



Let's Remember to honour those who served and sacrificed for our freedom during Veterans' Week (November 05 – 11) and on Remembrance Day on November 11th.

Let's also pay tribute to current members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) who protect our peace and security.

Taking an active role in Remembrance ensures we never forget the price of freedom. It's our obligation to pass on the torch of Remembrance to younger generations to ensure the memory of these sacrifices never fades.

On November 11, please take a moment to remember our Veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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10:00 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall
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BOLTON

Sunday, November 10, 2024
12:30 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph
Centennial Drive, Laurel Hill
Cemetery, Bolton

CALEDON EAST

Monday, November 11, 2024
10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph
(Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon East

ORANGEVILLE

Monday, November 11, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Orangeville Cenotaph
(Alexandra Park)
Orangeville

GRAND VALLEY

Monday, November 11, 2024
10:50 a.m.
Grand Valley Cenotaph
(corner of Amaranth St. W. &
Main St. N.)
Grand Valley

MANSFIELD

Monday, November 11, 2024
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Mansfield Cenotaph
Mansfield Park
(937016 Airport Road)
Mansfield

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY & THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

This year marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Both are recognized as some of Canada's most important military engagements of the entire Second World War.

The Battle of Normandy, codenamed "Operation Overlord," began on June 6, 1944 when some 14,000 Canadian soldiers came ashore at Juno Beach in occupied France on D-Day, as part of a massive assault that turned the tides for the Allies in Western Europe.

The price of victory in the Battle of Normandy was tremendous. Canada's soldiers experienced the highest casualties of any divisions in the British Army Group in the campaign. Some 359 Canadian soldiers were killed on D-Day alone, more than 5,000 made the ultimate sacrifice, and thousands were wounded during the two-and-a-half-months of fighting in Normandy.

The Canadians who fought in D-Day and the Battle of Normandy were among the more than one million who proudly served Canada in the name of freedom and peace.

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110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF WWI

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the start of WWI.

Canada found itself at war when Germany invaded Belgium on August 04, 1914. Young Canadians from across the country enthusiastically enlisted with thousands arriving at local recruiting stations wanting to do their part.

Canadians saw their first major action at Ypres on April 22, 1915, facing the first poison gas attack of the war, while helping hold the line against German troops.

WWI would drag on for four harsh years and would see more than 650,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders serving in this war with more than 66,000 making the ultimate sacrifice and more than 172,000 being wounded.

The Canadian battles and campaigns of the First World War, including Ypres, Vimy, and Passchendale, increased Canada's standing on the world stage and contributed to our country having a separate signature on the Treaty of Versailles.

We will never forget the tremendous sacrifices they made in defence of the peace, freedom, and security we enjoy today.

We will remember them.



2024 POPPY CAMPAIGN

When we wear a Poppy, it's one small, but important way we can show our gratitude and honour those who've served Canada.

Each year, Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Canadian cities, towns, and communities, including here in Dufferin-Caledon, organize the Poppy Campaign.

Legionnaires volunteer their time to support their local Legion Branches with the campaign. This year's campaign will run from October 25 to November 11.

Poppies are free to anyone who wishes to wear one; however, our local Legion Branches greatly appreciate any donations to the Poppy Fund. The funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level. When you make a donation to the Poppy Fund, you can know you're directly supporting Veterans and their families within our community, as well as the vitally important work the Legions perform throughout the year.

Let's show how much our Veterans, and their sacrifices, mean to each of us by wearing a Poppy.

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Drone show dazzles on Diwali



More than 200 drones light up the night sky in Caledon to celebrate Diwali on November 2. The award-winning drone display dazzled for the second year running, bringing out hundreds of spectators. The show was infused "with various symbols reflecting the essence of Diwali." For more, see Page A7.

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Councillor tables motion against building Highway 413 as outlined in Province's Bill 212

Motion will be coming to November 12 Meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's Ward 3 Councillor is expected to soon table a motion that attempts to protect Caledon residents from the impacts

of the Province's recently-passed Bill 212. Councillor Doug Maskell said Caledon should not support the Province's plan to build Highway 413, as outlined in Bill 212. He said he knows the decision to build the highway is ultimately out of Caledon's hands, and that his motion is not necessarily about whether it should be built or not. "From my reading of the legislation, Bill 212, it does a couple of things which make the construction of the highway under the conditions outlined in that bill unacceptable to Caledon," said Maskell. Bill 212, the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, includes the Building Highways Faster Act and the Highway 413 Act. Maskell said Bill 212 would prevent a Caledon resident from applying for an adjustment to the date their property would be expropriated to build the 413.

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Report shows CPL provides \$19.5 million in value to Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A new report from Caledon's library puts a monetary value on its impact in the community. On November 1, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) released results of a study it conducted on its economic impact to the Town. The study and corresponding report

were created using the Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT), which was developed by the Ontario Library Service and the NORDIK Institute, a research hub that's affiliated with Algoma University. According to the CPL's report, last year, the CPL delivered a total economic value of nearly \$19.5 million to the Caledon community. That equates to \$3.31 for every municipal dollar invested in the CPL.

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Butterfly Bereavement Project on display at Headwaters Hospital

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Residents are putting the grief they've felt from the loss of a loved one on display through a month-long art installation at

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC). The local hospital, along with Bethell Hospice and the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT), celebrated the unveiling of the 2024 Butterfly Bereavement Project, located in the hospital's Ambulatory Care Wing, on



Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its 2024 Butterfly Bereavement Project at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) on Tuesday, November 5. From left: Louise Sallesse (Spiritual Care and Grief Counsellor at Bethell Hospice), Heidi Vanderhorst (Hills of Headwaters OHT engagement lead), Margaret Paan (Bethell Hospice Executive Director), Dave Pearson (Hills of Headwaters OHT Executive Director), Aldona Morrison (Bethell Hospice Art therapist), Kim Delahunt President and CEO of HHCC), and Ramona Brazukas (Bethell Hospice client). **PAULA BROWN PHOTO**

Tuesday, November 5.

"I lost my father last month, which has been obviously very hard, but through events like this, it is certainly a beautiful reminder to use all that we're not alone in our grief journeys. We're never alone. We're blessed to have the support of all our partners, our friends, family, and colleagues with us always," said Kim Delahunt, CEO and resident of Headwaters Hospital.

The Butterfly Bereavement Project was started by Bethell Hospice in 2022 with the aim of educating the community on locally available bereavement support, providing support to bereaved individuals and increasing awareness on National Grief and Bereavement Day and Children's Grief Awareness Day, which are both observed in the month of November.

"We hoped to find a way to engage the public in creating something, which would not only honour those who have experienced grief but also visually represent the idea that loss is a universal experience, and while there are lonely moments, one does not need to feel alone in it."

The exhibit utilizes an array of colourfully drawn butterflies, which represent hope and symbolize transformation, and are also used around the world to raise awareness about grief and bereavement.

This year's Butterfly Bereavement exhibit features over 2,000 individually decorated paper butterflies that were created to express the love and loss, stories and memories of more than 4,000 people.

The kaleidoscope of individual paper butterflies has been placed in a circular pattern as a way to showcase the unity and sense of belonging for those experiencing grief, while the words "you are not alone"

are decal on the window in spirals to signify the movement of a butterfly.

Ramon Brazukas, a client of Bethell Hospice, spoke about the sudden passing of her 29-year-old son Paul, who had suffered from bipolar affective disease for many years and how the Butterfly Bereavement Project is an aid for those facing grief.

"You are not alone is such a perfect name for this collection of beautifully coloured butterflies, in that we are not alone in probably the most universal experience at one time or another we will all encounter in our lives – and that is grief," said Brazukas. "I realized quickly that the grief I was experiencing would be my own unique journey, exclusive to me, much like the diversity of these beautiful butterflies; no two are exactly alike. During our personal journey, we are free to embrace the peaks and valley and whatever emotions that will bring, much like butterflies soaring, landing and always moving. Butterflies can symbolize freedom, lightness and joy, and can remind us to let go of burdens and embrace liberation."

The Butterfly Bereavement Project will be on display in the Ambulatory Care Wing of Headwaters Health Care Centre throughout the month of November. Residents of Dufferin County and Caledon are invited to admire the array of personalized paper butterflies on display as well as add to the installation by colouring and creating their own butterflies, which can be found by the Welcome Center in the hospital.

More information about the Butterfly Bereavement Project can be found by visiting: hillsheadwaterscollaborative.ca/bereavement-services/

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Bylaw enforcement among top priorities for 300 respondents to Budget Survey

Town of Caledon's first 2025 budget meeting to be held November 25

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon's 2025 budget process is getting closer to completion.

On November 1, the Town released results from its 2025 Budget Survey, which approximately 300 people participated in. While the survey provides only a minute sample size when compared to Caledon's population, it does give some small insight as to what citizens are looking for in Caledon's next budget year.

Residents who completed the survey highlighted the following four areas as their top areas of importance for 2025: fire and emergency services (204), roads operations (184), municipal law enforcement (158), and parks, recreation and community services (105).

Survey respondents were asked which Town services they would like to see increased or decreased investment in. Here are the top two requested increases and decreases:

175 survey respondents said Caledon should increase investment in roads operations, and 166 said Caledon should increase investment in bylaw enforcement.

144 survey respondents said Caledon should decrease investment in diversity and inclusion programming, and 83 said Caledon should decrease investment in environment and climate change programming.

Maintaining current investment levels was also an option for the aforementioned question, and libraries (199), and parks, recreation and community events (188)

were the top two items in which residents wanted to see no change in investment levels.

Survey respondents were asked to rank the following four priorities, with a rank of one being the highest and four being the lowest: community vitality and livability, service excellence and accountability, enhanced transportation and mobility, and environmental leadership.

Community vitality and livability received the highest rank with an average score of 1.92.

The survey asked residents how they feel about the value they receive for their tax dollar. The top answer was fair (97), followed by poor (66), and good (56). 33 people chose an answer of very poor, and just 11 chose an answer of very good.

Town of Caledon staff are currently working on the Town's 2025 Budget in preparation for Caledon Council's November 25 Budget meeting. The meeting, according to the Town, will serve as a primer to identify needs and pressures Caledon will face next year.

In a statement, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves thanked all who participated in this year's budget survey, which was live from August 26 to October 1.

"Your input is invaluable in ensuring that the decisions we make as a Council put the needs and desires of the people of Caledon first," said Groves. "This feedback is critical as we head into budget discussions and make decisions to invest in our community."

Caledon's Chief Financial Officer Robert Cummings also offered thanks in a statement.

"The feedback we received gives us clear direction on where residents want to see their tax dollars invested, and it helps us prioritize spending while maintaining fiscal responsibility," said Cummings.



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STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged two individuals, including a tow operator, for being in possession of two stolen vehicles.

“On October 30, 2024, just before 12:00 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of McLaughlin Road and Tim Manley Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “At that time, a tow truck towing a vehicle was observed being followed by another motor vehicle. Traffic stops were conducted on both vehicles to confirm ownership. The investigation revealed that both vehicles were stolen, and two individuals were subsequently placed under arrest.”

As a result, a 25-year-old of Brampton (the tow operator) was charged with:

- Possession property obtained by crime over \$5000

The accused was also charged with the following commercial motor vehicle offences:

- Improper means of attachment -

- commercial motor vehicle;
- Insecure load - commercial motor vehicle;
- Drive commercial vehicle with a major defect in it or drawn vehicle;
- Fail to ensure performance standards are met;
- Improper tires - drawn vehicle - commercial motor vehicle.

Additionally, a 21-year-old of Caledon (the driver of the other vehicle) was charged with:

- Possession property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Possessing automobile master key;
- Altering/destroying/removing a vehicle identification number.

Both accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 5, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Over the last few years, there has been a surge in vehicle crime. Vehicle crime includes theft, carjackings and criminality in the tow industry. Auto theft is the most prevalent type of vehicle crime. Members of the public can learn how to protect

themselves from vehicle crimes by visiting OPP.ca/AutoTheft.”

If you observe a suspicious vehicle or person in your neighbourhood, report it to police by calling 911. If possible, note of the make, model, colour, driver/occupant descriptors, and the plate number. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.ca.

BREAK AND ENTER INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon OPP are investigating a break and enter on Rowley Drive.

“On October 31, 2024, officers were dispatched to a residence on Rowley Drive, in the Town of Caledon, for a report of a break and enter,” say Police. “The preliminary investigation revealed that the home was forcefully entered between the hours on 4:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. earlier that same day. No one was home during the incident. Several items were taken.”

Anyone with information, including dashcam footage of the area during that timeframe, is asked to call police at 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E241458432). You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired operation in the Town of Caledon.

“On October 26, 2024, just before 9:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the area of Highway 10 and Highpoint Sideroad in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “No injuries were reported.”

As a result of the investigation, Rajinder Singh, 27, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus);
- Drive While Under Suspension.

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Orangeville on November 14, 2024, to answer to the charges.

“On October 24, 2024, shortly after 6:00 p.m., Caledon OPP was dispatched to the area of Ivan Avenue, in the Town of Caledon, for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and the driver. During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Navdeep Gill, 41, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 14, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

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

The OPP remind motorists that no amount of alcohol or drug is acceptable to consume and drive. Report impaired drivers. Should you observe a suspected impaired driver, please dial 911 or contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.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.

DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

Community Street Crime Unit of the Caledon OPP have charged a tow operator for being in possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking.

“On October 29, 2024, the Community Street Crime Unit received information on an individual involved in criminal activity and operating a tow truck in the Region of Peel,” say Police. “The investigation revealed a quantity of drugs in their possession for the purpose of trafficking.”

As a result, a 30-year-old of Brampton was charged with:

- Possession of a schedule I substance - heroin for the purpose of trafficking

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 5, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

If you observe a suspicious vehicle or person in your neighbourhood, report it to police by calling 911. If possible, note of the make, model, colour, driver/occupant descriptors, and the plate number. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.ca.

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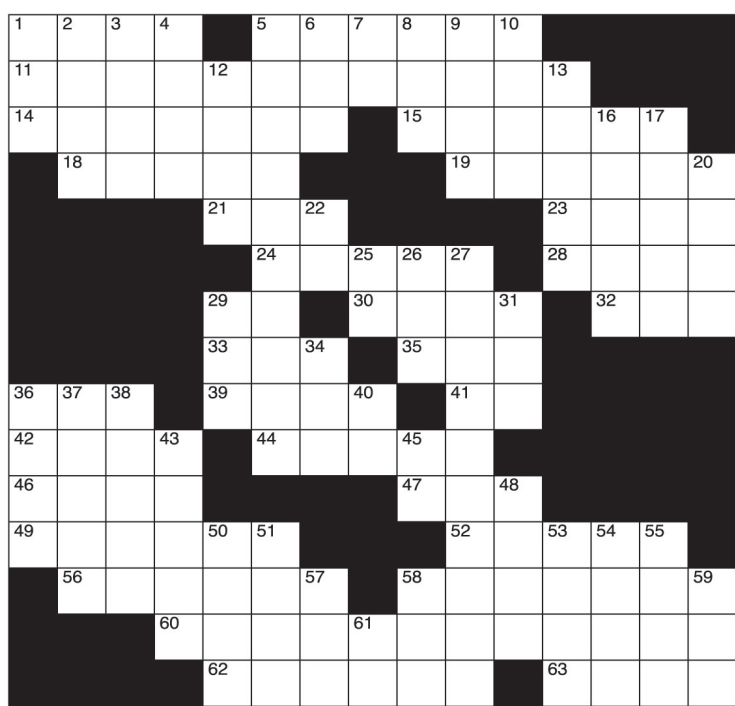
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14. The act of coming together again
15. Simpler
18. Visionaries
19. Large, fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA agent and critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. “Hammer” is one
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Thyrotrophic hormone
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing

36. Licenses and passports are two types
 39. Snakelike fish
 41. Air Force
 42. Popular computers
 44. Of a withered nature
 46. Wings
 47. Used in combination
 49. Laid back
 52. Jeweled headdress
 56. In slow tempo
 58. ___ Falls
 60. Assertions made again
 62. Periods of history
 63. Hyphen
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Body part
 2. Mimics
 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
 4. Sea eagle

5. A type of subdivision
6. Variety of Chinese
7. Mr. T’s name on “The A-Team”
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Impressionable persons
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. Instinctive part of the mind
25. “The First State”
26. A way to develop
27. Fraternities
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Beer
36. Spiritual leader

37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior’s father
43. Ray-finned fishes
45. Morning
48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. A small bundle of straw or hay
53. Got older
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. “To the ___ degree...”
59. Residue of a burned product
61. It cools a home

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FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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“On October 10, 2024, Caledon OPP was dispatched to a fraud incident,” say Police. “The preliminary investigation reveals that on October 9, 2024, shortly before 1:00 p.m., a female attended a residence on Crestwood Road in Bolton minutes after a courier slip was left at the door. The slip was taken, and the individual returned to their vehicle, a dark blue or black SUV.

“Using false identification, that same person later attended the courier location and picked up the package, which was purchased using the victim’s credit card. Three separate purchases were made for a total of just under \$7,000.”

If you know this individual, please call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E241357694). 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.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of fraud as asked to contact their local police or report anonymously using Crime Stoppers. You should also report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or through their online reporting system. For resources on scams and fraud, visit antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

OPP RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

The OPP is pleased to release its 2023 Annual Report.

The new enhanced electronic report has interactive content with links to additional information and previous years’ statistics for added context and includes embedded videos and podcasts. The Annual Report

can be viewed on the OPP’s website at opp.ca.

This report aligns with the OPP’s 2023-2025 Strategic Plan that provides direction and guides the OPP’s actions through its priorities of People, Work and Communities reaffirming its vision of Safe Communities: A Secure Ontario.

“Did you know that in 2023, the organization hired and trained more than 500 new recruits and experienced officers? This was an increase of almost 40 per cent from 2022. Through call-takers to dispatchers to officers on the frontline, the OPP received more than 2 million calls for service last year. In 2023, OPP officers were dispatched to a traffic event every four minutes.

“In an effort to keep Ontario roadways safe in 2023, OPP officers initiated a traffic stop every 80 seconds representing an increase of 26 per cent over 2022. Unfortunately, drivers continued to choose to drive while impaired. OPP officers issued more than 11,000 impaired charges in an ongoing effort to protect the safety of all motorists.

“Additionally, the OPP’s Criminal Investigation Branch investigated 160 major crimes including 40 homicides in 2023. The OPP also removed \$15.4 million estimated street value of illicit drugs from the communities we serve through the work of the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau. With the incidence of chronic violent offenders given judicial interim release and committing further violent criminal acts thereafter, the importance of bail reform was made clear. Following OPP appearances before several Standing Committees calling for meaningful legislative change, several bail reform initiatives were introduced in 2023, including Bill C-48. This Bill makes targeted changes to the Criminal Code’s bail regime to address serious repeat violent offenders with weapons in an effort to enhance the safety of officers and all citizens of Ontario.

These are just a few of the highlights showcased in the OPP 2023 Annual Report that illustrate the OPP’s commitment to combat crime and enhance community safety within its jurisdictions across Ontario.”

Added OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique: “I am immensely proud of our organization’s achievements over the past year. Our dedication to the safety and well-being of the communities we serve across the province remains unwavering.”

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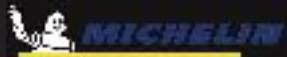
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Region asks Province for help supporting vulnerable residents

Peel says Ontario Works recipients are in a growing state of crisis

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Region of Peel is asking the Provincial Government to support Ontario Works recipients.

In a November 4 news release, the Region said

there's a growing crisis among Ontario Works recipients as social assistance rates have not risen with the cost of living.

According to the Province, Ontario Works provides financial assistance for food and housing expenses. It also offers health benefits and employment supports to help people find and keep a job, such as resume-writing workshops, job counseling, job-specific training and basic education.

In most cases, people must participate in employment-related activities in order to receive financial help. Ontario Works recipients can get up to \$733 per month for basic needs and shelter

if they are single, and potentially more for benefits or if they have immediate family members to support.

At a recent Region of Peel Council meeting, a report titled "The Erosion of Basic Living Standards for Peel's Most Vulnerable Residents" was presented to lawmakers.

Authored by Region of Peel staff, the report detailed how social assistance rates have remained stagnant compared to the cost of living.

"The report highlights the impact of Ontario's stagnant social assistance rates, which have not risen since 2018," reads the news release. "To keep up with inflation, Ontario Works rates would need to increase by over \$150 per month beyond the current \$733 for single individuals. As a result, recipients are forced to endure hardship and insecurity, often unable to meet essential needs like housing, food, and healthcare."

Peel has seen a 41 per cent increase in Ontario Works cases in the past year and there are 32,000 individuals or families waiting for affordable housing in the region.

The staff report states that it is imperative On-

tario Works rates be indexed to inflation and that benefits must also be raised to reflect the true cost of living.

The report also says as the cost of rent far exceeds the amount of support provided, vulnerable Peel residents are increasingly unable to secure safe and affordable housing.

Other advocacy priorities for the Region include addressing food insecurity — which 20 per cent of Peel households face — and improving access to mental health supports.

"Peel Region's advocacy efforts, in collaboration with community partners, aim to secure the necessary provincial support to address these issues and prevent further hardship for its residents," reads the news release.

Steve Jacques, Peel's Commissioner of Human Services, added: "We are calling on the provincial government to raise Ontario Works rates to a livable standard and index them to inflation. This is not just about poverty alleviation — it's about restoring dignity and stability to our residents."

Public health staff seeing increase in calls for service

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Region of Peel's Public Health Team is seeing an increase in calls for service and facing difficulties in meeting mandatory inspection requirements.

