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Rashpinder Singh Gill and his daughter at Music in the Park.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Music in the Park brings community, culture together

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you're a resident by Dennison Park in Southfields, you may have become accustomed to hearing music float through your window every Thursday.

That rings true for Rashpinder Singh Gill, who has been attending the Town of Caledon's Music in the Park for the past two years.

Music in the Park is a weekly event in Southfield Village, where residents are invited to join local bands and artists on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. throughout July and August.

The event is entirely free and aims to bring the community together while enjoying a variety of artists and musical genres.

Singh Gill shared that Music in the Park has become a tradition for him and his eight-month-

old daughter.

"She loves it," he said as his daughter kept locked eyes on the band performing.

He said one of his favourite parts about the event is the different cultures shared and seeing everyone come together.

"Italian songs, Punjabi songs, Hindi songs, English songs. Everything. I love it," said Singh Gill.

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Caledon's C3 celebrates 30 Years with anniversary party Saturday

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

C3 is celebrating their 30th anniversary on Saturday afternoon, July 19, at the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village.

C3 is a non-profit club that connects people of all ages with a healthy, multi-sport lifestyle and achievable athletic goals.

They aim to promote a healthy lifestyle, enabling children and adults to grow in fitness together.



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From Roaring Engines to Ribbons and Rides: Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society pulls into Fair season

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

This year, the number seven took centre stage for the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society as they celebrated their 47th Truck and Tractor Pull and prepare for the 167th Bolton Fall Fair in September.

The Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society is a volunteer-run organization that brings together rural and urban communities to educate them through various activities, including exhibitions, demonstrations, and competitions.

On June 27, they held their 47th annual Truck and Tractor Pull. The event drew over 9,000 attendees, with record-breaking crowds.

The society shared that the stands were packed until the very last pull down the track, just after 10 pm, when the sky opened up and the heavy rain began.

The event featured 73 pullers from all across the province, with no pull under 200 feet.

Thanks to the track crew’s hard work, onlookers were able to watch a truck or tractor every 3 minutes and 57

seconds, keeping the attention and energy going until the very last pull.

The Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society would like to thank all of their generous sponsors who keep their community events running strong every year.

For those unable to take in the magic of the Truck and Tractor Pull, have no fear, the 167th Bolton Fall Fair is just around the corner.

Running from September 19 to 21, the community will have the opportunity to enjoy a near-endless array of entertainment.

A jam-packed schedule means there will be something for everyone on each day, including the return of the famous midway from Campbell Amusements all weekend long.

On Friday, attendees can take in the opening ceremonies, brush off their boots for free line dancing lessons, and end off the night with a barn dance featuring Hillbilly Martini.

Saturday will feature events such as the Global Pet Foods SuperDogs shows, family games and contests including the crowd favourite pie eating and arm-wrestling competitions, an antique tractor and farm equipment display, and much more.

That night, the demolition derby will take place, followed by a beef BBQ put on by the fair Board.

Wrapping up the weekend on Sunday, some events available will be a pancake breakfast, tug of war, bingo, and Fun for Mimma Family Games.

Suppose you think you look eerily like another family member, in that case, you’re the perfect fit for the society’s “Chip Off the Old Block Look-A-Like Contest” held on Sunday, where two persons who look alike from different generations will be judged.

Various free activities will be available every day, including a petting zoo, pony rides, the ag learning centre and Pedal Kart Raceway.

The Fair Ambassador Programs will soon be open for applications, starting August 1.

Both Junior Fair Ambassadors, ages 13-16, and Fair Ambassadors, ages 17-24, must register with the Committee Chairperson by September 1.

Whether you’re cheering on the tractor pull, enjoying a slice of pie, or dancing the night away, the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society continues to prove that tradition, community spirit, and a little horsepower go a long way.



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Karen Hamilton Field unveiled at Memorial Softball Tournament

BY JIM STEWART

The legacy of a longtime Caledon East resident’s selfless volunteer spirit was recognized formally during the Opening Ceremonies of the inaugural Karen Hamilton Memorial Softball Tournament last month.

The Lions Diamond at Caledon East Park was renamed Karen Hamilton Field on June 7 to honor the dedicated Caledon East Softball Association coach, executive, and umpire who passed away in 2022 at 79 after a battle with Alzheimer’s.

Hamilton’s daughter, Kelly McCaffrey, reflected on the poignant unveiling ceremony.

“Having so many people come out and share it with us was the best part of the day. People who knew mom and dad turned out for the 8 a.m. event that we used to kick off the Memorial Tournament. Despite how early it was, so many came out to support mom and dad and the event. I wish mom could have seen this—although she didn’t do her volunteer work for the recognition.”

The inaugural Karen Hamilton Memorial Softball Tournament was an unbridled success.

As McCaffrey noted, “We raised \$3,000 at our first tournament. \$1,500 was donated to

the Alzheimer’s Society and \$1,500 was donated to the Avalon Care Centre which was used to purchase a comfortable recliner chair in the palliative care ward. A plaque by the chair will be inscribed with Mom’s name on it.”

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(ABOVE) Karen Hamilton’s immediate family celebrated the unveiling of Karen Hamilton Field to honour the tireless community volunteer’s efforts in support of the East Caledon Softball Association. (RIGHT) Hamilton is pictured with husband Ron.
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Peel and Caledon Councils approve signalized intersection

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

“It’s going to be expensive and costly, but it won’t cost more than another life,” said 17-year-old delegate Harshika Sharma regarding a motion put on the floor at Tuesday’s Council meeting.

The motion, brought forward by Councillor Doug Maskell, was to install traffic lights at the intersection of Walker and Airport Roads, as opposed to the signalized crosswalk proposed by Peel Region, where the Town of Caledon will cover the costs.

The Region of Peel has completed almost all of its final design for its planned reconstruction of Airport Road and Old Church Road.

The plan called for the installation of a signalized pedestrian crosswalk (PXO) on Airport Road, south of Walker Road.

The Region indicated that a traffic signal is not warranted based on existing traffic volumes and

collision history, as well as future traffic counts and pedestrian activities.

“That response misses the entire point. We’ve been focusing so much on the vehicles that are passing through that intersection, but we’ve ignored how people are actually crossing that road,” said Sharma, referencing the Region’s response.

In 2024, she collected 300 signatures from residents in Caledon East to advocate for traffic lights instead of the proposed PXO.

