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Sehaj Lidder and Chisom Ochuba are the co-founders of ChangeMakersHQ.

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## Caledon students equipping youth with the tools they need to change the world

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two Caledon youth are on a mission to empower youth around the world and change it for the better.

Chisom Ochuba and Sehaj Lidder are the co-founders of ChangeMakersHQ (CMHQ), a non-profit who's goal is to equip youth to lead impactful community service initiatives worldwide.

Ochuba and Lidder first met in middle school. Before starting CMHQ, they each had attempted

to start their own non-profits — Ochuba wanted to help people from minority populations get into the tech field and Lidder wanted to bring financial literacy to all.

They both found that as youth, it was very hard to get a non-profit up and running.

"A lot of people said, just leave it to adults to make that impact, you don't need to worry about doing something like that," said Ochuba. "I think because Sehaj and I both had that experience wanting to start something and not having the ability to do it, it lit the spark to want to create CMHQ."

Now in Grade 11, Ochuba and Lidder have built

CMHQ into a successful non-profit that's garnered the support of companies like Google, Microsoft, and Ernst & Young — and big non-profits like Movember.

CMHQ accomplishes its goals through CMHQ Initiatives and the Passion Project Accelerator.

Lidder explained CMHQ Initiatives are ready-to-implement plans that youth around the world can take from CMHQ and use in their community. Over 2,000 youth volunteers from around 80 countries have used the service.

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### Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin to join forces

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There will now be one point of access for hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement, and community care services in Dufferin and Caledon.

On August 14, Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin announced Hospice Dufferin's services will be hosted under the Bethell Hospice banner as of October 1.

"Working with Ontario Health on the next steps, the integration of services will include a seamless transition of care for all current Hospice Dufferin clients to the well-established services at Bethell Hospice," said Bethell Hospice Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications Kelly Stronach in a statement. "This change will allow for a more cohesive care delivery model across the Dufferin/Caledon community, ultimately improving client care for those who require palliative and community care services in the area."

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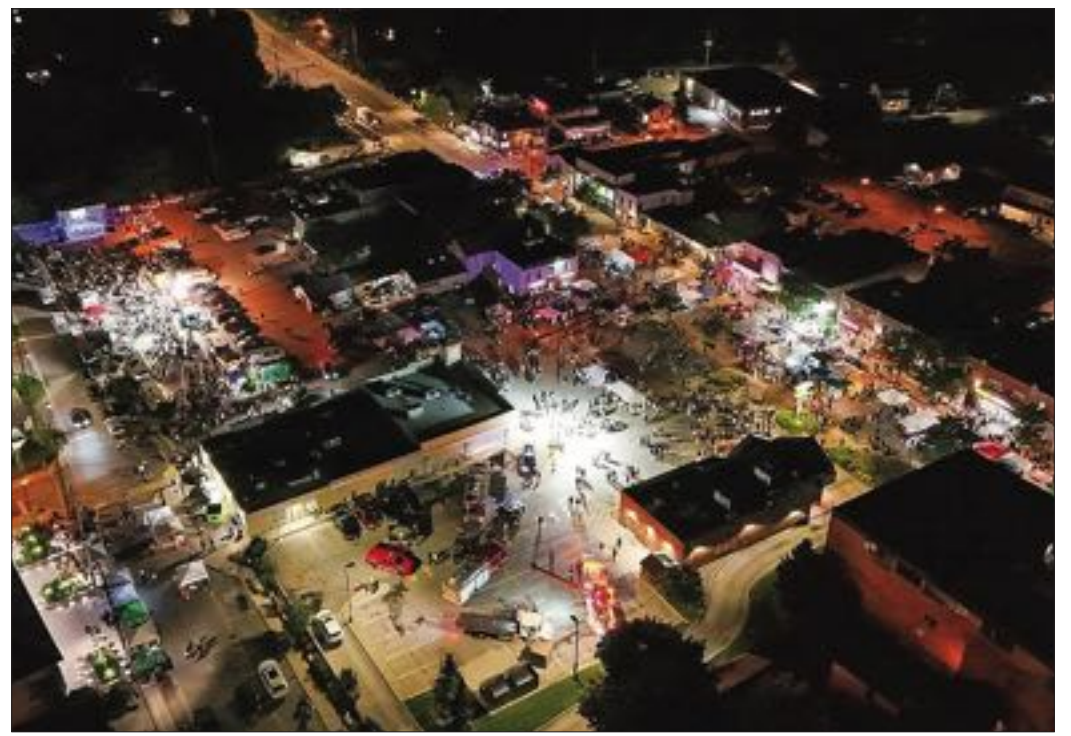
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Lucrezia Chiappetta and Jason Scorcia were at Midnight Madness to promote the upcoming Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport event. Here, they are pictured with councillors Christina Early and Dave Sheen. **FACEBOOK/CHRISTINA EARLY IMAGE**



The streets of Bolton were packed for Midnight Madness on August 9. **PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH LESLIE**

# Massive crowds come out for Midnight Madness

## Annual Bolton street party was a resounding success: organizers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

In keeping with tradition, Bolton's Midnight Madness was even bigger this year.

The August 9 event was attended by an estimated 20,000+ people and featured double the number of market vendors than it had in 2023.

Guests enjoyed live music from the expanded stage in the entertainment area, and were able to try delicious food and refreshing drinks from more food vendors than ever.

The event was held by the Downtown Bolton Business Improvement Area with support from the Bolton Community Crew and countless volunteers — many of them local high school students.

Sarah Leslie is a volunteer who has been helping put on Midnight Madness for many years and said this year's event was without a doubt the biggest one in the event's history. The event is getting so big, she said, that Toronto radio station Q107 mentioned it on air the morning of the event.

"It all went so smoothly, people loved the

new layout... it was a nice flow. You had your shopping on Queen and Sterne, the kid zone was right in the middle, and the entertainment zone in the municipal parking lot," she said. "At one point it was so busy you could barely walk through."

Leslie said more and more she's been hearing from people attending Midnight Madness from out of town. It's becoming a real economic benefit for Caledon, she said.

More than ever, volunteers were needed to make the event a success and they came out in a big way.

"Every single one of our volunteers hustled so hard all night long, they were phenomenal... I can't even put into words how amazing these guys were," said Leslie. "I wish I could give them all a big hug... I don't think this could have happened the way it did without them. They were so great."

Leslie said the volunteers deserve commendation and thanks for giving back to the community.

"It was a huge success for everyone involved... it was the best Midnight Madness yet, it was perfect," said Leslie.

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# Caledon's Alysha Newman captures bronze in Paris

BY JIM STEWART

Caledon resident Alysha Newman made history last week in France at the 33rd Olympiad.

Newman cleared 4.85 meters to win Canada's first Olympic medal in the Women's Pole Vault.

The 30-year-old three-time Olympian improved her own national record en-route to a bronze medal in Paris on Wednesday.

The veteran Athletics team member, who has donned the Team Canada singlet in Rio (2016), Tokyo (2021), and Paris (2024), is Canada's first pole vaulter to win an Olympic medal in the sport in 112 years.

Newman took up pole vaulting at 16 years of age. Newman's meteoric rise in the sport—she was a gymnast prior to turning to track and field—became evident when she started rewriting the Canada's track and field record books.

She became the first Canadian female high school student to clear four meters and set a national interscholastic record at 4.06 meters as a member of the Wolfpack Track and Field squad.

After a glittering high school career, Newman took her pole-vaulting talents to NCAA Division I Eastern Michigan University, but transferred to the University of Miami where she starred from 2014-2016 and still holds the school's pole vault record.

The gymnast-turned-pole vaulter achieved

much international success after her stellar NCAA career by winning the gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia during which she set a Games record with a personal best leap of 4.75 meters.

Newman's soaring accomplishments in Queensland, Australia and more recently in Paris, France are particularly inspirational because she has overcome serious injuries in the last six years: a torn patellar tendon in 2018 and a severe concussion just prior to the COVID-delayed Tokyo Olympics in 2021 which hampered her performance significantly in Japan.

A unique aspect about Newman is her willingness to use cutting-edge methods of fundraising to support her financially while pursuing Olympic medals.

In a post-Olympics interview, Newman acknowledged that she has used earnings from OnlyFans to buy property and build up her savings.

"I never loved how amateur athletes can never make a lot of money," she said. "This is where my entrepreneurial skills came in."

Entrepreneur, Olympic Games bronze medalist, Commonwealth Games gold medalist, record-setting Canadian pole vaulter, NCAA track star—Alysha Newman's place in the history books is secured after her timely performance in Paris.

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## SHOOTING INVESTIGATION – NOT A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, SAY POLICE

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a shooting incident in the Town of Caledon.

“Officers were called to a residence on Castlederg Sideroad shortly before 12:00 a.m. on August 11, 2024, where one person was located injured and rushed to the hospital with an apparent gunshot wound,” say Police.

“While the cause of incident cannot yet be confirmed, investigators believe there is no imminent threat to public safety. However, the OPP reminds all members of the public to be aware of their personal safety at all times.”

The investigation is in its early stages and no further details can be released at this time, they note.

Residents of the area should expect to see a large police presence.

If anyone has any information that may

assist the investigation, they should contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) work extremely hard to keep the roads safe in Dufferin County. Officers removed and charged three drivers with impaired operation related charges.