To meet this challenge, Peel Public Health Staff will be requesting additional resources through the Region's 2025 budget, as outlined in a staff report presented to Region of Peel Council for information today (November 7).

The report, presented by Peel's Commissioner of Health Services Nancy Polsinelli and acting Medical Officer of Health Gayane Hovhannisyian, states there's been a significant increase in the volume and complexity of inspections required due to growth in Peel.

In 2023, Peel Public Health conducted over 18,000 compliance, pre-operational, complaint-based and follow-up inspections at various locations in Peel.

These inspections resulted in 299 passes

and 32 closures of food premises, 29 conditional passes and five closures in personal service settings, and 76 recreational water closures.

Peel Public Health Staff are responsible for responding to food and water safety issues, tobacco and vaping complaints, potential rabies exposures, and environmental issues like blue green algae that impacts recreational waters.

"Issues such as inspections in home-based food businesses are complicated and public health is seeing a rise in complaints along with outbreaks," reads the report. "Increased resources are needed to protect the community, complete mandated inspections and provide timely responses to health hazards. The 2025 Budget will include requests for additional resources."

Home-based food businesses provide unique public health challenges as they often prepare high-risk food items in domestic kitchens not designed for commercial use.

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The Town of Caledon's annual Diwali Drone Show was a great success.

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Over 200 drones light up the night sky to celebrate Diwali in Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon recently celebrated Diwali in its own unique way.

On November 2, Caledon hosted its annual Diwali Drone Show. A new tradition in Caledon, the award-winning show offered residents an environmentally-friendly way to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

The show was held in the parking lot of the Southfields Community Centre in Southfields Village, and the parking lot was packed full with excited residents out to enjoy the show.

Town of Caledon staff thanked all who came out to the show in a social media post after the event.

“Featuring a spectacular display of over 200 drones, the sky was illuminated with various symbols reflecting the essence of Diwali. Events like this are a vital part of our commitment to enhancing the livability and vitality of our community, and we look forward to next year’s celebrations,” said staff.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen attended

the event and said it was a truly spectacular night.

“Families came together to celebrate the Festival of Lights, enjoying vibrant music and a sense of community. This environmentally-friendly alternative to fireworks truly captured the spirit of Diwali — light triumphing over darkness,” said Sheen on social media.

Sheen also thanked the Caledon South Asian Association, a local non-profit with the goal to increase South Asian cultural awareness and help facilitate access to resources and services that South Asians in Caledon are most in need of, for its help with the event.

This year’s drone show was the second to be held in Caledon.

The inaugural show received Parks and Recreation Ontario’s Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Award.

Parks and Recreation Ontario is a non-profit association that’s goal is to advance the health, social and environmental benefits of quality recreation through evidence-based practices, resources and collaborative partnerships.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Mayfield Tullamore Secondary Plan Public Information Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of the proposal, obtain feedback and answer questions.

Please note that no Council decision has been made about this proposal and a statutory public meeting (hosted by the Town’s Planning and Development Committee) will be scheduled for a future date.

- Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Meeting Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Drop-in Open House), Presentation at 7 p.m.
- Meeting Location:** Southfields Community Centre, 225 Dougall Avenue, Caledon, ON, L7C 3M7
- Organized by:** Town of Caledon Planning staff
- Assisted by:** Malone Given Parsons Ltd., planning consultants for the Mayfield Tullamore Landowners Group Inc.

SUBJECT LANDS

As shown to the right, the subject lands are bounded by Old School Road to the north, Torbram Road to the east, and Mayfield Road to the south. They also include properties on the west side of Bramalea Road.

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

The proposed Mayfield Tullamore Secondary Plan covers an area of approximately 609 hectares (1,505 acres). Of this total, approximately 217 hectares are comprised of Greenbelt Plan Area and existing natural heritage features. The result is a net developable area of approximately 392 hectares.

The proposed secondary plan would include neighbourhood areas, urban corridors, neighbourhood centres (residential and mixed-use areas), parks and open space, schools, and community facilities. It would enable the development of approximately 7,650 new homes (a mix of detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment dwellings) through future development applications. It would also provide for approximately 2,000 population-related jobs.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED AND PROVIDE INPUT

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to receive email updates about the proposal, please contact the Lead Planner. You may also ask questions or provide comments to the Lead Planner by mail, email or phone.

Notice of any development applications related to the subject lands will be given in accordance with the Planning Act and Town procedures.

LEAD PLANNER

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Alton Legion Hall, 1267 Queen St
Potluck lunch following service
Contact The Alton Legion at 519-942-4021 for more information.

BOLTON

Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 12:15 p.m.
Remembrance Day parade will begin at 12:15 p.m. at the Humber River Centre. The ceremony will begin upon arrival at the Cenotaph at approximately 12:40 p.m.

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Caledon Central Public School community collects 1,200 pounds of food for The Exchange

“Scare Hunger” food drive supported by Fines Ford Lincoln

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon school community has come together to make a difference.

From October 8 to November 1, Caledon Central Public School students and staff, and the school community, collected non-perishable food items for The Exchange, Caledon’s home for food and social support.

In total, they collected over 1,200 pounds of food.

Fines Ford Lincoln volunteered to deliver the food to The Exchange and donated \$1



Caledon Central Public School's recent “Scare Hunger” food drive was a great success — over 1,200 pounds of food was collected for The Exchange.

Photos courtesy of Caledon Central Public School

per pound of food to the non-profit Caledon Community Services (CCS), which runs The Exchange.

The food drive was called “Scare Hunger” and it was initiated by Madame Arcuri’s Grade 3 and 4 split class.

Students were encouraged to collect as much food as they could with fun rewards like a movie and popcorn afternoon, a class pizza party, and a class Ice Dawgs party.

Caledon Central Public School principal Lesley Kennedy said an additional effort was made recently when students and staff went into Caledon Village and went door-to-door dropping off apples to their community — they collected 80 more food items and \$30 in donations for The Exchange.

Kennedy said Caledon Central Public School is committed to creating meaningful

community connections and that it’s one of the school’s passions.

“We feel that supporting students to expand their learning beyond the classroom and provide real world experiences through the gift of service and care for those around us, ultimately creates better students, and citizens,” said Kennedy. “These trusted relationships with both CCS and our Caledon Village Community develop unique experiences for all stakeholders.”

Kennedy said she was proud her school met their goal of collecting 1,200 pounds of food. The school was able to keep five boxes of food to support anyone in its own school community facing food insecurity.

“We ‘Scared Hunger’ and together made a difference in the lives of so many,” said Kennedy.

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Report shows CPL provides \$19.5 million in value to community



This flag celebrating the Caledon Public Library was recently raised in a ceremony at Town Hall.

CPL PHOTO

Continued from FRONT

With a municipal investment in the library of \$77 per resident, the CPL found a return of \$254 per resident (\$822 per household).

A news release from the CPL notes the library evaluated categories like education, economic development, social inclusion, well-being and culture in its report.

CPL CEO Colleen Lipp said it's a common misconception that libraries are free services.

"CPL is supported by municipal tax dollars collected from residents and businesses in Caledon," she said in a statement. "These calculations demonstrate that a dollar invested in the Caledon Public Library is a dollar well spent."

Tony Maxwell, Chair of the CPL's Public Library Board, said the Board has been very excited to share the results of the new report as it puts a tangible value on library services.

"Libraries are vital community hubs... the VOLT assessment helps us tailor library services to the needs of the community so we can deliver the greatest economic value possible," said Maxwell in a statement.

The entire "Valuing Caledon Public Li-

brary" report is available on the CPL's website, caledon.library.on.ca.

In other CPL news, the library recently celebrated a flag raising at Caledon's Town Hall.

On October 24, a flag celebrating the CPL was raised at Town Hall to recognize Love Your Library Month and Ontario Public Library week.

The CPL noted the celebration highlighted how the library serves as the "heart of the community" and provides essential resources and welcoming spaces for all.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo was acting mayor at the flag-raising ceremony.

The CPL said the event "demonstrating its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Caledon residents, the library is more than just a place to borrow books; it is a vital community hub where individuals can gather, learn, and connect."

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Who asked for this?

Who asked for this? I don't know about you, but I find that the older I get and the more our world grows ever-more topsy-turvy, the more I find this question coming out of my mouth. Maybe I'm becoming more curmudgeonly as time goes on, maybe I'm becoming more practical, or maybe it's a matter of simply becoming blunter, but here it is.

In recent weeks, particularly as the calendar has flipped closer and closer to this week's U.S. Presidential Election, I've found myself asking that very question with more frequency than ever before, often followed by the question, "Who is this for?" or "Who benefits from this?" By the time you read this, the polls will be closed in America – and one can only hope the ballots will have been fully counted and a victor declared by that time as well – but it's not very likely one will be able to retire these questions soon, but this line of questioning is not only related to political events here at home and abroad.

It can also apply to some of the more mundane things we live with every day but rarely question.

When we look at our national polls, for instance, we know we're going to have an election sooner rather than later – and despite the Federal Liberals dipping significantly in the polls, often coming second or third behind the NDP, many Canadians hesitate to consider a New Democrat-led Federal government, gravitating instead towards the two parties that have, in various iterations, governed this nation since Confederation in 1867.

Is it simply a matter of habit voting for the Conservatives when you're miffed at the Liberals and vice-versa when the Conservatives are caught in your proverbial crosshairs? A clinger-on to the long-since-passed idea of the Liberals being Canada's so-called "National Governing Party"? An idea that this is just "how things are done"? Or, in the case of Ontario, a philosophy I know is still alive and well in certain segments of my own family circle, that it's somehow unfathomable to consider an NDP alternative because of something that happened at Queen's Park nearly 40 years ago?

We have no shortage of political options in this country, yet we often stick to the paths we know, whether it is out of conviction, habit, or tradition. Who is that for and who does that benefit?

When it comes to our national identity, we often play into tropes that seem to emanate from people who are outside our country looking in.

I don't know how many times I've rolled my eyes at American friends who gleefully mention they chose so-called "Canadian Bacon" as their breakfast protein of choice, to pick just one example, despite the fact there is no such product in this country. Or those who continually point out how "nice" we are no matter what life throws at us. I think we can all agree that that's far from the truth. That we all say "about" and like linguistic touchstones, despite the rich diversity of regional accents in this country. That we collectively say "sorry" far more than our counterparts in other parts of the English-speaking world.

Well, that last one might hold some water, but I think the other ones are stereotypes we simply roll with either out of expediency, an effort not to burst the bubbles of others, or simply out of tradition. After all, there is some marketability to be squeezed out of these tropes, even if they are quite inaccurate.

Maybe that's who and what these tropes are for.

Whether I agree or disagree with the aforementioned tropes, or some of these odd tradi-

tions, others do have some sort of purpose when you scratch the surface. Still, however, there are some customs and traditions we still live with that have outgrown their original intent and still stick around with little to no practical purpose.

We all experienced one of those things on Saturday night and Sunday morning when we once again went through the rituals of taking our clocks, that is those that don't do so automatically these days, and setting them back an hour.

Because, who doesn't love darkness at 4 p.m., right?

"In 1895, George Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand, first proposed the idea of a two-hour time-shift so he could have more after-work hours of sunshine in the summer," says University Canada West. "In 1915, the German government began brainstorming ways to save energy for battle during the First World War. During this time, they needed their citizens to reduce the use of artificial light and conserve scarce resources like fossil fuels. Their solution was to have more daylight during working hours by pushing the clocks forward one hour in springtime. It was believed that adjusting the time would encourage people to use less energy to light their homes and reserve important resources for the war.

"In 1918, the Canadian government formally introduced Daylight Savings Time as a way to increase production during wartime. With the end of the First World War, the federal government ceased Daylight Saving Time, but resumed the practice during the Second World War. During the Second World War, Daylight Saving Time was used all year round in Canada."

Times have changed. We have the ability to set our alarms earlier if we want to enjoy a bit more sun during the dark winter months, monitor our energy use, and more ways than ever to curb it, yet Daylight Savings Time persists.

Who is this one for?

Well, it's certainly not for the workers at all those wartime munitions factories we have across the country. Nor is it for farmers of any level of tech adoption; after all, if you have an alarm clock to set, you're golden. If you still start your day when the rooster crows, you're set, too, because he doesn't give a damn what the clock says.

"When we spring forward, we lose an hour of sleep and we're also moving our social clock away from the sun, which our body wants to follow. So, it's like we're making ourselves an hour jet-lagged every day. Your body doesn't immediately adapt to that and can actually lead to some negative health impacts," says York University Professor Patricia Lakin-Thomas, who studies the molecular and biochemical basis for circadian rhythmicity.

Lakin-Thomas says Daylight Saving is shown to contribute to higher numbers of car accidents, heart attacks and strokes and workplace injuries.

"Ideally, we would all follow the sun, scrap our clocks, and do what they did in the Middle Ages, before we had regulated clocks, do what farmers do, and get up with the sun. People in cultures that don't have electricity don't bother with clocks. That would be ideal. We can't do that, but we can get rid of Daylight Saving."

Indeed.

I'm still at a loss at who Daylight Savings still serves – and, while it ain't exactly broke, if there's no purpose, there's a lot of room for change.



It's not about winning, just giving it a shot

by Mark Pavilons



all else? Many would say yes. I bet if you ask anyone what qualities they admire or look for in others, those things rise to the top. I don't think I've ever heard someone say they look for a "winner" or a "champion."

Again, those things are subjective and open to interpretation.

I'm now going to turn my attention to the second opening phrase about "trying again." If at first you don't succeed...

We can't relive or rewind our lives. We learn by doing and we make a ton of mistakes along the way. I am not proud of some of my bad decisions. But did I learn from them? You bet!

Some would argue that every day gives up the opportunity to try again, to make new decisions and enjoy new things. Sure, no two days are alike and every sunrise gives birth to new adventures or challenges. That's the nature of existence, I think.

Had I made difference choices, would my life have been better? Different, perhaps, but better?

Life is the sum total of all the decisions we make every day. Now, those decisions are determined by many things, including our individual priorities. But trust me, priorities change.

For the longest time, I thought the "dream job" and material things were paramount. As wisdom teaches us, they are not. When you think about it, instead of a dream job, we should concentrate on a dream relationship or dream family. We should dream about joy.

We humans tend to stress about what might be. Our brains race through all the possibilities and nag us with the negative outcomes. The key is to embrace the positive, but this is not always easy. I know.

We're told to enjoy what is, and what surrounds us, rather than what may be lurking around the next corner. But others may argue that it's uncertainty, the unknown that keeps us on our toes and makes things exciting.

Sure, I'd take the unexpected over the mundane and boring any day. But I would like to know that things will turn out well, and that I will be okay.

Despite our species' technological prowess and medical knowledge, sometimes it's like rolling the dice, only to see snake eyes pop up. We don't think about it on a daily basis, perhaps, but sometimes tragedy, despair, pain and suffering wait for us. They always come.

When faced with an illness like cancer, winning, losing and trying take on a whole new meaning.

Perhaps I win every day that I can get out of bed, go to work and enjoy the fall colours.

Maybe I win by trying.

I'm somewhat at the mercy of my medical caregivers and any treatments deemed beneficial. But there is no fountain of youth, or turning back the clock. There is no backward, only forward.

Is it frightening? You bet. Is it depressing? Sometimes.

Maybe the only thing we can do is try again and again and again.

The option is unsavoury. And just like winning, it's the perseverance, summoning every ounce of strength we have, and then some.

And it's okay to borrow some of that from friends and loved ones, when your tank is running low.

We don't know what tomorrow will bring. But if we think about it as a glorious country drive, and not a race, we may just come out on top!

Our Readers Write

Remove sales tax on homes, MP says

Housing costs have doubled after nine years of Justin Trudeau, rising faster than in any country in the G7.

The cost of a mortgage payment and a downpayment have doubled. Before Trudeau, it took 25 years to pay off a mortgage; now it takes 25 years to save up for a downpayment.

Eight in 10 Canadians now believe owning a home is only for the rich. This is Justin Trudeau's legacy.

There is hope. Pierre Poilievre just announced that a Conservative government will axe the GST on new homes sold for under \$1 million. This tax cut will save \$40,000

or \$2,200/year in mortgage payments on an \$800,000 house. It will build 30,000 extra homes every year.

A Poilievre Conservative government will fund this homebuyers' tax cut by eliminating billions of bureaucratic programs that failed to build a single home.

Only Common Sense Conservatives will restore the promise for Canadians that hard work earns a powerful paycheque which buys affordable food and homes in safe neighbourhoods.

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Caledon Citizen

More than ever before

As I reflect upon what to write about weekly in this space, one of the more mundane considerations often revolves around timing. Typically typing my thoughts on a Monday or a Tuesday (noon at the latest, mind you) one wonders about the relevance of said thoughts by the time you, dear reader, actually read them. This week however, the topic is not only timeless, but more important than ever before. That topic is our freedom, whom we must thank for it and on whom we must rely upon for its preservation. The US election looms large not just over the United States, but around the entire world as we anxiously await the outcome. Will the sacrifices for our freedoms, made by brave previous generations, have been in vain?

Monday is November 11th, and on the 11th day of the 11th month, at the 11th hour we rightly pause in our otherwise busy and self-important lives, to honour those who fought and/or gave their lives for our freedom.

There were no republicans or democrats, liberals or conservatives, labour parties, NDPs or green parties on various battlefields. Instead, there were (and are today) simply people. Americans, Canadians, Brit-

ish or French, or, in other words, the citizens of any one of the many other countries around the world (let's not forget present-day Ukrainians!) who united against a common enemy, typically fascism, in order to preserve freedom. The freedom to vote in democratic elections for leaders chosen by the people. The freedom of bodily autonomy, to read books based on personal preferences, to move about freely, and to marry for love (and not one that was defined by any one narrow religious standard).

Now more than ever before, in light of what might have happened on November 5, and what continues to happen in countries around the world seeking to protect themselves from dictators, communism, fascism or indeed any of the "ism's," this generation must remember, reflect upon and recall the sacrifices made by previous generations.

History plays a vital role as an educational tool, but only if we refer to it, value its teachable moments and talk openly and often about the lessons learned. Communities of people went to war on behalf of every citizen, taking their place at the front lines not because they wanted to, but because it became imperative to do so for the greater good

of all. Now, at least here in North America, we are simply asking this generation to make wise decisions, decisions like exercising the right to vote, that will help preserve the legacy of those who fought on our behalf in any of the world's major conflicts. As a reminder again, that legacy is your freedom. Yes, even those who deny we have any freedom at all, but who enjoyed the freedom to ditch work, get in a truck and block our nation's capital to complain about their lack of freedoms! Word to the wise, your ability to do just that – that's freedom folks – the very definition of it!

When we hear a candidate refer to immigrants as "vermin," or of candidates "exploring" other cultural issues of concern (to them, not necessarily all citizens) such as trans rights or abortion, book bans or charter schools, these should each be considered a red flag in the slow and steady march toward democracy's decline. Yes, social media makes it more challenging to discern reality from fiction, but we don't need social media with history as our guide. Look to our past and it couldn't be more clear what the outcome is when we refuse to speak up, speak out, or indeed fight: whether that's for our

freedom to exist; to love and be loved, to practice our religion of choice, or to practice no religion at all, to feel safe in our homes, and to enjoy equality of opportunities.

If you live, as we do, in a free and democratic society, know that it did not come about solely as a result of the hard work of our predecessors. It's also the result of the sacrifices made by many, in both the distant, and not so distant past, during various conflicts around the world. Sacrifices made for the benefit of us all. With the US on the verge of making history (one way, or the other) now, more than ever before, on November 11, it's incumbent upon us to pause, honour and salute with a grateful heart, those who fought for our freedoms. Long may our memories be. There are two remaining Remembrance Day services where members of the public may pay their respects: Alton Legion on Sunday, November 10th at 10 a.m. and Town of Caledon Offices, Monday, November 11th at 10:50 a.m.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Peel public health to request additional resources to meet rising pressures

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"Bringing domestic kitchens into compliance with the regulation takes additional staffing resources and increases inspection pressures," reads the report. "...many are operating under the radar because they don't comply with municipal zoning provisions."

There are a number of factors contributing to the increase in demand for the services of Peel's public health inspectors, such as high staff and owner turnover in the food service industry. The number of food premises, child care settings, personal service settings and recreational water facilities have all increased in recent years.

"Peel has one of the lowest provincial per capita funding rates among public health

units in Ontario. Provincial funding has not kept pace with Peel's population growth or inflationary costs, thereby limiting Public Health's ability to meet current and future demands," reads the report. "Additional staff were approved in the 2023 budget for 2024. These staff have been deployed to alleviate workload pressures for staff and to ensure timely responses."

The report states that while public health inspections are mandated by the Province, the increase in the workload for Peel staff has not been matched by an increase in funding to hire new staff.

"Without a parallel increase in Provincial funding, the increase in inspection pressures creates potential risks such as increased risk of food-borne illness and outbreaks," reads the report.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND Form 2

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands being:

Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land
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Adam Shoalts is the author of *Where the Falcon Flies*, a book that recounts his 3,400-kilometre journey by canoe from his home near Lake Erie to the Arctic following the migrating peregrine falcon.
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Order of Canada member Ted Barris and "Canada's Indiana Jones" Adam Shoalts coming to Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two exciting author talks are being held in Caledon this fall.

At 7 p.m. on November 21, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) will host writer, journalist, broadcaster and Order of Canada member Ted Barris for a talk at the Bolton branch.

Barris will speak about his book, *Battle of Britain: Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour*. In his book, Barris has gathered true stories of Canadian airmen, ground crew, engineers, aero-

nautical designers, medical officers and civilians who helped dispel Nazi invasion.

Limited seating is available for this author's talk, and interested parties must register for it online at caledon.library.on.ca.