As a student and community member herself, she shared with the Council that she knows first-hand how dangerous the intersection has become over the years.

“With the volume of trucks, especially transport trucks, that pass through the Town, a basic crosswalk is just not reasonable and a protective solution. The planned PXO, doesn’t reflect the reality of what actually happens on ground,” said Sharma.

“At this point, it’s no longer about the money, but it’s about doing what’s right before something wrong happens. As someone who has walked that

intersection and watched others hesitate in the middle of that road, I’m asking for the Region to take a stand, not for the numbers or thresholds or the future studies, but for the real people who live there right now.”

Walker Road East is the site of two senior living centers for which a PXO does not ensure sufficient safety for those residents to cross Airport Road, reads the motion.

Joe McReynolds delegated on behalf of the Abbeyfield Caledon Board of Directors.

Abbeyfield Caledon is committed to supporting older adults who live independently, safely, and with dignity in our community.

They are located near the intersection of Airport Road and Walker Road.

McReynolds shared that crossing Airport Road is challenging and hazardous, particularly to older adults and those with mobility issues.

“The traffic volume and the speed creates a barrier for safe pedestrian movement and discourages seniors from walking, running errands and engaging in their communities,” said McReynolds.

Following the Region’s response, Councillor Maskell brought forward the motion that Council respectfully asks that the Region of Peel discon-

tinue its plan to install a PXO on Airport Road south of Walker Road; and that a fully signalized intersection be created at Airport Road and Walker Road; and that the additional cost to upgrade the intersection to a fully signalized intersection will be financed by the Town of Caledon.

In the meeting, Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works, and Transportation, Commissioner D’Amico, estimated the cost to be potentially \$200,000 to \$250,000 in total.

The Town of Caledon will not have to cover the entire cost, it will only cover the difference of the upgrade.

The motion passed unanimously at Caledon Council to bring this forward to the Region of Peel.

Last Thursday, Peel Regional Council unanimously approved the motion.

The traffic light will be installed when road work in downtown Caledon East is complete.

Caledon Council will pay for the cost difference between the two signals to ensure enhanced safety for vulnerable residents, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

“Lives will be saved on Caledon roads through the actions taken at the Peel Regional Council,” said Mayor Annette Groves.

Party, 30 years in the making, set for July 19

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“I don’t understand it,” he shared, referencing the Italian song being performed. “But I love it.”

The July 10 performance featured two different acts: The Trio Kings for the first hour, and Irie Vibes for the second.

The Trio Kings are a local band comprised of Sebastian Carubia on the accordion, Councillor Tony Rosa on vocals and Marco Marrone on the saxophone.

They wooed the crowd with everything from Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffet to My Way by Frank Sinatra.

Irie Vibes has been a band for six years, playing a diverse range of genres that include Ska, Jazz, Reggae, Calypso, Funk, Pop, and Rock Fusion.

The band consists of trombonist and bandleader Mike Smith, saxophonist Matt Palmer, vocalist Tonie Robinson-Miller, guitarist Frank Adriano, bassist Tamara Fernandes and drummer William Snodgrass.

Mike Smith said they came out to Music in the Park for the opportunity to share their music and what they do with others.

“It’s not for us, it’s for the people. I love the diversity of the music. These guys,” said Smith, gesturing towards the Trio Kings, “have one style of music, and we have a different style. Hopefully the people will enjoy both styles.”

In attendance this past Thursday was MP Ruby Sahota for Brampton North—Caledon.

“I think natural events like this where people can just show up and notice it while they’re taking a walk in the park is a great way to have community events where it’s not forced, people kind of just fall upon it,” she said

Sahota noted one of the elements she enjoyed the most was seeing the diversity.

“As you’re looking around there are people who have never been exposed to this kind of music and they’re hearing it for the first time and there’s others that probably grew up on this music. It’s nice to have everyone be exposed to different things,” she said. “I think that’s really, really important. It builds a sense of community and people can come together.”

Similar to Singh Gill, Sahota shared that although many likely don’t understand the Italian songs being performed, it acts as a chance to get involved and learn.

“You’ve got to come out,” said Sahota. “For all those that are reading about it, you’ve got to come out and experience it for yourself. It’s a great way to spend a summer evening.”



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The Town of Caledon is developing a Site Alteration By-law as part of Caledon’s Housing Action Plan, reflecting our commitment to expediting post-approval development processes.

The Open House previously scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2025, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Open House Details:

New Date: **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

Time: **5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**


Location: **Town Hall**

The proposed changes are being made in alignment with Caledon’s Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) agreement.

This by-law aims to regulate the placing/removal of fill, topsoil, and grade alterations on land to protect drainage patterns, the environment and public safety. It outlines requirements for permits, public notice, enforcement and soil quality compliance under provincial laws.

We invite residents to attend the open house to learn more about the proposed bylaw, ask questions, and provide feedback. Town staff will be available to discuss the draft bylaw and its implications.

For more information or questions, contact Drew Haines at drew.haines@caledon.ca.



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DRUG CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a Caledon resident with drug-related offences following a traffic stop while on bicycle patrol.

“On July 14, 2025, shortly after 11:00 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment were conducting bicycle patrol in the area of Innis Lake Road and Old Church Road in the Town of Caledon, when a traffic stop was conducted upon a vehicle,” say Police. “During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds for numerous charges.”

As a result, a 22-year-old from Caledon, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance – heroin;
- Have care or control of vehicle with cannabis readily available;
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 11, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. When transporting cannabis in a vehicle or boat, unless otherwise exempt, it must be in its original package that has not been opened or packed in baggage that is fastened closed or is not

otherwise readily available to any person in the vehicle. If a police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that cannabis is being contained in a vehicle or boat illegally, they may at any time, without a warrant, enter and search the vehicle or boat and search any person found in it.”

For more information about the rules surrounding cannabis, please visit: www.opp.ca/cannabis, and www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/laws-regulations.

Anyone who may have information regarding drug offences is asked to report it to 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.

OPP ISSUES SAFETY REMINDER FOLLOWING MARINE INCIDENTS

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding those using the province’s waterways this summer to stay safe.

“This weekend a large number of marine incidents were reported across the province,” say Police. “OPP members from various detachments

were called out to multiple incidents on OPP patrolled waterways, and police are urging the public to take measures to prevent tragedy.

“Boaters and paddlers are reminded that alcohol or drug impairment, operator inexperience and not wearing a lifejacket, are among contributing factors in marine injuries and deaths.

