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AND THEY'RE OFF! – Members of the Cassie's Place community and event supporters cheer on golf tournament participants. PHOTO COURTESY OF CASSIE'S PLACE

Sold-out Cassie's Place charity golf tournament a huge success

Money raised from tournament funds programs for individuals with disabilities

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
 INITIATIVE REPORTER

cause on Tuesday. On August 6, the second-annual Cassie's Place charity golf tournament was held at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton. The tournament was held to raise money for Cassie's Place, which is a home away from home for individuals with disabilities and offers numerous enriching activities like yoga and swimming. All 144 spots available in the tournament sold out, and Cassie's Place volunteer Joe Sassine said it was an amazing show of support. "If you asked me three years ago if Cassie's Place would be where it is now, I don't know if

I'd believe you... but we have the right volunteers, our message is being heard and people believe in what we are doing," said Sassine. Support from sponsors was also great for this year's tournament, said Sassine. There were two presenting sponsors for the tournament: Rocky Da Realtor and Rice Group. "The sponsors came through big time for us this year," said Sassine. (A full list of tournament sponsors is available at here: cassiesplace.ca/2024-golf-sponsors)

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CCS ramps up Kidz in Caledon campaign ahead of school year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A local non-profit is asking the community to help out kids in need as the 2024/25 school year approaches. Caledon Community Services (CCS) will be providing support to over 400 children this year through its Kidz in Caledon initiative. Whether it's nutritious meals, back-to-school kits filled with essentials, or funding support so kids can participate in the same recreational activities their peers do, CCS is looking to make an impact on Caledon kids' lives and is calling on residents to join them. According to CCS, for children and families living in poverty, summer can be a time of worry and increased struggle. A rising cost of living has put more families than ever in need.

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Annual Marathon of Sport fundraising event supports Caledon Special Olympics

Motionball Caledon to be held September 28

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon residents are invited to participate in a fun day of sports and games with local Special Olympics athletes while raising money for a good cause.

On September 28, the annual Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport event will be held at Edelweiss Park in Bolton to raise money for Special Olympics.

The event sees teams of participants play games like soccer and benchball alongside Caledon Special Olympics athletes. Ahead of the event, participants collect pledges to raise money for Special Olympics.



Motionball Caledon's Marathon of Sport event is coming soon: it will be held on September 28.

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This year, the Motionball Caledon team hopes to raise \$20,000 from the event.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, a volunteer with Motionball Caledon, said Marathon of Sport is a flagship event that's always looked forward to.

"It's an integrated approach to building education and knowledge around Special Olympics," she said. "For people who don't have someone in their life who is a Special Olympics athlete or an individual with an intellectual disability, it really helps bring the community together... it builds social interactions, friendships and bonds."

Chiappetta said Marathon of Sport is a very heartwarming fundraiser.

Caledon Special Olympics athletes participate in a number of different sports like swimming, track and field, bowling, golf, basketball, and bocce.

Motionball is a national non-profit that raises money for Special Olympics through integrated sport and social events. Marathon of Sport events are the signature events of Motionball.

Those interested in participating in Motionball Caledon can register for the event as an individual, team, or volunteer. Spon-

sorship opportunities are also available for the event.

For more information about the event or to register for it, residents interested can check out Motionball Caledon's official website at the following link: motionball.com/caledon/

"There's so many different ways to get involved," said Chiappetta. "We're always looking for more teams — the more the merrier. We're up to five right now so we're really excited about that, and we're hoping for at least eight."

Chiappetta said there's been lots of support from the Town of Caledon which has been helpful.

This year's Marathon of Sport will be the third to be held in Caledon. At past events, many different teams have participated, such as teams from Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, local businesses, and the Caledon OPP.

The event is known as a great way for high school students to get volunteer hours, and any interested students are encouraged to register to help out.

Chiappetta said the Motionball Caledon team is working hard to make this year's event a great one.

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A ground-breaking ceremony for a new hotel in Bolton was held on July 30. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Ground-breaking held for new hotel in Bolton

Mayor Annette Groves attended ceremony

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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There will soon be another hotel in Bolton.

On July 30, Mayor Annette Groves and members of Caledon Council attended a ground-breaking ceremony for a Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Bolton.

The hotel will be built by the BVD Group, which is investing \$32 million in the hotel. The hotel will have 118 rooms and is anticipated to bring 50 permanent jobs to the Town of Caledon. It is also projected to bring 100 temporary jobs to Caledon during its construction.

Groves said she was proud to celebrate breaking ground on the hotel and shared remarks about Caledon's tourism sector.

"Investments in Caledon's growing tourism industry create jobs for residents and opportunities to welcome visitors to experience the scenic beauty and amenities that make Caledon unique," said Groves.

Bikram Dhillon, BVD Group's CEO, said his company is very excited to be bringing a hotel to a growing community

like Caledon.

"We are committed to fostering a positive impact in the community and dedicated to being an integral part of Caledon's future growth," said Dhillon.

The Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Bolton is expected to open sometime in 2025.

An article written by Town of Caledon economic development staff on the ground-breaking ceremony noted that in 2023, hotel occupancy rates in Caledon increased due to a growing demand for multi-day travel in the Headwaters region.

"Caledon is renowned for its historic villages, beautiful trails, and conservation areas," said staff. "As the Town prepares to welcome major events such as the RBC Canadian Open in 2025, this new hotel will create additional space to welcome visitors and guests to experience all that Caledon has to offer."

The BVD Group is a company with a diverse portfolio and is involved in petroleum, hospitality, financing and real estate. Its CEO, Dhillon, is the single-largest donor to the William Osler Health System and he's known to support many other charitable initiatives.

"His unwavering support for the Caledon Soccer Club and various sports initiatives over the past few years exemplifies his commitment to community enrichment and development," said staff.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a drug trafficking investigation.

“Earlier this year, the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) entered into a drug trafficking investigation,” say Police. “It led investigators to author a search warrant for various locations in Brampton.

“On July 30, 2024, the Caledon CSCU, with the assistance of OPP Canine, Peel Regional Police, and OPP CSCUs from Dufferin, Nottawasaga, Orillia, Huronia West, Collingwood, executed the warrants.”

As a result, Javere Grignon, 27, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Oxycodone;
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition;
- Traffick in Schedule I Substance;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5000.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven.

Shamar Cummings, 26, of Brampton, was also charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Traffick in Schedule I Substance;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 19, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 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.

DRIVER CHARGED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver for failure or refusal to com-

ply with a demand.

“On August 3, 2024, shortly before 2:00 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Mayfield Road, near Centreville Creek Road, when a traffic stop was initiated for a Highway Traffic Act violation,” say Police. “During the interaction, the officer formed a reasonable suspicion that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.”

As a result of the investigation, Amanpreet Singh, 31, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Prohibited use of alternating high beam headlights.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 22, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

“Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists that failure or refusal to comply with a demand in an impaired operation investigation is a criminal offence. Furthermore, the consequences an individual will face are the same as being charged with impaired operation.

“If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.”

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

HOLIDAY WEEKEND TRAFFIC CHARGES

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors in Dufferin County over Civic Holiday weekend.

“Between August 2 - August 5, 2024, members of the Dufferin OPP laid 343 total traffic related charges,” say Police. “Officers conducted several R.I.D.E. spot checks as well as conducting traffic en-

forcement with a focus on the ‘Big Four’ which include impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seatbelt use.”

The statistics speak for themselves, some drivers are still not getting the message:

- Speeding charges – 192;
- Stunt/Racing – 7;
- Move over for emergency vehicles – 13;
- Impaired driving charges – 4;
- Seatbelt charges – 28;
- Other – 99

“Dufferin OPP would like to thank the majority of road users that obey laws and assist in keeping our roads safe,” say Police. “Thank you as well to our hard-working officers last weekend for their efforts and dedication in keeping our communities safe.

“If you suspect that someone is operating a motor vehicle, boat or off-road vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. Highway, trail, and waterway safety is a shared responsibility. By working together, the OPP and members of the public can ensure everyone’s safety.”

FATAL COLLISION

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a single-vehicle collision in the Township of Adjala-Tosorntio.

“On August 4, 2024, at 3:56 p.m., police and emergency services responded to a single-vehicle collision on 11th Line and Adjala Tecumseth Townline where a passenger vehicle towing a trailer struck a hydro pole,” say Police.

“Sadly, a 43-year-old female passenger from Ramore was pronounced deceased on the scene. The driver and four other passengers, who are minors, were transported to the local hospital with minor injuries.”

11th Line was closed for majority of the evening while the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team attended the scene. The investigation remains on going.