The next author's talk the CPL is hosting is at 6:30 p.m. on December 5 at the Caledon East branch.

Canadian Geographic explorer Adam Shoalts, dubbed "Canada's Indiana Jones" by the Toronto Star, will be taking guests on a remarkable visual journey with a presentation on his book, *Where the Falcon Flies*.

The book recounts Shoalts' 3,400-kilometre journey by canoe from his home near Lake Erie to the Arctic following the migrating peregrine falcon.

Shoalts gave a sold-out presentation at Theatre Orangeville last year, and this inspired the CPL to bring him for a talk.

Registration for this author's talk is also required and can be done so at caledon.library.on.ca.

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Mulmur resident hikes 900 kilometres of Bruce Trail from Caledon to Tobermory

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

“You are in a place that is just what it’s been for thousands of years,” said Sharon Sommerville, Mulmur resident. “You get to experience life as people have experienced it for thousands of years.”

Sommerville was talking about her 900-kilometre hike of the Bruce Trail from Caledon to Tobermory, an adventure she and her cousin shared over the span of three years.

It began one day when they were at Sommerville’s home, where her cousin had come out for tea and asked about hiking the Bruce Trail.

“When do you want to start? Next week?”

They began in Caledon. From the Bruce Trail Hiking Club, they collected a three-ring binder with maps and trail descriptions. It is important to know what you are getting into. Use the maps as a main guide and now, there is an app, with a little blue dot and that is you.

Even in familiar places like Mono Cliffs, you have to be alert as to footfalls and other difficulties. Although the map is clear, you may still be looking at your feet and you can miss a blaze that shows you where to turn. The blazes on the trail are painted on trees – white for the Bruce. They indicate the direction the path is taking and are so important that, if you think you have gone a long way without seeing one, the advice is to go back to the last one to make sure you have not strayed.

Most people hike it independently or as small, frequently guided groups.

The Bruce Trail is organized into nine sections. Volunteer organizations look after the trails. In this area, the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club also organize hikes.

In parts of the hike from Warton to Tobermory, when they went with a group, the hike leaders were wonderful people. Your safety is primary, as says their motto: “No one is left behind.”

We talked about the hike itself with its discoveries and moments. She told us that the Niagara Escarpment is verdant but all along, she mourned, “You see the [encroachment] of people, of development.”

Parts of the trail run across private properties and she praised land owners’ generosity in permitting hikers’ passage through their fields and pathways.

“You get to places you can only get to by foot. The forests are cathedrals and there are lots of waterfalls,” Sommerville said. “This is such a gift that we still have these wilderness areas in Ontario. There are people clearing away rubbish and fallen trees and invasive plant species. At home, we walk the dogs. Splitrock is a three-kilometre concentration of the trail.”

For any hiker, a well-thought-out lunch is needed. Sommerville’s cousin’s choices were nuts, dried fruit, certain energy bars, and date squares – all light and easy to carry, with a heavy-duty piece of plastic to put down on the grass while eating. An ample supply of water is a must. There are places to stop, although camping is basically not permitted.

At one stop down in the Niagara Peninsula, they saw a deep valley and falls with flat rocks.

There they paused for lunch, “with this light coming through the trees and that was priceless.”

A place in Mulmur, a farmer’s field and under the trees was a picnic bench, looking out over the hill. It could have been Ireland and Sommerville told the Citizen she paused to

wonder if they got politicians there, whether it might change their policies. She said this is the way we used to live, with nature all around us.

You can get lost is a caveat. It is essential to be aware of where you are.

The cousins travelled south to north, as preference. They hiked three kilometres an hour; hiking is always based on where the parking is. In a day, their longest hikes were 17 to 19 kilometres. Sometimes for the parking, she and her cousin met independently to park at each end of the day’s hike and drive back to the beginning. Sometimes, if there is only one vehicle, a hike back to the vehicle is doubled.

For difficulty, Caledon begins the hike with deep “V” valleys, constantly ascending and descending, straight up and straight down. By the time you get to the Beaver Valley, you are in pretty good shape, they said. The pair did hike in that first winter. It was gorgeous but led to an ear, nose and throat infection for one of them.

It is important to have good boots, Sommerville said. In the Balls Falls Conservation Area, at the top of the Twenty Mile Valley Trail, stands a sign to warn this is for “experienced hikers.” It is a two-kilometre hike, to the Waterfront Trail at Lake Ontario. Beautiful but hard work, Sommerville remarked.

“We just keep putting one foot in front of the other. I still look at my red hiking boots and think you’re not done yet.”

Through it all, her husband was very supportive and encouraging. Any section over an hour’s drive away and they would double their hike and stay overnight. Her husband was great about it all as what was “to be expected.”

By the finish, they felt “a great sense of we’ve actually done this and then, we’re actually done.”

When asked about the toughest moment, Sommerville related the heart stopper for her: a couple of moments coming to a vertical rock face, looking for hand and foot holds, added to which, she has a fear of heights.

“Okay, not easy but you do it. My perception was, this is scary,” Sommerville said.

The whole experience gave her the pushback to save the Greenbelt. When once referred to as “the tree lady”, she recalled “One day, we were on the trail and you couldn’t see the trail for the fallen leaves. My foot got caught on a rock or a stump and I catapulted forward, and there was a tree exactly where it needed to be, and I wrapped my arms around it.

“That tree saved my life.”

Nicola Ross wrote the definitive Bruce Trail hiking book, “40 hikes in 40 Days.”

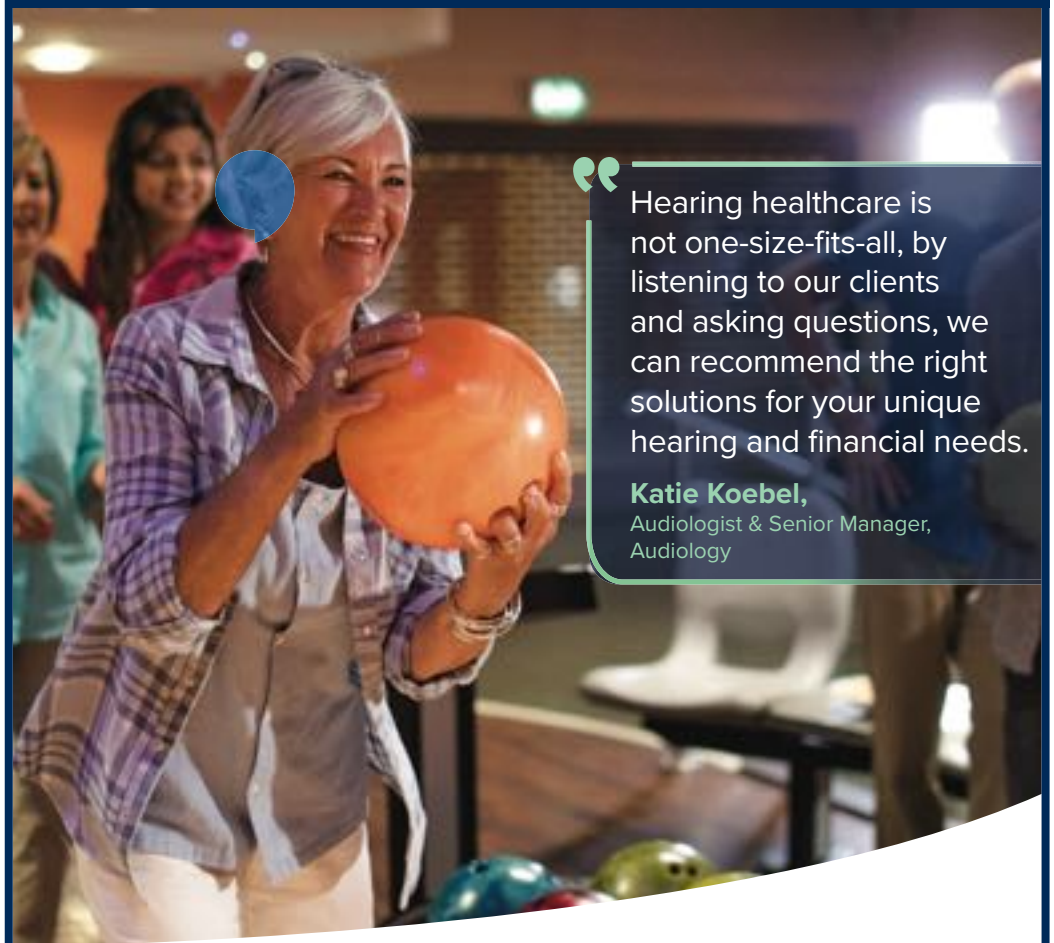
Philosophically, Sommerville observed that we get up every day and we are constantly at risk from other drivers. Yes, there are risks on the Bruce Trail, but you mitigate your actions and that’s how you survive.

This, from the lady who rode her bike from Vancouver to Halifax on her own, in the summer of 1987, a great summer, warm and dry.

Remembering the moment fondly, Sharon Sommerville told the Citizen, “Finally, when we got to the end of our 18 hikes, it worked beautifully.”

“It was October 18. They had a celebration. Family members came to meet us on that gorgeous fall day. You can see the cairn (marking the beginning or the end of the trail) as you come over the step. As each hiker came around the corner, there was cake and sweet cider and someone blasts a little horn as each hiker steps to the end.”

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Enbridge Gas donates \$5,000 of training materials to Caledon Fire and Emergency Services

Donation part of "Safe Community Project Assist"

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon firefighters have access to new training materials thanks to a donation from an energy delivery company.

On November 5, Grant Kilpatrick, Enbridge Gas' Manager of Operations for the GTA West area, stopped by Caledon Fire Station 302 in Bolton for a cheque presentation.

Enbridge Gas, through the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council's (FMPFSC) Safe Community Project Assist program, has donated \$125,000 — split among 25 fire services in Ontario — for the purchase of firefighter training materials.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services was the recipient of \$5,000.

Safe Community Project Assist supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

Since its inception in 2012, 369 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments through the program.

Kilpatrick said safety is at the core of Enbridge Gas' business and that it's a value the company lives by.

"We are committed to providing emergency response training support to Ontario firefighters so they can continually learn, improve, and protect the vibrant and healthy communities they call home," said Kilpatrick.

John Pegg, Ontario's Fire Marshal and the chair of the FMPFSC, said it's important for fire departments, which train every



Platoon Chief Don Rea, FMPFSC executive director Jamie Kovacs, Deputy Chief Samantha Hoffmann, Manager of Operations for Enbridge Gas in the GTA West area Grant Kilpatrick, and Deputy Chief Jeff Fairbairn celebrate Enbridge Gas' recent donation to Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

single day, to have the right training materials to keep their members and the public safe.

"Safe Community Project Assist helps departments afford some of these training tools and improves the ongoing learning that occurs across Ontario," said Pegg.

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Pelayo offered thanks to Enbridge Gas on behalf of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

"This investment not only enhances our

training capabilities but also ensures that our firefighters have access to essential resources that help them protect our community. Together, we are building a safer Caledon," said Pelayo.

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a goal of creating a world where no one is hurt by fire. It promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with groups and individuals interested in public safety.

Motion will be coming to Caledon Council's November 12 General Committee meeting

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Further, he said the bill, on first offence, imposes a \$50,000 fine on a Caledon resident who interferes with an expropriation — and \$10,000 per day in which the offence continues.

"Some families have been on the same land for 200 years, and under this legislation, you've got 90 days to pack up and go with no right of appeal," said Maskell.

Maskell said he also does not like that the Bill exempts the 413 from the Environmental Assessment Act.

Nearly half of the 413, if built, will be within Caledon's municipal boundaries.

"If you're going to build it, we want a better deal for Caledon," said Maskell.

Maskell's motion will be presented at Caledon Council's November 12 General Committee meeting.

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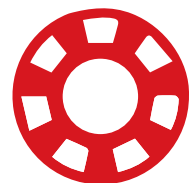
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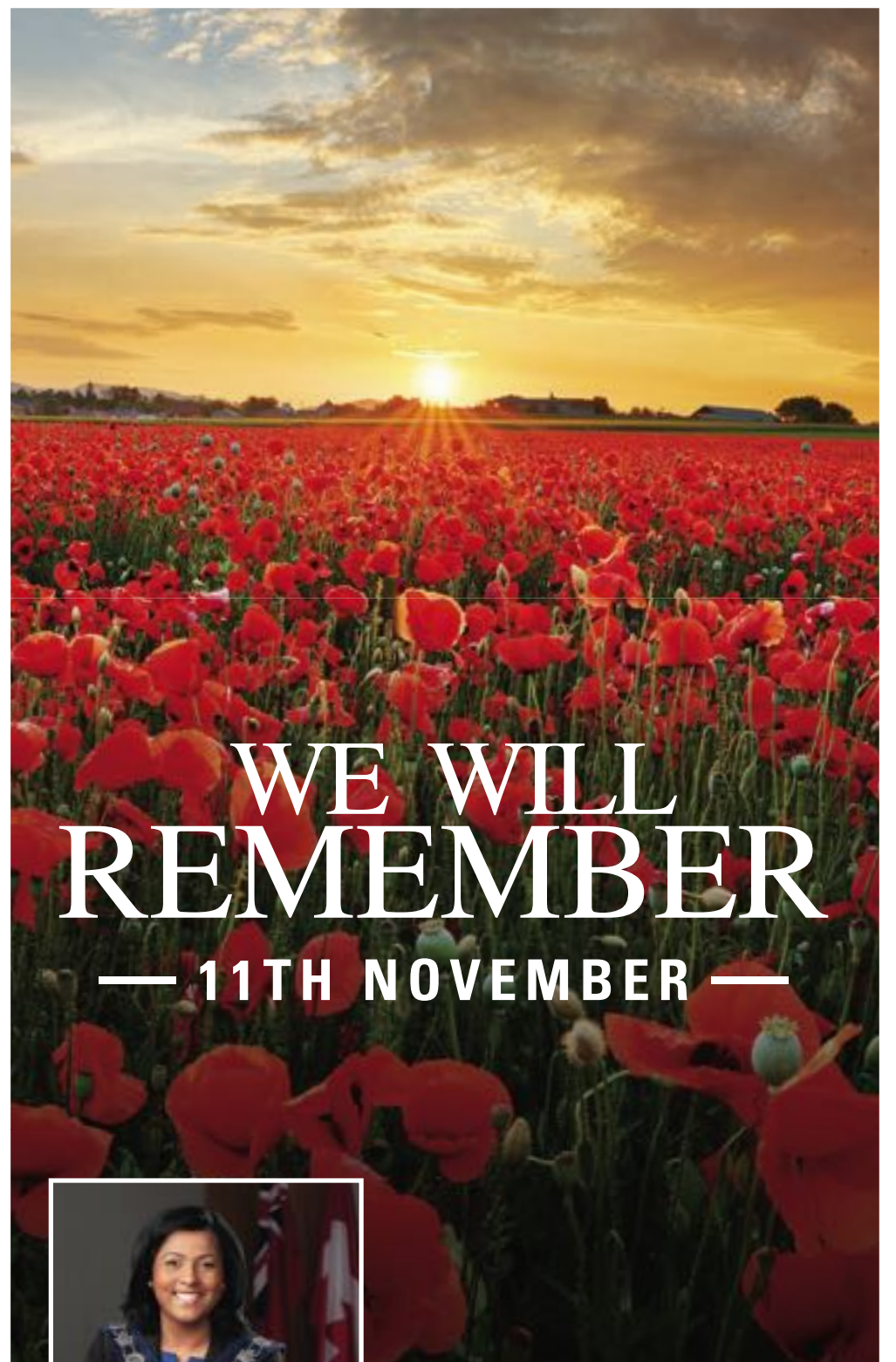
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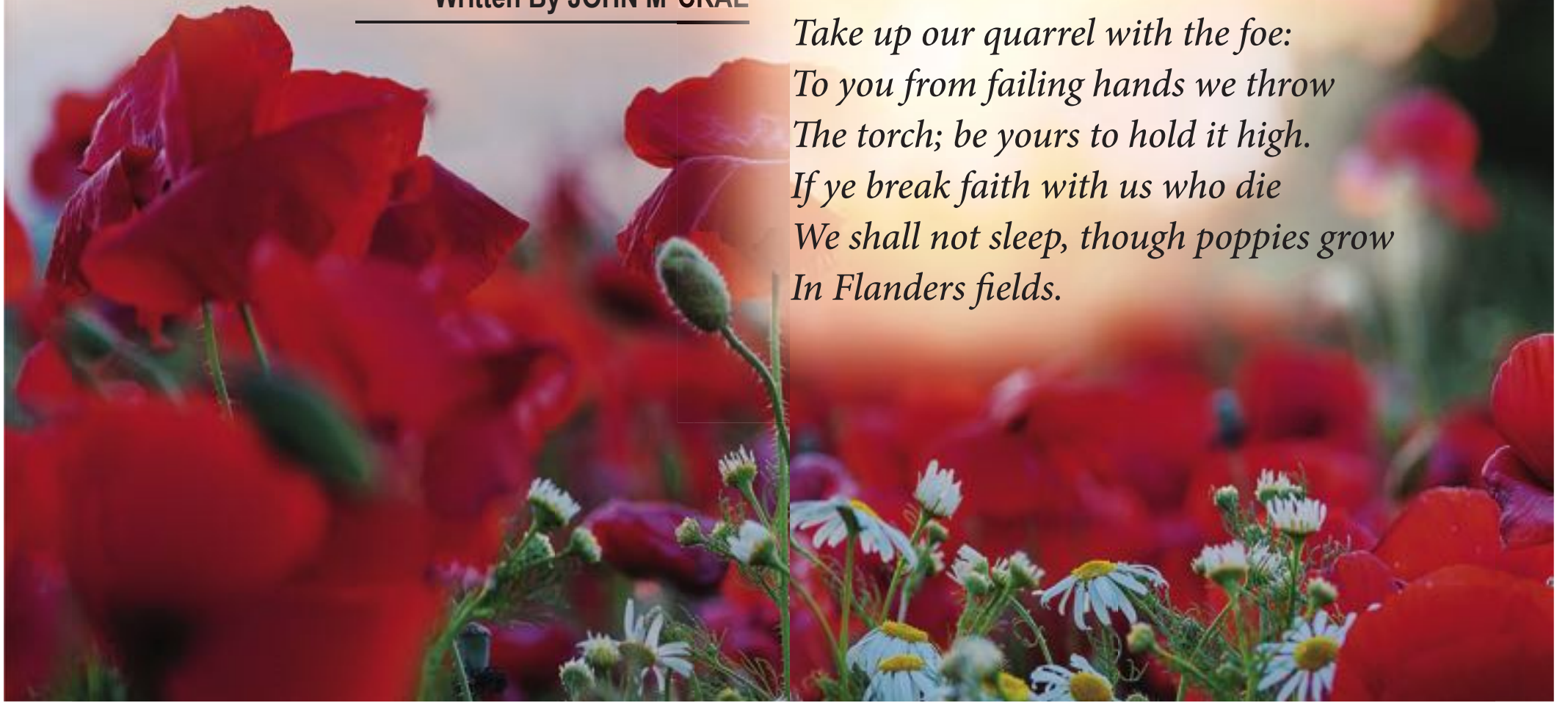


Written By JOHN M^cCRAE

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
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Royal Canadian Air Force “takes to the airwaves” at live radio show this weekend

SHOW MARKS RCAF’S CENTENNIAL

BY BROCK WEIR

Since it hit the first airwave, the humble radio has been one of the most reliable and efficient ways to spread the news. But, in its heyday, much like today’s podcasts, they also served to spark the imagination as comedies, dramas, crime thrillers and mysteries came out of the speakers, holding audiences enthralled. This weekend, at Aurora Town Square, you’re invited to come be enthralled once again as Pathway to the Stars: A Live Radio Experience takes over the Performance Hall on November 9 and 10, in a broadcast celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Pathway to the Stars, which is inspired by the bestselling book Pathways to the Stars: 100 Years of the Royal Canadian Air Force by Michael Hood and Tom Jenkins, is the brainchild of director Sara Moyle and Jeremy Diamond of the Royal Canadian Air Force Foundation.

“Our podcasts are based on the best-selling book Pathway to the Stars, which showcases 100 years of history of heroes in the Air Force,” explains Moyle. “Myself, Jason and the team of actors wrote and produced podcasts for the Royal Canadian Air Force Foundation to dramatize and tell those stories. It’s not that you’re reading about someone; instead, their story is animated in your ear. It’s live with sound. You’re in the moment, you’re experiencing it, you’re feeling it. It brings a different sensitivity to the listener as well and a different experience. As we did that, we thought

it would be wonderful to show what’s going on behind the scenes.”

Moyle is a long-time fan of what has become known as Old Time Radio, regularly streamed episodes of radio shows from the 1930s, 40s and 50s – both comedies and dramas – that have entertained generations. These shows, such as The Jack Benny Show, a Moyle favourite, were broadcast live and audio recorded before a live studio audience. It wasn’t just actors standing in front of a microphone reading from a script, however. It was a full-blown stage production, including men and women in the background using a variety of items to produce accurate, sound-alike effects in real-time.

This is exactly the spirit Moyle, Diamond and their team hope to recreate on stage this week, showcasing the real-life stories of Canadian heroes – men and women alike.

“Today, a family doesn’t gather, but they watch a video on YouTube now; pre-that, they gathered in front of a television; pre-that, they gathered in front of the radio and stared at a little yellow light and listened to the audio dramas at the same night every week. What we’re doing showing what’s happening behind that glowing light.

“We will tell three stories of heroes from the Royal Canadian Air Force and intermittent in that is a time period song, some ads as well because all that happened in the taping day. Almost all of our sound effects are being done on what is called a Live Foley Stage, where it is the most analogue sound possible.”