“On August 11, 2024, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer responded to a call for service involving a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed on Elizabeth Street in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “The officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop at which time they were led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Fairley Baird, 37, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus

The charge has not been proven.

“On August 11, 2024, at approximately 2:40 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Highway

10 at 5 Sideroad in the Township of Melancthon. The officer conducted a traffic stop and was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Bailey Lepage, 25, from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus;
- Take motor vehicle without consent;
- Fail to comply with Probation Order.

The charges have not been proven.

“On August 9, 2024, at approximately 4:50 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer responded to a single motor vehicle collision on 4th Line in the Township of Melancthon. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Robert Layes, 47, from Barrie has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus;
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to their charges. Their driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for 7 days.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.”

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

in locals and visitors this summer enjoying the scenic roads, lakes, and cottage areas. Unfortunately, an increasing amount of impaired drivers have continued to endanger the lives of those on our roads and waterways.

As of August 6, 2024, the Central Region OPP has laid 1,496 impaired-related charges this year, a number that has been steadily increasing with the nice weather.

“The OPP remains committed in its zero-tolerance policy towards impaired driving, whether it’s alcohol or drugs. If police determine that you are driving while impaired, you will face penalties immediately. Impaired driving is a crime under the Criminal Code of Canada and the consequences are serious.”

Those convicted of impaired driving may:

- Face a jail sentence;
- Lose their licence;
- Have their vehicle impounded;
- Need to pay an administrative monetary penalty;
- Need to attend an education or treatment program;
- Be fined upon conviction;
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- End up with a criminal record.

If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. In doing so, you may save a life. Let’s work together and prioritize safety to ensure a memorable summer for everyone.

**Question:** My father passed away and I was named the estate trustee. My brother lives in my dad’s house and he is refusing to move out. I need to administer the estate, and the other beneficiaries are pressuring me to do something about it so the house can be sold. How do I get him to move out?

**Answer:** It’s an unfortunate situation, but your legal obligation is to the estate and all of its beneficiaries. An estate trustee will run into problems if she/he prefers one beneficiary over the rest. If your brother simply refuses to move out, and the Will does not specifically permit him to continue living in the house, the estate may have to commence legal proceedings to have him removed. Typically, in such a case the court will order that he move out within a set timeframe. The court will also usually include a provision that allows the sheriff and police to assist if he does not move out by the court-ordered deadline.

If necessary, the estate may claim for losses suffered as a result of your brother staying in the house and refusing to move out. Losses could arise from rent owed, utilities that he didn’t pay while living there, and damage or neglect of the property. Typically, these amounts are deducted from his share of the estate if he is a beneficiary. If he is not a beneficiary, or the distribution amount to which he is entitled is insufficient, then the estate may be forced to seek payment from him directly which may result in the need for further legal proceedings. If you need help with an estate matter, give us a call to set up a free ½ hour consultation. Enjoy the weekend.



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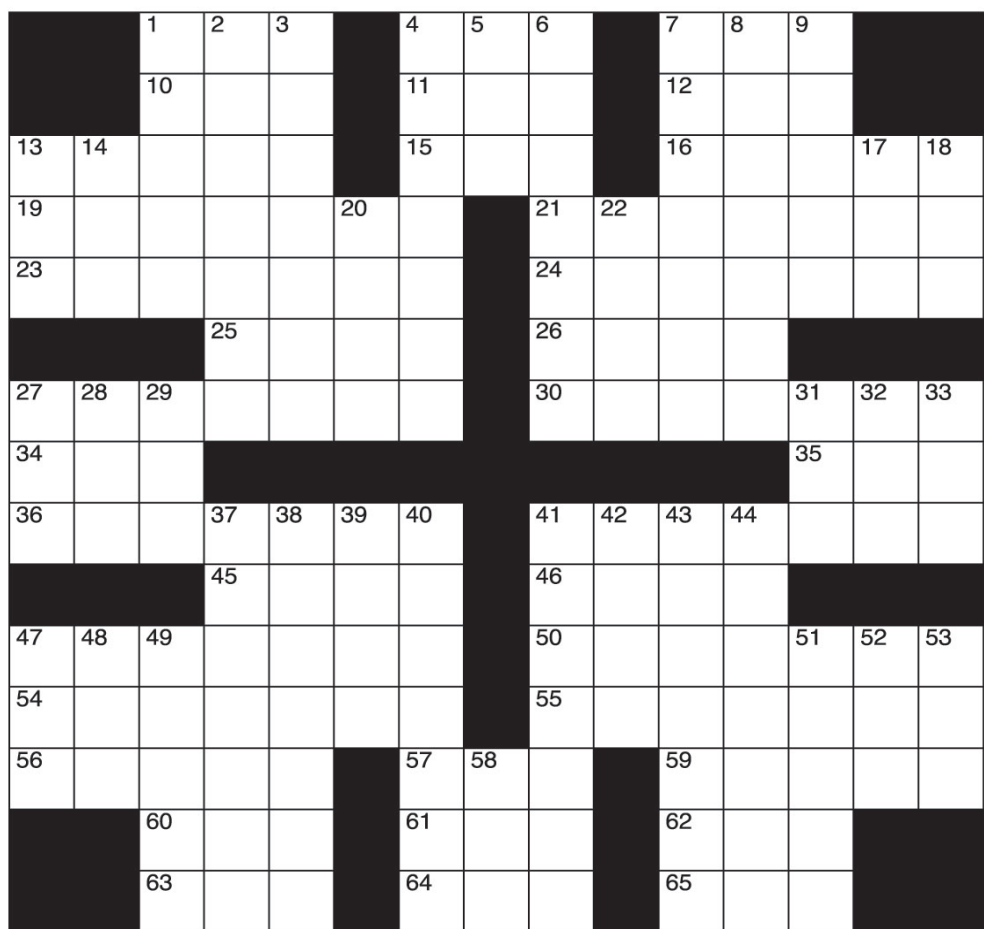
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# Newspapers from over 100 years ago found at Palgrave United Church

Papers found underneath riser during renovations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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A relic of the past was recently uncovered at a local church.

This summer, as the Palgrave United Church was undergoing repairs, copies of The Globe newspaper were found underneath a riser that is being replaced. The papers were from October of 1922.

According to The Canadian Encyclopedia, The Globe — which is one of the predecessors to The Globe and Mail — was founded in Toronto in 1844 by a man named George Brown and a group of Reform Liberals.

The newspaper was first a party journal then expanded to feature news, features, and editorials. By 1900, The Globe had a combined circulation of nearly 70,000.

The Globe and Mail was founded in 1936 when a man named George McCullagh purchased The Globe and another newspaper, The Mail and Empire, and merged them.

One of The Globe editions found at the Palgrave United Church was dated October 9, 1922. It features headlines such as “British Cabinet approves agreement reached on situation in near east by allied representatives in Paris”, “Fear reprisals over liquor ban”, and “Heavy rain in Quebec quenches forest fires”.

Another paper found at Palgrave United Church was dated October 7, 1922. Headlines that day include “Hydro to make factory zones of lake cities”, “Heroes with motors cheat bush inferno of scores of lives”, and “Artistic nation sends visitors”.

A third Globe newspaper found at Palgrave United Church bears the date of October 6, 1922. On that day, some of The Globe’s headlines were “Harbor Commission turns down request for shelter house”, “Millionaires to be fewer!”, and “Methodists propose Christian congress to better humanity”.

Barb Imrie, a Palgrave resident and volunteer at the Palgrave United Community Kitchen, said it was very interesting to find the old newspapers underneath the riser.

She shared plans to place a copy of this edition of the Caledon Citizen underneath the new riser that’s being installed for future generations to discover.

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# Community kitchen to benefit from Council golf tournament

Palgrave United  
Community Kitchen to  
install energy-efficient  
upgrades

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit will soon benefit from a charity golf tournament. On August 14, the Town of Caledon announced the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK) would be the recipient of the primary grant from the 2024 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament (CCCGT).



CCCGT Committee Chair Dave Sheen, CCGGT Committee Vice-Chair Mario Russo, PUCK coordinator Barb Imrie and PUCK volunteers recently celebrated the announcement that PUCK will be the primary recipient of funds from the 2024 CCCGT. **TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE**

PUCK is based out of the Palgrave United Church and is a non-profit that promotes a sustainable food system, hosts cooking and wellness programs, and is a valued community hub for Palgrave. A grant from the tournament will be given to PUCK, which will use it to complete some highly-anticipated renovations. PUCK volunteer Barb Imrie said the financial support from the golf tournament will double PUCK's available space. A heat pump will be installed, insulation will be upgraded, and lights will be retrofitted with LED fixtures. Imrie said all the upgrades will help PUCK reach its goal of being carbon-neutral. "PUCK is thrilled to continue to offer health and wellness programs, as well as community cooking and culinary entrepreneur space," said Imrie. "The community kitchen will be able to continue cooking and providing a community hub that supports aging in place." Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the Palgrave United Church is a longstanding pillar in Caledon and she's thrilled to see

PUCK being supported. She thanked all the sponsors of this year's CCCGT, as well as all who are set to participate in the September tournament. This year, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen is the chair of Council's Golf Tournament Committee. He also stressed the importance of PUCK. "This funding will support the Palgrave United Community Kitchen, a vital community hub offering essential programs and services to Caledon residents," said Sheen. "We encourage continued donations to achieve our ambitious goals." A Town of Caledon news release notes that PUCK has been supporting the Caledon community since 2009. The non-profit is a great source of meals for places like The Exchange (Caledon's food bank) through initiatives like its recently-run Community Cooking Club. Regional Councillor Mario Russo is supporting Sheen as vice-chair of Council's Golf Tournament Committee this year. He said that PUCK is a truly great organization.