“In incidents investigated by OPP, falling overboard and capsized vessels remain the leading causes of death each year. Lifejackets should be worn by everyone in the boat. If you are rendered unconscious, a lifejacket will keep your head above water.

“For a safe and enjoyable boating season, always be well prepared, check the weather forecast, and make sure your vessel is functioning and equipped. Swimmers should never venture into the water alone, children should be supervised closely, and swimmers should know their limits and obey posted signs and warnings.”

The OPP recommends all vessel owners/operators familiarize themselves with the Safe Boating Guide found here: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/boating-safety>.

With July and August being peak months for boating and swimming, now is the perfect time to review water safety practices with your family.

DUFFERIN OPP LAUNCH SAFE DRIVER INITIATIVE THIS WEEK

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Dufferin Detachment will conduct Operation Safe Driver Campaign, from July 13 -19, 2025.

“Dufferin County roadways continue to see a considerable presence of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs),” say Police. “Due to the size, weight and loads, these vehicles have increased potential of causing serious collisions due to vehicle mechanical fitness, driver fatigue, improper licencing and/or driver behaviours.”

What is Operation Safe Driver and its Purpose?

“The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) Operation Safe Driver program was created in 2007 to help reduce the number of crashes, deaths, and injuries involving large trucks, buses, and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors. The initiative aims to help improve the behavior of all drivers operating in an unsafe manner, either in or around commercial motor vehicles, through educational and traffic enforcement strategies to address individuals exhibiting high-risk driving behaviours.

“Officers will be conducting pop-up inspections all week to ensure identified CMVs meet the required safety standards to operate on our roadways. Drivers will be checked for compliance with proper licencing, registration, documentation, pre-check inspections and hours of work. Officers will also focus on vehicles traveling around these large trucks

as well as high-risk driving behaviour.

“It is our mission to promote the safety of all road users throughout the Dufferin Detachment area and reduce the frequency and severity of incidents involving CMVs, including a reduction in fatalities, injuries and property damage resulting from these incidents.

Road safety is a shared responsibility, and we all have a role to play. Commercial vehicles are heavy and require greater stopping distance. Motorists are reminded to leave plenty of space for these large vehicles to slow and stop safely.”

5 Quick Tips:

- No Phones While Driving;
- Leave Room and Move Over;
- Stop the Tailgating;
- Don’t Forget the Signal;
- Get Organized with All of Your Paperwork (License, Registration, Logbook, etc.)

“We would like to thank the majority of safe drivers who are found to be in compliance. We depend on our professional drivers to help contribute to safe roads.”

Ontario takes road safety very seriously and uses a variety of methods to make sure all road users can get themselves and their goods to their intended destination safely. Learn more about the safety requirements for CMVs operating in Ontario: www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/commercial-vehicle-safety-requirements.shtml.

ASSAULT INVESTIGATION IN TOTTENHAM

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a serious assault in Tottenham.

“On July 15, 2025, at approximately 2:00 a.m. officers responded to a report of a serious assault that had taken place at approximately 1:00 a.m., on Mill Street in Tottenham,” say Police. “The victim was reportedly asleep in their vehicle in a parking lot when the suspects broke the vehicle window and then assaulted the victim before fleeing the scene.

“The victim was discovered shortly afterward by a passerby, who contacted police. As a result of the incident, the victim sustained serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital by EMS.”

One suspect is described as: a white male, with blonde hair, and a nose ring.

This investigation is being led by the Nottawasaga OPP Crime Unit. Officers are requesting the public’s help in locating the individuals in connection to the assault.

If you have any information related to this incident, or were in the area between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. please contact the OPP non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122. Reference occurrence number: E250934469.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Peel CAS partners with Caledon OPP to bring MLSE House of Hockey program to community

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BY RILEY MURPHY
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Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment’s (MLSE) House of Hockey program will be coming to Caledon for the first time this summer in partnership with the Caledon OPP.

The program is offered through Peel Children’s Aid Society’s (CAS) Trailblazers Youth Centre and will focus on fitness to help ensure physical, mental, and emotional well-being, while also building social skills for children and youth supported by Peel CAS.

This is now the third consecutive year that Peel CAS has been named a site for the Toronto Maple Leafs’ House of Hockey League,

in partnership with Tim Hortons and Justin Bieber’s Drew House.

This year, the program is available to families in Caledon.

The ball hockey program will provide equipment, jerseys, sticks, merchandise and skills coaches to teach players basic hockey fundamentals for youth ages eight to fifteen at no cost.

The program will take place from July 31 to August 28.

Rosa Micieli, Supervisor, Parent & Child Capacity Building, Caledon Team, shared that keeping the program free of charge allows Caledon youth to feel both safe and supported.

“We’re building preventative focus programs to enhance child safety and family well-being throughout Caledon, and programs like ball hockey really promote safety by building positive relationships, teaching teamwork, and encouraging respectful behavior,” said Micieli. “It also strengthens the Caledon community to bring families together and allow the children and youth to feel a sense of belonging and it’s a shared responsibility. It really takes a village for our children and youth to succeed and to feel supported.”

One of the youth from Peel CAS will be leading the program, which Micieli shared is a great way to bring the community together.

She shared that she hopes this program coming to Caledon will open doors for more in the future.

“Having been the supervisor for the last eight years and listening to families and my frontline staff, one of the things that’s been brought to my attention over and over again is ‘when are we going to have something for the youth and children?’ Something that’s affordable, that’s easy for them to attend and that they feel supported, and so I thought let’s give this a try and see where it goes from there,” she said.

She shared that, as Caledon is growing at such a rapid rate, it’s essential to have these types of programs available.

“A lot of the programs are outside of Caledon and transportation at times can be a barrier.

Having things situated in Caledon will really make a difference, and Caledon deserves it,” said Micieli.

House of Hockey is one of the many programs they are able to support with the OPP and Peel Regional Police as part of Peel’s Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

Micieli emphasized that Peel CAS strives to ensure the safety and well-being of the community’s most vulnerable individuals, with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion when working with families through wraparound services and culturally competent care.

Through this, they can support the Caledon Community.

“We work with families to determine the kind of support that they need and we advocate for them. We link them up with the appropriate community services that are actually located in the Town of Caledon and 99 per cent of our work is done with families and children in their own homes.”