If, for example, you hear the sound of a horse’s hooves along the ground, look out for the clip-clop of two coconut shells being thumped along a countertop.

As Diamond and the Foundation began their work collecting stories, he says they had more than 100 stories to choose from, one representing each year the Air Force has served Canadians.

They couldn’t foresee at the time such stories becoming the basis of a podcast let alone a recreation of the “Old Time Radio” experience, but they knew what they had captured adventure, exploration, and discovery.

“It all lent itself to different formats, and [we thought] what would lend itself to an immersive audio experience, as opposed to just two historians talking about the machine, the event or the person. What would lend itself to you being immersed as a listener in 20 minutes to get into that story a little bit and feel what it was like to jump out of a plane, what it would have been like to rescue someone,” says Diamond.

“Our mandate at the Foundation is Past, Present and Future. We tell the stories and recognize the current role of the Air Force. What we really want to do is inspire the next generation, that thru-line from the 20s to the 60s, to the 90s, to 2050. We’re not talking in this iteration around Billy Bishop... but I think there is a thru-line from Billy Bishop to a 20-year-old who is going to Mars in the next 20 years.”

At the end of the day, Moyle says it’s all about the human experience and “these are essentially human stories.”

“We can look at a hero and know a cartoon understanding of what being a hero means, but when we take a moment to get into their skin, into their emotions, and into their urgency, we can discover a hero in a very different way,” she says. “That is why this is a nice way to recognize Remembrance Day, in a different way. Yes, we have a moment of silence, but this is a moment of your ears opening to really hear and digest what these people went through. The three stories we’re telling are stories that most people have never heard before and will be very surprised to hear – and they’re told very candidly, as well.

“I would love for audiences just to be surprised by what they’re going to hear. We’ll hear stories of women trailblazers, stories of extreme search and rescue, and we will hear stories of incredible bravery in the face of discrimination as well, too. We are going to take the listeners from 1929, pretty much right to the present in our journey.”

To listen for yourself, come out to Pathway to the Stars: A Live Radio Experience, with performances taking place November 9 and November 10, at 2 p.m. The show will be hosted by award-winning musician Jason Wilson.

Tickets are \$35 and available from the Aurora Town Square Box Office. 100 per cent of all proceeds, less costs, will go directly back to the Royal Canadian Air Force Foundation. For more, visit boxoffice.auroratownsquare.ca/event/109:58.

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First World War Veteran Ralph Hodgson Inspired a Generation of War Amputees

FIRST WORLD WAR VETERAN RALPH HODGSON INSPIRED A GENERATION OF WAR AMPUTEES

Ralph Hodgson (1895-1948) lived by the motto inscribed on his tombstone: "It's not what you have lost that counts but what you have." These words defined his life's work, as he dedicated himself to ensuring that his fellow war amputee veterans could thrive despite their injuries.

Hodgson, a law student when the First World War began, quickly enlisted with Toronto's 24th Battalion. In April 1917, he was wounded during the Battle of Vimy Ridge, resulting in the amputation of his right leg below the knee.

Hodgson became a founding member of The War Amps, an organization established over a century ago by amputee veterans of the First World War. Their mission was to unite, support and advocate for the rights of amputee veterans.

These First World War veterans played a pivotal role in welcoming and mentoring a new generation of amputees returning from the Second World War, helping them adapt and sharing their hard-earned wisdom.

Hodgson was perhaps best remembered for greeting hospital ships as they returned with injured soldiers from the Second World War. His presence offered encouragement to these young men, helping them come to terms with their amputations and motivating them to move forward.

Cliff Chadderton (1919-2013), a Second World War veteran who lost part of his right leg in Belgium in 1944, vividly recalled

Hodgson's unforgettable impact. "Our joy at being home was mingled with a bit of apprehension," said Chadderton. "Then a strange and wonderful thing happened. Into the ward bounced Ralph Hodgson. Swinging between a thumb and a forefinger was a miniature artificial leg. Not only did Ralph walk, spin and dance, but he finished up by jumping off a waist-high table."

As The War Amps first Dominion Placement Officer, Hodgson travelled across Canada, tackling the challenge of unemployment for amputees from both world wars. "He kept plugging away until all amputees from the wars had found jobs, which Ralph thought should be rightfully theirs," Chadderton noted.

For his remarkable efforts, Hodgson was awarded the Order of the British Empire, a distinction given to civilians who contributed to the war effort by supporting veterans and their families.

"Mr. Hodgson showed other war amputee veterans that their amputations wouldn't hold them back from succeeding in life," says Rachel Quilty, a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program. "He's remembered not just for securing jobs for amputees, but for giving them the confidence and strength to persevere."

Today, Ralph Hodgson Memorial Park in Port Hope, Ontario, stands as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary commitment to Canada's war amputee veterans.



Rachel Quilty, a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, pays tribute to Ralph Hodgson at Ralph Hodgson Memorial Park in Port Hope, Ontario

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Organizers mobilize to collect 10,000 holiday cards for serving soldiers

AS SHE LOOKS TOWARD THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOBILIZING THE COMMUNITY TO WRITE CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY CARDS AND MESSAGES TO CANADIAN SOLDIERS SERVING AT HOME AND ABROAD, AURORA'S DIANNE HARRISON, ALONG WITH HUSBAND BRIAN, HAVE SET A GOAL OF 10,000 CARDS THIS YEAR AHEAD OF THEIR MILESTONE.

BY BROCK WEIR

“Our troops need to know that we are thinking of them at this special time of year and that we honour the sacrifices they are making by not being home with their families,” say the Harrisons in their annual outreach to GTA communities. “Our goal this year is 10,000 cards to let the soldiers know that the community cares.”

By Saturday, the Harrisons had collected nearly 4,000 cards from community members, and, with the help of community organizations like

the Optimist Club, are confident they will hit their mark by the time of the final card pickup on November 25.

With ongoing conflict raging in Ukraine and the Middle East, with the US Presidential election as an added stressor, Dianne says these examples of strife “makes us more aware that we need to show more compassion.”

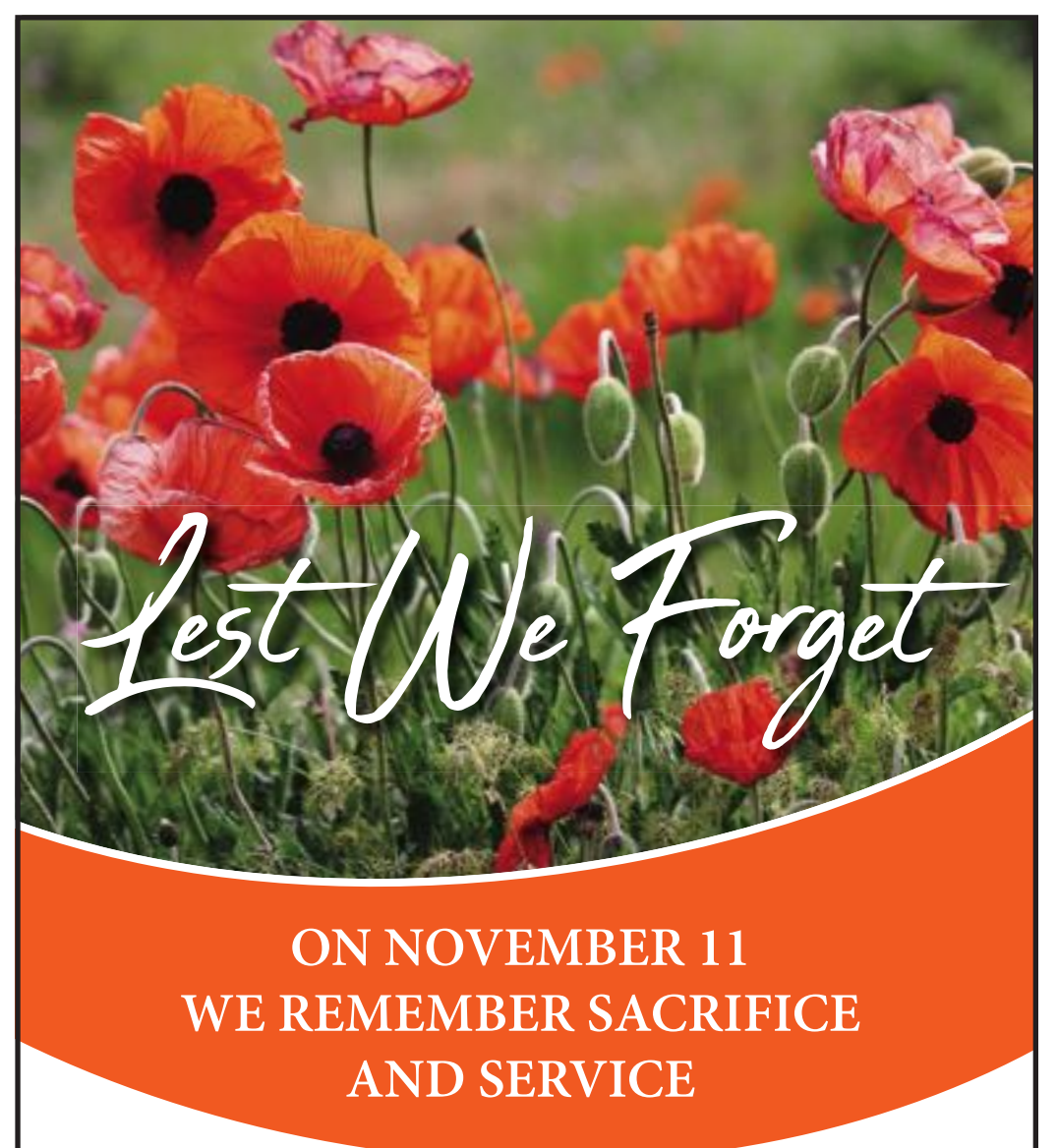
“Sometimes we’re so wrapped up in our own world and we live in a peaceful world, so we don’t realize what our military is giving up. They are giving up so much and they have a chance of losing their lives and I think we

take that for granted,” she says of soldiers and service personnel. “We’re so concerned about the elections and the impact it is going to have on us, but also the impact of what is happening around the world – all those children’s lives. Those kids don’t even have a life to start; how does that impact our military when they see a dying child or have a dying child in their arms and they have a child of a similar age back home? What does that mean to them?”

“I think everyone is scared. I think they are having a reality check, they really are. Give up your Tim Horton’s coffee one time and

buy a box of cards. Don’t think of yourself buying a cup of coffee; think of your military who are giving up their time for you to have your coffee. Let’s give back because they are giving so much.”

For more information on writing the cards, or to arrange for pick-up of completed cards, email the Harrisons at bdharrison2012@gmail.com. The first batch of cards will be sent to branches of the Canadian Armed Forces on November 18, with the second batch set to go on November 25. The absolute deadline for submissions is December 2.



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Remembrance ceremony held at Mono Mills Cenotaph

MORE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES PLANNED IN CALEDON THIS NOVEMBER

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last weekend, a Remembrance ceremony was held at the cenotaph in Mono Mills. Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell were all in attendance. The ceremony featured bagpipers and a colour guard. There will be more Remembrance ceremonies held in Caledon this fall. The Alton Legion is hosting its annual Remembrance service at 10 a.m. on November 10 at the Alton Legion Hall (1267 Queen Street). There will be a potluck lunch following the service. The Town of Caledon will host a Remembrance Day service beginning at 10:50 a.m. on November 11 at Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road).



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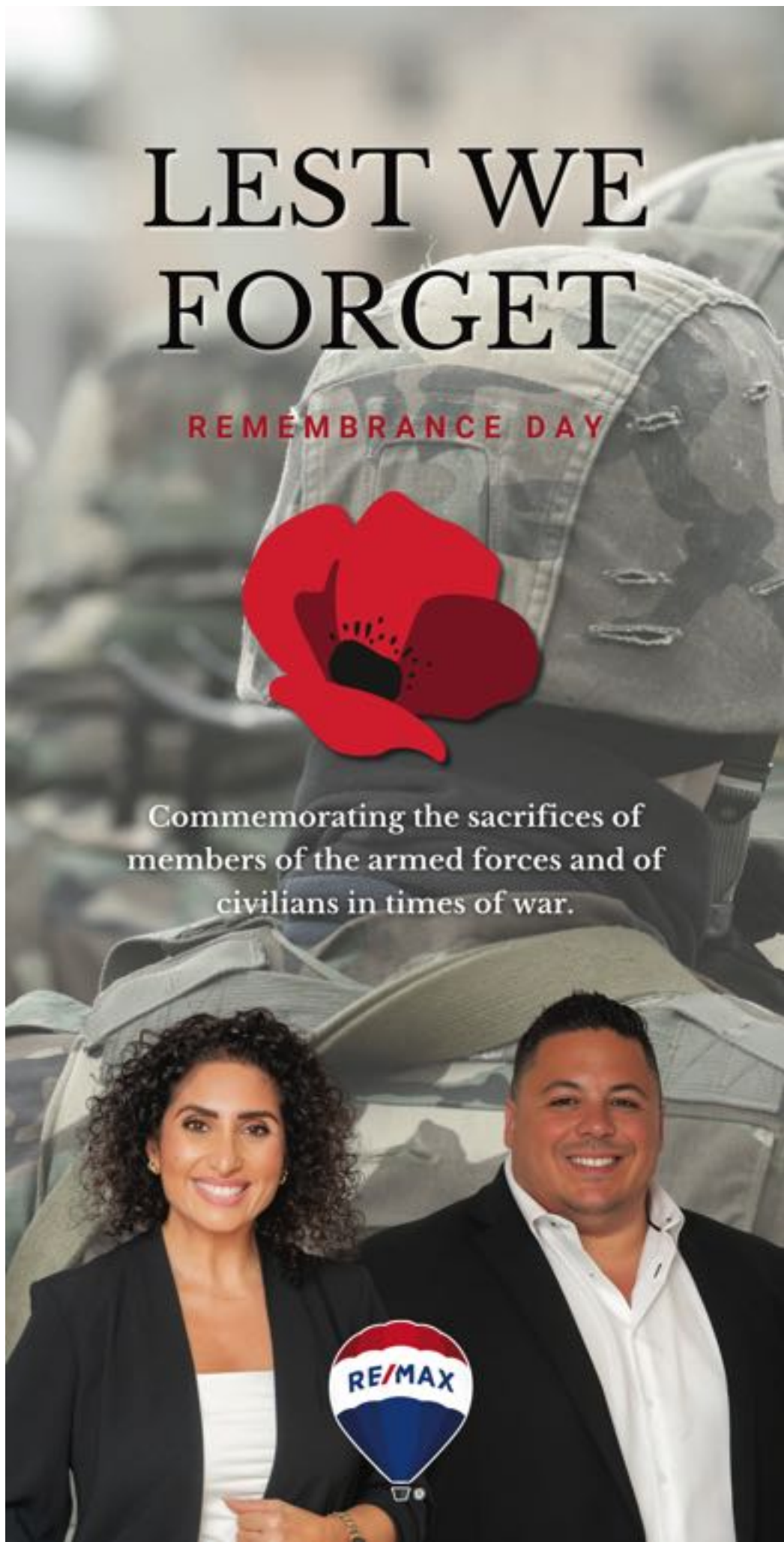
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Area family remembers sacrifices made by fathers in Second World War

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

For nearly two decades Mulmur resident Joan Wallace has stood beside the cenotaph outside of the Shelburne Town Hall on Remembrance Day, November 11, helping to lead residents through the singing of the national anthem.

In that moment, when the ceremony of remembering those who sacrificed their lives has begun, she takes a moment herself to think about her father Raymond Hardick and father-in-law Ken Wallace, who both served during the Second World War.

"It's a very important day, there's no doubt about that, for both of our families and anything I can offer to do to help," said Joan. "I feel I'm contributing, I'm carrying on what my dad did." Born in Sarnia, ON, in 1925, Raymond Hardick was too young to serve when the Second World War began in 1939, so instead he worked as a farmer. Later he was employed by Muller's War Time Service and Imperial Oil. When he reached the age of 18 in 1943, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and was shipped overseas in the summer of 1944 to fight in the Second World War.

Hardick was stationed in Wickenby, England as part of the Bomber Command, Squadron 12. During his 13th mission, Hardick and his crewmates Doug Harrison, Doug Adams, Les Wallace, Bill Brooke, Geo Smith and Bill Tracey, were on route to Nuremberg, Germany on March 16, 1945, when their plane was attacked by enemy forces.

"A fighter aircraft came in after them and Dad caught sight of it a couple of times. He called for a corkscrew, which is an evasive action, but it came up from beneath them and shot them up pretty good," explained Joan.

Losing altitude quickly, due to damage to three of their four engines, the plane remained in the air for roughly three hours bypassing a German airstrip at less than 5,000 feet before eventually crash-landing on an American airfield near Rheims, France.

In the midst of the attack, Hardick was shot multiple times in his position as rear gunner and sustained injuries to his leg. The March 16 mission would become his last as he was shipped to England to convalesce from his injury before returning home to Canada in September of 1945. "Even 70 years later he would have shrapnel come out of his legs from the injury," recalled Joan. "But he never stopped and it built in him a character of determination."

After returning home, Hardick married his wife, Mary, in June of 1946 and the two settled with their three daughters – Dale, Joan and Mary-Lynn – in the Town of Shelburne.

Hardick purchased and operated Hardick Jewelers on Main Street in Shelburne until his retirement in 1995.

"As the child of a veteran, I saw what he lived with everyday being wounded. You never understand

what they lived through during the war, but saw what they lived with everyday for the rest of their life," said Joan.

Her connection with Remembrance Day extends even further past her father, with her husband Bob Wallace's father also serving in the Second World War.

Like many children who grew up with fathers serving in the war, the details of Ken Wallace's time in Europe are scarce as he kept many of his memories close to his chest.

"He never talked about it," said Bob. "It wasn't until later in life that it all came back up."

A fourth-generation Mulmur resident, Ken Wallace was working as a machinist in the city when he and a group of friends decided to enlist in the war in 1943. Wallace served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in the Fighter Squadron 428 and was a trained radio operator. He was a participant in the D-Day Invasion of Juno Beach in France and helped establish the Spitfire Airfield, located about three miles inland from the coast.

Wallace returned home to Canada in October of 1944 following a back injury from diving into a foxhole while under attack from enemy forces. At the time he was shipped home, he weighed no more than 120 pounds.

"The conditions he lived in were horrendous," said Bob.

The biggest thing Joan and Bob have learned from being the children of veterans isn't the stories of their time overseas, but the years of continuing to give back to their community.

"They came home and both started volunteering," said Bob.

Hardick was a member of the Shelburne Rotary Club, served on Shelburne Town Council, volunteered at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 for over 40 years as the service officer and was involved in both the local hockey and curling clubs.

Wallace served for years on the local school board and was part of the movement to expand outside of single-room schoolhouses. He also helped as a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society and Shriners Hospital for Children. In what is known as one of his biggest acts of volunteerism, Wallace was part of a group of residents who helped fundraise for the Lost Soldiers Memorial outside of Shelburne Town Hall for which he received a Governor's Community Volunteer Award.

"They felt a duty to go to Europe because something terrible was happening and when they came home, they still had a sense of duty; that never changed," said Joan. "That sense of community and being involved kind of rubs off of you, it really does."

Raymond Hardick passed away in 2007 at the age of 82. Ken Wallace passed away in 2015 at the age of 93.

But their legacy lives on through their volunteerism, sacrifices on the battlefield and decades of dedication to the Shelburne community.

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Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

Freshman Quarterback Jack Keenan leads the Hall Wolfpack to third-place finish in ROPSSAA Tier One Junior Football



JACK KEENAN
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BY JIM STEWART

Junior Wolfpack Quarterback Jack Keenan has burst on to the athletic scene at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

As a Grade 9 student in his first semester of high school, Keenan led his ROPSSA Tier 1 Football team to a third-place finish with a 2-4 record, including a narrow 9-6 victory over Lorne Park on the final game of the regular season. Keenan is part of a powerhouse football program at Hall. The Tier 1 Senior Wolfpack football team finished their 2024 ROPSSAA regular season undefeated with a 4-0 record and has qualified for the regional football championship game two seasons in a row.

It is into this cauldron of excellence that Keenan has been dipped and his Head Coach Jason Sweeney has been impressed by the freshman's ability to handle such pressure.

As a veteran high school football and baseball coach, Coach Sweeney has seen many student-athletes in his career. However, Keenan's performance as a freshman this season has been exceptional, according to the Wolfpack's dedicated Head Coach.

"Jack is an exceptional athlete for a few reasons. From his commitment to the team to his leadership on the field, Jack started this year as a brand-new quarterback to our Junior program and proved to his teammates that he had what it took to be one of our captains."

Coach Sweeney also applauded his quarterback's diligence regarding his Grade 9 studies, both in the classroom and learning the junior football team's playbook.

"Jack excels in his academics proving to not only his coaches, but to his teachers, that he shows his dedication to being an elite athlete.

Being a starting QB is no easy task, but after weeks of practice, Jack progressed with his team and is in position to be a great starting QB."

What impresses Coach Sweeney the most about Keenan is "his commitment to learning his role on the field. Jack continuously learned new plays and formations for his role as the starting QB of the Junior Boys football team. His commitment to showing up to every practice and being a leader on the team proved that Jack excelled on the field."

Jack Keenan took time from his studies and on-field football preparations to respond to our interview questions:

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

Jack Keenan: "To be nominated in a region

with so many high-quality athletes is very humbling. I am fortunate to be the Quarterback of the Robert F Hall Jr. Football team, so I feel that I am representing all my teammates as we begin our journey competing and representing the Wolfpack. I try my best to lead by example, showing up, working hard, and being respectful to the coaching staff."