"The community kitchen has achieved remarkable feats over the years, and this funding will propel its growth," Russo stated. "We invite everyone to participate and support this noble cause." Residents looking to learn more about this year's CCCGT can visit its website at the following link: [cccg2024.com](http://cccg2024.com).

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#### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and ending on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to the address provided below and include the requester's contact information and full name of the Ministry.

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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.



## Filming taking place in Bolton

BY MARK PAVILONS

Film crews will be in Bolton for 10 days, shooting scenes for a new feature film. Filming for "Tiny Fugitives" takes place August 19 through 29 at the Bolton Camp and Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. It's a project by Toronto-based Tiny Productions Inc.

Most of the filming takes place from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., with a late night on August 23, taking crews into 4 a.m. the following day. Crews will be preparing for the shoots through August 18 and wrapping up August 30 through September 5.

Cones will be set up at the locations and it will be confined to the gravel parking lot area of the fairgrounds. The Bolton Camp property entrance off of the Caledon King Townline has seen some work recently and it's currently reduced to one lane in front of the Camp property.

The company noted lights will be directed at the Bolton Camp and shouldn't be an issue for local residents.

The company has received approvals from the Town of Caledon, TRCA and Albion Bolton Agricultural Society.



# Caledon artists invited to submit work for display in municipal facilities



An example of art currently on display through the Town of Caledon's Art in the Halls program. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON/INSTAGRAM

## Fall intake for "Art in the Halls" program now open

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local artists looking to showcase their work may want to check out an initiative from the Town of Caledon.

On August 12, the Town of Caledon announced it had launched an intake for its fall "Art in the Halls" program. The program was created to give Caledon artists the opportunity to showcase their art throughout

Caledon in Town of Caledon facilities like community and recreation centres.

The theme for the fall intake of art is "Fall in Love with Caledon" and artists may apply to have their work showcased until August 30.

Successful applicants will have their art placed on display from September 16 to January 2, 2025.

In a media release, Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde said public art can significantly enhance the vitality of the Caledon community.

"By showcasing local talent and fostering creative expression, this initiative brings people together, sparks conversations and reinforces our shared sense of place and identity," said Hyde.

Successful Art in the Halls applicants will also be featured on the Town of Cale-

don's art website, [caledon.ca/art](http://caledon.ca/art). This site is also where artists can go to find more information about the Art in the Halls project and apply to be a part of it.

There is no charge to apply to be a part of Art in the Halls, and artists may offer their work for sale through the project.

The Town of Caledon has been running Art in the Halls this summer. From now until August 30, the following artists have work on display at Caledon Town Hall: Mary Gore, Patty Maher, Julia Mishanina, Tamara McClintock, and MaryLou Hurley.

There's also art from Humberview Secondary School Students Sejal Takhar, Taylor Williams, Selena Chamberlain, Eva-Rose Sottile, Evleen Kainthrai, Maryam Sch, Marco Macchione, Iain Truong, Scarlett Ribas, Diya Persaud, Jasmine Gabi, Rose Minard, Natasha Fale, and Delaney Turley on display at Town Hall.

Until August 30 at the Humber River Centre, art from Dania Piotti and Miles Cohen is on display; and at the Caledon East Community Complex artist Daniel Mustaph's work is being shown.



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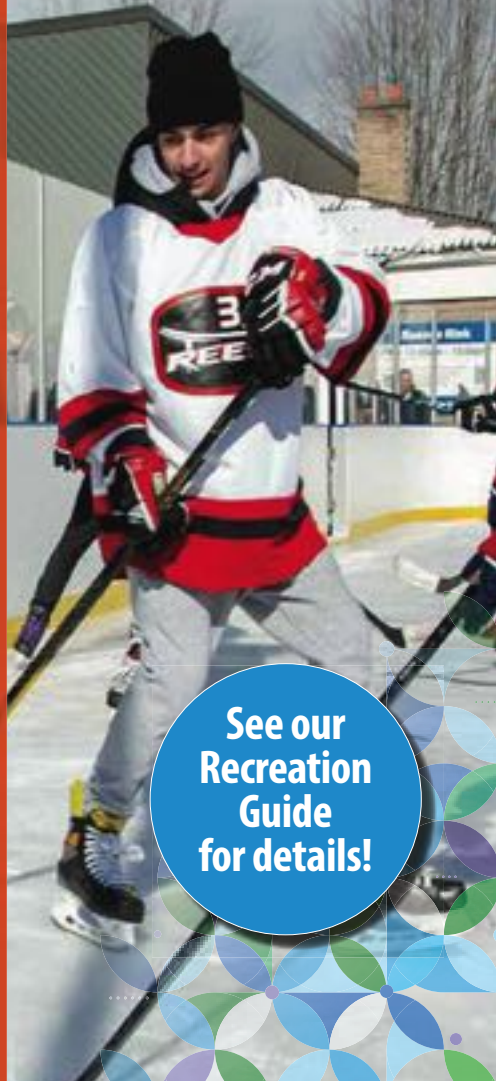
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## Art in the Halls – Call for Artists





The Town of Caledon is launching the intake for the fall exhibition for the Art in the Halls program and we are looking for artists to participate. This program is designed to showcase original artwork from Caledon artists to the public at three Town facilities. The theme for the fall exhibition is Fall in love with Caledon. Applications for the fall exhibition period (September 16 – January 2, 2024) are due by Friday, August 30, 2024.

For full details and to apply, please visit [Caledon.ca/Art](http://Caledon.ca/Art)

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## Cultivating plum opportunities

Peach season is almost upon us. "So what?" you might ask? Well, for this writer, it's the start of peak summer.

We all know the fruit grown here at home tastes all that much sweeter, whether it is a matter of flavours being retained better the shorter the distance between farm or table, or whether it's simply a matter of local pride. Vegetables might not have the same kind of sweetness, by and large, but somehow our local produce seems heartier when we have that local investment in it.

But, for me, there is always something special about peach season.

Maybe it's the fact I went a good long while enjoying what I thought a peach tasted like before I had the revelatory experience of tasting one picked fresh from a tree at a nearby orchard.

My first intro peach "drink," that powdery just-add-water concoction that tastes vaguely close to the real thing but just enough to trick your brain into thinking you just juiced a freshly picked peck of 'em.

My parents weren't under any illusions that there was anything remotely fruit-related here, but for a brief window of youth, my mom worked in a small coffee shop where the only age-appropriate beverage on the menu for this then-tot was that peach-concoction for which the paper envelope in which it was contained was the closest it ever came to a tree.

The flavour triggers powerful sense memory with me to this day, but, as I mentioned above, the first contrast between peach and "peach" was nothing short of a game-changer. I could feel, if only in my mind, my tastebuds flare and my horizons broaden just that much more.

So intrigued was the contrast that I immediately started my campaign for a little garden plot of my own. The little patch I got on the side of the house didn't produce much, nor did the peach pits I planted germinate, but I proved a deft hand caring for tomato plants and took great pride in bringing the fruits of our collective labour inside to enjoy.

While these so-called kitchen gardens have always been popular when and where there is land available, I was heartened by the renaissance they appeared to enjoy when COVID-19 first arrived in Canada and we had precious little to do than enjoy and make the most of our respective corners of the world.

If you had the land, vegetable gardens saw renewed interest. If not, porch and balcony gardens took on new resonance. When public health restrictions began to lift, our local farmers' markets also saw renewed interest.

Aurora's market, for instance, set the benchmark for other similar organizations in opening to the public once again, albeit with some restrictions in place, and deftly pivoted each step of the way. Now that we're firmly settled into our not-so-new normal it, and its colleagues across the GTA, are still riding high – not just as a place of commerce and a showcase of just what you can find when you Shop Local, but as a way to connect with neighbours, share ideas, and bring together like-minded people for a common cause.

As COVID eased, we've been all too glad to continue the benefits of Shopping Local as we all reap the benefits of doing so, and it's heartening to see. It's also heartening to see people still invested in exploring their local community and everything it has to offer. Something that, in my observation, may have seemed dull, boring or common place before

benefited from us all having the precious gift of time to explore them for a full evaluation.

If there are any long-lasting silver linings that came out of the nightmare we all lived through, I'm glad that this newfound – or, more accurately, re-found appreciation for amenities around us seems to have a degree of staying power.

But, at the same time, we can't allow ourselves to become too myopic.

As important as it is to emphasize and showcase our communities, we mustn't lose sight of thinking beyond ourselves in our day-to-day lives. Perhaps this is the tarnished flipside of a coin so singularly focused on the four walls that kept us safe during that difficult time and what lay just immediately beyond it.

Within school environments, for example, we have students who are more connected now than ever before. With the resources they have at hand, technological or otherwise, they're able to identify global problems and, with guidance from like-minded teachers, are, in turn, able to identify practical solutions to make a difference.

Smart phones, tablets, and the like, although sometimes misused in this school environment, have proved invaluable in facilitating these kinds of learning opportunities where you can connect with and learn from peers around the world with a single tap. These lessons can give you real-time and firsthand knowledge of the issues that matter in other parts of the globe and how they might be relevant here.

