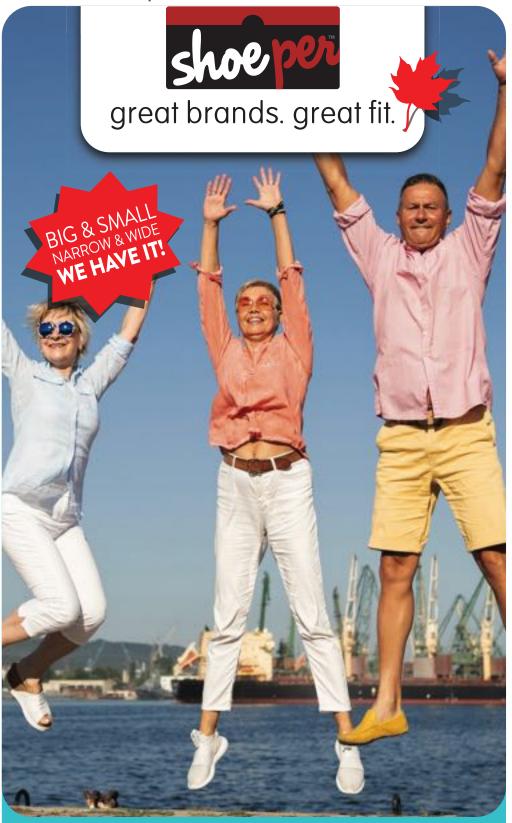
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SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

Environmental degradation

My question today is a big one. It concerns continued efforts to contribute to the Trumpeter Swan is thriving at this location, environmental degradation of Caledon, proof that ongoing conservation efforts inonce known as the "Greenest Town in On- cluding habitat protection are working! In tario." Ward One is featured prominently short, for what the minutes of the May 13 (again) in a recurring argument concerning meeting referred to as nothing more than pits, quarries and trucking, and the impacts an "old aggregate pit" the area actually sets of the decisions Council makes on these a gold standard of what can be achieved at topics will be far reaching. My question is the end of extraction operations. this: Who cares so little for the future of Caledon land, the impact on future generations of Caledon residents, and the potential harm to a variety of other species, that they would vote to approve the infill (containing materials from local construction sites) of a completely rehabilitated quarry?

An aerial view of Caledon shows a landscape marred extensively by pits and quar- 0 Shaw's Creek Road." ries. Local residents will agree that roads and dangerous, largely due to the ever-increasing volume of truck traffic servicing these pits and quarries. It's a recipe for disaster and indeed, has already caused grievous harm to some local families impacted by horrific accidents, or residents experiencing the degradation of their water supply. Not to mention the obvious and ongoing decimation of the environment.

Yet, here we are. In a recent vote concerning the use of a now rehabilitated quarry (that in itself is an unusual, but promising, occurrence) the "usual" (my word) 5-4 split vote was recorded, with four Councillors opposing the move and four approving it. As also seems to happen frequently, the Mayor cast the tie-breaking vote, in favour. The matter has been referred to staff for a full report, but it will come before Council again on July 8. Numerous groups and local residents are urging all of Caledon to show up to express their concerns about the matter.

Remember, we've noted in this space before that you don't even need to be in Council Chambers to register your concern. You can make a written submission via email, ensuring they become a part of the public record.

Why is this so important?

The area in question is a quarry once operated by LaFarge. It was a below-water-table gravel pit, with the last extraction occurring sometime in 2021. Since then, trucks on local roads such as Highway 10 with documentary evidence readily avail- and Charleston Sideroad each week, barable, LaFarge has met their contractual obligation to rehabilitate the property "to the lives at risk. Trumpeter Swans, once on the standards set out in the aggregate license brink of extinction, having their habitat deissued by the Ministry of Natural Resourc- stroyed. All so a developer can dump some es." worked. Folks driving past 0 Shaws Creek Rd. might never even suspect that a quarry better decision here; to break new ground, once operated on the site, such is the ex- and to "just say No." Tabled on May 13 tent of the rehabilitation. Photo evidence and passed on May 20, it's still not too late shows a thriving patch of land complete to have your say. with a naturalized aquatic space, including a ground-water connected lake filled with uralized area just doesn't make sense. If turtles and other aquatic life, as well as we allow this to happen without a fight, dozens of bird species, native trees, shrubs we'll be witnessing environmental degraand more.