Caledon Citizen: Which performance moments from the past sports season are you most proud of?

Jack Keenan: "This is my first year at Robert F Hall; last year, I completed elementary school at St. Andrew's in Orangeville. I was quite busy at St. Andrew's as I represented the school in Basketball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Softball, Cross-Country, and Soccer. 2022-2023 was a big year as my family co-founded the Orangeville Spartans Flag Football league and this was our inaugural year. I competed in many Flag Football tournaments, competing against teams across North America. I was also fortunate to represent the Orangeville Outlaws Tackle Football team."

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

Jack Keenan: "Football is my sport of choice. I compete in many flag football tournaments under the banner of the Orangeville Spartans Flag Football team. I also played Quarterback for the Orangeville Outlaws tackle football team. I am very lucky to have many of my teammates from Orangeville join forces at Robert F Hall."

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

Jack Keenan: "I am a student first, athlete second. This is my only my third week of High School but my goal is to achieve Honor Roll. Last year, I made Honor Roll at St. Andrews in the extended French program and that was a big achievement for me as I worked really hard to achieve that goal. My plan is to get involved in as many clubs/teams as possible. The large variety of teams/clubs available is one of the major reasons I chose Robert F Hall. Following the football season, I am going to be very excited to join the Ski/Snowboard club. I was fortunate to ride Breckenridge in Colorado last year and am an annual member of Hockley Valley and Blue Mountain."

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

Jack Keenan: "I still have a lot of learning and exploring to do. One day, I plan on attending university. Both my parents graduated from McMaster so maybe I'll be in Hamilton or find a new path somewhere else. Whatever path it is, it will surely be exciting."

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

Jack Keenan: "My grandpa Keenan is my role model. He is 74, but plays every sport in my backyard with my brothers, my dad, and myself. He is always positive, and always encouraging. My grandpa always makes me feel good about myself. Both my grandparents and family are very supportive and attend most sports my brothers and I play and there are a lot of them!"

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about

being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Jack Keenan: "It is a tremendous honor and

super humbling. I am so blessed to be part of a great community, great high school, and a great football team."

COMMUNITY events

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2024 Rise Up Success Conference
Hosted by: Natalie Masucci
Where: Copper Creek Golf Group (Kleinburg)
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Bethell Hospice Foundation Holiday Bazaar
- Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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Musical Bingo - Monday, November 11, 2024
The Caledon Public Library will be at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton to host Musical Bingo on Monday, November 11 at 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy this free program! Meet in the Nurden Room. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register!

Special Lunch - Wednesday, November 13, 2024
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their monthly Special Lunch on Wednesday, November 13. The menu is grilled cheese sandwich, kale salad and walnut coffee cake for dessert. Cost is \$11.
Pick-up: 11:30 am to 12 noon
Dine-in served: 12:00 pm
Local delivery available for \$2.
Call the Centre to register at 905-951-6114 by Monday, Nov. 11 at 3:30 pm.

Men's Lunch - Tuesday, November 19, 2024
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their monthly Men's Lunch on Tuesday, November 19 at 11:00 am. Jerry Gorman will be doing a presentation on Bolton's Founding Families. Come and learn about the history of Bolton! Lunch menu: Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Chocolate Éclair Dessert. Cost: \$11
Call the Centre to register at 905-951-6114. Sorry ladies, this is for men only!

Brain Health Workshop - Wednesday, November 20, 2024
The Caledon Seniors Centre will be hosting a free Brain Health Workshop on Wednesday, November 20, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Join us in-person or over Zoom.
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The Pellett family is sad to announce the death of Eve, peacefully in hospice at the grand old age of 93. She has finally been reunited with her beloved husband and best friend, Bill. Beloved mother of Rick, Bonnie, Jim, Sandy, and Paul. Cherished grandmother of Sherrie, Jen, Rebecca (Chris), and Rachel (Matt) and great grandmother of Marjorie, Emma Eve, and Roland. Predeceased by her brother Ted, sister-in-law Marion, and brother-in-law Leonard. Survived by sisters Connie and Pat and brother-in-law Dave. Special Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Eve was a proud career woman, starting at Goodyear Tire in her youth and progressing in Municipal government from secretary at the Township of Albion all the way to Clerk of the Town of Caledon. When not working she was active at Palgrave United Church and in the United Church Women. She and Bill spent many wonderful trips in the trailer all over North America, with much "elite dining" with friends along the way. All who knew her will miss her wit and belly laugh. The angel choir has gained another voice.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Meg Daly who provided care in her last weeks and to Bethell Hospice for their exceptional care. We are also immensely grateful to her neighbours Pete and Chrissy for watching over her for all the years since we lost Bill. She would not have been able to stay in her home nearly as long without your care and attention.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday afternoon 1 – 3 o'clock. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Friday morning, November 8 at 11 o'clock. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment Morningside Cemetery, Pine Avenue, Palgrave. The family invites those who are not able to attend the funeral to view the service via livestream.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Bethell Hospice Foundation, or the charity closest to your heart. Eve gave as widely as she could and did not play favourites with her time, talent, or treasures. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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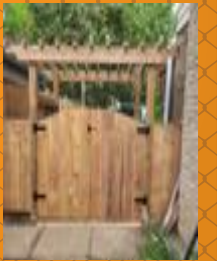
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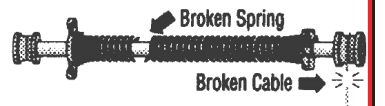
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The Regional Council Budget meetings are open to the public and residents may attend. The meetings will also be live streamed on peelregion.ca. The 2025 Regional Operating and Capital Budget will be available at peelregion.ca/budget as of November 7, 2024.

Any person or organization wishing to make representation to Regional Council should email their submission or request to delegate to the Office of the Regional Clerk at regional.clerk@peelregion.ca or call 905-791-7800, ext. 4545 at least 72 hours prior to the budget meeting (i.e. by 9:30 a.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting).

For more information, please visit the delegation guide at peelregion.ca/council/guide-for-delegations.asp.

The Regional Council Budget meeting to commence discussion and consideration of the Regional Operating and Capital Budgets is scheduled for:

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
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The Budget may be approved in whole or in part at the above-noted Regional Council Budget meeting or any subsequent Regional Council Budget meeting. If the matter is considered at a subsequent Budget meeting of Council, no additional notice will be provided unless Regional Council directs otherwise.

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Dated this 7th day of November, 2024.

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The Stationland Park Gazebo, now 25 years old, looks brand new thanks to the efforts of volunteers, Palgrave Rotary, and the Town of Caledon. **PALGRAVE ROTARY PHOTOS**

Palgrave Rotary marks 25th anniversary of gazebo with refresh

Volunteers repaint gazebo on Caledon Trailway near Highway 50

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A Palgrave landmark has had a makeover. Palgrave Rotary recently decided to mark the 25th anniversary of its gazebo on the Caledon Trailway near Highway 50 by repainting it.

The Stationland Park Gazebo was built in June of 1999 and its design was taken from a railway station built in 1878 on the very same site.

Back in 1999, the Palgrave Rotary Club planned and initiated the project alongside residents John Milligan and Nancy Stewart. Over seven weekends — and some evenings too — the gazebo was built by a dedicated team of 11 volunteers.

In May this year, Palgrave Rotary decided to finance the redecorating and painting of the gazebo, and the Town of Caledon agreed to finance rebuilding its floor.

Palgrave resident Melissa Gargaro, her father John, brother Jonathan, and mother Yvette, spent three days renovating the gazebo alongside Pal-

grave Rotary member Carl Nissen.

Palgrave Rotary member Bernie Rochon said he wanted to share a sincere thanks to all who helped renovate the gazebo.

“Just a few volunteers can achieve so much over so many years. Palgrave is blessed with so much community support,” said Rochon.



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Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent 48 loads, 1.86L jug or Tide Laundry Detergent Pods 31 pacs, 771g pkg selected varieties

11⁹⁹

SAVE \$7.00



Selected Scotties Facial Tissue 4x12/100s or Sponge Towels Ultra or UltraPro 4-6 rolls or 6-12 rolls or Cashmere Bath Tissue 12=48 rolls selected varieties

14⁹⁹

SAVE \$3.00



General Mills Cereal 300-430g pkg selected varieties

2⁹⁹

SAVE UP TO \$2.00



Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream 400-450mL pkg or Novelties 216-264mL pkg selected varieties

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3⁹⁹ Gray Ridge Large White Eggs 12 pack



5⁹⁹ Longo's Essentials Country Churned Butter 454g pkg



1⁹⁹ Longo's Essentials Bread 675g pkg



6⁰⁹ Beatrice Milk 2%, 1% or skim 4L bag

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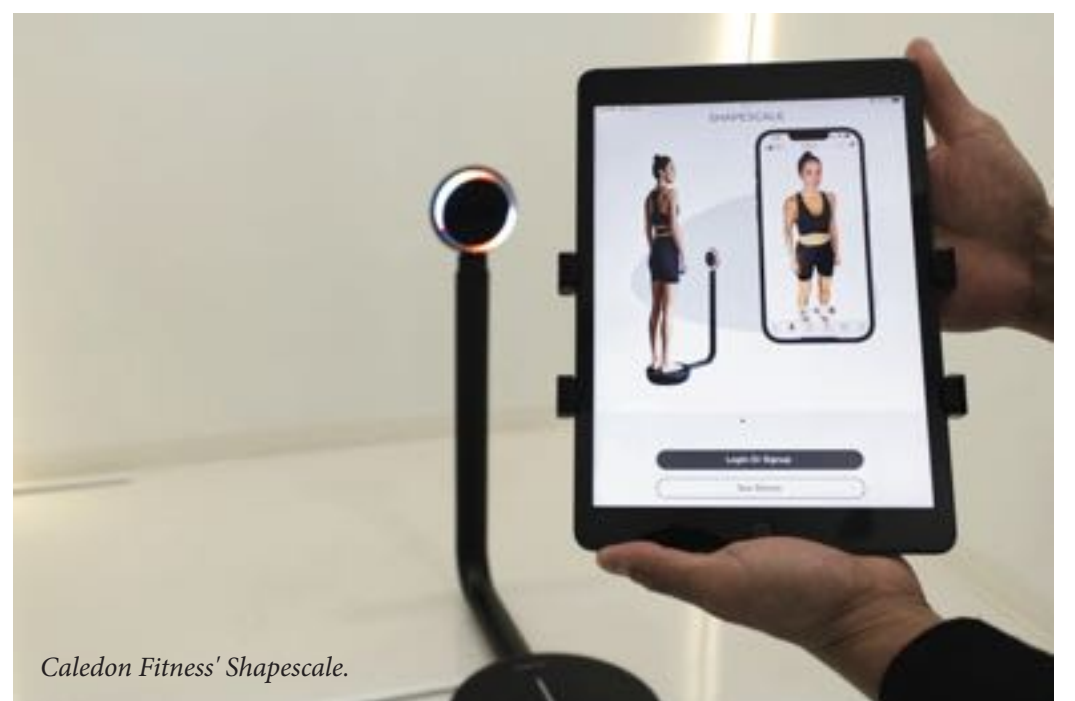
PROVIDING THE **HIGHEST-LEVEL** OF PERSONAL TRAINING

CALEDON FITNESS MASTER TRAINER WALTER HUYNH RECENTLY OBTAINED HIS PRO TRAINER CERTIFICATE.

by Caledon Citizen Staff



Caledon Fitness team members Tristan von Langsdorff, Walter Huynh, and Lauren Peet.



Caledon Fitness' Shapescale.

If you want the best of the best when it comes to personal training, look no further than Caledon Fitness.

Walter Huynh, master trainer at the gym, recently obtained his Pro Trainer Certificate. It's the highest level of personal training certificate in the world.

Tristan von Langsdorff, founder of Caledon Fitness, is immensely proud of Huynh for his achievement.

Caledon Fitness was founded in 2022 and has seen great success as word of the results people get from the gym spreads.

"The vision is to get people the fastest results with the best quality service," said von Langsdorff.

Huynh noted that Caledon Fitness' personal approach is key to its success.

"You get to know your clients, you learn about their lives, families, and personal struggles," he said. "People come in, put in the work, and come out with a brand new identity."

Caledon Fitness does not use any aggressive sales tactics like big-box gyms. Interested clients are welcome to come

check out the space, no strings attached, and see what Caledon Fitness can do for them. Clients can purchase as many sessions as they like at the gym, and they are never locked into a contract.

"We really just want to help people," said von Langsdorff.

Huynh said many people in the fitness industry lose sight of that fact and just care about money. He said at its core, fitness is about helping people make positive changes in their lives.

Caledon Fitness has a coffee/protein bar in its gym to provide its clients with a boost before their sessions and the highest quality protein for after. They're even launching their own protein line soon, made using only the finest ingredients. Huynh and von Langsdorff said they wanted to know everything that was in the protein powder so they can offer the best to their clients.

To learn more about Caledon Fitness, visit their website, caledon-fitness.ca, give them a call at 905-783-1599, or email info@caledon-fitness.ca.



New renovations add to timeless elegance of
Royal Ambassador
 EVENT CENTRE

by Zachary Roman

Caledon's premier event centre has recently had some beautiful renovations done.

Completed in April this year, renovations to the Royal Ambassador Event Centre have elevated the already-elegant look and feel of the centre.

Nicolas Giancola, a sales representative with the Ambassador, said the centre's main hall has been completely redone with new white flooring and marble features throughout.

"It's still got a classic elegance to it, but it's been modernized quite a bit as well," said Giancola.

Other rooms in the Royal Ambassador, such as the conservatory, main foyer, and bridal suites have been renovated to match the stunning main hall.

Giancola said most people in Caledon have attended an event at the Ambassador at some point, and the Ambassador wants to spread the word about its amazing new renovations.

The Royal Ambassador is known for its community events like Mother's Day and Easter brunches and New Year's Eve galas.

With large and small capacity event spaces, the Royal Ambassador is truly capable of hosting nearly any kind of event imaginable.

The Royal Ambassador has expanded its menu to include South Asian cuisine in addition to the delicious European food it's known around town for. Potential clients can choose a menu to their liking, featuring all of one style or a mix of both.

The storied event centre is located in the heart of Caledon at 15430 Innis Lake Road. On its property are rolling hills, manicured gardens and a 20-acre natural lake. It's a true country oasis close to the city, a property with a long history in Caledon and one that will be hosting so many amazing events in the years to come.

To stay updated with all the latest from the Royal Ambassador Event Centre, you can follow them on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. For more information about hosting your next event at the Ambassador, check out its website: www.theroyalambassador.com.



**CALEDON'S SWEETEST NEW BUSINESS:
 BLISSFULLY BAKED X THE LITTLE ALMOND**

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TAYLOR ARROWSMITH AND SHAINA LINDEYER ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR BAKING WITH CALEDON.

by Zachary Roman

If you're looking for delicious baked goods and a cozy place to spend the afternoon, look no further than Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond.

The new cafe and bakery is conveniently located in Downtown Bolton at 25 Queen Street North. It's run by two young entrepreneurs from small towns, Taylor Arrowsmith and Shaina Lindeyer, who met when they were in the baking and pastry arts program at Humber College.

At school they were lab partners and interned together. They became fast friends and never looked back.

Arrowsmith explained she always dreamed of owning her own business and has always loved baking. This led her to start The Little Almond, her own baking business. It wasn't long before she partnered with established Bolton business Bake Shoppe. Lindeyer was the baker and cake decorator for Bake Shoppe at the time.

Arrowsmith, who's also always loved baking and founded The Little Almond, happily accepted Lindeyer's request to start a business with her when the opportunity arose.

Bake Shoppe was run by Angela Scarinci, who is now taking a step back and letting the dynamic duo of Arrowsmith and Lindeyer run the show under the new name Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond.

The business officially opened under the new name in mid-October and already there are tons of regulars there. Arrowsmith and Lindeyer love seeing their cafe filled with people chatting and enjoying treats.

"Even if I don't remember your name, I know your order," said Arrowsmith with a laugh.

In addition to a delightful assortment of new baked goods, Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond will soon offer baking classes and children's birthday parties.

Arrowsmith and Lindeyer are very excited to work with children and adults in fun baking classes and parties.

Lindeyer said she and Arrowsmith are a great team and play off each other's strengths. They both commented on how it's been absolutely amazing to have Scarinci as a mentor and guiding light as they embark on the journey of running their own business.

It's not just Scarinci who's been supporting them; they said the Bolton business community as a whole has been incredibly receptive.

"Bolton feels like community over competition," said Arrowsmith. "Everyone is out to see everyone succeed."

Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond offers custom cakes, focaccia sandwiches, cookies, pastries, brownies, macarons, breads, and an ever-expanding rotation of custom dessert creations.

"I'm obsessed with our new peanut butter chocolate swirl cookie," said Arrowsmith, sharing one example of a tasty treat.

"I love our Nutella-swirled cheesecake bars," said Lindeyer, sharing another, a recipe she and her mom invented.

Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond gets its coffee from Mochaberry in Orangeville, and is proud to serve delicious locally-roasted coffee from another small business.

Arrowsmith and Lindeyer said it's the most rewarding feeling in the world to hear people enjoying their creations. Even after being in business a while, it never gets old to overhear someone complimenting one of their baked goods from the kitchen.

Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond has free wifi, comfortable seating areas, and is a spot where people are encouraged to stay and hang out.

For more information about Caledon's newest bakery and cafe, visit its website: bakedxlittlealmond.com



SYNERGY EXTERIORS

SYNERGY EXTERIORS HAS YOU COVERED, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

by James Matthews

Synergy Exteriors is a one-stop shop for homeowners who want to update their home's exterior and increase their homes curb appeal and overall value.

Synergy is a locally owned full-service company, offering windows, doors, roofing, siding, and eavestroughs to customers in Orangeville, Caledon and surrounding areas. And they've been doing that for more than 10 years.

"We only sell and install the brands we trust, and you can be guaranteed we will do the job right," said Synergy's owner Nick Facciolo.

"Our dedicated sales team, service representatives, installers and fully insured

contractors are specialized in providing our customers with the best solutions for their needs, both big and small. As members of our community, we are committed to excellence in every job we do."

Synergy has several divisions, which allows for specific installers for each, making them experts in that division, be it window and door installations, roofing, eavestroughs or siding.

Synergy Exteriors' Roofing Division, for instance, is made up of GAF master elite certified contractors. That means they've been trained to install particularly high-end roofing products. It also means Synergy Exteriors and its crew went through a higher

screening process and training to be able to meet GAF standards, which the industry touts as the highest in North America.

Synergy has a wide variety of accent and decorative trim products from vinyl and composite product lines. Their siding materials are available in a myriad of colours and styles to suit any taste or pre-existing work. Each panel has solid colour throughout so it won't chip, flake or peel and never needs to be painted.

This spring they added a retail space called Synergy Supply that houses the high-quality materials they use on the job every day. Some items include GAF Feltbuster synthetic roofing felt and Timberline ultra

high definition charcoal shingles. As well they offer Stage and KV Custom windows and doors, soffit, fascia, nails, screws, trim coil, custom fabrications, caulking, roofing shingles & accessories. They are the local authorized distributor of Mitten Siding who have the largest colour pallet in the industry, huge selection of styles and designs to bring home exteriors to life. Local contractors and DIYers alike now have access to these quality materials in Orangeville.

Stop by the business at 42 Green St., Orangeville or call (519) 939-6007 to inquire about your project. You can also visit their website synergyexteriors.ca to learn more.



Caledon Mountain Wildlife Supplies



SUPERIOR SERVICE AND EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF BIRDSEED AND BIRDING SUPPLIES.

by Brian Lockhart

Many people enjoy nature by attracting wildlife to their backyards or rural area by placing bird feeders around their property and having the fun of seeing which species of birds arrive to have their favourite meal.

If you want to attract different species, you need to know which seed mix will attract different birds.

Brett Lagerquist, of Caledon Mountain Wildlife Supplies in Caledon, is the local expert who knows which type of feed is preferred by different birds and the ingredients that are a healthy supplement to a bird's diet.

Brett creates custom mixed bird feed at his store based on his knowledge, trusted recipes, as well as his own method of experimentation when deciding on a new mix. He uses high quality seed and maintains a competitive price-point for his customers.

Mixes contain seeds and grain that will attract the types of birds people want to see at their feeders.

"We are a backyard birding specialty retailing store," Brett explained. "We manufacture our own birdseed and we sell it to backyard birding customers. We have different grades of bird seed and we are always improving on that. When I first took over here, we only had five or six mixes. Now we have around 12. Customers will come in and say they don't want a specific ingredient in their birdseed. If I get enough requests for that, I will manufacture a specific bird seed for those customers."

The seed mix contains several different seeds and grains depending on the mix. Black oil sunflower seeds are a big part of most mixes as they attract birds and are a nutritious diet a high fat and mineral content. "Black oil sunflower is the number one

birding ingredient," Brett explained. "Most large scale manufacturers of bird seed don't use an abundance of it, because they don't understand how efficient it is at attracting birds, and also there's a higher cost associated with it."

The difference between Caledon Mountain Wildlife Supplies seed mix, and those from large commercial stores, is the quality.

"Some people don't like corn," Brett said. "Corn is a good ingredient, but some people are used to buying from a big box store where there's an abundance of corn, sometimes up to 40 per cent, and wheat, which are very cheap ingredients, and they overload it."

Brett pointed out that one of his mixes contains only one to two percent of cracked corn, with the rest of the ingredients being other nutritional seeds.

It is this attention to detail and knowledge

of birding as well as the evolution of creating new mixes that makes Caledon Mountain Wildlife Supplies the number one source for bird feed and supplies in the region.

In addition to feed, the store has a large assortment of bird feeders and bird houses including nesting boxes, pole systems, and special feeders that will attract unique species like woodpeckers and hummingbirds.