Micieli’s Caledon Team collaborates with various community organizations in the Town to assess the needs of families, offer interactive and educational programs for youth, and support families early on.

Their team has been able to support families through BrightStart Caledon, the Albion Bolton Community Centre, Southfields Community Centre, and the Caledon East Community Centre.

She shared that she is grateful they can work alongside the Caledon OPP and Caledon Dufferin Victim Services, as these services allow them to provide families with the support they need.

The Trailblazers Youth Centre, through which the program is offered, was created by Peel CAS to implement a more innovative and equitable service delivery model.

It is created and led by the youth, allowing them to access services so they can feel supported, that they belong, and build lifelong connections while positioning themselves as leaders.

Often, Micieli said, the youth are the ones leading these programs.

This is what the House of Hockey program showcases.

The program will be held at the Caledon OPP Detachment at 15924 Innis Lake Rd, Caledon East.

For more information on Peel CAS programs, visit www.peelcas.org.









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Caledon Music Festival returns with “Inside Stories”

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Caledon Music Festival is back for 2025, running from August 2 to 31.

This year’s theme is “Inside Stories” and will go into the depths of storytelling through music.

The Caledon Music Festival shared this season is about how music tells stories and can transport audiences to fantastical and otherworldly places, experienced through the canon’s most beloved works.

The festival will feature 14 festival artists and five young artists.

Terry Lim, Artistic Director & General Manager for the Caledon Music Festival, said he has helped each musician to build their repertoire specifically for the festival.

This approach is quite different from what other festivals will typically do.

He explained that festivals often ask ensembles or musicians to present their typical concert, whereas Lim will work with the artists to build their repertoires together.

“A lot of these pieces were picked individually and put together, so we are very happy with the selections we made for each concert. These pieces have either backstories or personal stories we may have attached to these pieces,” said Lim. “This season is all about storytelling and transporting audiences to someplace else, that’s what we’re aiming for this year.”

The festival kicks off on August 2 with Song and Dance, an outdoor concert at the Davis Family Farm.

Lim said the music pairs exceptionally well with the beautiful scenery of the sunflower farm.



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He also spoke on how the Davis Family Farm allows the festival to occur on their grounds free of charge.

“As a thank you, we are donating some portion of the [admission] fee to the Celiac Disease Foundation,” said Lim.

The Davis Family Farm donates one dollar for every admission to their farm to the Canadian Celiac Association, and knowing the importance of the cause, Lim wanted to donate a portion of their sales as well.

The festival will feature numerous other venues such as the Alton Mills Arts Centre and Westminster United Church.

The following three concerts are themed: Youthful Passion, featuring this year’s young artists; A Journey into Cabaret and Broadway, which will delve into Chamber music; and The Grand Finale, which will wrap up the festival.

One special part of The Grand Finale, Lim shared, will be audience participation.

The audience will be able to participate in what is known as the Toy Symphony.

The term refers to a piece of work that includes toy instruments alongside traditional orchestral instruments.

Lim will invite the audience to come up and play these toy instruments.

He says he is always looking for ways to involve the audience, as he feels that it is the most important thing year in and year out.

He noted how he spends most of the time before, after, and during intermission of the concerts, getting to know the audience and hearing their feedback.

“It’s really lovely to meet these people, because we do these concerts for them,” said Lim.

Each concert will be jam-packed with world-class performers in beautiful settings.

Tickets for the festival are available for purchase at caledonmusicfest.ca.

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Learning Resilience

Are you at an age where you now look back at some of the things you got up to growing up and wonder how you survived it all?

My generation is not quite old enough to remember the apparently halcyon days of our parents' generation who often recall playing in the great outdoors all day and nearly all night, with the streetlights coming on in the evening the only cue to head home. Nor are we quite of the generation that remembers leaving the front door unlocked day in and day out, sure in the knowledge that we would be safe and there was little danger of anything disrupting our day-to-day lives too badly.

Yet, at the same time, mine is probably the youngest generation to remember the regular use of rotary phones, a time when all the world's information was not consistently at your fingertips, before social media reached its current level of ubiquity, and the luxury of not being connected to everyone, everywhere, all at once, at all hours of the day.

Now, admittedly, I wasn't too adventuresome in my youth and don't have many harrowing tales of getting into trouble, straying too far from the straight-and-narrow, or, in short, not too many stories of how I "survived" it all. But, for my generation of 1985 babies in Ontario, one shared element of resilience is surviving a rough few years in the education system.

For reasons which were never quite clear to me, it often seemed like we were the "experimental" year when the Ministry of Education looked at implementing new ways of learning, evaluation, and more, ostensibly designed to either improve or streamline the system.

We were the class that got to test-drive new grading systems every couple of years, systems which were often done away with before too long, leaving many of us unclear on just what was expected of us. The constant change had the benefit of a steady stream of brand-new, up-to-date textbooks coming our way in elementary school, but, by the time we got to high school, we were brought back down to earth with textbooks that had been making the rounds for the previous 10 to 15 years, regardless of whether the books were crumbling or had a foothold in the curriculum of the day.

Then, by the time we had weathered all that, we Grade 12s faced a final hurdle: grappling for post-secondary places amid greater demand than ever as the Province eliminated OAC, resulting in the so-called "Double Cohort."

For those of us who landed on our feet, it was yet another exercise in resilience, which probably served us well come March of 2020, but I'm sure it was also responsible for the vast majority of premature greys that sprang up a year or two later.

Yet, we persevered. We did our best. We did what we needed to do to secure our spots, if indeed post-secondary is the path we chose – and several of my friends even decided to do a "victory lap" of Grade 12 to not only improve their grades for the university and college battle ahead but wait until the Double Cohort bottleneck had largely cleared.

And we did so because, despite all these challenges, the importance of education was instilled in us by our teachers, parents, and guardians, every step along the way.

The importance of education is still instilled in today's students by our teachers, parents, guardians – and, indeed, our school boards who typically take this summer downtime to celebrate the myriad successes of its

students throughout the year that was. At the same time, however, it often feels that the importance of education is continually being diluted in other realms.

In the United States, for instance, the current administration tasked its Secretary of Education with dismantling her entire department in a bid to turn the oversight of the Department of Education to the States, a motley collection of 50 departments that have shown wildly varied success levels, often due to the levels of funding they have received, and with wildly different standards, including the creeping in of theology-based learning.