Anyone who may have witnessed or has video footage of the collision and has not yet spoken to police is asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP TO HOST BILINGUAL UNIFORM RECRUITMENT EVENT

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is hosting a recruitment event to support candidates on their journey to becoming police officers. OPP Bound, Bilingual Edition is being held on August 22, 2024, at Collège La Cité in Ottawa.

Interactive OPP Bound events are hosted periodically and throughout the province to support individuals who are interested in becoming police officers. OPP Bound, Bilingual Edition will provide French and English-speaking individuals with the opportunity to discover bilingual positions available across the province.

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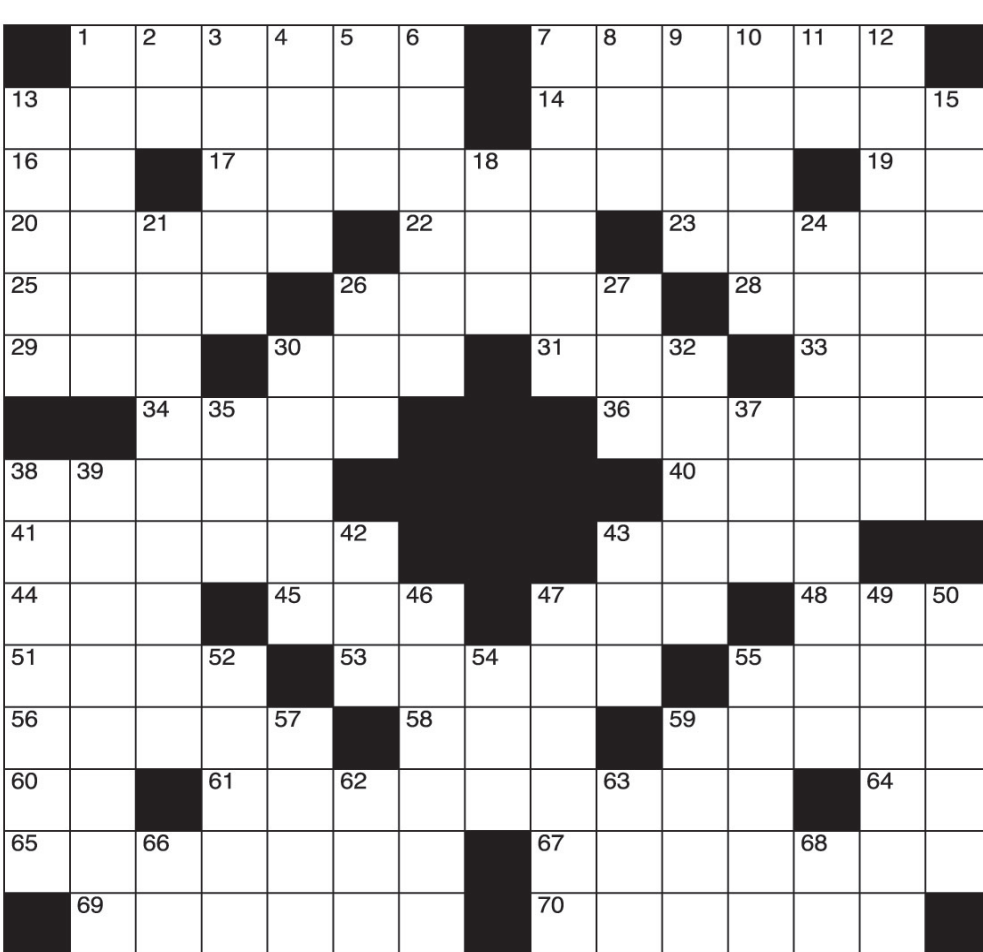
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Friends of Chamber Music, the first concert in the 2024 Caledon Music Festival, took place on Sunday, August 4 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon Music Festival enchants crowds; more shows to come

Festival opened August 4 with a concert at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The sound of beautiful music filled the village of Alton on Sunday.

On August 4, the first show of the 2024 Caledon Music Festival was held at the Alton Mill Arts Centre's outdoor event space. It was a concert titled "Friends of Chamber Music" and featured rotating combinations of world-class musicians performing to a sold-out crowd.

Terry Lim, an accomplished flute player and the person who organizes the Caledon Music Festival each year, said he was feeling great about the turnout for this year's festival and that each year, the Caledon Music Festival performers and attendees grow closer.

There are many musicians that return to perform at the festival each year, and many returning concertgoers, too.

Lim said one of the great things about

the Caledon Music Festival is that it gives young musicians who are still in school a chance to play with professional musicians who play in groups like the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Lim said he remembers when he was a young musician, he was given the same sort of opportunity, and it really expanded his musical horizons.

"In the future, we want to make the festival bigger and provide even more opportunities for young musicians," said Lim. "I always try to program the festival in a way that everyone can enjoy it."

There's still time to catch a concert in this year's Caledon music festival.

At 7:30 p.m. on August 14, there will be a concert called "Cello Recital" at Caledon East United Church. Performing at the show will be cello virtuoso Daniel Hamin Go and pianist Ben Smith.

Lim said Hamin Go was a fan-favourite at the 2023 Caledon Music Festival, so he wanted to give him a showcase performance.

"Everybody loved him, he's so charismatic on the stage," said Lim.

Lim said the music Hamin Go is set to perform will be very romantic, and that combined with the venue will make for an intimate concert experience.

The final show of this year's Caledon Music Festival will be held at 2 p.m. on August 18 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The "Passions and Storms" concert will bring together the combined musical talents of everyone

that's a part of this year's Caledon Music Festival.

To learn more about the Caledon Music Festival or purchase tickets for a show, those interested can visit caledonmusicfest.ca.



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Forster's Book Garden gives the seal of approval to these summer reads

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you were hoping to read more this summer, there's still time to do so.

The Citizen checked in with Donna Forster of Bolton's Forster's Book Garden on August 6 for some summer reading recommendations.

The first book Forster recommended was *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister. It's the story of an author who had a tough start to her life, then wrote a book about a young boy who also had all kinds of challenges. The book then follows the stories of a number of individuals who read the author's book and have their life impacted by it in different ways.

"The book helps each of these people move on in a way that's going to work for them," said Forster. "It's that whole thing



These books are recommended by Bolton bookstore Forster's Book Garden.

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about people interpreting things in different ways, or taking what they need to out of something."

Forster said *No Two Persons* has a neat twist at the end too.

The next book Forster recommended was *A Short Walk Through a Wide World* by Douglas Westerbeke, a librarian.

Set in 1885, it follows the story of a girl who goes home one day and becomes deathly ill. Her family takes her to a doctor away from home, and on the way there, she gets better. When she returns home again, she becomes deathly ill once more.

The girl and her mom eventually figure out that she can't stay at home — or in any place — for longer than a few days.

The book follows the story of the girl's life as she travels the globe, attempting to forge relationships despite her inability to stay in one place.

"It's all about the journey... and aren't we all on some journey," said Forster, who noted *A Short Walk Through a Wide World* is Westerbeke's first book. "It's really nicely done, it's a really good one."

Another couple of books Forster said are good reads are *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* and *Everyone On This Train Is A Suspect* by Benjamin Stevenson.

Stevenson is a comedian, and his books are filled with funny lines, said Forster.

Kirsten Miller's *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* is an intriguing tale about a woman, Lula Dean, who believes in banning books and has a library which she stocks only with books she thinks are OK for people to read.

One night, someone replaces Dean's books with banned books in "wholesome" dust jackets. The story then follows the lives of people who read these banned books and have their lives changed for the better.

"That one is lots of fun too," said Forster.

Rounding out Forster's summer book recommendations is *The Best Way To Bury Your Husband* by Alexia Casale.

It's a dark comedy about four women who have either accidentally or purposefully killed their abusive husbands. The book takes the topic of domestic abuse very seriously, but funny things happen when the women try to dispose of their husband's bodies, said Forster.

"It would make a great book club book because at the end, you have to decide how you feel about what's happened," said Forster.

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Town recruiting residents for Accessibility Advisory Committee

Applications accepted until September 13

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Residents interested in making Caledon a more accessible space for all may want to join an advisory committee for which the Town is recruiting members.

On August 6, the Town of Caledon announced it was seeking dedicated residents interested in using their knowledge and experience to serve the community on its Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Residents can apply to be a part of the committee on the Town of Caledon's website, caledon.ca. Anyone who requires assistance with the application process is encouraged to call 905-584-2272 extension 2366 or email agenda@caledon.ca.

Applications to the committee are being accepted until 4:30 p.m. on September 13 and the committee will begin meeting this fall.

Steven Dickson, Caledon's Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer, said Caledon is committed to inclusivity and establishing an environment that's open and accessible to all residents and visitors.

"This committee will play a key role in ensuring every voice across Caledon is heard so we can continue to address barriers and empower all members of our community to live their life to the best of their ability," said Dickson.