If you are new to bird feeding, Brett has a wealth of knowledge and can advise you on the right mix to attract various bird species to your property.

There is a second location, Dufferin Wildlife Supplies, located in Orangeville at 287A Broadway, with the same quality products and accessories.

Caledon Mountain Wildlife Supplies is located at 18371 Hurontario Street, in Caledon Village.



zero20kids

DESIGNER CLOTHING & SHOES ■ BABY ■ CHILDREN ■ TWEEN

LIKE SHOPPING IN EUROPE

Beautiful, well-crafted clothing makes everyone feel good, regardless of age – and Zero 20 kids offers endless options for fashion-forward babies, children and pre-teens.

The store name says it all: fun and stylish threads for boys and girls from size Zero (newborn) to 20 (pre-teen)

For the last 41 years, Vaughan's Zero 20 Kids, led by company founder Santina Mariani and sister Anna Turrin, has been the go-to boutique for families to find designer labels for their kids at price points to please every wallet.

Top quality fashion lines featured at the popular boutique include Hugo Boss, Lacoste, Diesel, Le Chic, Michael Kors, and Mayoral, a Spanish brand which is a favorite.

"Our suppliers stand behind their brands,

they come up with fresh new designs, source great fabrics, and manufacture with great skill to give us the best the world has to offer," says Mariani. "We're not play-in-the-playground clothes, we're dressy-casual."

And there is no shortage of options. Choose from co-ordinated outfits or mix-and-match pieces, at reasonable price points, or visit the clearance area and find incredible bargains, there's something for everyone, every taste and every occasion.

Mariani started the business as a young mother, fresh out of studying retail at Humber College.

She realized there was a lack European-quality children's clothes in the Greater Toronto Area and opened a small boutique in a unit at the southwest corner of Highway 7 and Pine Valley Drive, in

the McDonald's Plaza. Over the years, Zero 20 has expanded to five side by side storefronts in the same plaza.

This huge space is a shopping wonderland – for girls, the dress or outfit is easily found, but the fun is completing the look: shoes, socks, tights, hair accessories, and purse finish and personalize her look.

For boy – joggers, jeans, or pants can be co-ordinated with t-shirts, hoodies, shirts, sweaters and finished with caps, sneakers, or shoes, ready to be worn anywhere.

"We grew a lot bigger than what we expected," says Mariani with a laugh. "That's because you need a lot of selection, so customers don't have to go to 10 different stores to find what they need; it's all here in one location.

"They call us 'the one-stop-shop' because

you can literally dress the kids up in-store from head to toe and go straight to the party."

Gift-giving for that precious new baby, birthdays or holidays is made easy, and wrapping is available in-store. Make sure to visit www.Zero20Kids.com to view the thousands of items available 24/7 for pickup in-store or delivery.

Don't forget to follow on Facebook and Instagram.

"We are proud and humbled by so many customers who say, 'I shopped here for my children and now I am back here with my grandkids.' It's the satisfaction that we've lasted so long and helped so many clients, that makes it all worthwhile."

Zero 20 Kids is located at 7700 Pine Valley Drive, Vaughan. For more, call 905-851-6041 or visit zero20kids.com.



SOUTH HILL DENTAL

FULL FAMILY DENTAL CARE TO KEEP YOUR SMILE BEAUTIFUL.

by Brian Lockhart

A beautiful smile will always create an impression, make those around you feel welcome, win you new friends, or just light up someone's day.

If your teeth aren't looking their best, it can hinder your confidence and social life. Missing or damaged teeth can make eating difficult. Good dental hygiene will affect your entire body in many ways while promoting over-all good health.

At South Hill Dental in Bolton, Dr. Martin Reiss, Dr. Samson So, and Dr. Christopher Chan provide expert dental care to keep your smile looking its best while maintaining the health of your teeth and gums through routine check-ups.

During your first visit, the dentist will do a general examination and check-up to look for any problems or potential areas that may need further treatment to repair or maintain.

"We're a general dental practice, and we do most procedures," explained Dr. Reiss. "We do wisdom teeth and sedation dentistry

in the clinic. Dr. Chan is doing Invisalign braces – they're invisible braces and they are very popular now, especially for patients who have braces in the past when they were a kid. It's really good when things have slightly shifted but you don't want to do a full set of braces again."

Dr. So specializes in removing wisdom teeth. Patients can be sedated and the Doctors make sure patients are comfortable during the procedure, as each patient has different levels of anxiety.

When wisdom teeth become a problem, they can remove those teeth at the dental clinic with a minimally invasive procedure.

The clinic also offers general maintenance and fillings as well as other areas of dentistry including root canals and oral surgery.

Experts in dental care, South Hill Dental provides services that include a wide range of procedures for both those that are medically necessary as well as for cosmetic reasons.

When a person loses a tooth, there are

several methods that can be used to replace that gap in your smile. Dental implants allow a person to have a tooth replaced with a more permanent type of procedure rather than a crown or denture.

"We have implants for dentures," Dr. Chan explained. "With regular dentures, they fit to the gum but there's nothing to support it. With implant supported dentures, they become more solid and you can chew and function better."

The staff at South Hill Dental can advise you on how to maintain your smile and achieve better dental health through preventative dentistry by offering procedures that will eliminate future problems.

There are times when a sick or injured tooth can be an emergency. This includes things like an infection of abscess.

Sports injuries or accidents can result in damaged or loosened teeth, or even having a tooth knocked out.

In these cases, emergency care may be needed.

South Hill Dental provides emergency care for those times when a patient is suffering from a medical condition or sudden impact type of injury.

At South Hill Dental, they use the latest imaging technology to assist with a diagnosis. It is a painless way of examining your teeth and it gives the Doctors the ability to answer your questions with a visual image. They also use the latest technology that replaces the old type of syringe when a shot is necessary.

South Hill Dental provides a welcoming and calming environment when you visit. The Doctors and staff are pleasant and friendly and will make your appointment easy and stress-free as possible.

South Hill Dental is located at 334 Queen Street South, Unit 1 in Bolton.

You can contact them by telephone at: 905-533-4000, or visit on-line at www.southhilldental.ca, to learn more and to book an appointment.



ZERO 20 KIDS IS THE GO-TO BOUTIQUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPECIAL OCCASION CLOTHING.

Zero 20 Kids prides themselves on offering clothing, shoes and accessories for all boys and girls attending special occasions, but what sets the popular Vaughan boutique apart is their dedication to dressing the “stars of the show.”

Located at Pine Valley Drive and Highway 7, Zero 20 Kids offers a one-stop shop for holidays and religious events: think baptism/christening communion, confirmation, bar/bat mitzvahs, milestone birthdays, graduation, weddings, pageants, concerts, and performances to name a few.

Suitable clothing and accessories are sometimes specific and hard to find elsewhere, but Zero 20 has an abundance of styles and an extremely large inventory ready to buy.

Santina and Anna, who founded the boutique 41 years ago, pride themselves on the array of beautiful dresses in white, ivory

and pastel shades. From simple and angelic to elaborate and regal, there is a look for everyone at every price point. Perfect for Christening, flower girls, and First Holy Communion, dresses and gowns start at \$49 and go up based on brand, fabric, laces, and jewelled embellishments.

Many ethnic baptism traditions, include the Godmother, in dressing the precious baby girl or boy for the day. Rest assured, Zero 20 can help with the main outfit or gown and all the accessories needed: undergarments, socks, shoes, bib, towelette, sleeper, blanket, sweater, coat, hat, bonnet, hairband, candle, rosary, protection pin, keepsake box, bible, etc.

Many of these items can be personalized or embroidered with names, date, and personal messages.

There is a lot for girls, but they don't ignore the boys; their expansive range of suits can

make every boy stand out individually or match a bridal party, or even a “mini me” version of dad. The suit or tuxedo is important, but accessories make it personal.

Shirts come in a rainbow of colors, and an enormous wall display of bow ties, long ties, belts and socks and shoes pull the whole look together.

“We have just about every brand of suit that exists, and we also have husky sizes, which are usually about four inches bigger in the waist,” says Santina. “If a boy is a little rounder in the waist, a husky suit might fit much better overall. We find that’s one of the reasons people will come to a boutique rather than a department store – the personalized fit, and that seamstresses who are able to create much needed accessories to complete the look.”

“Our seamstresses will make a lot of the products I can't find,” Santina explains.

“Sometimes you can't find boys' ties, so if a groomsman has a certain tie, they can bring me the tie and we can cut the tie down to make it the right size for smaller boys, or we can even make bowties.”

Their ingenuity is such they make their own special kind of pocket squares which stay nicely in place and looking neat, no matter how much the boy might want to fiddle with them.

“It's a very sensory experience,” says Santina of the shopping journey, noting that although they have a successful online retail portal, there's no greater testament to quality than being able to touch, feel, and try it on before you buy it. Zero 20 Kids has in abundance for every occasion. Just one visit will open your eyes to all the possibilities.

Zero 20 Kids is located at 7700 Pine Valley Drive, Vaughan. For more, call 905-851-6041 or visit zero20kids.com.

WOMEN in AGRICULTURE

VAL BROOKSBANK & QUEENSMERE FARMS

Queensmere offers farm-to-table beef and chicken, eggs, homemade apothecary products, delicious honey and much more.

QUALITY COMES NATURALLY AT QUEENSMERE FARMS.

by Zachary Roman



Located on Centreville Creek Road near Caledon East, the farm and its associated farm store are run by Val Brooksbank. Brooksbank, whose family has farmed in the adjoining townships since the 1840's, is proud to be a female farmer, noting that there is a small shift in agriculture where women are actually running the family farm. The farm includes a beautiful retail space where shoppers can get farm to table products that have been raised on the farm or crafted from Queensmere's kitchens.

Queensmere Farms sells grass fed Galloway beef, chicken, freshly-laid brown eggs, raw unpasteurized honey and infused

honey, maple syrup and preserves. They also offer a wide variety of beeswax products and homemade apothecary items, including creams, tinctures, oils, soaps and hand made candles. There are always new offerings at the farm store, including Queensmere's new for 2024 cold-pressed sunflower oil made from locally-sourced sunflower seeds

“A few of our most popular products right now are our tallow creams and ginger/turmeric infused honey,” said Brooksbank. “Our customers want homemade products that have pure natural ingredients.”

Queensmere Farms started small, first selling eggs. A herd of Belted Galloways came

next. The farm has been growing steadily ever since. Eight years ago Brooksbank became a registered beekeeper. The three Queensmere apiaries now produce sufficient honey, which can be purchased directly from the farm and at numerous local stores.

“Our customers are wanting a local product that they can trust. They want to know where their food is coming from and how it's being raised and looked after,” said Brooksbank. “Queensmere Farms' goal is to have farm-to-table products that we are proud and confident to serve not only to our own family, but to our friends and community too.”

Queensmere Farms, with its environmental farm plan, has always ensured that the number one priority is the health and happiness of its livestock. All the animals there live a stress-free lifestyle and are hormone and antibiotic free.

Queensmere Farms is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

You can contact Queensmere Farms through their website, queensmerefarms.ca, and they can also be found on Facebook and Instagram. Be sure to follow them to keep up with all the latest offerings at the farm store.

Automotive Maintenance



After 32 years serving Caledon and the surrounding region, Automotive Maintenance has become the trusted place for many residents when it comes to car and truck maintenance and repairs.

by Brian Lockhart

Their Airport Road shop in Caledon East is a local landmark and the bays are always full because so many people rely on their expertise and quality work to keep their vehicles in top shape and on the road.

Expert service technicians are trained and knowledgeable of maintenance and repairs on all makes and models including foreign cars.

“We do complete automotive service,” explained shop owner, John Tomasone. “We do everything related to the automotive industry from alignments, brakes, and tires, to the maintenance schedule for cars.”

A unique feature of the shop is their ability to complete work on vehicles within the realm of a manufacturer’s warranty. This means you can have work completed at Automotive Maintenance that is covered

under the warranty of your newer car or truck.

“Our work here does not default any of your manufacturer’s warranty,” John explained. “As long as you have a proper bill from us, you can bring it back to your dealership and show them and tell them you had the work done at a professional shop and they will honour the warranty on your vehicle. We’re part of the TechNet service, so we follow a code of conduct. We are a qualified shop to do that.”

Regular vehicle maintenance is important to keep your vehicle running with maximum efficiency. Ignoring minor repairs can mean a larger, more expensive repair at a later date. The team at Automotive Maintenance will service your vehicle according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

“Your maintenance package all goes by



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the number of kilometres and months,” John explained. “The manufacturer will tell you how often you should change your spark plugs or transmission fluid. It depends on what it says in your service manual – that’s what you go by. Oil for example, it’s such a big thing for a car. You have to change it at the right time. After a while, oil loses its viscosity and it starts creating problems.”

The shop can service all makes and models of automobiles. This includes domestic and foreign cars.

A chip in a windshield is a real concern, especially for people who live in a rural area with gravel roads. Automotive Maintenance can repair those chips and stop them from spreading.

John and his team have gained a solid reputation for the quality of their work.

Many of their regular customers travel to Caledon from other towns in the region because they trust the Automotive Maintenance team to repair and maintain their vehicle. They know their reputation is built on quality work and service.

“You have to experience it for yourself,” John said. “Once you do, and you like us, we gain another client.”

John is proud of the reputation Automotive Maintenance has achieved in the community. They were honoured with the Readers Choice awards for excellence through a local newspaper for four years in a row.

Automotive Maintenance is conveniently located at 16040 Airport Road, in Caledon East.

They can be reached by telephone at: 905-584-0454.



A CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC IN CALEDON

by Brock Weir

A true classic never really goes out of style, and that’s something that holds true for Bolton’s Music 21, which has been serving the community for 41 years.

Founded by Kent Oakley in 1982, Music 21 has been the community’s one-stop shop for everything one needs to get a garage band off the ground to, as discovered by Beatles icon Ringo Starr, the perfect place to find last-minute equipment needed to put on a world-class show.

Renowned for its retail arm, which carries many popular guitar, keyboard and drum brands like Yamaha, Gibson and Roland, and an expansive selection of vinyl, as well as its music education programs which have honed the talents of generations of Caledon residents, Music21 also provides top notch

production services within and well-beyond the community.

Their talents in this field have been enjoyed locally and internationally, from Caledon Day audiences to, after Music 21 was tapped by the Government of Canada to produce a gala dinner at the Royal York Hotel in 2010 in their honour, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

“We’ve grown from a small teaching operation of maybe three guitars on sale to now over 400 guitars in stock, including guitars autographed by the Rolling Stones, Jimmie Page and Miranda Lambert,” says Oakley, offering just a few examples from their well-stocked showroom. “We started as a music store carrying tapes, CDs and vinyl back in 1982 and now it has come

full circle where we have over 10,000 vinyl copies in our store. Strangely enough, the same top titles we had back in 1982 are the top selling now – Abbey Road by the Beatles, Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon – they’re our top-selling titles along with the likes of Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, and King Lizard and the Gizzard Wizard.”

Classics, indeed! Since they opened their doors, Oakley has gone on to work with the likes of Drake, The Weeknd, and Eminem, but he and his team have never lost sight of their hometown roots.

“Our business has grown from a music teaching operation, which we still do, and segued into a lot of production work,” he says.

“One of the things we’ve really grown into is video work – livestreaming events, putting up

LED walls for concerts as videos are becoming a more dominant part of our concerts in the last few years,” he notes, adding that they’ve unrolled these services at local Diwali events, to well beyond Caledon where they have come to work with some of the most popular and engaging Indian and Persian artists on the musical scene. “We really enjoy the pace and what we’re working with – it’s energizing to go from event to event.”

But its beating heart remains at 301 Queen Street South, Bolton, where they pride themselves on being the Town’s “most trusted” music shop, offering music lessons to students of all ages, guitar repairs, and a dazzling array of products.

For more, visit music21.ca or call 905-857-2121.



At The Fireplace Stop, people are the key to success.

Owner Andy Leonard wants to highlight his amazing staff.

by Zachary Roman



Dave Baker has been with The Fireplace Stop for over 30 years. Now over 80 years old, he attributes his long tenure to owner Andy Leonard. Dave tells us that a very pleasant work environment and the company's commitment to customer satisfaction has resulted in a very fulfilling life experience for him. (Contributed photo)



The Fireplace Stop's courteous and professional installation team, composed of Alexander Lord, Bobby Worth, Daniel Newton, Aaron Hwang, Eric Newton, Scott Leonard, Lucas Dowdle, Richard McAnsh, Corey Hillier and Mateusz Welna, will complete your dream project to your satisfaction. (Photo by Zachary Roman)

You can't build a great business without great people.

At The Fireplace Stop, a one-stop home comfort centre based out of Schomberg, great people are at the heart of the business.

The Fireplace Stop was founded by Andy Leonard in 1987. It opened its location at Highway 9 and 27 in Schomberg in 1990, and that's where it is to this day.

"As you progress and get bigger and better, it's because of your supporting team, whether it's your installers, salespeople, drivers, or people in the office... it's a bumper to bumper, front door to back door effort in our business," said Leonard. "Everyone has their part in the process."

Leonard said The Fireplace Stop, and

its sister business ABL Air Heating & Air Conditioning, have grown because they've always been willing to do challenging jobs. Whether it's a fireplace of any kind, a high-quality barbeque, or any kind of HVAC work, The Fireplace Stop has you covered.

"Anything you can think of to comfort the home, we're involved in it," said Leonard. "We're used to doing challenging jobs."

Leonard said The Fireplace Stop team is like one big family. Many of its employees have been there for decades.

The Fireplace Stop serves a large part of Ontario, including Toronto and all of cottage country. They've done jobs all over, including jobs on properties with snowmobile or boat access only.

The Fireplace Stop offers personalized service and makes customer satisfaction the top priority on any project.

Scott Leonard and Eric Newton are the head installers for the company and are the best of the best, and they're supported by an incredibly strong installer team. Eric's brother Daniel also works for The Fireplace Stop and they make a great team.

Corey Hillier is the amazing head of service for The Fireplace Stop, and Richard McAnsh is known as "Tricky Ricky" because he can do all the tricky jobs.

Mateusz Welna runs shipping and receiving for the company and helps out on challenging installs too.

Leonard said installer Lucas Dowdle, and co-op students Alexander Lord, Bobby Worth, and Aaron Hwang have amazing careers ahead of them.

Glen Rueda does custom cabinetry for The Fireplace Stop.

Leonard's son Andrew runs sales for the company with his exceptional colleagues Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca and Leonard himself. Kelsey Leonard is the head of administration with her supporting group of Kevin Snell, Renee Noble and Jennifer Russell. Jody Koerssen leads the accounting.

All of these wonderful employees and associates, and more, are at the core of The Fireplace Stop, where it truly is the people that make the difference.



Andrew Leonard, Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca and Andy Leonard make up The Fireplace Stop's dedicated sales team. (Contributed photo)



The Fireplace Stop's admin team of Kelsey Leonard, Kevin Snell, Renee Noble, Jody Koerssen and Jennifer Russell keeps the business running smoothly and clients happy. (Contributed photo)

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ADVANCING CALEDON TOGETHER.

TOWN OF CALEDON LOOKS BACK ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Town of Caledon is hard at work preparing for the future ensuring sustainable, safe and thriving communities.

by Caledon Citizen Staff

Over the past year, there's been a number of Town-led initiatives that are advancing Caledon to the next level.

In March, Caledon was proud to receive \$2.8 million through the Province of Ontario's Building Faster Fund. It was able to receive the funding because of the progress it made on its pledge to the Province to build 13,000 new housing units.

"Housing is the foundation of socio-economic resilience, providing individuals and families with stability and security. Prioritizing a range of housing choices is essential for fostering inclusive communities and promoting equitable growth," said Mayor Annette Groves. "As we embark on the journey to construct new homes, the allocation of this funding demonstrates our unwavering dedication to this cause. It signifies our readiness to tackle the housing challenge head-on and reaffirms our commitment to building a better, more accessible future for all."

In May, the Town announced it had partnered with Brampton Transit to run bus service in Bolton. Brampton Transit Route 41 now runs along Highway 50 between Queen Street and Highway 7 in Brampton to Columbia Way/Bolton Heights in Caledon. The route also services employment lands

along Coleraine Drive.

Brampton Transit has also partnered with the Town of Caledon to provide transit service in Mayfield West, Southfields Village, Tullamore, and on Dixie Road.

Groves said the partnership is a testament to Caledon's commitment to expanding town-wide transit.

"The Town of Caledon will continue to explore additional public transit for Caledon that is cost-effective and environmentally sustainable for residents. Thank you to Brampton Transit for their continued partnership and I look forward to continuing to achieve our transit goals together," said Groves.

Also in May, the Town of Caledon approved a new set of Green Development Standards to ensure new development in Caledon is environmentally conscious.

Groves said adopting the standards makes Caledon a leading municipality.

"This program is a critical tool to ensure new development is green and clean so we can grow sustainably and meet our ambitious environmental targets outlined in our strategic plan," said Groves.

Caledon's Green Development Standards outline climate-friendly design standards for new residential, commercial and industrial

development. The program focuses on minimizing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, protecting and enhancing the natural climate, and creating walkable communities.

In July, Caledon Council took steps to prioritize advocacy for a GO Train station on Highway 50 in Bolton.

"Caledon needs more transit options, and the time to plan a new GO Train route to Bolton is now. Caledon must grow to 300,000 by 2051, and residents want and need access to the transit infrastructure already enjoyed by communities of similar size. The recent rezoning of parcels along Highway 50 means we will finally have the population density needed to support a GO Train," said Groves.

The proposed GO Train line to Caledon would have two stops, one in South Bolton at Highway 50 and one in Macville.