Canada, of course, has a similar structure with education being the purview of the Provinces rather than the Federal government, yet our own situation is not nearly as dire or disparate – but that's not to say there aren't some elements that are fraying around the edges.

Due to several factors ranging from a cap on accepting international students and their resulting tuition, and a long-standing funding situation that now has colleges and universities across Ontario in the throes of significant layoffs, the cancellation of classes that were part and parcel of a well-rounded and varied education, and even the elimination of entire departments – the situation is fraught and does not show much sign of letting up.

Students who are lucky enough to secure a spot will continue to thrive, but, with limited spots and an ever-decreasing array of academic and course options, there will be a price left to pay by someone – and, spoiler alert, it's us.

The economic benefits of a well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped workforce in Ontario are obvious, so why doesn't adequate funding follow? Yes, there is a reason the cap on international students was put in place, but the resulting hit on how places of higher learning operate couldn't have been clearer from the outset, and this should have been taken into account.

When numbers are being crunched at budget time, components of education – such as arts programs and other areas the powers-that-be deem electives of lesser importance – are often the first things to hit the chopping block, no matter how integral they are to the overall development of students.

The current situation is also battling against a trend we're seeing all too often around the world where so many have come to see post-secondary education, or higher education, regardless of how that's defined, as "unnecessary" or "elitist", and something that should be decried.

That shouldn't come as too much of a surprise though as we're living in a time and place where far too many are eschewing the advice of scientists, doctors, and other members of academic field, in favour of self-proclaimed experts in any number of platforms who validate what you want to hear instead of dealing with cold, hard facts you need to know.

Is there any way to get the proverbial genie back in the bottle? Only time will tell.

In the meantime, however, I fear that, before too long, the quest for a place at a university or college in Ontario, or indeed Canada, will be a more stressful and cut-throat process than we survivors of the Double Cohort went through – and this is not exactly unavoidable.

These students, like our generation, will survive – we're a resilient bunch – but what will be the ultimate cost to them, the education system, and every one of us?



Let the tears flow and laughter ring out by Mark Pavilons



I'm in a weird place lately, or perhaps it's exactly where I'm meant to be.

It's that small spot between and behind the eyes, just behind the nasal cavity. It's the place where you feel a tear coming on, and you have the choice of reeling it back in or letting it flow.

In my case, it's like I'm frequently on the verge of crying, full or partial waterworks. Often it comes unannounced, without warning.

I picture myself sitting alone at a roulette wheel. My brain has compacted every emotion into a single white ball. It's tossed in the wheel, spinning round and round. Where it ends up is anyone's guess.

It's not gambling and there are no real winners. I must deal with the particular emotion wherever the ball decides to land. Good, bad, odd, even, red, black, it's all the same.

My wife and I were great at roulette when we travelled. I would match or leverage Kim's very good gut feelings, often resulting in some decent wins. There's nothing like a stack of chips being pushed your way!

And in life – the roulette wheel in my mind – it's a constant gamble. We try to parlay, leverage, hedge and beat the odds. But beating the house is tough.

As I ponder things in life, my feelings are spinning, but there are more than 36 possible resting places. Each presents its own challenges – grief, sorrow, sadness, regret, stress, disappointment, joy, frustration, and a slew of second-guesses.

Along with that knot between my eyes come sudden spurts of a strange, needy closeness, a genuine love for my family members.

I see them every day and tell them I love them, but the words are often just syllables. In my recent experiences – almost like getting whacked by a paddle in the face – it's an ache, a need to see their faces and hear their laughter. I've never felt this before.

Is it hormonal, due to my medication? Is it a reflective poignancy?

I've had many human aches and pains – a hollow stomach in anticipation; cold sweats; waves of panic, and a now constant fear of death.

But this shot in the face is a new one. I don't really mind it and have become used to it now. Emotional tears contain different proteins, hormones, and even neurotransmitters that reflect the emotional experience you're having.

Crying is one way our bodies help regulate overwhelming emotions. By releasing these chemicals, tears help us literally feel calmer.

Crying may be part of the healing and it's funny that we often try to stifle it.

Unlike most animals, humans are the only species known to cry emotional tears visibly.

Allowing yourself to feel and express emotion, in whatever form it takes, is often a sign that you're connected to your inner experience and can help you move through the emotion and get to the other side.

Maybe I'm actually growing, evolving and unlocking some previously hidden expanses. As my journey takes a turn, I've tried to meditate, reach deep and consider the possibilities. I've read about people travelling outside their bodies and transcending, in search of ultimate enlightenment.

Dionne Warwick once said that crying is "cleansing," and there's always a reason for the tears.

I admire those types and people like the Dalai Lama for finding that sweet spot of happiness and contentment. They have many answers that are out of reach for most of us poor saps. I long to feel part of something much, much bigger than myself.

Alas, maybe in the next life. But back to my teary-eyed car rides and quiet moments.

Maybe we were meant to let loose, open up, and show our true selves. Keeping everything bottled up can be so tiring.

Maybe our emotions, tear ducts and short breaths are meant to release that built-up tension.

We can't all find nirvana in the lotus position in our bedrooms but maybe we can travel somewhere where we are all meant to be. Maybe it's over the rainbow as Dorothy believed. Perhaps it's walking on sunshine as Katrina & The Waves espoused.

Wherever we're headed, may the wind be at our backs! Sure, the course ahead may be treacherous and waves so high we're filled with fear but somehow we know the clouds will part and the seas will calm.

Funny isn't it? We've all survived many storms and we're still standing.

We've placed our bets and let the ball land where it may. We may have won and lost but we're still in the game.

When my eyes fill up, I am swamped by a feeling of despair that somehow the world won't miss me after all. Maybe there won't be anyone at the dock to welcome me after such a long voyage.

And maybe that little white ball will get bounced right off the table, hit the floor and roll under a piece of furniture, where it rests, forgotten. Or the dog eats it!

We smile when we see people in their cars laughing, or singing along with the radio. We should also open our hearts to those sulking behind the wheel, having a bad day. Maybe a smile and a wave would do them some good!

Some believe we have to laugh to keep from crying, in order to maintain control.

Those who know me see me as a jovial guy, one who's often quick with a joke or prone to laughter. I really enjoy it – there's nothing quite like it.

Scientists believe that laughter, at its deepest level, is a sign of resilience, adaptability and cognition. Does that mean we're at the top of the food chain due to our ability to recite knock-knock jokes?