Caledon's Accessibility Advisory Committee will be tasked with raising awareness in the community about individuals with disabilities. The committee will also make recommendations on accessibility for Caledon Council to consider.

The committee will focus on the review of site plans, playgrounds, and community parks and ensure they meet the standards outlined in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

According to a Town of Caledon news release, the following will also be duties of the committee: advising Council on matters pertaining to accessibility for persons with disabilities; advising and informing Council of new legislation and funding initiatives; advising and developing working relationships with relevant groups and individuals; advising and assisting with the development of education programs; promoting the activities of the committee; advising and informing Council with regard to accessibility issues as they arise; and assisting in the creation and annual review of Caledon's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.



Donations help provide nutritious meals, back-to-school kits and more to kids in need

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High food prices and the added financial burden of school supplies, clothes and more can place strain on families. The cost of summer camps can also be a financial strain for parents and caregivers who need their kids to be somewhere fun and safe while they are at work.

CCS Chief Development Officer Mariia Kupriianova said it's a challenging time for many families where there's an impossible choice to make between paying the rent or putting food on the table.

"Throughout the years, the Kidz in Caledon campaign has touched so many lives, so many families right here in Caledon, and oftentimes the kids themselves are not even aware that their family may be benefiting from that hand up when it's much needed. But thanks to our wonderful community, that help is there when it's needed the most," she said. "The gifts to Kidz in Caledon today are touching countless lives and making a lasting impact for the future. Every gift, all that kindness and generosity from our community, it paves the way for a brighter future for many, many children."

Right now, Downey's Farm Market has provided \$5,000 to CCS for the Kidz in Caledon campaign in the form of matching gifts.

"They've been our long-term partner,"

said Kupriianova. "This is a wonderful, wonderful community partnership, and we're so grateful to so many other neighbours, local businesses, and community groups that have chosen to support us."

Those interested in supporting the Kidz in Caledon campaign can donate online at ccs4u.org or by phone at 905-584-2300 extension 260.



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MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Study

The Region of Peel has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for a grade separation of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) on Coleraine Drive in the Town of Caledon (see map). The purpose of the study was to consider grade separation improvements of the CP Rail line on Coleraine Drive, south of Old Ellwood Drive. The Study was conducted in compliance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Municipal Engineers Association, as amended in 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The recommended improvements include a 'road-over-rail' grade separation of Coleraine Drive and the CP Rail Line, and a roundabout at the Coleraine Drive and King Street West / Harvest Moon Drive intersection.

Environmental Study Report (ESR) Review Period

The ESR documents the planning, consultation, preliminary design, and decision-making process undertaken for the project and will be available for review for 42 calendar days starting August 15th, 2024, and ending on September 26th, 2024. The report can be reviewed on the Region's project website at: <https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/construction/environmental-assessment/coleraine-drive.asp>.

Comments

Please provide written comments to Region of Peel Project Manager listed below no later than September 26th, 2024.

Tareq Mahmood
Project Manager, Region of Peel
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In addition, a request may also be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to make an order for a higher level of study (requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before proceeding), or that conditions be imposed (such as the requirement of further studies) on the grounds that the requested Order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should be sent in writing or by email by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, to the address provided below and include the requester's contact information and full name of the Ministry.


<p>Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 E-mail: minister.mecp@ontario.ca</p>	<p>Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto ON, M4V 1P5 E-mail: EABDirector@ontario.ca</p>
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A copy of the order request must also be sent to the Peel Region Project Manager by mail or email.

The Region of Peel is committed to ensure that all regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any disability accommodation to review the study documents.

This notice was first issued on August 8th, 2024.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public records.



What are you laughing at?

Who doesn't love a good guffaw? There's no doubt laughter can make you feel good, but every now and then a giggle or two can get you into a spot of bother.

I'm easy to laugh, and the nuances of laughter was a lesson I learned fairly early on.

As a child, for example, I accompanied members of my family to the funeral of a distant great uncle I had never actually met. At that young age, not having known the man, I wasn't quite emotionally invested in the proceedings of the second funeral I'd attended up to that point, but was struck by the solemnity of the occasion.

Until I wasn't. Sitting in one of the pews further back from the more immediate members of the family, we found ourselves behind a group of very well-dressed men and women who I imagined had some sort of business connection to the man of the hour.

All was well, and, as mentioned above, solemn, until I heard a familiar noise.

The man directly in front of me, during a particularly quiet and calm part of the service, broke wind. Evidently, it was something of a dam break as, a short time later, a lengthy chorus of ratta-tatt-tatts began, gaining momentum to such an extent that the tails of his suit jacket were subtly flapping in the breeze.

Why people flashed my eight-year-old self several choice dirty looks for giggling rather than directing their ire at the elderly man attempting to recreate The Flight of the Bumblebee in a way that can only be described as organic was beyond me then – the volume was just about the same – and it's beyond me still!

Fast forward a few years to a Grade 11 Business class when, during a time when our paired-off groups were tasked with quietly reading a portion of our textbook, I turned the page and found a perfectly, well, perfect hand-written photo caption on the next page that sent both my seatmate and I over the top – one of those bursts of laughter that are almost impossible to stop before they build to a wheeze – that we both had to leave the classroom to collect ourselves. (Thankfully, our teacher saw the humour in the caption as well, but had a far stronger cackle constitution)

Those were pretty harmless instances, but it's not always the case.

Taking in Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in 2011, it was a particularly sweltering day from the time my mission started at about 4 a.m. that morning. When all was said and done, I was ultimately on the ground, unsheltered, for 20 solid hours, minus an hour for food and rehydration in the afternoon. When I got back to my bed, the moment I sat down the near-delirious laughter – thanks, heat stroke! – began and evidently I laughed myself to sleep. Well, if anything, it beats crying one's self to sleep, if only to spare a pillow case!

In situations like these, you just have to roll with it and not take yourself too seriously – and, dare I say, laugh it off?

As I've been following the U.S. Presidential election, another trip to the polls where the stakes are higher than they have ever been before, I have to say I've found the joy brought to the campaign trail by now-confirmed Democrat nominee Kamala Harris and her newly-minted running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, particularly refreshing.

Perhaps it's a factor that can be attributed to the aforementioned sky-high political stakes, but it's been so heartening, policy aside, to have individuals in the race who, while very serious about their goals, don't take them-

selves too seriously are all too happy to laugh, clearly revelling in connecting with the people and getting their message out.

It has been a stark reminder of a political process of days gone by, an era that doesn't lie all that far into our past, when politicians had a sense of humour, knew when and when not to take themselves seriously, and to underscore the joy of service.

So, it has been telling that, again, policy aside, one of the biggest sources of attacks from her political opponents, is Harris' confidence to not hide her light, her sense of humour, and that aforementioned joy that comes with said service.

If that's the worst they've got, that's also particularly telling.

I write this while still basking in the glow of the annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, the annual party held in the redhead's hometown of Jamestown, NY, to celebrate her August 6 birthday.

While the United States might be divided, it was, as always, an occasion where people put political differences aside to simply laugh and have fun.

The trek has always served not only as our annual family trip, but a time to catch up with old friends – some of whom I have known for close to 30 years, some of whom I consider my closest friends, all brought together through a common love of Ball and the legacy of laughter she has left behind. What a remarkable legacy for anyone to rest upon!

The laughter she inspired has helped all of us get through tough times and enabled us to form strong, unbreakable bonds, despite geographic barriers and, in some cases, differences in our outlooks on life.

Early on in the festival's existence, a mantra from organizers highlighted what they described as "the healing power of laughter" and I have no doubt that there is more than a few grains of truth in that.

"Whether you're guffawing at a sitcom on TV or quietly giggling at a newspaper cartoon, laughing does you good," says the Mayo Clinic. "Laughter is a great form of stress relief and that's no joke. A good sense of humour can't cure all ailments, but data is mounting about the positive things laughter can do. A good laugh has great short-term effects. When you start to laugh, it doesn't just lighten your load mentally, it actually induces physical changes in your body.

"Laughter can: Stimulate many organs. Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases endorphins that are released by your brain; Activate and relieve your stress response – a rollicking laugh fires up and then cools down your stress response, and it can increase and then decrease your heart rate and blood pressure. The result? A good, relaxed feeling; Soothe tension – laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress."

Longer-term effects, they add, include improvements to the immune system, pain relief, an elevated mood, and an increased sense of personal satisfaction, particularly in coping with difficult situations and fostering connections with others.

So, there you have it.

If people are quick to laughter, instead of judging, why not join in? If the situation is appropriate, don't bottle it up – let rip! Well, maybe a funeral is not the best place to let rip, but everybody grieves differently. Who am I to judge?