In August, the Town of Caledon brought its concerns about illegal land use to the Province's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy, advocating for more tools to deal with the issue.

The two main types of illegal land use in Caledon are illegal event centres and illegal trucking yards. The two types of illegal land use create similar negative impacts like

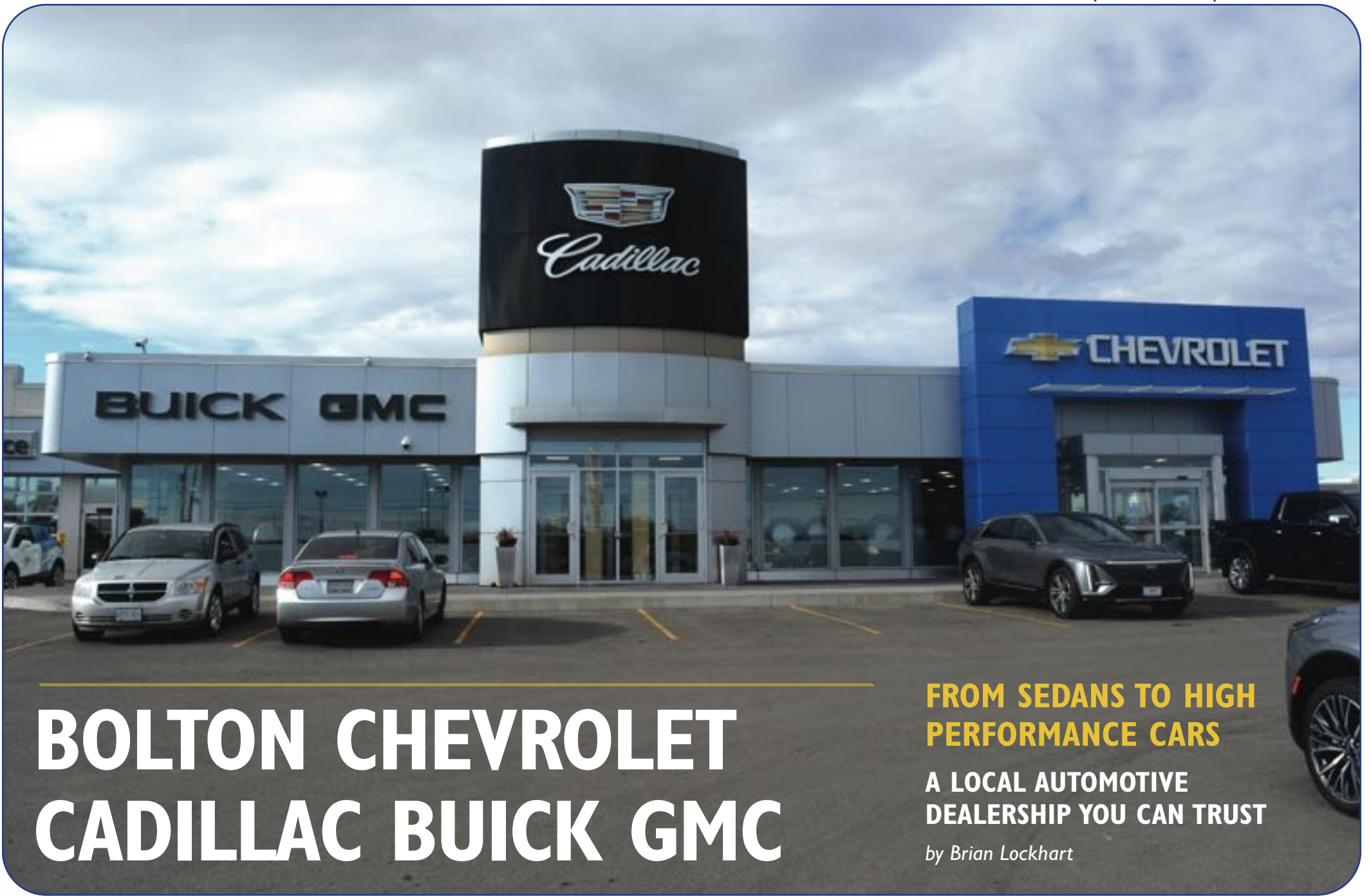
long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, risks to public safety, and disruption to residential communities.

"We asked that the Province consider amending the Planning Act and Municipal Act to strengthen municipal enforcement powers, including enabling municipalities to physically bar entry to properties; increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and corporations; and include all charges, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and imposed fines on the title of a property. We need to do more together. Our residents are counting on us," said Groves.

Groves said the Town of Caledon really wants the ability to be able to barricade illegal trucking yards so that trucks cannot drive in and out of them. An increase in fines for illegal land uses is badly-needed.

The Town of Caledon is continuing to work on road safety.

"Caledon has seen a startling increase in the number and severity of collisions and near misses between personal and commercial vehicles, some resulting in fatalities," said Mayor Annette Groves. "Caledon will do everything in our power to stop more collisions from happening while we continue to advocate to the Province for what Caledon needs to help protect residents."



BOLTON CHEVROLET CADILLAC BUICK GMC

**FROM SEDANS TO HIGH
PERFORMANCE CARS**

**A LOCAL AUTOMOTIVE
DEALERSHIP YOU CAN TRUST**

by Brian Lockhart

As a company, General Motors has been around for 126 years, ever since founder William C. Durant, made a bold move to purchase the Buick Motor Company, then acquired Cadillac, Elmore, Welch, Cartercar, Oakland, the Rapid Motor Vehicle Company, and the Reliance Motor Company, to create a new super manufacturer to bring transportation to the masses.

By total sales, it has continuously been the largest automaker in the U.S. and was the largest in the world for 77 years.

It is this history, excellent quality, superior engineering, and auto design, that has kept GM going with generations of repeat customers who appreciate General Motors vehicles.

At Bolton Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC, the tradition continues with a full line-up of quality vehicles, excellent service by knowledgeable sales staff, and a service department that repairs everything they sell with quality GM parts and know-how.

Bolton GM General Manager, Craig Watson, took over the Bolton dealership in 2009 and created Bolton Motor Products. The dealership underwent a facelift and an expansion to modernize the building and Bolton GM became the new presence for GM products in the region.

"We sell new GM vehicles as well as used vehicles, and we offer parts and service," Craig summed up. "Our service department is a full-service shop with genuine GM parts for optimum performance for your vehicle. We were the first dealership in Bolton to have eight EV chargers."

General Motors offers a variety of vehicles which provide everything from basic transportation to luxury vehicles and heavy duty trucks. No matter what type of vehicle you want or require, there is one to meet your needs at Bolton GM.

GM vehicles are not only engineered to be reliable, they are designed to be stylish and look good on any street or highway.

The iconic Chevrolet family of vehicles is a brand that has been on the road since 1911 and is one of the most well known and most driven automobiles in history. From classic sedans like the Malibu, to the high-performance Corvette and ultra-modern SUVs, Chevrolet offers a vehicle for any budget and lifestyle.

The Buick brand is known world-wide as a premier automobile that offers a superior ride and outstanding features. Known for its stylish appearance, the Buick line-up offers everything from the compact Encore to the full-size Enclave.

When you hear the name Cadillac, most likely you think of a top-of-the-line automobile – and it is. The name Cadillac has become synonymous with a luxury vehicle.

Cadillac vehicles offer outstanding features, beautifully sculpted designs, and superior engineering that creates the ultimate ride on any street or highway.

The GMC line-up of vehicles include the rough and ready truck series that are built to take on the tough jobs.

From the GMC Sierra with an outstanding payload and huge towing

capacity, to the GMC Hummer which is the ultimate off-road vehicle, GMC trucks have the power, reliability, and rugged capability for any job.

"I think when you look at our heavy-duty trucks, which we have a lot of here, there are many businesses around us as well as the local farmers, that need 3/4 and one-ton trucks," Craig explained. "They need it to pull equipment, horse trailers, cow trailers – they need Diesel trucks, for the power and available torque. They also love them for the fuel efficiency."

Bolton GM serves Caledon and the surrounding region and some customers drive a considerable distance because they appreciate the service at Bolton GM and the products they sell.

The service department specializes in working on, maintaining, and repairing GM vehicles with quality GM parts.

"We specialize in GM vehicles," Craig said. "Our technicians are fully trained with up-to-date training and service equipment. We have specially trained EV technicians. Training for EVs is highly advanced."

Looking to the future, GM has introduced a new line-up of fully electric vehicles. These include sedans, SUVs and full-size pickup trucks that produce instant torque and the convenience of gas-free driving. Bolton GM recently installed eight new electric vehicle charging stations.

While there has been some concern from EV drivers about finding chargers

when on the road, that is all changing as automotive companies work together to solve the problem.

"We have an adapter coming that we can use on our vehicles to use Tesla chargers," Craig explained. "We have started ordering them and this will make life much easier for EV drivers."

Improved technology has increased the distance you can travel on a full charge to reduce range anxiety.

Commuters and those who don't travel long distance are most appreciative of the electric technology that makes EVs convenient and reliable.

The staff at Bolton GM are friendly and accommodating and are experts in the GM line-up of vehicles.

They can help you decide which vehicle is best for you and provide the information you need to make a good decision when purchasing your new vehicle.

The dealership also has a full complement of used vehicles.

The showroom is bright and modern and the service area provides full-service to vehicles in a well equipped high-tec shop.

Craig and his staff welcome customers from Bolton and surrounding towns and beyond, to enjoy a good experience when shopping for a new vehicle.

Bolton Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC is located at 12420 Highway 50, in Bolton.

You can visit on-line at www.boltongm.ca, or call sales at: 905-857-3677 or the parts department at: 905-857-0755.



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IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO PURCHASE A GIC, SGN INVESTMENTS CAN GET YOU THE BEST RATES.

by Adam Martin-Robbins



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That's the message company president Shane Nixon hopes to spread far and wide in the coming months.

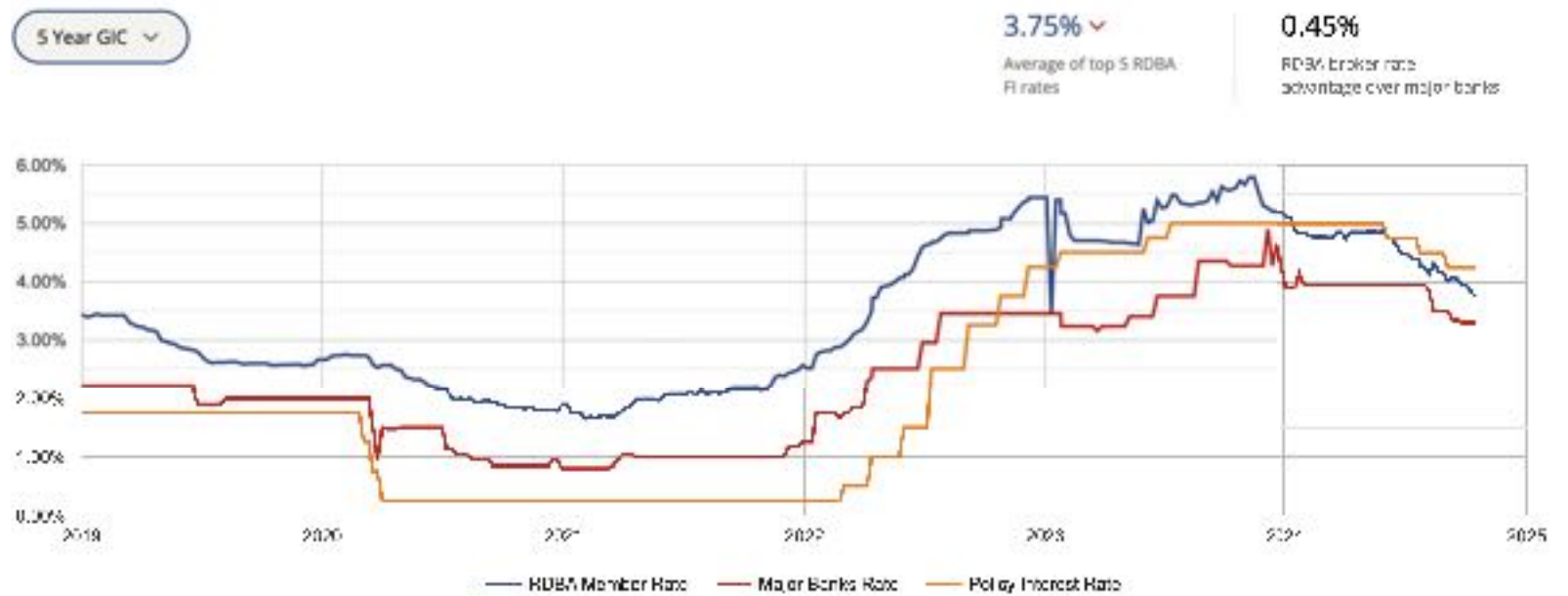
"We're a terrific alternative to the banks," he said. "With access to over 30 institutions, including trusts, banks, and credit unions, we can offer better GIC (Guaranteed Investment Certificate) rates. We look forward to getting out there and letting people know what we can do for them."

All GICs sold by SGN are insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corp (CDIC) or FSRA (Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario), ensuring your investment is protected.

Nixon, who also owns Caledon Hills Private Wealth, has 25 years of experience in

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RDBA member GIC rates vs major bank's GIC rates



Major Bank Rates and Policy Interest Rate obtained from The Bank of Canada

Chart Source: rdba.ca

the financial sector. He's a Certified Financial Planner, Charter Investment Manager and portfolio manager, and holds licenses for securities, life, and disability insurance.

He and his wife, Gail, founded SGN Investments in 2021 as a vehicle to carry on the legacy of Jack D. Stewart Investments, a highly regarded local GIC broker.

Jack Stewart wrote his first GIC in 1964. In the years that followed, he and his son, Peter, grew the business with an unwavering commitment to top-notch customer service.

"They prided themselves on providing excellent service to their clients," said Shane, who was born and raised in the Caledon area. "We've maintained that and continue to build on that legacy."

When Peter retired in 2022, he sold the business to Shane and Gail who transitioned the firm into SGN Investments, which offers GICs with terms between 30 days and five years along with GICs in registered accounts including TFSA, RRSPs and RRIFs.

"When he sold to us, he recognized that my licensing and background really complements the business and its clients," said Shane, a father of two young sons and an active community volunteer. "We can provide a lot of additional value to clients with the comprehensive financial planning services we offer including retirement, tax, estate, insurance and education planning."

Since its inception, SGN Investments has been focused on ensuring a seamless

transition for its existing clients while expanding its customer base.

"The transition has gone very well," Shane said. "We've grown the business, adding more clients. So, we're very happy about the trajectory the business is on. Everything is looking great."

Margaret May-Rutter and Tracy Hellquist, SGN's administrative team, plays a pivotal role in the company's success.

Together they manage client account opening and updating, deposits, account inquiries and ensuring clients enjoy a well-organized, professional experience. "They have been an integral part of the success of the business and we are fortunate to have such a great team," Shane said. For more information, visit sgninvestments.ca.



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When Albion Hills Auto Collision CSN in Palgrave re-opened its doors in July, it revealed a spectacular new state-of-the-art facility that will lead the way in collision repair in the region.

John and Sandra Barbaro, have successfully operated Albion Hills Collision for 20 years at the Highway 50, location, however, they made the decision to modernize the entire operation and went forward with a huge project that transformed an already thriving enterprise into an ultra-modern multi-million dollar collision repair centre.

The transformation saw the addition of a new building, service bays, paint shop, and a new high-tech way of getting it all done.

When a car or truck arrives at the facility, the first stop is the triage bay. This is where an automobile is assessed for the degree of damage and which steps will be taken for needed repairs.

The triage area includes a Spanesi Touch unit which is a high-tech piece of equipment

that can determine within a millimetre, the proper shape that a vehicle should be.

"It has an arm that will measure down to the millimetre, the vehicle tolerance after an accident," John explained. "When a vehicle is an accident, it has been moved – we have the technology that will tell us how much it has been moved, and what needs to be done. We do this in the triage area when we first look at the vehicle. It will produce an actual report that shows if the vehicle has changed."

Every vehicle that arrives is first taken to the wash bay and washed before inspection.

The bay area has a unique finely balanced trolley system that allows vehicles to be moved to the next work station with very little effort. A vehicle can be moved to different stations without having to be driven

out of the bay, and into the next one.

The entire shop has been designed to be clean and bright with an air filter system that removes unwanted particles.

In the paint shop, a computerized system mixes the paint that will be applied to vehicles.

"It mixes it down to a tenth of a gram, for an absolute match – you could never do that by doing it yourself, the way it used to be," John explained. "It's very rare that we paint an entire car, because they have been in accident. This unit blends everything exactly for a perfect match to the vehicle. What we are doing here is far beyond what we ever imagined we could do just a few years ago."

The entire shop is designed to be a welcoming place for visitors, as well as a

pleasant atmosphere for the employees who work there.

John and Sandra have created a work area where employees feel appreciated, enjoy their work, and take pride in what they do.

This year, Albion Hills Auto Collision brought back a Halloween tradition when they hosted a haunted house at the shop.

This has been a very popular event in the past with as many as 500 local residents turning out to enjoy the fun.

The haunted house took place on Halloween, October 31.

Albion Hills Auto Collision CSN is located at 17063 Highway 50, in Caledon, in the community of Palgrave.

To learn more, you can visit on-line at www.albionhillsautocollision.com.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY IS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK AT FINES FORD LINCOLN.

by Zachary Roman

The longstanding Bolton dealership has a proud history of supporting non-profits in Caledon. A family-run business, Fines Ford Lincoln was started by Robert (Bob) Fines 37 years ago. His daughter Katie, and son-in-law Carlos, now both work at the dealership — Katie manages human resources and Carlos is the General Manager.

One of the charities Fines Ford Lincoln has always been proud to support is Brightstart Caledon (formerly the Caledon Parent-Child Centre).

It does this by co-hosting the “Touch-A-Truck Caledon” event, a family-friendly event where kids can come out and see — and climb into — all kinds of different trucks and machines. Funds raised from the event, which has been held three times so far, are now in excess of \$32,000.

Fines Ford Lincoln brings some of its own vehicles to the event too, such as the all-electric Ford F-150 Lightning. Kids are always amazed that it has a trunk in the front.

Plans are already underway to host the event again next year.

Brightstart Caledon recently nominated Fines Ford Lincoln for an award from Volunteer MBC, an organization that supports volunteer efforts in Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon.

The award was the Business Vitality Award, and Fines Ford Lincoln won it. The award recognizes a business that demonstrates how much it cares about the community by giving back.

Another local non-profit Fines Ford Lincoln is proud to support is Caledon Community Services (CCS). For the last five years, Carlos has personally picked up and

delivered food donations from local schools to The Exchange.

Since 2021, each pound of food Carlos delivers is matched by a \$1 donation from Fines Ford Lincoln to CCS. In January, \$10,000 was donated to the non-profit. This campaign is already underway again with the dealership delivering 3,702lbs of food to The Exchange!

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) is another charity that Fines Ford Lincoln supports. It's a partnership that makes a whole lot of sense — Fines Ford Lincoln donated a Bronco Sport to the non-profit that it uses to deliver meals.

“They make the meals and we provide the wheels. It makes me happy to provide a vehicle so that volunteers can deliver these much needed meals to seniors in Caledon. We are in the transportation business so it's a perfect fit,” said Carlos.

Fines Ford Lincoln has also been a longtime supporter of Bethell Hospice. On October 17 at the annual Giving Thanks event, Bob Fines was awarded the Lorna Bethell Legacy Award for his contributions to the ongoing development and sustainability of Bethell Hospice.

Katie said Fines Ford Lincoln is proud to support organizations that help Caledon families at all stages of life.

“Although selling vehicles is gratifying, the real joy comes from helping the community. When my Dad started the business 37 years ago, he committed to also being an active community member. Running a business is very hectic, but Fines Ford Lincoln has continued to be active in the community and support Caledon charitable causes,” said Katie.





JAMES DICK CONSTRUCTION: HELPING CALEDON BUILD CALEDON

In its 60th year, James Dick Construction is celebrating its past and planning for the future.

by Caledon Citizen Staff



A giant of Caledon's business community is looking eagerly to the future.

James Dick Construction Limited, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, is set to provide the aggregate needed to drive Caledon's growth over the next decades.

Greg Sweetnam, Executive Vice-President of the company, explained that for the last 60 years, James Dick Construction's aggregate has played a key role in building Toronto, Brampton, Vaughan, Mississauga and more.

Now, with Caledon set to grow to 300,000 people by 2051, James Dick Construction's aggregates will be used to build Caledon. Sweetnam said it's a rare but wonderful thing for a community to have the ability to use its own resources to build itself. He said it reduces greenhouse gases as trucks don't have to travel nearly as far to transport material.

"Houses, roads, sidewalks, sewage treatment systems, storm water systems,

hospitals, schools... it all needs aggregate," said Sweetnam.

He estimates in the next 25 years there will be one or two hospitals built in Caledon, and 20 to 30 schools.

"The beauty of building Caledon from Caledon is Caledon will get all the employment, aggregate resources levies and community benefits that are generated from the production of aggregates," said Sweetnam. "Normally the host municipality of development doesn't get that as the aggregate is shipped in from a long way away."

Sweetnam said James Dick Construction believes strongly in rehabilitating pits when they are finished mining them — and even before. The C3 quarry in Caledon Village is one great example; it's been transformed into a beautiful beach and training area for local athletes.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished in Caledon and what we continue to do," said Sweetnam.

Something James Dick Construction is looking forward to in the future is using electric trucks to transport aggregate. He said using regenerative braking, they'll be able to charge as they leave the pit in Caledon Village and head down the mountain to market. He said it will be an extremely efficient use of power — the trucks will be coming back up the hill empty.