Most importantly, the once endangered

It seems, however, that none of this is good enough to place the area under protection from further potential harm. Despite the exemplary job done to rehabilitate this 90+ acres of land, the motion that originally went before Council was to "enter into a Grading Agreement to import fill to rehabilitate an old aggregate pit located at

The wording might suggest to some around the area are increasingly damaged that the area was nothing more than another abandoned quarry full of dust and rocks. Nothing could be further from the truth. The property complies with both the Ministry of Natural Resources approved "after-uses" and the Aggregate Resources Act, which "mandates that rehabilitated land must be restored to its former use or to a new use compatible with adjacent land uses.

Common after-uses include agriculture, natural habitats, recreational areas, or other compatible land uses." This piece of property requires nothing more than to be left alone to continue its gradual, and natural, return to nature. Instead, the current owners of the property, CalValley Farms Ltd. want to use it for infill, most of which will be coming from construction sites located elsewhere within Caledon. That's because despite "Farm" in the name of the listed owner, one of the Directors of CalValley Farms is Nick Cortellucci, part of a family known as extensive real estate/property developers. One assumes they are the "prominent developer" referred to in the original motion that was put before Council.

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Area groundwater and well water supply for local residents in Ward One. Further destruction of large swaths of land that has already begun the process of rehabilitation. The addition of hundreds of dump relling along at speeds that put Caledon

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After the Meseta, the Camino rises to cross the Galician Massif range, which is the highest elevation of the whole trek, before dropping down towards Santiago de Compostela, the end-point of the **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** Camino Frances route.

Henry the Hiker takes his aspirations to Camino Frances

BY PAULA BROWN

A youth from Amaranth has returned home after seven weeks of putting one foot in front of the other to complete an ancient pilgrimage hike in Europe.

Henry Little, 12, known locally as Henry the Hiker, has completed his biggest hiking challenge to date, a nearly 800-kilometre hike of the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking route consisting of many different trail networks. Throughout the Middle Ages, thousands of pilgrims walked from their homes to make the journey to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, eventually paving the way for the more than 200 recognized routes across Europe that arrive together in the city.

Henry, along with his mother Carola Little, started the hike on April 6 in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France the gateway to the Camino Frances, commonly known as the French Way, which is the most famous of the Camino de Santiago routes.

The ancient pilgrimage trail spans nearly 800 kilometres across northern Spain, starting in the town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France and ending in the sacred city of Santiago de Compostela, where it is believed the remains of St. James are held.

Henry and Carola completed the trek on May 25 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, having walked a total of 603 kilometres of the 779-kilometre trail.

"It was exciting, tiring and hard, but it also felt like a rhythm," recalled Henry. "Every day we'd get up and walk and after a while, you zone out; I was just sailing along."

When asked about his favourite part of the jour-

After completing their hike of the Camino de Santiago, the duo received the Compostela and a Certificate of Distance from the Pilgrim's Office in Santiago de Compostela.

The Compostela is awarded for completing a religious or spiritual pilgrimage, requiring a minimum distance of 100 kilometres on foot or 200 kilometres by bike and proof of the journey through stamped credentials. The Certificate of Distance is available to all pilgrims and details their specific distance travelled on the Camino.

"I really enjoyed watching Henry come into his own. He was in a country, where he didn't know the language, but he wasn't afraid to go up to people. He met people from around the world and everyone was very supportive of him. They thought it was great that a kid of his age was trying to take it on," said Carola.

In 2020, while quarantining due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Henry, who is an only child, began to go on daily explorations of a portion of the Bruce Trail that crosses through his family's property. During this time, his interest in nature and the environment peaked as he discovered animal tracks, different species of trees and plants, and insects along the trail.