Why do animals trust humans?

by Mark Pavilons



We intelligent bipeds share this planet with billions of other creatures.

We'd like to think we're on top of the food chain, but we still have a long way to go. And we have much to learn from our animal brethren.

I am constantly amazed by videos and stories on social media about the strong bonds between animals and humans. From geese running to owners with outstretched wings, to giant lions giving their human friends a "hug," it's all really fascinating.

I have read many stories of marine creatures – whales, dolphins, etc. – who seek out human assistance when one of their own is in distress. How would they instinctively know do to this? Such a creature spends its whole life in the depths of the ocean, likely never running into a human being. And yet, when circumstances dictate, they dash off to find the nearest compassionate person.

A recent video I saw showed a beluga whale pointing a diver to the amount of garbage on the sea floor. What? That's advanced thinking skills.

Octopuses are known to be remarkably smart and scientists have found they share a genetic quirk also found in humans. They have "jumping genes" which are regulated by the brain and are important for learning and memory function. They've been known to open jars from the inside.

On a good day, I can untangle by key chain! Our language has the defamatory term "bird brain," but that can't be further from the truth.

The corvid family of birds (crows, ravens, magpies) are incredibly smart, known to use tools, solve puzzles and team up together. They rank next in intelligence only to us and dolphins.

Dolphins are likely the most intelligent species on the planet (ours is constantly in question).

Related to the cow, they apparently evolved twice – they came out of the water and then went back in.

Chimpanzees, elephants, parrots, bonobos, horses, squirrels and even bees, ants and spiders have all shown high levels of thinking and problem-solving.

And we're the tops? It is to jest.

According to author Carl Safina (National Geographic, By Simon Worrall, July 15, 2015), creatures do know who they are – they have a sense of self.

"They have ambitions for higher status. They compete. Animals are no different from us in that regard and I think that their presence here on Earth is tremendously enriching.

"If you watch mammals or even birds, you will see how they respond to the world. They play. They act frightened when there's danger. They relax

when things are good. It seems illogical for us to think that animals might not be having a conscious mental experience of play, sleep, fear or love.

"People who watch wild animals don't question whether they're conscious or not because we see incredible intricacies of behavior and vast ranges of personalities."

Animal lovers will agree that it's obvious that animals are conscious and exercise judgment.

"Many people think that empathy is a special emotion only humans show. But many animals express empathy for each other. There are documented stories of elephants finding people who were lost. In one case, an old woman who couldn't see well, got lost and was found the next day with elephants guarding her. They had encased her in sort of a cage of branches to protect her from hyenas. That's seems extraordinary to us but it comes naturally to elephants.

"People have also seen humpback whales help seals being hunted by killer whales. There is a documented account of a humpback sweeping a seal on its back out of the water, away from the killer whales. These things seem extraordinary and new to us because we have only recently documented these incidents. But they have probably been doing these kinds of things for millions of years."

So, my friends, there's no question that animals are able to engage in a high level of abstract thinking and are capable of balancing risks and chances, of assessing individual human personalities.

Abstract thinking, cultural learning, experience, communication as well as excellent observational skills all play a role. Most of the time we humans are not even aware that the wild animals around us are watching us.

Many species are capable of facial recognition, and seem to be able to avoid the trap of dangerous situations.

Dog lovers know just how "human" their four-legged family members are. We love them with all of our being. As you watch them grow from pups, you really see their personalities, intelligence, quirks and habits.

The only thing they can't do is speak to us in full sentences, but they communicate all the time. They know when you want to take them for a walk and they rush to greet you whether you've been gone all day or for just 10 minutes. They know things and they have a full range of emotions.

Many say their perception is more vivid than ours, given their heightened senses. They hear and smell things we can't. But alas, their sense of taste isn't quite as sharp, as witnessed by the strange array of items they will chew on and digest.

Our two Belgian Malinois crosses have a habit of trying to stick their noses right inside our mouths, presumably to snatch up some leftover tidbits. I've never found dog noses or tongues gross at all, just the price of doing business with canines. But personality? Tons! I only wish could tap into those dog brains and get a glimpse of their boundless energy!

I can't imagine a day without a tail wag, kiss or nudge from our best friends.

Uber smart or not, our animal friends are very special.

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The technique of forcing Canadians to accept something simply by ignoring them and continuing with business as usual has worked once again.

Canadian are notorious for this. If you ignore something, apparently it will go away. Except it never does. People just finally accept it.

Several years ago, I was working in a large building for a large company. The cafeteria in the building had a full-service type of operation where you could order food.

It was nothing fancy, but at least you could get something to eat or drink on your break.

The company decided to build a brand-new building. I was looking at the plans for the new building because I was responsible for designing the layout in my department, and noticed the cafeteria was simply a room with tables. There was no food service at all – just a couple of vending machines.

I questioned the management team on this,

and asked why the new cafeteria was simply a room.

I was told, they didn't want to spend the money to build any kind of commercial kitchen.

"We believe if we don't give employees food service to begin with, they will just forget about it and think that it's normal," one manager told me.

That sort of worked, but it backfired – big time.

When we started at the new building, employees started bringing in their lunch. They had no choice if they wanted to eat.

However, one day I went into the cafeteria, and saw a group of managers sitting at a table. There was nothing on the table – no sandwiches, no coffee, no cold drinks – because there was nowhere to get them.

I couldn't resist. I walked over to the table, took a look at them and said, "good thing you guys didn't build this place with a food service. Otherwise, you would have to clear that table when you leave."

Yes, I got a few angry stares, from this group who routinely made the fashion faux pas of wearing a tie without a jacket, and made the decision not to build a real cafeteria.

Not long after, the GM announced they were

going to bring in a food service, "in appreciation of our employees."

What he meant was, "it was stupid of us to build a cafeteria with no food, because now I can't even get a coffee."

How many times has government announced an unpopular decision that makes the news, then the outrage just goes away after things are put into place?

Canadians have a tendency to just accept what is happening whether they like it or not.

The plan to raise the price of gas was to put us in line with what Europeans are paying – that was a comment made by the P.M.

Who cares what Europe pays for gas?

It is also a precursor to the apparent coming of the electric automobile, whether we want electric vehicles or not.

If they raise the gas to a level that is not affordable, people will be forced to buy electric cars.

Just take a look at the website of any of the major automobile producers. They aren't promoting their electric vehicles. They are promoting their gas-powered vehicles.

The automakers don't want to make the switch. They know what their customers want, and they don't want to produce and promote a

product people won't buy.

The increase in the price of fuel is also directly responsible for inflation – there's no doubt about that.

Everyone is complaining about the cost of food, but no one does anything about it.

You can't double the price of fuel and think the people who transport goods are just going absorb that cost. They charge more to bring those bananas to the supermarket, and you pay that additional cost the next time you need to buy groceries.

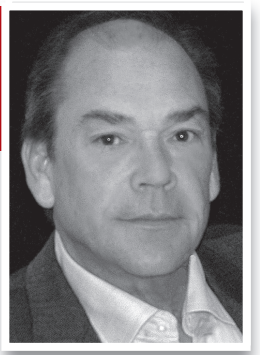
That increase in fuel affects everything from trucking companies, to the farmers who have to fuel their tractors to plow the fields, to aircraft, and the railways that transport goods.

But Canadians just accept it and move on – but whine about it later.

We have MPPs and MPs responsible for what is happening.

It's up to constituents to make their voices heard by contacting those representatives and letting them know we will not accept unpopular decisions.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Citizen Input Not Required

There has been much written in this paper, indeed even in this column, about the passing of 12 MZOs allowing developers relatively unfettered access to Caledon. What hasn't been spoken about, at least not in detail, is the role of citizen input in the municipal processes that accompany property development. While many of us like to believe that in a democracy, average citizens such as you or I play a vital role, it appears instead that more and more, at least here in Ontario, citizen input is not required. In fact, it is prohibited.

I'm referring specifically to both the OLT (Ontario Land Tribunal) and Doug Ford's passing of Bill 185 earlier this year. The so-called "Cutting Red Tape" Act was put in place to enable communities to build more homes faster. Not content with simply granting strong Mayoral powers to some towns and cities (Caledon included) Ford, in his efforts to quash opposition, has, with Bill 185's passage, effectively silenced the rights of individual citizens and concerned third-party groups to appeal any proposed developments in their community.

There are, of course, any number of reasons

interested parties might want to appeal a development decision including: environmental impacts, concerns about greenbelt infringement, traffic congestion and safety concerns and yes, sometimes even because of "NIMBYism." While the latter may result in the odd "nuisance" application for a hearing, preventing the rights of citizens to engage in what Jaqueline Wilson, counsel for the Canadian Environmental Law Association calls, "an important mechanism for the public to make sure that environmental and public health concerns ... (are) ... properly considered in development decisions," is just wrong. It goes against the very principles of a democratic society that depends on its citizens, at least in part, to act as a system of checks and balances against government and/or developer overreach.