As students prepare for the school year ahead, they could face some age-specific restrictions on how they use the devices that have, for better or worse, become extensions of ourselves and our windows on the world. How they are used in these settings has indeed become a problem in some instances, but I can only hope these new restrictions are more flexible than they sound and are determined at the discretion of the teacher.

As someone who has repeatedly spoken out in this space about the dangers of seeking out echo chambers, particularly those found through social media, to justify or validate ideas rather than to seek out different perspectives or facts, it might seem counterintuitive to have qualms about restricting phone use in the classroom, but I'm a realist.

Advocates for these and even greater restrictions have claimed these devices, or, perhaps, more accurately the apps that have been downloaded to them have re-wired some young minds and altered the way they think so I can't help but think this could only exacerbate other problems.

That they have had such a profound impact is certainly a problem, but other apps also broaden horizons, from the opportunity to glean instant knowledge from a repository vaster than the world has ever seen, to apps that help the user manage stress and anxiety in the classroom and their lives in general, and stay connected with their family and peers – something that proved a lifeline to so many of us when our worlds temporarily, but drastically shrank.

There is a degree of satisfaction, particularly at this time of year, of tending to your own plot of land, but don't lose sight of what's beyond your yard, balcony or window box.

Depending on where you are in the world, things might not be so peachy – but staying connected, focused and having the tools you need when and where you need them can certainly make a world of difference.



## Knowledge, wisdom are meant to be shared

by Mark Pavilons



"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it." – Margaret Fuller

Very sound advice, indeed.

Our entire species and our history is built on accumulated knowledge. From our earliest ancestors who created fire and the wheel, to today's cutting-edge medicine and space exploration, our knowledge is expanding exponentially.

Thanks to the internet of all things, we can access, decipher and yes, share this newfound information. Offering it is one thing, but all we know you can lead our fellow horses to water, but we can't make them drink.

It's been said we are all born ignorant but "one must work hard to remain stupid."

That pretty much sums up humankind.

Helen Keller once noted that "knowledge is love and light and vision."

We are all walking encyclopaedias to an extent. Just think about it – millions of knowledge-hungry souls are wandering the planet in search of ideas, methods, solutions, experiences, love and beauty. Our combined knowledge, put into a compact USB drive, and inserted into every human brain, would make us all immortal!

Ok, a bit over the top, but my point is we are all capable of absorbing a ton of information and forming ideas, opinions and emotions.

We don't really think about it on a daily basis, but it's estimated the average person's brain processes 74 GB of data every day. That's more than the storage of our laptops and is equivalent to the images, sights, sounds from streaming every episode of Game of Thrones (73 episodes, ~1GB each) or streaming every piece of music ever composed by both Vivaldi (235 hrs.) & Mozart (240 hrs.) (6.6 hrs/GB).

What's more is that amount increases each and every year. By comparison, this is more than our ancestors processed in an entire lifetime.

Our brains are nifty gadgets, perfectly designed to filter information, selecting a few worth noting and filing away all the rest.

As Michio Kaku once wrote, "Sitting on your shoulders is the most complicated object in the known universe."

Okay, Michio, what to do with such a biological supercomputer?

Most of us take it for granted and park most of our gray matter while surfing the net or browsing Instagram. Others process more when doing something creative – composing music, writing code, debating politics, even star-gazing.

Just having a conversation is not only men-

tal exercise, it's what we humans were meant to do – exchange thoughts and ideas. From the early teaching of the likes of Socrates and Plato, humans were encouraged to "think out of the box" and share. There have always been people with varying levels of intelligence and street smarts. The idea is for all of us to come together in a verbal and mental tug of war, so to speak.

In my line of work, I see this every day and it continues to make me smile. I read a vast array of submissions, facts and opinion pieces and watch as my fellow humans devour it all and come to very different conclusions. Oh, the humanity (but not in the Hindenburg sort of way).

My job is tremendously satisfying in that I get to pick the brains of almost everyone I encounter, gathering tidbits like a kid with an Easter basket. When my basket is full, I sort through these precious "eggs," keeping the best and tossing the rest. And then I repeat the process.

In the end, I acquire a huge database of knowledge, things I would never be able to learn on my own, through my own experiences.

For that I am tremendously grateful.

And what do I do with all of this? Well, I share it, of course, with you, my readers. From local business openings and social issues, to climate change and political unrest, the information is laid out, for all to see. Again, what others do with this is up to them. Everyone's Easter basket is unique and subjective. For me, writing is sharing.

This is how adults learn. This is how we obtain and sift through some of those daily gigabytes.

Ram Dass noted: "Each of us finds his unique vehicle for sharing with others his bit of wisdom."

If we are good at something, pass it on! Billy Graham pointed out we are not "cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."

And our ability to share isn't confined to facts and figures. More importantly, we can spread joy, understanding, empathy, love and form bridges where none existed. We can share a meal, a smile, a gesture.

Talent doesn't object to sharing, so why should we?

We can all be teachers in our own right, on a regular basis. Not only can we share ideas, we can share our pain, our struggles and our hardships. We can heal together.

If you think about it, our relationships and friendships contain all of these things. We tend to be stingy or selective with what we share, but in certain circles, I think the gloves are off, and the sharing rule book is out the window. We may not be in the same boat, but we're navigating the same storm.

It's been said that the biggest communication problem is we don't listen to understand; we listen to reply.

We can't lose the art of sharing and caring with one another. It's essential to what we are.

What we need to do is connect more – in person, at community events, through emails and social media and by absorbing knowledge. We need to save each other from dashing down virtual rabbit holes, pulling one another up with all our might.

Going barefoot, hugging a tree, embracing our loved ones (including the four-legged or feathered ones) should be daily occurrences.

And a good debate over a pint at the local pub never hurt.

What say you?

## Our Readers Write

### We need to demand more from our tax dollars: reader

(Re: *The Price of Bananas, From The Second Row, August 9*)

A wonderful article on the complacency of Canadians. One thing was missing —our outrageous taxes. A recent Fraser's Institute report "Taxes vs the Necessities of Life" reveals that from 1961 to 2023 our total tax bill increased nominally by 2,705% dwarfing increases in annual housing costs (2,006%),

clothing (478%) and food (901%). Canadians are quiet, but the average family now pays more in taxes than for the necessities of life. Taxes are the main reason we have less disposable income. It is long overdue that we demand more value for our taxation dollars.

R. FORSYTH  
PALGRAVE

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# Perseverance

Perseverance can be described as doing something that is difficult, but you continue because you want to achieve a goal.

In the end you may still fail, but at least you tried.

One of my favourite stories of perseverance in the face of adversity is the story of the crew of the Lady Be Good.

Lady Be Good was an American B-24D Liberator bomber that disappeared on its first combat mission on April 4, 1943, during World War II.

Departing from its air base in Libya, the mission was to bomb the harbour in Naples, Italy.

The mission was a disaster when a sandstorm caused problems and several aircraft had to abort. Lady Be Good never found its target due to poor visibility.

Eventually the crew turned the aircraft around and headed back to the airfield over the Mediterranean Sea. By this time it was dark. Lady Be Good never landed at the airbase.

It was surmised at the airfield that the airplane had crashed into the Mediterranean, and the crew of nine were all lost.

In 1958, a British oil exploration team were flying over the Sahara Desert when

they spotted an aircraft on the ground and took note.

In 1959, another crew again saw the aircraft noted the exact location and made a report. A recovery team made a trip to the site to investigate. It was Lady Be Good.

Lady Be Good was in remarkable condition. Its radio still worked, and its guns still fired, but there was no sign of the crew.

An investigation, aided by a diary kept by one of the crew, revealed the mystery behind the disappearance of Lady Be Good.

The aircraft had technical issues and navigational errors while returning to the airfield in total darkness. The airfield fired flares to alert the aircrew of the location, but they didn't see them and the Lady Be Good overshoot their target and were now heading out over the desert.

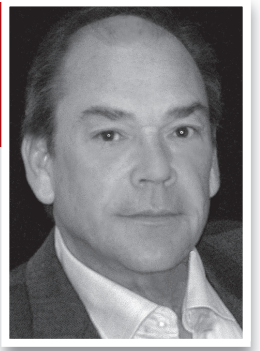
In the dark, the crew thought they were still over the Mediterranean.

The commanding officer pilot, warned the crew they were dangerously low on fuel, and would have to abandon ship.

The entire crew baled from the doomed craft and expected to land in water. Instead, they landed on desert sand.

One of the crew died when his parachute failed to open.

## BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



The remaining eight crew members managed to find each other using pistol shots and flares.

They were eight men lost in the middle of the Sahara with one-half of a canteen of water, and no food.

They reasoned their only hope would be to walk north in the direction of the airfield. They had no idea that they had landed 400 miles in-land. Their chance of survival at this point, without a miracle, was zero.

Ironically, if they had walked south, they would have come across their aircraft which landed on its own, almost intact, just 16 miles away. The aircraft had water, rations, and a working radio they could have used to call for help.

The group managed to walk 25 miles in the scorching heat. At that point, five of the men were too weak to continue. They had survived for eight days in the desert.

They were found in a group by a search party in 1960 – 17 years after the failed mission.

One of the airmen had kept a diary and wrote down what they were experiencing. The diary entry said they were suffering so much in the heat without water they were praying to die just to get it over with.

However, three of the crew persevered, and continued walking.

Searchers expanded their recovery and located another body around 24 miles farther north.