Hiking regularly in five to 10-kilometre increments, Henry eventually completed the entire 67-kilometre Blue Mountain section of the Bruce Trail, and with that, sparked the desire to hike all 900 kilometres of the Bruce Trail. The trail spans end-to-end from the Niagara River to the tip of Tobermory.

From 2021 to 2024, Henry completed the Duf-

Headwaters celebrates completion of \$18 million fundraising campaign

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) reached a major milestone on June 18 with the completion of its \$18 million Smart Headwaters Campaign.

The campaign, which looks to revolutionize healthcare delivery in the community, has enabled Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) to purchase new equipment and upgrade key areas. The campaign has enabled the purchase of an MRI machine and advanced CT scanner, renovations to its X-ray room, the deployment of 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography technology and upgrades to its Hemodialysis Unit.

"This \$18 million campaign was ambitious, bold, and necessary," said Joan Waechter, chair of the Smart Headwaters Campaign Cabinet. "It ensures that our incredible healthcare team has the tools they need to make the greatest possible impact for patients and families across Dufferin-Caledon."

Taking an in-depth look at the campaign's results on community healthcare. the MRI machine, which becomes operational this fall, brings diagnostic imaging close to home for patients. Meanwhile, the advanced CT scanner will provide better imaging, using artificial intelligence (AI), and faster scan times.

Renovations to the X-ray room mean enhanced image quality, AI-supported diagnostics and pediatric imaging will be improved with a smaller detector as well as child-friendly adjustable components.

Meanwhile, 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography technology uses advanced imaging techniques and creates a three-dimensional image of the breast using multiple low-dose X-rays. The Hemodialysis Unit is newly renovated with nine treatment stations and the potential for future expansion to a total of 11. Upgrades include a reverse osmosis water purification system, ergonomic treatment chairs with customizable features, an in-floor scale for accessibility, private partition screens, and iPads for patient entertainment, in a bright, naturally lit environment.

To celebrate Smart Headwaters' completion, an event was held at HHCC on

June 18, bringing together donors, volunteers, hospital staff, community members and dignitaries to reflect on the campaign's success.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones noted the lasting impact that the campaign will have on the people who receive care locally and lauded the community's generosity in reaching the \$18 million goal.

"Thanks to your support, an MRI machine will be up and running at Headwaters this fall," said Jones, who's also Ontario's Minister of Health. "This is a monumental achievement. MRI technology is a powerful diagnostic tool that uses magnetic fields and radio waves to produce detailed images of the body's internal structures, without radiation. From brain injuries and spinal disorders to joint problems and organ diseases, MRIs play a critical role in modern medicine."

Data from HHCC shows more than 4,000 patients per year have to travel outside the region to receive an MRI scan.

"That's 4,000 trips to other parts of Ontario, often involving wait times, stress, and travel for patients and their families. Bringing an MRI machine to our local hospital is truly a game-changer for patients and their families," Jones said.

"This investment will ensure that patients can receive imaging here at home, leading to quicker diagnoses, faster treatment decisions, and better health outcomes. It is a significant step forward in strengthening our community's access to timely, high-quality care."

In addition to Jones, remarks were also shared by HHCF board chair Bill Duron, Foundation Board Chair, and HHCC CEO Kim Delahunt during the campaign celebration on June 18.

"Each speaker acknowledged the generosity, vision, and commitment that helped bring this ambitious project to life," reads a press release from HHCF.

"The campaign's success is a testament to the community's shared commitment to supporting exceptional health care, close to home," the release continued. "Thanks to the generosity of donors and the tireless efforts of volunteers, Smart Headwaters has helped the hospital to meet both current and future needs with compassion, precision, and innovation."

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ney, Henry recalls their second day of the trip when they reached the highest point on the pass over of the Pyrenees Mountains and entered into Spain.

"We were 10 kilometres into the hike and we got on top of this mountain and it looked like we were on top of the clouds," said Henry. "It really felt like you were in heaven."