According to a recent article in the Toronto Star, Ford's new legislation "places restrictions on the ability of the public to appeal amendments to official plans and zoning by-laws made through development applications." Developers can still appeal decisions, as can impacted landowners, but anyone else who might be con-

cerned about the impacts of development decisions on such minor matters as the polluting of watersheds, potential destruction of species at risk, or how increased traffic volumes in a particular community might impact pedestrian and driver safety, is out of luck.

It seems the government has taken the position that the OLT, the quasi-judicial body that adjudicates planning and development decisions under dispute, is not the appropriate place for citizens to raise concerns. Instead, the government posits that members of the public can simply make use of their locally elected councils to address their concerns. Municipal Councils are, according to the Ministry of Housing offices at Queens Park, "best positioned to make decisions that reflect the needs of their communities."

But are they? Here in Caledon, the current council's voting record often appears to split decisions along a consistent 5-3 voting bloc, the majority vote often coinciding with that of Mayor Groves. That means, once her vote is placed, it's a 6-3 vote in favour of many Council decisions including those related to development. I wouldn't call this an accurate representation

of the concerns of all Caledon residents and without any additional recourse available to us (like the OLT) many Caledon citizens feel unheard and underrepresented. Combined with the existence of strong Mayoral powers such as those granted to Mayor Groves, is it any wonder that many residents question whether equitable, environmentally responsible, and "in the best interests of Caledon" development decisions are actually being made here at home?

It's a pivotal time for Caledon. Mandated growth pegged at 13,000 homes is one concern, but slamming through 12 MZOs that permit the development of 35,000 homes, without the right of citizens to appeal those decisions? That's not democracy at work, and it's not just housing we should be concerned about; a certain massive, blasting quarry and a proposed highway also come to mind. It seems, despite what you and I might think, citizen input is not required.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Climate Change: The August Deadline

When you spend four years writing a book on climate change, you get to know most of the leading players. I have never seen them so dismayed.

"By August, if we're still looking at record-breaking temperatures, then we really have moved into uncharted territory," said climate scientist Gavin Schmidt in April. Well, 22 July was the hottest average global temperature ever recorded – and 23 July promptly broke that brand new record. Here we are in August, and it is not looking promising.

Gavin Schmidt is Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. He was choosing his words very carefully when he used the phrase 'uncharted territory', because that is a frightening place to be.

Now, in one sense, we have been in uncharted territory for several decades: our greenhouse gas emissions are driving global temperatures higher than anything we have experienced in the past. But at least we thought we had a map of our probable future.

It was the climate scientists who drew that map, starting in the 1980s. Their knowledge of the var-

ious processes that drive the atmosphere and the oceans has expanded enormously, and the computer models they have learned to build let us predict what will happen with fairly high confidence.

We know how much stuff we are dumping into the atmosphere, we more or less know where the winds and the clouds will be, we have a real-time readout of the ocean's surface temperature (the biggest single factor), solar radiation is almost entirely predictable – and so the climate scientists can draw us a map of the future.

That's the chart that tells us how fast the warming will be (+0.18°C per decade, or a full degree about every fifty years), and more or less what the effects will be in terms of forest-fires, mega-storms, landslides and floods, or hunger, thirst and refugee numbers.

It's a pretty daunting picture, but at least we know more or less where we are and what thresholds we absolutely must not cross if we want to preserve a habitable environment for eight billion people (or at least most of them).

This map of our climate future is fundamental to the choices we make and the decisions we take

– but suddenly it has become unreliable. What the climate has been doing over the past year is not at all what the map predicted. The scientists call it "the anomaly", and it puts us in uncharted territory.

Suddenly, in July of last year, the average global temperature jumped by around 0.2°C. It doesn't sound like a lot, but it's the amount of warming the climate models were predicting for an entire decade. It's like it was suddenly 2034.

"What is truly staggering is how large the difference is between the temperature of the last 13 months and the previous temperature records," said Carlo Buontempo, the director of the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service. "We are now in truly uncharted territory and as the climate keeps warming, we are bound to see new records being broken."

There was an understandable desire among climate scientists to believe that this was just a fluke event, and that the predictions of the climate models are still fundamentally correct. Many tried to pin the blame on El Niño, a cyclical ocean event that causes higher temperatures in the eastern Pacific every three to seven years.

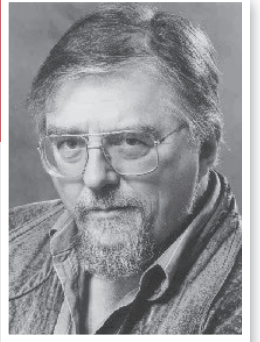
It was never very convincing, because El Niño only got underway months after the "anomaly" appeared.

It wasn't particularly strong, as these things go, and it was over by this April. But Gavin Schmidt suggested waiting another three months, until August, before we collectively admit that this is something different. The three months are up, and it is.

This is almost certainly connected with the far-too-early category 5 hurricane that trailed devastation across the Caribbean in June, the wildfires that are eating up whole towns in the Canadian and US west, and all the other signs and portents of a climate warming much faster than we expected.

So the scientists have to work out what is causing it, and the rest of us have to figure out what, if anything, we can do about it apart from brace ourselves. That's what "uncharted territory" looks like.

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Beyond the Frame: Opening reception for new art show happening this weekend

Reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 10

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local art group is launching its next show.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on August 10, Headwaters Arts will host an opening reception for its fifth members' show of 2024: Beyond the Frame.

The exhibition, which is on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, features more than 65 pieces of art from 26 different artists and began showing on August 7.

Katarina Wramhed-Persson is an artist who resides in Erin but grew up surrounded by the sea in Sweden. She's featured in Beyond the Frame, and said she likes to paint intuitively.



"Into the Blue" is an acrylic painting by Katarina Wramhed-Persson. It's on display at Headwaters Arts' latest members' show, Beyond the Frame. KATARINA WRAMHED-PERSSON IMAGE

"I start with a loose structure to build a framework, then employ mark-making, layers of texture and glazes to build history and interest. As the composition unfolds, it will eventually lead to more purposeful marks and strokes as the finished painting emerges", said Wramhed-Persson. "Inspiration to me can be the exploration and relationships of colour palettes together with the memories of different landscapes. I want to inspire others to see things in a new way."

Pamela Day, another artist featured in the show, is a landscape artist from Markham who's inspired by the beauty and movement of colour in the landscapes of Canada. Day said she loves turning the not-so-ordinary into something that's extraordinary, illuminating and awe-inspiring.

Mrityunjay Awasthy is an artist from Mississauga who typically paints with acrylic paint

on a canvas. For Beyond the Frame however, Awasthy is showcasing new artwork created with wood, metal and resin.

"Working with my wrist and eye was a mesmerizing experience," said Awasthy. "These small works carry aesthetic elegance of objects retired from their traditional roles."

Headwaters Arts marketing lead Sue Powell said she's very excited about this exhibition as the works on display showcase what happens when artists push their boundaries and tell the world what's important to them.

"The walls are filled with a variety of bold, edgy, soft and subtle art works by twenty-six ultra-imaginative and creative artists," said Powell.

The Headwaters Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. For more information about Headwaters Arts and its shows, those interested can visit headwatersarts.org.

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Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

Three-sport star Meek moves to McMaster University after capturing Senior Athlete of the Year Honors at Mayfield

BY JIM STEWART

Mayfield Secondary School graduate Rosie Meek enjoyed a magnificent run during her last two sports seasons competing for the Mavericks.

The three-sport, Honor Roll student-athlete excelled in Cross Country Skiing, Track, and Rugby to capture Senior Athlete of the Year honors and cap off her career at Mayfield.

Based on her sterling performances in the classroom and on the slopes, track, and pitch as a Maverick, Coach Marcia Baker acknowledged that, "Rosie is headed to McMaster University to study in the Faculty of Engineering and to race Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field."

Coach Baker described Meek, who will specialize in Biomedical Engineering at McMaster and compete as a two-sport CIS athlete with the Marauders, as "talented, hardworking, resilient, and coachable."

She also provided an academic context for Meek's feats in three sports.

"Rosie is a hardworking, high-achieving Honors student. She's involved with the Mayfield Athletic Association and is a quiet leader."

What impressed the Mavericks Coach the most about Meek is "Rosie's dedication to training and her coachability. Also impressive was Rosie's raw talent with running mechanics. Rosie has accomplished a great deal in the few short years she has been a competitive runner."

Coach Baker highlighted a number of performances that Meek turned in during her Grade 11 season.