They found a seventh body a further 26 miles away.

It was later discovered that a British patrol came across a mummified body in 1953, around 75 miles from the site where the group landed. At the time, there were no reports of any Allied air crew missing, and they assumed it was a lost Bedouin shepherd.

They buried the body and made a note.

It was later surmised, that this body was actually that of the last remaining airman who had managed to walk 75 miles in sand, in the scorching heat, with no water or food.

Now that is perseverance. He probably realized there was no one searching for them, and the situation was bleak, but he didn't give up.

Most of us will never face such a bleak situation, but perseverance to achieve a goal is always an admirable quality, even if you don't succeed.

# Words that start with "Sun"

While important topics like aggregate policy, zoning and land use designations, and illegal trucking yards continue to dominate the news cycle, sometimes it benefits us all to remember the things that are good about Caledon. These reminders are helpful, if for no other reason than to be sure we enjoy them before they are paved over, plowed under or blasted away! Summer is an excellent time to be a resident of Caledon and for a list of reasons why, consider these words that start with "sun."

There are an infinite number of places in Caledon to enjoy a sunrise or a sunset. Sunrise holds the promise of a beautiful day ahead and sunset, the opportunity to reflect on your day. Take in either sun-drenched event in Alton by climbing the Pinnacle for a great view and while in town, stop for coffee, visit the Mill or stay for dinner.

It goes without saying the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park is a beautiful place to be anytime of the day, but time your visit just right and watch a stunning sunset as an added bonus. Camping at Albion Hills Conservation Area is an excellent way to wake up with the sunrise and it's close enough for families who want to try camping before investing big bucks in all the equipment one needs to "rough it" outdoors. Just between you and I, why some people haul everything they own out of a perfectly good kitchen at home just to be able to cook outside over an open flame is beyond me. As for watching a sunset from the great outdoors? Nothing beats it, but sleeping on the ground with only a little piece of flimsy fabric between me and the environment is a hard "No!" Anyway, back to beautiful Caledon. Underrated in my opinion, consider a stop at Ken Whillans Resource Management Area where you can kayak and paddleboard amongst the lily pads, picnic on the shoreline and fish from a variety of locations. All the waterfront trails are marked "easy," you can rent equipment, buy bait and as an added bonus you can even hop onto nearby Caledon Trailway for a hike! Open until 9 pm, plan your visit right and you'll be sure to see the sunset.

Sunflowers. That's it – that's the word, the definitive "word that starts with sun." Caledon has two spectacular locations to view sunflowers, both well-known to Caledon residents, and thanks to bloggers and social

media postings on Insta, they are becoming increasingly well-known beyond our borders, too. Consider Davis Family Farm for an idyllic stroll through their one kilometre "Field of Dreams," full of beautiful sunflowers but plan to do it soon! According to schedules posted online, optimal sunflower festival viewing times end this weekend. There are plenty of places to stop and take a picture while there so go make some memories! The Davis Farm family have been a fixture in Caledon for generations and while this is the only time of year we can include the word "sun" in their farm description – you can absolutely visit them in the springtime for all your garden flower needs and again in the fall for pumpkins, mums, and so much more.

Also in Caledon, at our southern border, is Campbell's Cross Farm featuring 700,000 sunflowers. That's a lot of these fabulous flowers and in addition to strolling through the grounds, they offer plenty of sunflower-related activities including, on theme, sunrise and sunset yoga! They'll be open until the end of August and maybe this is the year I'll finally get to try their famous watermelon sandwich. Friends tell me it's delicious and it's certainly in keeping with our theme of words that start with "sun." How you might ask? Because watermelon tastes best in summer! It's like eating a little piece of sunshine.

How about the phrase, often applied to others, although rarely to me, "they have a sunny disposition?" Does this qualify as a word that starts with sun? In my books it does but what the heck does having a sunny disposition have to do with Caledon? You might think this a bit of a stretch, but I think it's a great way to acknowledge all the people in our community who DO have a sunny disposition and who show it by doing great things. I'm talking about your neighbourhood volunteers who put together hyper-local special events in the summertime like movies in the local park, the Valleywood Block Party, a recent community fair and celebration in Southfields and all those folks who volunteered to help bring Bolton's Midnight Madness to fruition. We should also acknowledge and be grateful for all those who volunteer for a wide variety of causes near and dear to their hearts; whether that's by staging a golf fundraiser, a ride, walk or run, or any number of other special events that take place throughout the

## SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

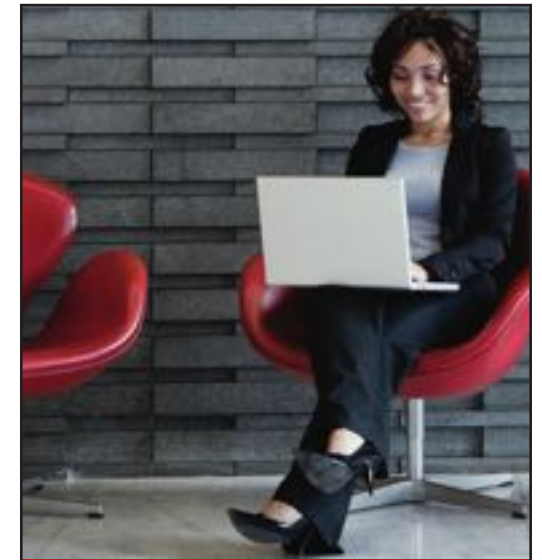


summer, where the sole purpose is to support a charitable endeavour. Between volunteers and those that work at our non-profit agencies throughout Caledon, we are blessed with an abundance of people with sunny dispositions!

Perhaps it's self-evident that I wrote this column on a sunny day. The beauty of the summer sun means for some lucky few of us, we can take our "workplace" outdoors and make the most of the days that the sun shines in Caledon. It makes it hard, even for the occasional persnickety columnist like me, to focus on what's wrong with our town. Nothing has changed recently, and I still have concerns, but when the sun is shining isn't it much nicer to picture sunflowers, swimming and soccer-playing six-year-olds instead of streams of social media rants, spats and squabbles? I think so.

On that note, I offer one last comment that doesn't actually include the word "sun," but does include the word "Sonny." If you are of a certain age, perhaps you'll appreciate the humour. It's based on a recent – and very true – story: Someone I love was buying their first car from an actual dealership and had been dealing with a salesperson named Sonny. When later I accompanied them to assist with negotiations, without a trace of irony, they introduced me as follows: "Sonny, this is Sher..." and before she could even complete the sentence I burst out in full-on belly laughter! Neither she nor the salesperson, both considerably younger than me, knew why. Boy did I feel old! If you know why I was laughing so hard – then you're at least as old as I am although I hasten to mention

I was just a "babe," when that show was on the air. Did you see what I did there? Have a sunny weekend Caledon.



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# Chisom Ochuba and Sehaj Lidder, Grade 11 students, co-founded ChangeMakersHQ

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For example, 17-year-old Yash from Jharkhand, India, used a CMHQ Initiative to bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education to his community.

Yash used curriculum that CMHQ developed to lead a science experiment at a local school. It was the first time students at the school had ever done a science experiment.

Lidder said CMHQ's materials are easily accessible and that the non-profit will help anyone who wants to lead an initiative.

"It's one way we stick to our mission of empowering youth-led initiatives around the world," said Lidder.

An example of another initiative supported by CMHQ was a youth-led beach cleanup in Ghana.

The Passion Project Accelerator came out of a desire to help youth who want to develop their own initiatives. Through zoom calls and behind-the-scenes support, CMHQ helps youth make their initiatives a reality.

For example, CMHQ recently helped a young person who wanted to run support programs at a senior's residence. They helped the youth make connections and develop their program, and they were able to successfully implement it.

Ochuba said with CMHQ's support, the youth was able to run a program at a senior's residence near them within two weeks.

"We have a group chat with each of the people who are within that Passion Project Accelerator... that allows us to answer any questions that they have, 24/7," said Ochuba.

There are currently around 50 passion projects that CMHQ is supporting.

Lidder said ultimately, he and Ochuba

hope CMHQ will leave youth feeling like they can change the world.

"When youth finish their journey at CMHQ, they'll have the framework and experience to go out and start their own initiatives... if you're passionate, you can go and change the world," said Lidder.

Ochuba said getting started with CMHQ gives youth confidence they may not have even realized they had.

"If you're running sessions at retirement homes at age 15, who's to say you can't help fix the biggest issues in the world at 25?" said Ochuba. "We're trying to give people confidence early on so they can go out into the world and solve the biggest problems because ultimately that's what we need... people who are confident innovators and changemakers."

CMHQ has a website, cmhqglobal.com, and Ochuba and Lidder are encouraging youth to check it out and get in touch with them to learn how they can make an impact.