It is to laugh. Laugh or cry. Do what you must. And do it with gusto!

Our Readers Write

Save "Swan Lake," says reader

Thanks to the Citizen for front page coverage, and kudos to reporter Riley Murphy for the detailed and thorough coverage of the "Swan Lake" issue.

On July 8 at Council, over 150 citizens gathered to protest Mayor Groves' flawed motion to permit infilling of the lake.

Not only did the article reveal the initial error in the motion that Town Clerk Klingenberg refused to acknowledge, it also outlined the illegality of putting forward a

motion that violated the Town's own zoning and infill by-laws.

The citizens who attended and tried to delegate deserve our full support.

The Town staff, both elected and anointed, who tried to silence the voices of our citizens should start looking for another job.

We deserve better governance.

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Rose Greco (Left) and Kathy McFarlane (Right).

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Bolton member Rose Greco named Kin of the Year

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Rose Greco, coming up on her third year with Bolton Kin, has been named the 2025 Kin of the Year.

Kin of the Year is given to someone who is an example of the Kin’s mission to serve the community’s greatest need.

After Greco’s first year with the service organization, she joined the executive team, where she stepped up as a director to learn more about the role.

She was later approached in the springtime with the opportunity of becoming vice president where she agreed to accept the position and take that year to learn what the role is all about.

A new committee within the club, the Donations Committee, is about looking within the community and seeing where else they could support.

When the Committee began, Greco volunteered to chair it, and she is now co-chair for the upcoming year.

“So many different avenues have opened up for us since Rose has led that committee,” shared Bolton Kin President Kathy McFarlane.

“Having this committee under Rose and Kathy Clarkson’s leadership really just explores all those different avenues,” she shared. “Our motto is serving the community’s greatest needs and that was

that whole function of the committee.”

McFarlane said that over the past two years, she has seen Greco come a long way.

“A member who is more observant, taking in everything, asking some quiet questions, maybe just to the people around her and then gaining that confidence in being able to say, ‘Well, wait a second,’ out loud and bring her own thoughts and feelings to the attention of the membership. It really does spark a lot of conversation and really just more food for thought,” said McFarlane. “That was my thought behind nominating Rose as our Kin of the Year.”

Greco moved to Bolton 10 years ago and sought ways to give back to the community.

“I love to give back, I love to get involved. If I can do anything for anybody, I’m there,” said Greco.

She said one of her favourite parts since joining has been the people she’s met, as everyone has the same goal in mind.

Greco added she had no inkling she would be Kin of the Year, and when it was announced, she was utterly shocked.

She shared one of her main goals is to get people in the community to know the Kin and get their name out.

“If there is someone or an organization or a family or someone that’s in trouble that can reach out and say, ‘Hey, maybe the kin can help,’ and we’re able to be there for them,” said Greco.

Full Circle: Caledon family returns to hospital to thank staff, carers



Michael is pictured admiring the hallway of Holland Bloorview. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Michael Brunetto and his family are no strangers to combating adversity.

The 19-year-old with differing abilities once spent many nights at Holland Bloorview in Toronto recovering from a rare virus.

Now, he’s able to return with his family, and they can thank those who once helped him.

Michael was also able to devote a few moments with other young children in the classroom where he once spent many days.

“It feels like yesterday,” said his father, Mike Brunetto, “Where we spent many days and nights at the rehabilitation hospital.”

It’s now been almost two years since Michael was at Holland Bloorview.

When they were at the hospital, Mike Brunetto shared that they were welcomed by caring healthcare workers and

like-minded families experiencing the same.

“They have a special place in our hearts,” he said, reflecting on their time.

He said the other children were happy to receive a friendly visit from someone who was once there, and is now grateful for the gift of today.

Mike Brunetto is with the CAFFI Community Support Network, and he continues to bring the message home that “these kids and young adults like Michael are heroes, along with their dedicated caregivers”.

“Many of them are right in this community, and we need to explore ways to embrace what the future holds, in harmony,” said Mike Brunetto.

He is on a mission to create a space for those with complex needs that is truly inclusive.

“Working to set the right size day programs and integrated activities for those with diverse complex needs would be a monumental milestone,” said Mike Brunetto, in his volunteer capacity of Community Partnerships and Integration.

He said he feels extremely fortunate that many locals have stepped up recently and want to be a part of these possibilities, where they can enhance their journey through the “Transition to Adulthood.”

One of the main focuses is ensuring that individuals with complex needs have a space in the community during these types of transitions.

Part of this ongoing journey includes community events and engagements, such as the upcoming 2nd Annual BBQ with the Network.

Mike said that there is a clear need in the Caledon community, as the attendance has almost tripled this year compared to last.

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Sterling pitching performance by Stothers ends Brewers’ four-game losing streak in 11-1 win over Angels

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers got the right combination of quality starting pitching and timely offensive production on Thursday night to snap their worrisome four-game losing streak.

Matteo Stothers’s masterful mound effort was supported by a 12-hit attack as the Brewers coasted to an emphatic 11-1 win over the Barrie Angels at North Hill Park.

Stothers struck out eight Angels, issued no walks, and scattered six hits over six innings of work. The reliable hurler expressed relief that his club’s four-game slide was over.

“It’s a huge win for us, especially coming back tonight from a tough walk-off loss on Tuesday in Orillia. We’ve slipped down to the middle of the standings and we don’t want to be playing the league’s top teams in the opening round of the playoffs. It was great to see all our hits tonight. We haven’t scored many runs lately. Nick Fiorucci pitched a great game last week against New Lowell, but we only scored one run for him.”

The crafty starter received lots of support from the Brewers’ offense on Thursday night, but Stothers did his part by slicing and dicing the youthful Angels’ batting lineup.

The righthander mixed his pitches expertly, changed speeds, and moved the ball up and down in the strike zone to frustrate the Barrie batters.

Stothers attributed his success to two pitches that were working on a warm Summer night at North

Hill.

“My slider was working well tonight. It was dropping in the zone and missing bats. After getting some rest between starts, my fastball had more life tonight. I thought Carter [Burnside] called a great game, too.”

Stothers was particularly dominant at the top of the fifth and sixth innings.

After surrendering a lead-off single in the fifth, Stothers induced a flyball to centerfield and struck out the next two Angels swinging to freeze the lead-off runner at third and preserve his club’s 9-1 lead. In the sixth, Stothers’s slider did its job in a 1-2-3 inning by inducing two ground balls and a strikeout-looking as an exclamation point.