"She placed 3rd at ROPSSAA XC Championships, 1st at the Nordic ROPSSAA Championships and 8th overall at OFSAA. Rosie also competed for the Varsity girls' rugby team ROPSSAA Champions and OFSAA gold medalists."

Coach Baker also highlighted Meek's big performance moments in her challenging Grade 12 season.

"At the Pre-ROPSSAA races, she placed top five, but was injured for the ROPSSAA Championships. Rosie placed 1st in Nordic skiing at ROPSSAA and 4th overall at OFSAA. In Track and Field, while still injured, Rosie completed alternate training such as water running and biking to train for the season. As a first-time track athlete, competing against veteran athletes, Rosie placed 5th in the 3000m and 6th in the 1500m at ROPSSAA Championships. The 5th-place finish qualified her for South Regionals where the top five from Peel, Halton, and Hamilton (Public and Catholic boards) compete for four spots to qualify for OFSAA. Rosie placed 4th which qualified her to compete at the OFSAA Championships at Western University."

Rosie Meek took time from her summer holidays and busy preparations to attend McMaster University to answer our interview questions:

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

Rosie Meek: "For the winter sports season, I earned my Athlete of the Week for both my performance and leadership within the Nordic skiing team. As most of our team was new to skiing, I used my experience to help teach my teammates little tips as tricks to make them better and happier skiers. Overall, our team was able to send four skiers to the OFSAA provincial championships!"

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

Rosie Meek: "In the 2023-24 Nordic skiing season, I placed first in the Peel Regional championships and fourth in the OFSAA provincial championships in the senior girls' division."

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

Rosie Meek: "After playing competitive

hockey for most of my life, I have recently switched to playing endurance sports. Outside of school, I train and race in triathlons with the C3 Cross Training Club in Caledon in both draft and non-draft race divisions."

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

Rosie Meek: "In addition to the Nordic skiing team, I raced both XC running and Track and Field at Mayfield this school year. At Mayfield, I am a very involved student-athlete and always encourage others to try something new. Thus I don't just play sports at Mayfield, but also help to organize sports events, fundraisers, and charity drives for our school and surrounding community as vice-president of Mayfield Athletic Association. Outside of athletics, I engaged in Mayfield academics by being a peer tutor for both math and science. I graduated with both an Honour Roll and Ontario Scholar."

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

Rosie Meek: "In the Fall, I will be pursuing my academic and athletic desires at McMaster University, where I will be running both cross-country and track and field for the school team as well as studying in the BioMed Engineering program."

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

Rosie Meek: "Lucy Charles Barclay, an English professional triathlete who has won numerous World Ironman and 70.3 Championships, is a person I admire both in sport and her impact within the sporting community. Along with excelling in triathlon, Charles Barclay helps to break down financial and societal barriers that women unequally face in professional sports. Her transparency about injuries, the importance of listening to your body while train-



ROSIE MEEK

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ing, in addition to prioritizing mental health for performance, are also principles I admire and strive to reciprocate in my training."

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

Rosie Meek: "As The Caledon Citizen's Student athlete of the week, I feel honoured to represent the successes of endurance sports at Mayfield, showing the accompanying exceptional coaching and support that is present within our school. I am very excited to share team's and my successes to show just how amazing Mayfield Athletics is."

Bolton Brewers capture NDBL pennant with dramatic 12-11 win over Owen Sound Baysox



PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers' recipe for success has been a simple one this season: use big innings to bludgeon and subdue their opponents.

Monday night in Owen Sound was no exception as the powerhouse Brewers exploded for eight runs in the sixth inning during their regular season finale.

Home runs by Chris Fafalios and Jack Larmer, a game-winning hit by player-coach Mike Wal-

lace, and a 156-pitch CG performance by Matteo Struthers helped Bolton secure a 12-11 win over the second-place Baysox and the NDBL pennant.

After dropping a 9-5 decision to the Padres in Creemore on Sunday, the Brewers were faced with a must-win scenario in Owen Sound to secure the top seed for the playoffs.

Bolton Head Coach Mike Wallace, whose top of the seventh RBI single provided the margin of victory, commented on the wild eight-run outburst

in Owen Sound.

"It was long overdue. [Baysox starter] Nate Kramer is a tremendous pitcher, but we started making some solid contact against him in the sixth. The quality of pitching we've been facing lately has been really good and it's helping us prepare for the playoffs."

Coach Wallace applauded the 156-pitch Herculean performance of his starter Matteo Stothers whose complete game W improved his record to 5-3.

"He's a workhorse. We spoke about how he was doing in the fifth inning and Matteo told me he felt fine. He had a lot of adrenaline running as a young kid after we scored eight and he wanted to finish the game. We did a mound visit when things got close at the bottom of the seventh to give Matteo and the infield a bit of a breather. He took it from there. I know he was enjoying the big crowd of over 250 fans on a Monday night. The Baysox did a great job to promote the game."

The Brewers' player-coach made a noteworthy change to the Brewers' batting lineup on Monday.

Coach Wallace inserted hot-hitting Carter Burnside into the two-spot between the season-long 1-2 punch of Brett Chater and Ben Sterritt.

"It lengthened the lineup. Carter's been incredi-

bly hot. Putting Carter behind Chater and in front of Sterritt can be a pitcher's nightmare. Chris Fafalios's home run out of the five-spot and Jack Larmer's home run out of the seven-spot made us really powerful tonight. It was a complete game, total team effort."

Fafalios and Sterritt paced the Brewers' potent offence with three RBI and two hits each. Burnside stayed red hot down the stretch by collecting more two hits and two RBI.

The dramatic victory in Owen Sound improved the Brewers' record to 19-5-0 to finish 2 points ahead of the much-improved Baysox (17-5-2).

It also set up a first round best-of-five playoff series with eighth-place Orillia.

Coach Wallace delineated the keys to a series victory versus the Majors: "They played us pretty tough, especially at the end of the season. We need to concentrate on hitting the ball. We'll need to create some big innings and take really full at-bats."

The Brewers travel to Orillia to play Game 1 on Tuesday night. Bolton hosts the Majors (9-14-1) for Game 2 at North Hill Park on Thursday night. First pitch will be 8.45 p.m. — a later start than usual with the Caledon Nationals hosting the YSBA playoffs this week at North Hill.



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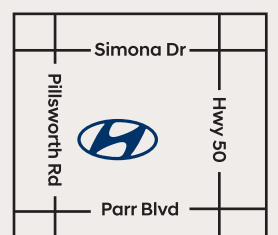
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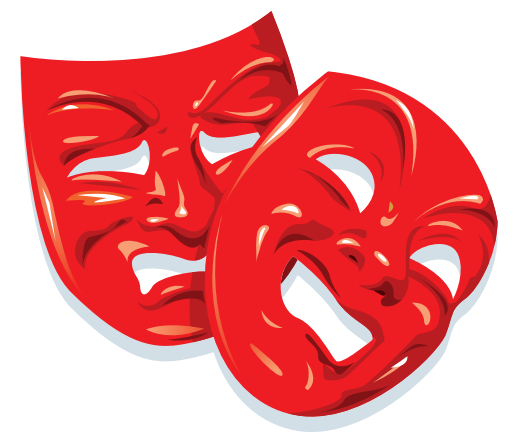
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Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives hosting series of summer activities



The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives is located at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton and has many activities planned for families in August.

PAMA PHOTO

Families can get a free pass to PAMA with their library card

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's lots of things to do at Peel's local museum and art gallery.

During August, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has a number of events planned.

PAMA and Brampton Animal Services

have a new partnership that will see Brampton Animal Services staff visit PAMA (9 Wellington Street East) to teach people about pet adoption, fostering pets, and the pets they have available for adoption. Each time staff visit, they'll bring a pet from the shelter for guests to meet.

Brampton Animal Services will be at PAMA from 12 to 2 p.m. on August 8, 13, 22 and 27.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 17, PAMA will host a live art competition for residents to compete in or watch. Artists participating in the competition will choose a location in Downtown Brampton to paint on a 16-by-20-inch canvas.

There will be youth and adult categories

for the competition, and artists participating will have a chance to win prizes.

To register for the competition or learn more about it, artists can visit PAMA's website: pama.peelregion.ca.

PAMA has several different art activities for families to enjoy during family studio time, which takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. Art activities include: Making a lava lamp, creating disco wall art, neon abstract painting, scratch art, making friendship bracelets, glow-in-the-dark art, emoji art, and dog pop art.

From 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. on August 6, "Mad Science" will host a fire and ice show featuring entertainment like a dry ice storm, indoor fireworks and vanishing flames.

For more information about all of PAMA's activities and offerings, interested parties can visit pama.peelregion.ca.