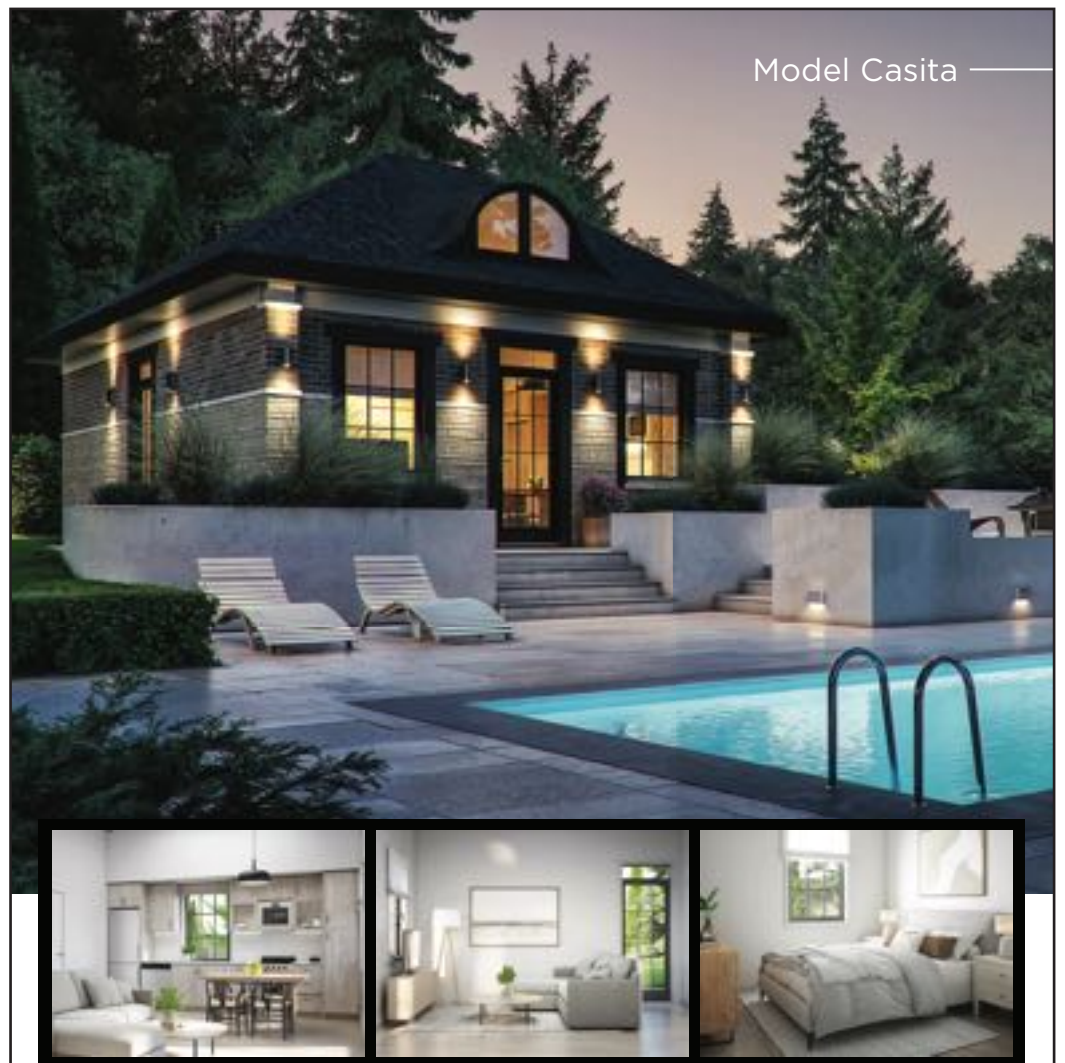
"We'll support you and help you get your idea off the ground," said Ochuba. "CMHQ is so unique because it allows youth to do service that they're actually interested in, that they're genuinely passionate about, because they're able to start something themselves."

Lidder said youth are often in the best position to help change the world because they have time that adults don't have. He said today's teens are often very passionate about making the world a better place, and that CMHQ wants to tap into that potential.

"We're two teens trying to help youth change the world," said Lidder.

Ochuba said giving opportunities to youth will make the world a better place.

"Everybody deserves an opportunity to pursue what they want and an opportunity to change the world," said Ochuba.



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From left: Margaret Paan, Executive Director for Bethell Hospice; Janette Panhuis, Board Chair for Bethell Hospice; Ryan Prendergast, Board Chair for Hospice Dufferin; and Maureen Riedler, Executive Director for Hospice Dufferin.

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## Organizations integrating to improve access to palliative and community care services

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Hospice Dufferin Executive Director Maureen Riedler said Hospice Dufferin and Bethell Hospice are united by shared values and a common vision.

“We are confident that our integration of services with Bethell Hospice will enhance the quality of palliative care services in our region,” said Riedler. “Hospice Dufferin proudly celebrates a 40-year legacy of delivering exceptional palliative and bereavement care. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, staff, and donors.”

Bethell Hospice Executive Director Margaret Paan said Bethell Hospice is honoured to provide palliative care services for the Dufferin community.

“We look forward to partnering with the existing volunteers and donors to ensure

critical hospice services and community programs continue to be available close to home,” said Paan.

Stronach noted the Board of Directors of both hospice organizations are “committed to a vision of excellence in quality palliative and community care services in Dufferin County and Caledon and are fully engaged and supportive of the integration of services.”

Hospice Dufferin is inviting residents of Dufferin and Caledon to an event running from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on August 27 at Hospice Dufferin (30 Centre Street, Orangeville) to celebrate the history and legacy of Hospice Dufferin. To register for the event, interested residents can visit the following link: [www.eventbrite.ca/e/hospice-dufferin-tickets-972442270007](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hospice-dufferin-tickets-972442270007).

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# ARTS & CULTURE



## Theatre Orangeville Young Company Drama presents "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

If your sister told you after the fact that she had discovered a whole wintry country inside the Wardrobe of an almost barren room, except for a clock, in the Professor's huge mansion, where you were living temporarily, would you believe her?

The premise of C.S. Lewis's timeless work, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* is that Lucy's three siblings, Edmund, Peter and Susan do not believe her story of talking animals, mythical creatures and unending winter. Soon enough, they discover for themselves her stories are true and that their own stories are only beginning in this adventure of

fear, fighting, betrayal, a very wicked Witch, called the Snow Queen, and a benevolent Lion who teaches them bravery and the value of the truth.

This production is on at Theatre Orangeville over the weekend of August 23 to 25.

The Citizen sat down with the cast of 12 members of Young Company Drama this week to chat about how they see the play and themselves within it.

There were many interesting answers to those questions.

First, though, a quick introduction to the story, as we were told, "The four siblings find their way into Narnia with the Wicked Witch. They discover they are destined to bring



Theatre Orangeville Young Company Drama cast and director Duncan Lang pose outside on a break from rehearsals of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, on at Theatre Orangeville over the weekend of Aug. 23 to 25.  
PHOTO BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

peace to the land of Narnia and throughout the play, they have to fight with the characters in Narnia."

Teaching them, fight instructor Ian Walsh has been coming to Theatre Orangeville to help young actors learn how to do battle safely on stage for several productions over the years.

The Lion, we learned, is the overseer of the land, a folk hero.

A warm welcome back to Duncan Lang, whose performance as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* with Young Company Musical, being driven back and forth between Orangeville and Newmarket every day for the summer of 2017 and subsequent years, may well have launched his determination to follow a career in theatre.

Lang is in Town for his directorial debut with this tremendous show.

Asked how well the rehearsals were going, he was very enthusiastic about the level of talent and quick uptake of the cast, with some very difficult characters to play.

"It's so fulfilling to me to watch this cast get into their characters," he said. "Sometimes, that's hard, but these talented kids are so consistent – it's just amazing."

Sophie told us that she has played the parts of villains but in her role as Susan, "this is soft," she said.

"It was a little hard but this is a different way to connect to the role."

One commented that as they are not tall, they have played softer roles, but in this production, they are required to be an imposing figure.

With some satisfaction, they informed us, "It's fun to be an imposing figure, such a difference – I've learned I can play a more imposing role."

This is the sixth time for Jack who always loves working with the Young Company casts, with such talented people. He admitted that he was acting out of his comfort zone in the role of Edmund, who is dishonest and, at first, betrays his sister and seeks power for

himself.

"And we have an amazing director – there are so many of us coming together," Jack said.

He added that a lot of times with other characters, when the role is a challenge, "You can stretch and do it right."

Simon told us straight up, "I play a villain character, strict and mean. So evil."

About why we should come to see Young Company's *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, they had plenty of reasons.

What is great about this story is the strange, fearsome, kindly, odd and amazing characters themselves; many of these actors have more than one role to play.

"This is one of the most popular book series," one observed, "and this is the live version of it."

With the mix of unusual characters, there is a lot of "really good emotion, very intense with fight scenes that will keep you on the edge of your seat."

Good against evil in a magical land, perhaps strangely, brings many messages and life lessons.

The Theatre Orangeville website also offers, "This dramatization of C.S. Lewis's classic work faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great Lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia."

To bring to life the abstract of the show is to come into an interesting space.

They agreed for sure: "There's wisdom in this show."

Young Company's production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* is on the main stage of the theatre over the weekend of August 23 to 25. For details and tickets, go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

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## COMMUNITY events

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

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### 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.  
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# Peel launches fund for Black-led, focused and serving organizations

## Regional staff and councillors celebrate launch of fund

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Peel has launched a new fund to support B3 organizations in the region.

B3 stands for Black-led, Black-focused and Black-serving. The Region of Peel's B3 Fund was officially launched on July 17 and is now available to eligible organizations.

According to the Region of Peel, the fund was launched at a vibrant event attended by over 80 representatives from B3 organizations, Region of Peel staff, and municipal partners.

"The event highlighted the community's collective commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion and was a resounding success," said the Region in a media release.