The Brewers provided plenty of early support for their starter by plating three runs at the bottom of the first inning. Brett Chater belted a leadoff double down the left field line, Jack Larmer drew a walk, and Ben Sterritt ripped a ball into leftfield over the Angels’ third baseman Hayden Irwin to score Chater.

Carter Burnside drew a walk and Mike Wallace lifted a deep fly ball to right field to score Larmer on the sacrifice fly.

Reid Deibert cashed in Sterritt on an infield line-out that was subsequently thrown away into left field.

Barrie pulled to within two at the top of the second when Ken Chapman smacked a first-pitch double along the third baseline—the only extra base hit that Stothers would surrender—and Dylan



Player-Coach Mike Wallace coached third base after driving in three runs to spur the Brewers’ offense to an 11-1 win over Barrie.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Osmond’s single plated Chapman.

However, Bolton did most of its damage at the bottom of three when the home side plated five runs on three straight singles and a particularly productive triple.

Sterritt led off the bottom of the inning by drawing a walk, Burnside followed with a single, and Wallace picked up two RBIs when the Brewers’ player-coach bashed a ball up the middle over the

bag.

After Reid Diebert followed suit with a single and Mike Blackwood drew a two-out walk, Chater delivered the decisive clout with a bases-clearing triple down the left field line to rack up three RBIs and give his club a comfortable 9-1 lead.

After Burnside plated Sterritt’s lead-off double at the bottom of the fourth, the Brewers put the mercy-shortened game away at the bottom of the sixth when Sterritt smacked another leadoff double that bounced over the centre field fence and Deibert lashed a single to cash Sterritt.

With the bases loaded and the Angels’ infield playing in to thwart being mercied, Logan Hart shot a ball up the middle to plate Burnside to create a ten-run lead and get the game called.

With the six-inning win versus the Angels, Coach Wallace’s squad improved their record to 9-7-1 and pulled into a three-way tie for third place with the Lisle Astros and Ivy Rangers.

The Brewers will head to Moreau Park in Thornbury on Saturday, July 19, for a doubleheader versus the 10th-place Clarksburg Blues (5-11-0).

The Battle of Caledon—pitting the Brewers against the 12th-place Cardinals (3-11-0)—will take place on Monday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at North Hill Park.

Bolton closes its regular season by hosting the Ivy Rangers (9-5-1) on Thursday, July 24, at North Hill Park.

Four games in six days will serve as a pre-play-off test for the Brewers’ pitching staff.

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Field dedicated to community-builder

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As one of the tournament organizers, McCaffrey described how each tournament participant was “given a t-shirt and a custom koozie with the tournament logo and date on it. The proceeds from BBQ, which was run by volunteers, contributed to our fundraising total as did local businesses in both Caledon East and Bolton who were so generous.”

“In Bolton, SportCheck, Princess Auto, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, and Party Magic donated raffle prizes which really helped our fundraising. Caledon East businesses that donated prizes and food for players in the tournament included Airport Pizza, Gabe’s Country Bake Shop, Foodland Caledon East, and the Caledon East General Store Variety and Convenience.”

McCaffrey’s own organizational acumen reinforced the adage that the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.

Karen Hamilton’s daughter remembered with much fondness her mom’s “organizational abilities and her meticulous nature.”

“She was generous and humble and she was an amazing seamstress, too. She made bridal gowns and bridal party dresses and could make last-minute alterations for brides and bridesmaids—she thrived on challenges.”

One of those challenges was to create a softball league for young players who had aged out of the association’s youth leagues but wanted to continue playing recreational ball.

“Mom saw the need for a league so she developed a mixed three-pitch league for the married players and players in their twenties. The mixed league grew into twelve teams with over 150 players. It was perfect for young couples who wanted to play a sport together and have fun. Mom never did anything for herself. She loved working with people and when she found out that a Caledon bantam softball team didn’t have another team to play in their age bracket, she found teams from other nearby towns and they created an inter-town league.

“She did all this for the kids in the Town to ensure they had an outlet and to keep them out of trouble.

She even provided transportation for the players who couldn’t get themselves to the other towns in the league. She also took her turns running a snack bar at the Lions Park for over thirty years and between her bus runs, she would shop for cases of pop so the snack bar would be well-stocked with drinks for the kids.”

Hamilton—a Caledon East resident for more than 55 years and a school bus driver for decades—joined the Caledon East Softball Association executive to assist with House League schedule-making, uniform procurement, to organize season-ending banquets, and, when necessary, devoted time behind the plate as an umpire.

McCaffrey offered insights into Hamilton’s love of umpiring.

“There were no on-line courses at the time so Mom took qualification courses at weekend seminars organized by the provincial association. She knew all the rules—the infield fly rule was her favorite to call or explain when needed. She knew it inside and out.”

McCaffery and her family learned about municipal protocols inside and out when they presented Caledon Town Council with an on-line petition filled with 340 signatures in January 2024 to rename the Lions Diamond at East Caledon Park to Karen Hamilton Field.

Despite some resistance to the renaming of the park due to a municipal policy that discouraged naming Town assets after people, the Hamilton family was undaunted by this kind of technicality.

The success of the Hamiltons’ presentation to Council in July 2024 was the result of timely and expert help from one Councillor in particular. According to McCaffrey, “Nick DeBoer was fantastic. He was a totally supportive. Nick helped us work out the fine points of how to prepare for a Council meeting. He knew the family personally and we appreciated his help.”

In November 2024, Council passed a motion unanimously to rename the Lions Diamond to honor the memory of Karen Hamilton’s contributions to the softball community of East Caledon.

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The Trio Kings pictured with Councillors Early and Sheen, and MP Ruby Sahota.
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Music in the Park brings community, culture together

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“I don’t understand it,” he shared, referencing the Italian song being performed. “But I love it.”

The July 10 performance featured two different acts: The Trio Kings for the first hour, and Irie Vibes for the second.

The Trio Kings are a local band comprised of Sebastian Carubia on the accordion, Councillor Tony Rosa on vocals and Marco Marrone on the saxophone.

They wooed the crowd with everything from Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffet to My Way by Frank Sinatra.

Irie Vibes has been a band for six years, playing a diverse range of genres that include Ska, Jazz, Reggae, Calypso, Funk, Pop, and Rock Fusion.