KidsFEST coming to Theatre Orangeville's Summer Arts Fest

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

KidsFEST is the "cream in the Oreo cookie" of this year's Summer Arts Fest, says Amanda Doerrie, Theatre Orangeville's Marketing Strategist.

This year, Theatre Orangeville's Summer Arts Fest is running over the weekend of August 16, 17 and 18 at the Mount Alverno Luxury Resort, located at 20706 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Village, where it has been held for the last five years.

The venue is a 100minute drive from downtown Orangeville.

KidsFEST is an event for families. With programs to fill the time, KidsFEST is inviting families to come and explore how they want to watch and participate.

On Saturday, August 17 only, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the KidsFEST schedule features plenty of things to make participants laugh, be amazed and dance, too!

Staged around and in the Barn at Mount Alverno, KidsFEST will have various activities from "youth advisory running" dress-up, arts and crafts, and a lot more.

As this is Theatre Orangeville's Arts Fest, DuffleBag Theatre is on deck this year on the mini-stage in the Barn with their production of Peter Pan. A bit of their own take on the show, DuffleBag promises a fun version of J.M. Barrie's classic tale.

Throughout the day of KidsFEST are ongoing activities like Artsploration.

This is an art studio bus that invites a limited number of youngsters at a time to step into or beside the bus, where they can explore their own art instincts, even for a little while.

Artsploration is an award-winning Orangeville-based business of delivering a different kind of birthday party. The youngsters spend an hour learning to create "outside the box," as they say.

The kids take home their creations and the bus leaves with the mess such parties usually leave behind.

A variety of mini-shows take place all day.

The Princess sing-a-long at 11 a.m. begins the day and DuffleBag's Peter Pan follows at 11:45 a.m. inside the Barn.

"They are a TOV [Theatre Orangeville] fav," said Doerrie. "They do school shows and are a huge fan favourite, really great for young and old, parents and caretakers."

Chances to meet and greet a Princess are all day long, as is the opportunity for a magical face painting by Candice. This lady also works her magic by painting beautiful sets for Theatre Orangeville's annual series of plays.

Kait is ready with her arts and crafts table, helping kids create treasures they can take home. A good number of these events are run by members of Theatre Orangeville's Youth Advisory Committee – kids entertaining kids.

Kids will surely witness Wandering Magic with The Great Steverino during the course of the KidsFEST day. The Great Steverino is a magician who lives not far from Orangeville in Dufferin County. He has been dazzling and making people laugh with his magic, wit and humour for many years.

Storytime readings also on the mini stage of KidsFEST are offered by the highly comical Fay and Fluffy, beginning at 1:15 p.m. and running until 2:15 p.m. These enchanting characters are well-known children's entertainers with their own fabulous television shows, reading and telling children's stories in drag.

"They are incredible," said Doerrie, "and well-known throughout Southern Ontario. "We're So grateful they choose to join us every year. They love what they do. Even for adults this is an incredible show."

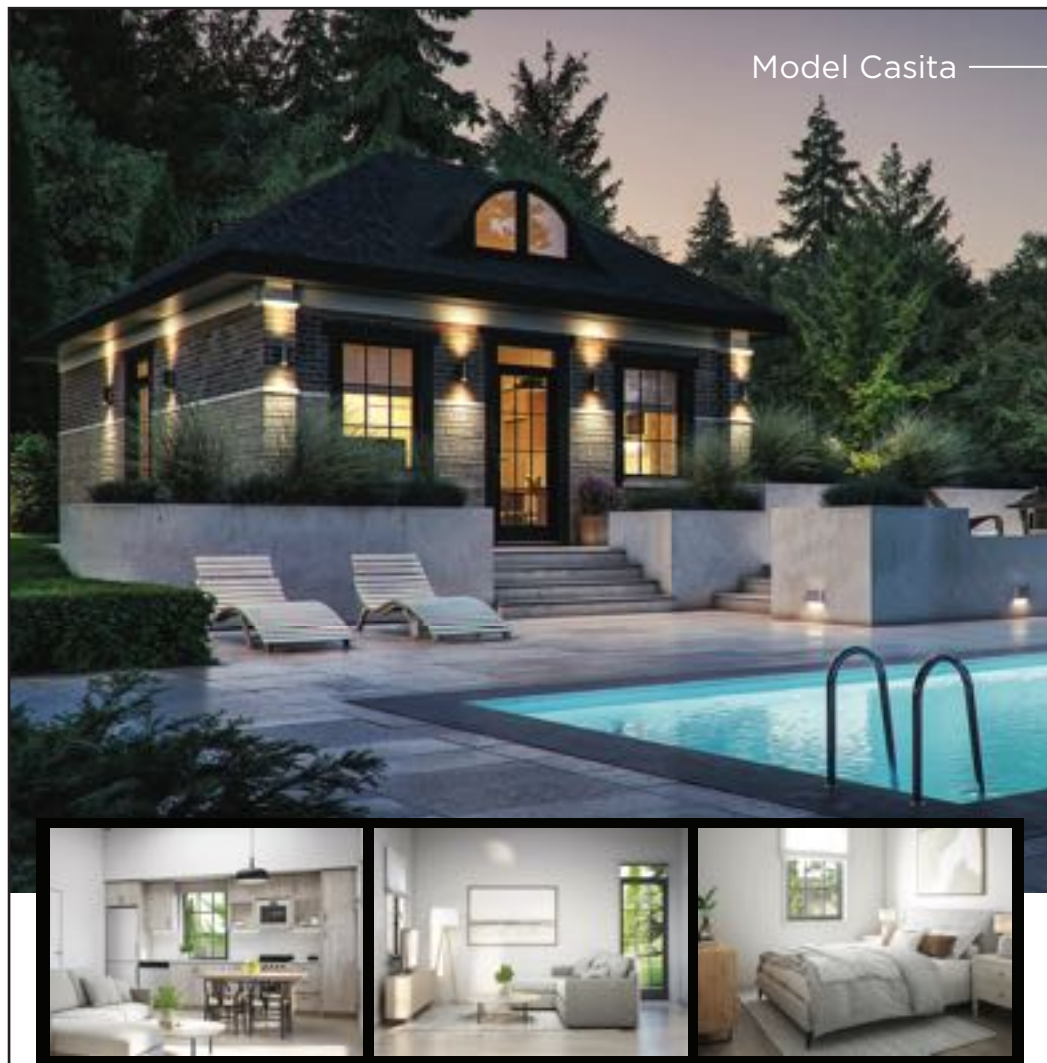
Winding up the KidsFEST is a party called Baby Rave; it is the children's dance party, with a DJ, lights, and disco balls, all in the Barn. How else would we end such a day of theatre, song, magic – all of it – but with a Baby Rave?

The KidsFEST, with all the activities and entertainment, is available to everyone who purchases a \$5 ticket. Children aged two or younger can attend for free, allowing access to any of the theatre performances.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the events stage, where there is a Box Office at the show.

There is much more going on for everyone over this weekend. Wild entertainment on Saturday evening, plays from Toronto Fringe on Friday, a marketplace, and a good list of more to peruse and choose.

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LIONEL CHARLES GIDNEY

After suffering with pulmonary fibrosis, Lionel Gidney passed away on Friday, August 2, 2024, at the age of 89 years, beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Kathryn and her husband Tim, and predeceased by son Les (May 30, 2024). Cherished grandfather of Nicole. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday, August 15 from 12:30 p.m. until time of funeral service in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment will be held at Providence Cemetery, Caledon East. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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BARBARA JEAN PRIESTER
 OCTOBER 31, 1937 – JULY 31, 2024

Barbara passed away peacefully at the Avalon Care Centre, Orangeville on Wednesday July 31, 2024 in her 87th year.

Beloved wife of the late John Priester, dear mother of Mary and Robert Little, Nancy Noble, David and Jenn Priester. Cherished grandma of Adam, Christine, Nathan, Brittni, Liam and Emma. Great-grandma of Olivia, Jack and Isabel. Loved sister of Gwen and Murray Hoare (predeceased), Tom (predeceased) and Cindy Lackey, Bill and Wendy Lackey. Loving sister-in-law of Evelyn and Roy (predeceased) Rennick. Barbara will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews and friends.


As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Mark's Anglican Church would be appreciated.

Funeral Service will take at St. Marks Anglican Church located at 5 First Avenue, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z5, on Friday, August 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time.

Interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville.