The B3 Fund's framework was made in partnership with the B3 advisory board — a group of 12 Black executive directors in Peel. The board featured representation from numerous community-based social service agencies.

"The B3 Fund aims to foster measurable changes within B3 organizations, networks, and grassroots groups, providing them with the resources and supports needed to thrive," reads the release.

The fund is part of Peel's Community Investment Program, which provides grants for non-profits so they can better deliver human and social services.

Mississauga's Ward 9 Councillor Martin Reid said he's elated the B3 funding

framework has come to Peel.

"It shows our leadership. It shows our ability to be first out of the gate. It shows our courage to continue to support the Black community after the trend has faded," said Reid. "Peel is one of the most diverse municipalities in the country. It is evident that when you take care of the Black community, you take care of every other community that has ever been 'othered' in Peel Region. We hold the door open for everybody with this B3 funding framework."

Juliet Jackson is Peel's director of culture and inclusion. She said the launch of the B3 Fund is a significant milestone in Peel's diversity, equity and inclusion journey.

"The B3 Fund is crucial for supporting Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving organizations in Peel Region, and responds to historical funding disparities from all levels of government," said Jackson. "We are proud to provide the necessary resources and support to foster measurable change within our community."

Jason Hastings, a Planning and Partnership Director with Peel Region, said Peel is confident the B3 Fund will have a meaningful and positive impact on the lives of Black Peel residents.

"Occasionally, we are lucky enough to be part of something truly impactful. I had the privilege of participating in the successful launch of Peel's inaugural B3 Fund. This fund, dedicated to supporting Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving community agencies, marks a significant milestone for our region," said Hastings.

More information about the B3 Fund and Peel's Community Investment Program can be found online at: [www.peelregion.ca/community-investments/](http://www.peelregion.ca/community-investments/)

The deadline to apply for Peel's 2024 B3 Fund is August 21.

# CCS moves select offerings to new locations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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A local charity has moved some of its services.

On August 13, Caledon Community Services (CCS) released an update on the status of its move.

CCS announced that its new official mailing address is 55 Healey Road, Unit 10, Bolton (L7E 5A2). This is the location of The Exchange.

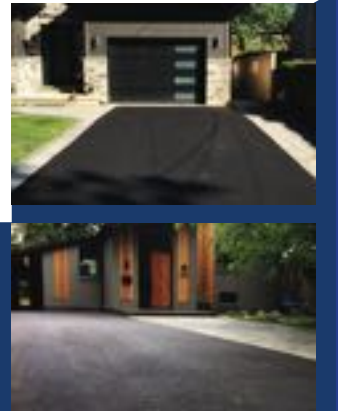
As of August 9, CCS has moved out of its office at 18 King Street East in Bolton. The services that used to be offered there are now offered at CCS' other locations, The Exchange (address above) and Evolve Caledon (4 Industrial Road).

Administration, human resources

and volunteer services are now located at Evolve Caledon; fund development services are located at The Exchange; LIFE for Youth services are located at The Exchange; Jobs Caledon Employment Services do not yet have a new location; self-serve jobs & training services are available at The Exchange; and newcomer services are available at Evolve Caledon.

CCS said it's important to note The Exchange, specialist clinic, and Evolve Caledon store are operating as normal. It added that Service Canada's final outreach at 18 King Street East took place on August 1 and that Service Canada has yet to notify CCS of its future plans.

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## Bolton Brewers sweep Orillia from playoffs with narrow 2-1 victory

BY JIM STEWART

In windy but ideal mid-summer conditions at North Hill Park on Saturday afternoon, the Bolton Brewers edged the Orillia Majors 2-1 to sweep their best-of-five NDBL quarter-final series.

Bolton starter Nate Drury provided a four-strikeout, complete-game performance for the Brewers on an afternoon when Bolton's league-leading offense was limited to nine hits over six innings. Drury, who was the hitting hero in a 19-3 thrashing of the Majors on Thursday night, delineated the keys to the Game 3 victory.

"Our approach to our at-bats today was very good. We were swinging at strikes and we were getting hits. Unfortunately, we left guys in scoring position when we didn't get the big hit and their pitcher [Majors' starter Cam Provenzano] did really well today, too."

The versatile two-way Brewer credited his teammates for the narrow win over the Majors. "Our defense was the key to our win today. I felt our defense was behind me so I could pitch to contact. I didn't strike out many batters today so the guys made big plays in the infield and the outfield. Brett Chater made that snow cone catch at shortstop and Dan Amodeo made a circus catch in centerfield on a ball that dropped on him by a couple of feet. He saved a run with that catch. Our defense won the game."

Brewers' catcher Carter Burnside returned to the lineup after Thursday's absence due to the lingering effects of a cortisone shot. After drawing a one-out walk, Burnside scored Bolton's first run in the bottom of the first on John Hutchinson's groundout RBI to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

The Brewers took a two-run lead in the bottom of the fourth when their offence seemed to wake up with three consecutive hard-hit singles to start the inning. Mario Accardo's game-winning RBI between first and second plated Logan Hart, but the Brewers squandered a bases-loaded situation that could have put the game away.

Provenzano, who turned in a complete game for the Majors, pitched out of trouble to limit the damage against Bolton's high-octane offense. He got Chater—a brilliant and productive leadoff hitter all season—to pop up to the catcher and he induced the red-hot Burnside to ground into a double play to end the Brewers' threat midway through the game.

Drury and his defense continued to hold the Majors at bay, particularly at the top of the fourth when Amodeo made a sensational catch in medium centerfield on a wind-buffed ball, leftfielder Logan Hart snared a line drive down the third base line to take away an extra-base hit, and Drury helped himself by spearing a comebacker to keep the Majors off the scoreboard.



NATE DRURY

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

At the top of the fifth, Drury flashed the leather on another Majors shot heading up the middle and promptly struck out the next two Majors to get the Brewers' potent bats back to the plate. However, the Brewers left two more runners in scoring position and more defensive heroics were needed to support a stalled offense.

At the top of six, Drury took care of business by striking out Brett Beardsall on a perfect off-speed pitch, and Chater climbed the ladder at shortstop to make a highlight reel, snow cone catch. Drury induced a lineout to Brewer second baseman Greg Keenan to stifle another prospective uprising by the Majors and preserve the precarious 2-0 lead.

The end-of-game sequence was equally-suspenseful. Orillia keyed a two-out rally at the top of the seventh when Mark Griffiths hit a slow chopper down the third base line. A wild throw by Brewers' third baseman Amin Juarez beyond first baseman John Hutchinson ricocheted down the first baseline and scored Orillia pinch-runner Blake Faulds to cut Bolton's lead to one. However, Drury was unfazed by the E5 and induced Dylan Embury to pop out to Chater in shallow left field to end the "knee-knocker at North Hill."

The low-scoring contest was in stark contrast to the first two games of the series which produced an 11-4 win by the Brewers in Orillia on Tuesday night and a 19-3 shellacking administered by Bolton on the visitors on Thursday night. Drury was the hitting hero in the mercy-shortened Game 2 with 3 hits, 3 RBI, and 3 runs scored. His work in the batters' box and basepaths was praised by Brewers' Head Coach Mike Wallace.

"Nate Drury had a fabulous game. He was hitting the balls on the screws all night. He's our 'Swiss Army Knife' as a super utility player. He's had some bad ball luck this season at the plate so he earned those big knocks and RBI's tonight."

Coach Wallace also applauded Mateo Stothers who supplied a complete game, five-inning quality start after his 156-pitch marathon versus Owen Sound to clinch the NDBL pennant.

"Mateo had more than a week's rest. He was pretty fresh for his start tonight and pitched really well for us. Mateo also weathered some 15-minute breaks when we were scoring runs in bunches in the first four innings."

Stothers struck out three Majors in five innings of work and was supported by a buzz saw Brewers' offense that scored 7 runs in the first, 3 runs in the second, 5 runs in the third, and 4 runs in the fourth to invoke the NDBL mercy rule on Thursday night.

The pennant-winning Brewers—with their three-game sweep of the Majors—will wait for the results of the other NDBL series to determine their second round, best-of-five semi-final opponent.

## Caledon Student Athlete of the Week

# Mayfield SS Junior Athlete of the Year Grier Forbes starred in flag football, hockey, and rugby



GRIER FORBES

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BY JIM STEWART

Grier Forbes was selected Mayfield Secondary School's Junior Athlete of the Year for her prowess on the flag football field, hockey rink, and rugby pitch in 2023-24.

The Grade 10 Honor Roll student-athlete played against older competition in all three sports and played significant roles for the Varsity Flag Football team, the Varsity Hockey team, and for the Senior Rugby team.

Forbes was fully-immersed in the academic, artistic, and athletic life at Mayfield and demonstrated the balance that so many high-performance student-athletes acquire to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Forbes' three seasons of excellence caught the attention of her rugby coach, Rhys Manning, who described the fly-half's exceptional performances that contributed to the team's Peel Region Championship in the Spring.

"Grier has a strong desire to win, and to be competitive. She is a cerebral athlete and thinks through the game but also plays with aggression and passion. She sees and understands all the parts of her development and wants to grow as an athlete. Grier is very coachable. This balanced play has helped her in all three of her sports at Mayfield."

Coach Manning applauded Forbes' qualities in the classroom at Mayfield SS.