The band consists of trombonist and bandleader Mike Smith, saxophonist Matt Palmer, vocalist Tonie Robinson-Miller, guitarist Frank Adriano, bassist Tamara Fernandes and drummer William Snodgrass.

Mike Smith said they came out to Music in the Park for the opportunity to share their music and what they do with others.

“It’s not for us, it’s for the people. I love the diversity of the music. These guys,” said Smith, gesturing towards the Trio Kings, “have one style of music, and we

have a different style. Hopefully the people will enjoy both styles.”

In attendance this past Thursday was MP Ruby Sahota for Brampton North—Caledon.

“I think natural events like this where people can just show up and notice it while they’re taking a walk in the park is a great way to have community events where it’s not forced, people kind of just fall upon it,” she said

Sahota noted one of the elements she enjoyed the most was seeing the diversity.

“As you’re looking around there are people who have never been exposed to this kind of music and they’re hearing it for the first time and there’s others that probably grew up on this music. It’s nice to have everyone be exposed to different things,” she said. “I think that’s really, really important. It builds a sense of community and people can come together.”

Similar to Singh Gill, Sahota shared that although many likely don’t understand the Italian songs being performed, it acts as a chance to get involved and learn.

“You’ve got to come out,” said Sahota. “For all those that are reading about it, you’ve got to come out and experience it for yourself. It’s a great way to spend a summer evening.”





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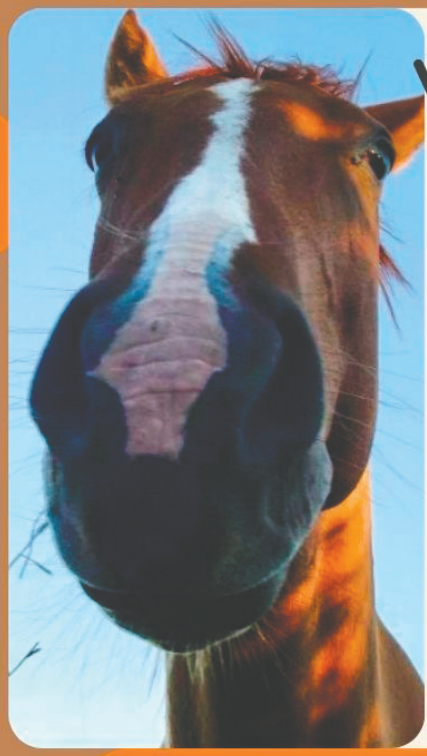
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IDA DOREEN GAGE

Peacefully, at Brampton Civic Hospital, on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Doreen Gage, at the age of 91 years, beloved wife of the late Aubrey Richard (Dick) Gage. Loving mother of Brenda and Lorne Brook, Susan and Dave Batchelor, Gord and Karen Gage, Kathy and John Teune. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Melissa and Sam, Danielle and Jordan, Jamie-Lea, Ryan, Brandon and Amy, Michael and Karen, Jamie and Elizabeth. Proud great-grandmother of 13 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her brothers and sisters Jim, Robert, George, Bill, Honor, Marjorie, and Mary. Family and friends are invited to a graveside service at Providence Cemetery, 14580 Innis Lake Road, Caledon East, on Wednesday, July 23 at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Diabetes Association. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



WILLIAM ROY SHARP (SHARPIE)

Peacefully with his family by his side, at Brampton Civic Hospital, on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, Bill Sharp, at the age of 85, beloved husband of the late Marilyn Sharp. Loving father of Suzanne and Gregg, Harvey and Weisia, Michele and Ken, Tammy, Theresa and Royal. Cherished grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Dear brother of Marilyn and Ron (deceased) Graham, John and Lil Sharp (both deceased), Bart and June Sharp (both deceased). The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S., Bolton, on Tuesday afternoon 2 – 4 and evening 6 – 8 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, July 16 at 11 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Canadian Cancer Society or Bethell Hospice Foundation. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



- IN LOVING MEMORY OF -
 HAROLD (HAL) GREGORY

With heavy hearts, we share that our beloved "Poppa", Hal Gregory, passed away peacefully at his home in Caledon, Ontario, surrounded by love, on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at the age of 78. Poppa was the heart of our family. He lived with quiet strength, unwavering generosity, and a love that never faltered. He meant so much to us as a husband, father, grandfather, and friend, and we feel his absence every single day. Beloved husband of Pat, loving father to Gavin (Andrea) and Darren (Aubrey), and proud and cherished "Poppa" to Aidan, Noah, Joshua, and Spencer. Dear brother of the late Ken Gregory, Karen Gillespie, and Lynda Coupland. Hal also leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews, as well as dear friends who loved and respected him deeply. Hal was a well-known and respected figure in the Bolton and Caledon community. He remained actively involved in the Rotary Club of Bolton long after retiring as Owner/Operator of McDonald's Bolton, where he served the community for over two decades. Many will fondly remember his warm smile and welcoming presence during their morning coffee and muffin.



Before his time as a restaurateur, Hal built an impressive and impactful career with McDonald's Canada. What began as a crew position in 1969 at one of the first McDonald's franchises in London, Ontario, grew into a distinguished leadership journey. He became one of the original officers of McDonald's Canada, eventually serving as Vice President and National Director of Purchasing, as well as Vice President of Environmental Affairs. His work left a lasting mark on the organization and those he worked alongside. A service to celebrate Hal's life will be held on Thursday, July 17th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton. In place of flowers, the family kindly invites donations in Hal's memory to Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada (rmhccanada.ca) or the Rotary Club of Bolton (boltonrotary.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

DONALD LAIRD RYRIE

Peacefully at Hospice Vaughan, on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Donald Ryrie, at the age of 81 years, beloved husband of the late Lynda Ryrie. Proud father of Christina (Greg) and Todd. Loving grandfather of Lily and Cara. Dear brother of the late Anne Steele. Cremation has taken place. Respecting Don's wishes, there will be no service. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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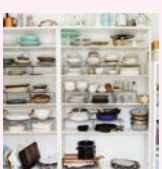
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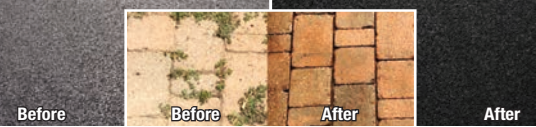
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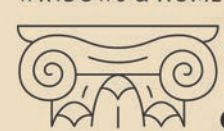
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