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SHARON ANN MOORE (NEE WELSTEAD)
 MAY 10, 1950 - JULY 31, 2024

Peacefully at Headwaters Healthcare Centre on July 31, 2024 in her 75th year; beloved wife of Lorne Moore for 53 years and dearly missed by her two cats Remy and Lexi. Sharon was predeceased by her mother, father and three brothers. Sharon was born and raised in Niagara Falls and lived in North Bay and Temagami in her early childhood. She graduated in 1971 from the Osler School of Nursing and was married to Lorne the same year. Upon graduation, Sharon spent 25 years working at York Finch General Hospital in the Emergency Department. The last ten years of her career at York Finch General Hospital, Sharon became the nurse manager of the Emergency Department and other departments affiliated with emergency. Her last 14 years of nursing were in private practice. Sharon had a zest for life and a special love for animals, especially cats. She had a passion for gardening, travelling and the "oldies" music. Sharon and Lorne loved to travel with family and friends to the Caribbean, Las Vegas and fly-in fishing in Northern Quebec. Lorne and Sharon have spent 38 years living in Caledon where she spent countless hours caring for her many garden beds. She always considered it a labour of love and a place of relaxation and pride for her home. Sharon will be remembered for her cheerfulness, generosity, kindness, humour and enduring optimism. The family wishes to thank Mike and Mark Sant and nephew Alex Giovinazzo for their love and support during these trying times. Sharon's wishes were to be cremated and interred at a later date with her husband Lorne. There will be no celebration of life as Sharon wanted to be remembered as she was by those that loved her. In lieu of flowers, donations to your local SPCA/Humane Society would be appreciated.

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KENNETH L. DONALDSON

Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne on Wednesday, July 31st, 2024 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Sandra Donaldson. Dear father of Karen Donaldson (Dan Tanton), the late Kelley Donaldson (1968) and Kim Donaldson (Wade Teevens). Cherished grandfather of Crystal and Ashley. Remembered by his brother Robert Donaldson (Shirley). Ken will also be greatly missed by other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Friday, August 2nd, 2024 at 2:00 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations to Jehovah Jireh Christian Ministries would be appreciated by the family.

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Money raised from tournament funds programs for individuals with disabilities

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Sassine said word of mouth has been the best marketing tool for sharing Cassie's Place's mission.

"When people come to Cassie's Place and they see how happy the kids are, they want to support it," said Sassine. "My vision going forward is we want to expand, we want to try to provide more support and new support."

For instance, Sassine said Cassie's Place wants to explore providing respite support for parents of individuals with disabilities.

Since the fundraising golf tournament has been going very well, Sassine said it will be back next year for sure. He said Cassie's Place is learning each year how to make the tournament bigger and better.

While final numbers are not quite in, Sassine estimates the 2024 Cassie's Place charity golf tournament will raise about \$35,000 for the non-profit.

Victoria Street, founder and program coordinator of Cassie's Place, said she started the non-profit because she couldn't find programming that was a good fit for her daughter, who has autism.

Addressing the crowd at the golf tournament, Street said it's thanks to the support of the community that Cassie's Place is able to be a true home away from home for individuals with disabilities.



Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli and Regional Councillor Mario Russo were proud to support the Cassie's Place golf tournament on behalf of the Town of Caledon.

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"It gives me great pleasure to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, and my daughter's heart, for your support," said Street.

Rocky Punia (Rocky Da Realtor) shared

that before he was a realtor, he was a high school teacher for children with special needs.

"I am who I am today because of those special children who taught me more than I taught them... they taught me humility, they taught me to be grateful, they taught me to love and they taught me to give," said Punia.

Sassine said fundraising has allowed Cassie's Place to grow, and shared that yearly costs of swimming, yoga, dance and music lessons for participants are now covered.

"On behalf of everyone at Cassie's Place, thank you," said Sassine.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing admin@caledoncitizen.com if you wish to have an announcement published.

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

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

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness 14111 Hwy 50, Bolton Ont.

Special Lunch - Wed. Aug 14, 2024 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Special Lunch - dine-in or take-out. The menu is a cold plate with a ham and roast beef slice, pasta, bean and potato salads, half of a deviled egg, celery and carrot sticks and pistachio dessert. Cost is \$11. Pick-up time is 11:30 to 12:00 pm, dine-in served at 12:00 pm. Local delivery is available for \$2. Order deadline is Monday, August 12. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to place your order.

Men's Lunch - Tues. Aug. 20, 2024 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their monthly Men's Lunch on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Join us in the Bob Smith room for games and lunch. Lunch menu is: fish & chips, coleslaw and lemon dessert. Cost: \$11 Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Monthly Dinner - Friday, August 23, 2024 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, August 23, 2024. Menu: Chicken Kebab, Rice Pilaf, Greek Salad, Greek Potatoes, Tzatziki and Frozen Lemon Dessert. Cost: \$16 P/U at 5:15 pm Dine-in served at 5:30 pm Local delivery available for \$2 Pre-register by Wed. August 21 at 3:30 pm. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets!

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Orangeville basketball players compete with Team Ontario at Canadian Championships

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Two Orangeville basketball players will compete as members of Team Ontario during the 2024 Women's National Championships held at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, from August 5-10.

Emma Firth is a member of the U15 Ontario team, and Ayla Corrigan will compete with the U17 Ontario team. Both girls play on the basketball team at Orangeville District Secondary School and are big contributors on the court.

Tryouts for Team Ontario were an open event. Starting out with a large number of Team Ontario hopefuls, the numbers were cut after each tryout, until coaches had it down to the players who made the teams.

Emma started playing basketball when she was just six-years-old. She was inspired by her mom, who also played the sport. She started out playing with the Orangeville Hawks.

"In Grade 8, I went to Brampton. That's when I started taking it seriously," Emma explained. "Playing high school basketball is good, I liked it. It was fun," she said of playing the ODSS team.

Emma is a junior who will be going into Grade 10 in the fall but played 'up' as a member of the senior squad last season.

"For Team Ontario, they have tryouts, and they start with the top 50, then get it down to a team of 12," Emma explained. "After they cut down the numbers, it was good competition. It was fun."

Emma plays the forward position on the

court.

She plans to continue her basketball career through high school and wants to compete at the university level.

During the Championships, every province enters a team to compete.

Ayla is a member of the U17 Ontario Team and also plays with the senior team at ODSS.

"I started playing in Grade 3 with the Orangeville Hawks," Ayla said of her start in the sport. "I kept playing every year, and kept getting better and better every year. Eventually I went down to Brampton to play Juel, which is a bit of a higher league. We got introduced to the whole prep, OSBA world where it was more competitive."

Ayla started playing with the Orangeville Prep team.

This is Ayla's second time with Team Ontario. She previously played on the U15 Team Ontario.

Ayla is the team's point guard. "I started taking the sport seriously in Grade 8 and 9," Ayla explained.

Moving up to the U17 level, Ayla said the competition level goes up a lot.

"I would say it's more physical. Everyone is faster, one year older, better, and stronger, and they all have one year more experience. I'm looking forward to going out and competing against the other provinces. Last year was a really fun experience."

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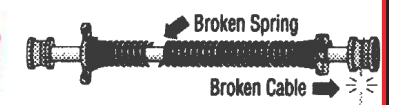
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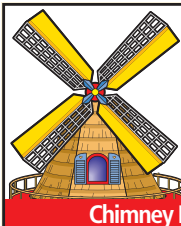


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Orangeville Food Bank holding 9th Annual Summerlicious Food Drive next Saturday

BY SAM ODROWSKI

As the Orangeville Food Bank grapples with a sharp rise in usage, it is holding a yearly fundraiser to keep its shelves stocked.

The 9th Annual Summerlicious Food Drive is returning on August 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. across several locations. They include Zehrs, Metro, No Frills, Fresh Co., Sobeys and all three Shoppers Drug Mart locations in Orangeville.

“Life is challenging enough, imagine facing it on an empty stomach or with the added stress of wondering how you are going to put your next meal on the table,” said Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, donor engagement and outreach manager at the Orangeville Food Bank.

There has been a 46 per cent rise in de-

mand at the Orangeville Food Bank from July 2023 to July 2024, as it now serves over 1,400 clients per month, of which nearly 500 are children, making community donations more important than ever before.

During July this year, the food bank distributed nearly 50,000 lbs of food.

“Part of the reason for the rise in food bank usage this year over last year is that working Ontarians are just not earning enough income to be able to afford today’s cost of living such as the increased cost of food and lack of affordable housing,” said DeCaprio.

The food bank’s goal for the Summerlicious Food Drive is to collect 8,900 lbs of food and \$4,200 in cash to help offset the rise in demand it’s currently facing.

“Because of the ongoing generous donations from our community, we are able to



open our doors and serve our clients in a safe, respectful and inclusive space,” said DeCaprio.

“The Orangeville Food Bank believes in dignified food assistance and uses a shopping system where patrons choose their

own food. The Orangeville Food Bank is a member of Feed Ontario, one of the organizations in the Food Banks Canada network.”

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