The duo started the hike by walking roughly 20 kilometres a day and eventually scaled down their daily treks to between 10 and 15 kilometres. In total, they averaged roughly four to five hours of walking each day.

Prior to leaving on the trip, Henry trained with Tyler Harron, a fitness trainer with Trainer Games in Shelburne. The duo trained together twice a week, focusing on compound lifting exercises for strength and high-intensity interval training for cardio.

While physically prepared for the long journey, the hardest part of the hike came down to mental strength.

"The mental part of it was much harder than the physical. Trying to know that there was an end," said Carola.

ferin Hi-Land, Toronto, Beaver Valley, and Caledon Hills sections of the Bruce Trail, totalling just over 500 kilometres of the total 900-kilometre trail system.

Since then, Henry has expanded his hiking bucket list, adding the goal of completing trails in every province and territory in Canada. He has now undertaken hikes in Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta. In September 2022, he summited Tin Hat Mountain, a part of the Sunshine Coast Trail in B.C., known for being the longest hut-to-hut trail in Canada.

Henry told the Free Press that he hopes sharing his journey hiking the Camino de Santiago will encourage other residents to take up the hobby.

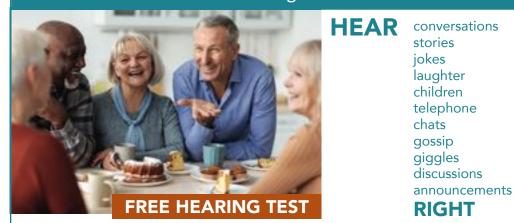
"I don't expect too many people to think they should hike the Camino straight away, but I do hope for them to kind of ease into hiking a little bit and enjoy the nature," said Henry.

Community members can keep up to date with Henry's hiking journeys by following him on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube at "Henry the Hiker."

To learn more about Henry the Hiker, visit his website - www.henrythehiker.com.

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"Seniors Month: Fit, Active and Healthy Seniors!" by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead, Caledon Community Services



nothing was better than a visit to grandma's house. I'd play outside while she gardened, colour while she completed

word search puzzles and we'd bond over our favourite mystery TV shows.

I smile looking back on those day, but sometimes wonder if my grandma was lonely. Did she feel isolated and dependent on others for help doing the things she wanted and needed to do? Would she have benefitted from living in a community like Caledon and the services offered by Caledon Community Services (CCS)?

Accessible transportation would have enabled her to get out of the house more often to attend social activities or medical appointments independently. Seniors Helping Seniors and Seniors Health and Wellness activities would have given her the opportunity to build social connections, avoiding the isolation of being home alone.

A big fan of garage sales, I know she would have been thrilled to shop at Evolve Caledon, getting a bargain on a gently used treasure and maximizing her financial resources.

These are just a few of the many services CCS offers that could have made a difference in her life and one of

the many reasons that access to community services, particularly for seniors, is close to my heart.

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and this year's theme of 'Fit, Active and Healthy Seniors' couldn't be more appropriate. On June 14, we hosted Velocity, with more than 170 cyclists taking to the scenic roads and trails of our community to raise funds for vital senior services. This annual event is an opportunity to make a difference for seniors in our community.

By 2046, Statistics Canada says that the population aged 85 and older could triple to almost 2.5 million people. Now is the time to invest in care and services for an aging population - your parents, grandparents, neighbours and even your future self - so that everyone can age with dignity, avoid isolation and thrive in the community they love to call home.

So, what can you do to help? Velocity donations are open until June 30 pledge in support of a rider or team at ccsvelocity.ca and help us achieve our goal (we're more than 75 per cent of the way there!)

Visit ccs4u.org or call 905-584-2300 to learn about CCS' senior services, help spread the word and connect with our team to learn about opportunities to get involved and make a difference. Together, we can make sure no one gets left behind.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it. Carolyn Langan, Senior Manager, Health Services, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 225 or clangan@ccs4u.org

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