"Grier is focused and hard-working which helps in the classroom and athletic arena. She takes academics and athletics seriously and works at balancing these things in her life. She has been on the Honour Roll in both Grades 9 and 10 and was awarded the Rookie of the Year award in Grade 9 as a student who best represents Mayfield in academics, arts, and athletics."

What impressed Coach Manning about Forbes' outstanding achievements in three sports was that, "Grier plays hard and with confidence

for a young athlete."

"These are things that are difficult to coach as they are innate qualities. She has them and this helps elevate her play. She played in a very important position on the senior rugby team, playing fly-half as a Grade 10. A very impressive feat as she was called on to help organize and lead the attack offensively on a team of older girls. Grier is a quiet and humble player who leads by example and lets her play speak for her."

Coach Manning highlighted Forbes' most memorable performance moment as a Maverick in 2023-24.

"In the first rugby game she played this season, I watched Grier figure out her ability and become comfortable in her role. She made a few good runs and ran a strong line into a gap to score a try. It was clear Grier was confident, and that she understood her ability. She carried this awareness and confidence through the season helping us to a ROPSSAA championship and the OFSAA quarter-finals." Grier Forbes took time from her summer holidays and her preparations for Grade 11 at Mayfield Secondary School to answer our interview questions:

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

**Grier Forbes:** "As a Grade 10 student, I was a starter on two varsity teams and one senior sports team at Mayfield this year. I played for the varsity flag football team, varsity hockey team, and the senior rugby team. Specifically, I played fly half on the senior rugby team that won the ROPSSAA championship and participated at OFSAA, making it to the quarter-finals. I had to show leadership as a decision maker, distributor and attacker on the offensive side of play, and prided myself as a tackler on defence."

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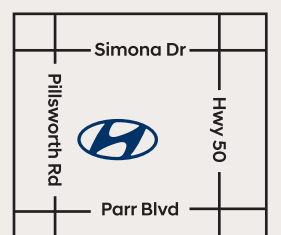
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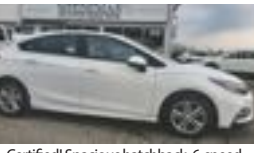
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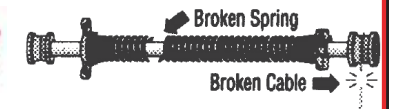
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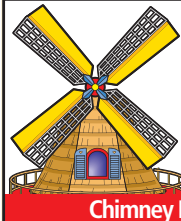


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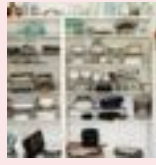
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# Mayfield SS Junior Athlete of the Year Grier Forbes starred in flag football, hockey, and rugby

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

**Grier Forbes:** "On the varsity girls flag football team, I was a starter and key receiver on offence as a junior aged player. I was relied upon as a consistent offensive threat and kick returner. While playing for the varsity girls hockey team I played an important role as a penalty killer known for my hard work every shift. My third sport at Mayfield was as a member of the Senior Girls rugby team. As a fly-half, I played a position which required a high game sense and the ability to execute. We won ROPSAA for the 5th time in a row and went to OFSAA, where the team and I played incredibly well."

**Caledon Citizen:** In addition to your high

school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

**Grier Forbes:** "Outside of high school teams, I have played rep hockey for many years for the Orangeville Tigers. I have also played eight years of club rugby for Fergus Highland RFC and have played the past two summers at the Ontario inter-branch level for Southwest Rugby."

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

**Grier Forbes:** "I work hard at my academics and take them seriously. At Mayfield, I am a member of the Regional Arts Program in the visual arts program. As already mentioned, I compete for the Varsity Girls flag football and hockey teams, as well as the senior girls rugby team. To go along with winning the Junior Athlete of the year award, I also

earned the Junior Athletic Letter as a Grade 10. I have been on the honour roll for two years in a row and won the Mayfield Rookie of the Year Award in Grade 9 which looked at my performance in Academics, Arts, and Athletics. As a student, I have participated in various student and community events, such as the Colour Run, Terry Fox Run, and Friday Night Lights."

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

**Grier Forbes:** "I plan on attending a post-secondary university after Grade 12. I am not sure what the future holds for me but I enjoy the science and medical field and would be interested in pursuing a career there. In regards to my athletic career I am going to continue to play high level sports both inside and outside of school to allow for

more opportunities."

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

**Grier Forbes:** "My parents have both been important role models for me as they have imparted valuable life lessons and have provided me with the opportunities that I am lucky to have. They are both teachers and coach at school and in the community."

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

**Grier Forbes:** "I am very honoured and thankful to have been nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week. It is a privilege to be able to participate in extracurricular activities at Mayfield. It has provided me with many valuable and memorable experiences that I will remember."

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# In Good Spirits, Taste of Orangeville features best craft beverages, local food the region has to offer

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A celebration of local craft beverages and food is returning to downtown Orangeville this weekend.

In Good Spirits and Taste of Orangeville are returning, with countless local restaurants and craft beverage companies taking over Mill St. on Friday and Saturday.

The fun begins with In Good Spirits, a 19+ craft beverage tasting event, now in its second year, to be held under the Taste of Orangeville tent on Mill St. from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, August 16.

The event will feature live music and provide attendees with many opportunities to sample a variety of beverages.

“The craft beverage industry is booming, and Orangeville is surrounded by talented small batch, craft beer, cider, wine, mead and spirits makers and shakers dedicated to making delicious drinks,” said a press release from the OBIA, the organization hosting the event.

A total of 14 craft beverage makers will attend In Good Spirits and share their stories. They include Adamo Estate Winery, Beattie’s Distillery, Ernest Cidery, Headwaters Beverage Company, Heretic Spirits, Hockley Valley Brewing, Mochaberry Coffee & Co., Mono Centre Brewery, Murphy’s Law Distillery, Ontario Honey Creations, Revival 1863, Roost Winery, Soulyve Catering & Events, Taphouse Craft Beer + Kitchen and Zero Bar.

Caledon Tourism will also be in attendance representing some of Caledon’s cideries and breweries, such as Pommies, Spirit Tree, Caledon Hills, Sonnen Hill and Good Lot.

“The evening includes live music, mixology demos, live painting, Downtown Dollar door prizes, and light appetizers, courtesy of our premier event sponsor, Soulyve Catering & Events,” said the OBIA’s press release.

Tickets are \$35 and provide attendees

with 18 tasting tickets and light appetizers.

Non-alcoholic drinks will also be available at the event.

The best in local food is returning to Taste of Orangeville on Saturday, August 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held under the big tent on Mill St., the event will provide attendees with samples of delicious food from Orangeville’s top restaurants and food creators, all the while enjoying great live music and a friendly atmosphere.

The event is free to attend but tasting tickets are \$1 each.

Participating restaurants include Barley

Vine Rail Co., Bluebird Cafe & Grill, Cafetown, The Craft Pizza Bar & Italian Kitchen, Coriander Kitchen, Greystones Restaurant, Mochaberry Coffee Co., Mill Creek Pub, RJ’s Taste of Asia, Son of a Chef, Soulyve Catering & Events, Taphouse Craft Beer + Kitchen, Thistle & Rose Pub, and Wicked Shortbread.

Alison Scheel, executive director of the OBIA, noted the importance of hosting both of this weekend’s events.

“By hosting engaging events such as Taste of Orangeville and In Good Spirits, we champion local food and beverage businesses, encouraging residents to eat and shop local-

ly,” said Scheel. “This not only supports the small businesses that are the backbone of our economy but also strengthens our community. These businesses employ our neighbors and contribute to local charities and causes. When you spend money at a local business, those dollars stay within our community, helping it thrive.”

Scheel said she’d encourage people to shop the stores along Broadway after Taste of Orangeville and In Good Spirits

To purchase tickets or learn more about both events, visit [downtownorangeville.ca](http://downtownorangeville.ca).

## Program that enhances safety at bars to be implemented in Dufferin–Caledon

BY SAM ODROWSKI

If you’re having a night out and think your drink has been spiked or someone is making you uncomfortable – Ask for Angela.

Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) is partnering with Loblaws to launch a new program focused on keeping people safe when out at a bar or venue where alcohol is consumed.

The program is a local adaptation of the Ask Angela Campaign, which was established in the United Kingdom in 2016 and gained significant popularity in the years that followed.

The campaign is lauded throughout Europe for its ability to assist people who feel vulnerable, unsafe or threatened when having a night out.

“The Ask for Angela campaign revolves around discreetly approaching

staff members at participating venues and requesting ‘Angela’ as a codephrase. This simple action will signal to the staff that the individual requires assistance,” the CVDS said in a recent press release.

“Promptly and compassionately, staff members will guide the person to a secure and private location, away from their companions, allowing for open dialogue and an accurate assessment of their needs.”

Based on what the distressed person tells the staff member, they will take appropriate actions, such as contacting the police, if requested, or Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, a friend, parent, or guardian.

“It is important to note that the staff members at participating venues are not expected to provide counselling services but rather to facilitate the

necessary support channels for those seeking help,” said CVDS’s press release.

To assist with implementing the Ask Angela campaign locally, an online training tool is accessible to staff at participating businesses. A video presentation and guidance sheet, designed to empower staff to effectively respond to individuals’ needs, is part of the training.

CDVS noted that its partnership with Loblaws to implement Ask Angela will help to foster a safer and more inclusive community, where people feel protected and supported.

“This partnership represents a powerful collaboration between a respected community service organization and a renowned retailer, highlighting their shared commitment to community well-being,” said CVDS.



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