"We can eventually get to the point where we'll be able to deliver with zero greenhouse gas footprint," said Sweetnam. "We want to be the lowest-energy consuming gravel company in our industry, a goal enshrined in the Company's Mission Statement."

James Dick Construction is proud of its partnerships with charities in Caledon such as, but certainly not limited to, Caledon

Community Services, Caledon Meals on Wheels, and Bethell Hospice. It's also an avid supporter of local fairs, sports teams and the Albion Bolton Historical Society.

The company would like to thank its many staff members for their hard work and valued contributions to James Dick Construction's success.

"We're celebrating our past and looking forward to the future," said Sweetnam.

An innovator in low impact mining methods and subaqueous extraction, James Dick recently unveiled a new grab dredge at the company's Caledon Sand & Gravel location on Highway 10. The machine was designed and built by Assinck Limited, James Dick's manufacturing business.

"With innovative machinery and low impact quarrying methods, James Dick is poised to maintain our leadership position into the future," said Sweetnam.

Renata Wojcik builds amazing relationships with Pure Productions' clients based on exceptional service. (Photo by Zachary Roman)



PROFESSIONAL, SECURE, AND PRISTINE:

PURE PRODUCTIONS CLEANING CO.

LOCAL COMPANY IS YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR CLEANING SOLUTIONS.

by Zachary Roman

Pure Productions Cleaning Co. is the business passion of two Palgrave residents.

Renata and Rafal Wojcik own and operate the company, which was founded in 1987 by Rafal's mother.

She immigrated to Calgary in 1983 and started work as a cleaning lady to build a better life for her family. She started her company when she moved to Ontario in 1987 and it has since grown into a thriving operation.

The company has a wide range of services to suit the needs of any client. Here's a list of just some of their services: office cleaning, film and theatre set cleaning, house and condo cleaning, window cleaning, post-construction cleanup, move-in/out cleaning, carpet cleaning, grout cleaning, and stripping and waxing.

Rafal said when it comes down to it, it's really quite simple: if it's a cleaning project, Pure Productions can get it done.

Cleaning services are customized and precisely-tailored to each client's needs. The company's goal is complete client satisfaction from first contact to finished project.

Renata said cleaning has always been her passion, and she loves working with clients that she's had for a long time. Some clients have been using Pure Clean's services for over 20 years — Renata said she's really gotten to know her clients well.

Rafal explained the business is looking to take on more commercial and residential clients. It's especially looking to take on more commercial clients in the Bolton industrial area which is seeing lots of growth.

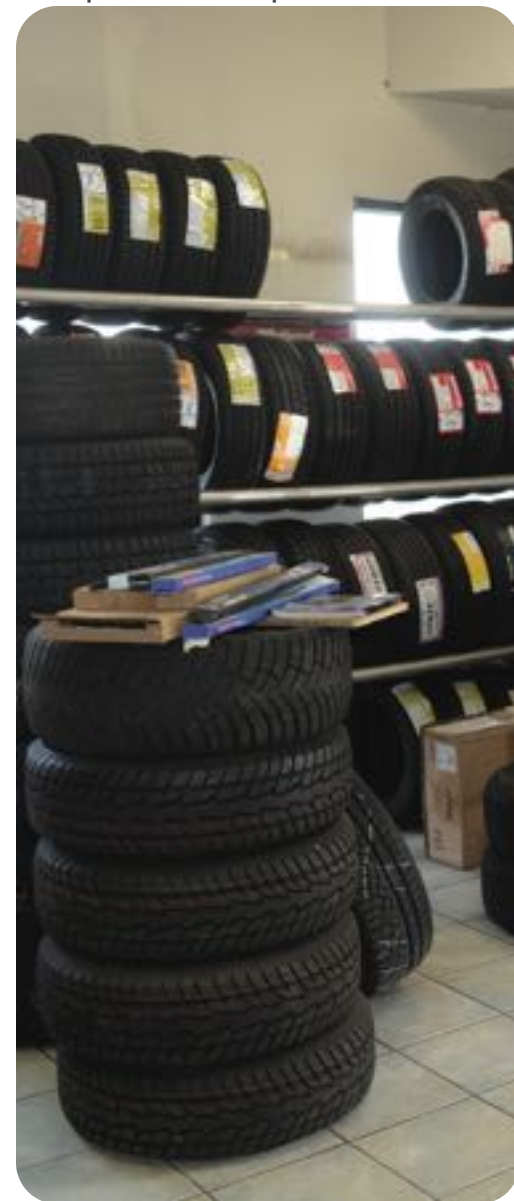
"We're on-site and all the inspections are done by us... we are used to high-security projects, for example we have a high-end cyber security company in Toronto that we do work for," said Rafal. "As a cleaner you have access to everything so it's important we make clients feel safe. We are constantly involved."

Because Pure Productions is a small operation, clients benefit from a more personal approach and lots of attention.

To get in touch with Renata and Rafal, potential clients can call 416-340-7400. They can also visit Pure Productions' website, pureclean.ca.

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Quality Cleaning Services For Your Home and Office.



After 47 years in the tire business, Amar Uppal knows pretty much **everything there is to know about tires.** *by Brian Lockhart*

Amar has had a lifelong education of learning about cars ever since becoming an apprentice mechanic in the U.K. when he was 16-years-old. He opened Tire Junction in Bolton in 2008 and has been serving drivers in the region and surrounding area with expert advice, a huge selection of tires, and automotive service.

Amar understands how each tire performs and which brand and style will be the most appropriate for a vehicle based on the model, the driving style, and even where the driver lives. A person who lives out of town and drives mostly on gravel roads, will need a different tire than a person who mainly uses their vehicle for commuting on a highway.

Tire Junction has tires for all makes and models and can help guide you to making the right decision for your vehicle. If they

don't have a particular tire in stock, they can get it for you with very little delay.

"We ask where the customer lives and where they will be driving and what type of terrain they will be driving on," Amar explained of how he helps customers determine the right type of tire for their car or truck. "We recommend the right tread pattern and the right type of tire for them."

With winter approaching, it is time to start thinking about cold weather tires. Winter tires have different treads and a softer rubber compound designed to help them grip the road more efficiently.

Tire Junction has a full selection of winter tires that will improve your driving experience during the cold weather months and allow you to travel safely in winter conditions.

All-weather tires are now becoming a popular choice with many motorists. Unlike all-season tires, all-weather tires are made to take on all types of driving conditions, and have the certified 'snowflake' logo indicating they can be driven in snowy conditions with confidence.

"All-weather tires are getting more popular every year," Amar said. "People buy all-weather tires because it's rated as a snow tire and you can use one tire all year around."

In addition to tires, the Tire Junction has a full-service auto shop that handles all types of repairs in its well appointed service bays that are staffed by qualified service technicians.

"I'm a licensed mechanic myself," Amar said. "We do tires, and we also do tune-ups, brakes, and replace transmissions. We do

shocks, and wheel alignment."

The shop is now also doing safety certifications for vehicles. A new system being introduced by the Ministry of Transportation will allow direct contact between the Ministry and automotive shops to provide superior communication and make sure a vehicle is in the proper roadworthy condition needed for certification.

Tire Junction provides expert service for tires and all your automotive needs at a convenient Bolton location.

Visit Tire Junction at 11221 Highway 50, at the intersection of Mayfield Rd., and Albion Vaughan Rd., in Bolton for all your tire and automotive needs.

You can visit on-line at www.tirejunction.ca, or call them at 905-893-9908 or 905-794-5642.

JASON CURRIE

A trusted and knowledgeable realtor with a proven record of success.

by Brian Lockhart



"My goal is to help you make the best decision when purchasing a place to call home. A home that you will love and want to stay in. My job, knowledge and passion are to help you make this an informed, positive and exciting experience," said Real Estate Broker, Jason Currie. "This is my philosophy when dealing with clients".

Working from RE/MAX West in Bolton, Jason has almost two decades of experience buying and selling residential and commercial properties in the region and surrounding areas.

Jason feels fortunate to have had careers in his life that involved his passions - people, real estate and vehicles. Jason began his sales career in the car industry at a local dealership selling cars and trucks and was very successful at putting many people behind the wheel of their new vehicle.

With his growing experience and passion in sales, he found the calling of the real estate industry; one that would satisfy his professional career as well as combine a

personal interest in that field.

"I loved selling vehicles," Jason said. "but it was time for a change. I've always been interested in homes and real estate. When I was kid, I loved collecting brochures, information on architecture and drawing floor plans. I was interested in everything from construction to the final build. What I love about this job, is that no day is the same."

As a realtor, Jason's passion is to help clients buy and sell residential, commercial, industrial and investment land properties where he can use his extensive experience in negotiating and successfully completing the sale.

On the commercial side, Jason helps clients find industrial buildings and land investments. His education as a real-estate Broker ensures he is up to date with all the new bylaws, rules and regulations.

For residential clients, Jason provides all the information a potential buyer needs to make an informed decision, and he has the experience and vast knowledge to guide them

through the entire process. Jason executes purchases and sales over an extensive area including Caledon, the surrounding GTA region, and into cottage country.

His reputation is based on honesty, transparency, and knowledge. His clients trust him to guide them through the process of buying a home which can be a stressful experience. Jason will educate his clients and provide extensive information about the local neighbourhood, nearby services as well as possible undesirable properties to avoid.

"My job is not to pressure you to purchase" Jason explained. "I want to help educate you and find the perfect place you're going to love - and live in."

It is this dedication to helping clients achieve their goals that makes Jason one of the most successful realtors in the region.

Many of his satisfied clients have referred Jason to family and friends after having an exceptional experience.

Jason's family has been part of the Caledon community since the mid 1800's. His children

are the sixth generation on their family farm, and he grew up in the hospitality industry while his grandparents and parents owned and operated Innis Lake Hall for decades.

He worked with his family until he embarked on his own sales career. His passion for local residence has rooted him in Caledon where he concentrates much of his real-estate work.

Continuing to work in his hometown and beyond, with a diverse group of clients is what keeps his passion for this industry alive.

"I would love the opportunity to help you during your journey of buying or selling your home or investment property. I will utilize my knowledge in this ever changing industry to help you find the perfect fit for you and your family."

Jason can be reached at the RE/MAX West office a 1 Queensgate Blvd, Unit 9, at 905-857-7653 or on his cell phone at: 416-200-9735.



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Ancient Traditional Chinese Medicine for health and prevention of illness

by Brian Lockhart

It is an ancient practice that is a system of health and wellness that uses techniques to prevent disease while promoting good health and over-all wellness.

Traditional Chinese Medicine uses several skills as well as herbs to cure, prevent, and maintain health.

At TCM Bolton, Joe Zhang, is a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner with a long history of being involved in the practice as his parents are also practitioners. Joe has also studied western medicine and has a degree in respiratory therapy.

“Traditional Chinese Medicine was brought to Canada from the U.S.,” Joe explained. “It arrived with the Asian immigration – it’s old, it’s ancient, over 4,000 years old. My parents have always been in the profession. It was passed on through the generations.”

TCM uses time-honoured practices

including acupuncture, acupressure, Tuina massage, cupping, and herbal medications to help with current issues and prevent future illness.

“With acupuncture, there are around 365 points through ten meridians that make a map of sorts in your body,” Joe explained. “Your body will show signs and symptoms depending on which parts of the body is having a problem. This gives us an avenue of inserting needles or applying pressure to affect that pathway so everything goes back to normal.”

This can help with sleeping issues, menopause, and digestive issues.

Tuina massage focuses on pressure points in the body that can help with a variety of issues.

Traditional Chinese Herbal medicine is used to prevent issues and maintain health.

“Chinese medicine is not reactionary

health care,” Joe said of the herbal medicine that is used. “It is a maintenance type of therapy. We look at the body to see if it is leaning toward disease. If it is, we can adjust your diet. In China, it is more of a day to day routine, rather than a medicine. In a typical tea formula that we use here, there’s around 15 or up to 20 herbs in that tea.”

Some of the ingredients are well known herbs you may have in your kitchen, while others you may have not heard of.

Cupping is a form of treatment where glass cups are heated then applied to the body. As the heat dissipates, the pressure creates a sucking force on the skin and creates blood flow.

“It moves blood and brings heat to that area,” Joe explained. “We’re starting to use it more for sports medicine. It promotes muscle healing and brings more blood flow

to the area. We use it move blood to certain parts of the body.”

Cupping produces circular red marks on the body, but those marks go away in a few days.

The philosophy behind Traditional Chinese Medicine is to treat health issues before they happen, rather than to wait for something, then react. A part of this philosophy is staying active.

“In Chinese medicine you have to move, we call that Chi. That energy is important. If it stays in one place, you develop problems. Movement helps – it’s how you get the blood and energy to move.”

TCM in Bolton is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and all day Thursday.

Please call for an appointment and to discuss your current health needs.

You may reach Joe at 647-620-7889.



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by Brock Weir

Located at 25 Queen Street North, Bolton, Humber Valley Dental is led by owner Dr. Geeta Gautham, who took ownership of the practice in 2006.

Taking pride in her innovative approach and commitment to the community, over the years she has expanded and curated the clinic to an 18-member multidisciplinary team, including a team of experienced dental hygienists whose focus is on preventive care and dentists Dr. David Ma, who specialises in Family, Implant and Cosmetic dentistry and Oral Surgeon Dr. Ammar Taimish, who brings more than

25 years of clinical experience to serve the complex dental needs of their patients.

Drs. Gautham, Taimish, and David Ma are proponents of holistic dental care and are dedicated to building a foundation of trust with each patient through personalized care.

They achieve this by combining time-tested techniques with advanced diagnostic tools, including digital x-rays, CT scans, and an upgraded intraoral scanner, which provides precise imaging that enhances the fit and reduces adjustments for oral appliances.

“Our advanced technology allows us to offer comprehensive dental services,” they say.

“We believe that preventative care and patient education are essential to long-term dental health. We emphasize this thorough complete oral exams, oral cancer screenings, and necessary x-rays to ensure overall well-being.

“Routine cleanings, flossing, sealants, and fluoride are all crucial for preventing dental disease. Beyond focusing on a beautiful smile, we care deeply about your health. Reviewing your medical history helps us monitor any conditions that may affect your dental wellness.

“As dental health professionals, we are committed to continual learning to provide

the highest quality care, staying up-to-date on new techniques and innovations in modern dentistry.”

Reviews from patients speak to the success of Humber Valley Dental and the team they have brought together for you.

“Humber Dental make me feel so at ease and comfortable going to the dentist,” said patient Wayne. “I am the biggest chicken when it comes to this. They are amazing.”

Added patient Shalina: “When you have a painless – pun intended – experience at the dentist, you know you’re at the right place.”

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A portal to Caledon's **community stories**



CALEDON COMMUNITY SERVICES

Caledon Community Services' new Stories Portal tells tales of hope, compassion, and success.

by Zachary Roman

There are so many amazing stories being written in Caledon, even as you read this.

Stories of compassion, of people helping people. Stories of hope, of people making it through tough times. Stories of success, of new careers, rebounding from life's struggles and of dreams coming true.

Stories like these, and more, can all be found on Caledon Community Services' (CCS) new Stories Portal.

The link to the portal is as follows: <https://ccs4u.org/our-stories>.

Jessica Abdalla, project coordinator with CCS, began her journey at CCS as a client — the impact on her life has been profound and her full story can be found in the portal.

Abdalla said many people don't realize just how much CCS has touched their lives, directly or indirectly.

"There's always support out there, people who genuinely care about you, people who are always in your corner," she said.

One of the goals of the Stories Portal, a dynamic and interactive feature on CCS' website, is to spotlight the amazing

CCS clients, volunteers, staff members, community partners, and business supporters from its beginning in 1971 to today. The portal celebrates stories across the decades of lives changed, and the amazing people who helped CCS become what it is today.

The story portal features six categories: Pioneer, Cultivator, Harvester, Pathfinder, Trailblazer, Pinnacle and ChangeMaker. Over a dozen stories are currently available and new stories will be added regularly.

Stories are also featured under the health, jobs and life buckets that align with the many services CCS provides in Caledon.

One memorable story from the portal is that of Father Larry Leger. At a time when people thought poverty didn't exist in Caledon, he walked alongside CCS as it researched poverty in Caledon and his efforts identified countless homeless teens, some displaced by family conflict, and seniors needing to choose between eating and heating their homes. This moved him to be a champion for the opening of The

Exchange, Caledon's home for dignified food and social support.

Charlotte Chummar at age eight became a ChangeMaker when her family received a Kidz in Caledon appeal letter with a photo of Marco — a kid about her age that caught her eye. The realization that there could be kids in her class without a warm home or enough to eat was an eye opener. She was moved to action and inspired her whole family — out came the baking sheets. Read about how cookies changed lives in the stories portal.

Betty Burgoyne, as one of the first Seniors Helping Seniors volunteers helped alleviate isolation and loneliness for numerous ladies through Glam Girls bringing a touch of sparkle to participant's lives. The lasting impact on those she touched still resonates today - while Betty herself describes the experience simply as 'having fun with friends!'

Read the complete stories in the portal. CCS Director of Communications and Marketing Donna Cragg said this project has

been more than a year in development.

"Telling our story through the story of others was the guide. When we launched at our AGM on June 26, it realized a new direction," said Cragg. "CCS is in the very fabric of Caledon, how we impact lives and in turn CCS is shaped by the stories is a true celebration of our community's journey of history to hope." Cragg said she hopes people will be touched by the stories and inspired to share how CCS touched them.

CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar said storytelling is a powerful age-old method of passing down truths and teaching young children and that every culture uses stories to unite and inspire the human spirit.

"The community social services sector does so many good things and the impact of those efforts are best illustrated through the stories of the lives that are lived everyday," said Aguiar. "In Caledon, CCS has been serving the community for more than 50 years and yet is still the 'best kept secret' in town for so many. Storytelling is at the very core of the impact we have."





John Brown

Desjardins Insurance delivers friendly, personal service every time.



Caledon business owner John Brown knows exactly what it takes to build a successful, community oriented business.

Since launching Desjardins Insurance in Bolton back in 2012, John has worked hard to build his clientele, and establish himself as one of the region's top insurance providers. Reflecting on over a decade serving the local area, John shared the secret to his success.

"The key is making sure our customers are happy, and feel valued. Offering a personal touch to the services we provide is important to myself, and my team," he explained. "We like getting to know our clients and their families."

Located on Parr Blvd., Desjardins specializes in providing auto insurance, business insurance, home and property insurance, life insurance, living benefits, mutual funds and vehicle loans to local residents. While John has been running his own business for the past eleven years, he got his start in the industry more than 30 years ago.

While working towards his Business degree at Memorial University of Newfoundland, John took a summer position working in a warehouse facility for State Farm Insurance. While he didn't know it at the time, it was a job that would, essentially, transform into a fully-fledged career.

"We took care of supplies and claim records. The print shop was also located there," Brown said. "I worked there while I continued with my post-secondary education. Eventually I became the lead hand, and soon after that a supervisor. In the end, those positions helped me jump into various management jobs at the head office level."

"Following years of upper-level management experience, John felt the natural step was to go into business for himself. He opened his own agency under the State Farm umbrella in 2012, transitioning to Desjardins Insurance in 2015 after the Canadian-owned corporation completed its acquisition of State Farm.

Since then, John and his team, who together boast more than 100 years of experience working in the insurance industry, have worked tirelessly to serve the Caledon area "in the right way". This has led to the local Desjardins branch supporting several local

events and fundraising initiatives over the years, while also regularly donating to charitable organizations, such as The Exchange at Caledon Community Services.

Getting down to discussing his bread and butter, however, John says the one thing that sets his insurance firm apart from competitors in the area is the individual, tailor-made service he offers to each and every customer.

"We don't just tell our clients what they need, we engage them in meaningful conversations to figure out what is most important to them, and what their goals are. From there, we recommend them a plan that meets their very particular needs," John said.

He added, "There is a lot of information that people need to digest when deciding on the best coverage for them. They trust us to provide them with the best possible advice that is tailored to their unique needs. I enjoy being involved in helping them choose exactly what is right for them."

Desjardins Insurance in Bolton offers services in three languages – English, Italian and Greek. They also offer a free re-usable shopping bag and Tim Horton's gift card to anyone who stops by for a quote. Again, it all goes back to that personal touch that, John believes, makes all the difference.

"We are available to connect any time. If you are a client, or not, come in to say hi. We are here for our community," John said. "We would be happy to look over your current portfolio, and show you why doing business locally is your best option. The personal touch we bring means our staff are always available and willing to help."

"We really do pride ourselves on the relationships we build. Time and again our clients express how great an experience it is talking to, and working with an insurance agent face-to-face. It helps to take the stress away," he concluded.

John and his team at Desjardins Insurance strive to meet the needs of all their clients whenever they are needed. Their office, located at 21 Parr Blvd. is open Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.insurancewithjohn.ca, or call directly at 905-857-8018.





Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living

Luxury independent living and assisted living for active seniors

by Brian Lockhart



There is no set time when you should make a decision to change your life and move to a retirement home.

Everyone has different needs, concerns, abilities, and lifestyles, so there is a lot to consider when choosing where to live. Most of all, you should be comfortable and happy and in a place where you can enjoy life and engage in hobbies and social functions.

Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living in Bolton provides luxury independent living and assisted living for seniors who want to be actively engaged in a congregate setting that offers many amenities, activities, companionship, and an enjoyable lifestyle.

There are many reasons a person may consider moving to a retirement residence or senior's apartment.

There are people who prefer this lifestyle due to health and safety concerns, while others just want convenience and the ability to enjoy doing the things they love.

Others have just decided it's a time in their life when they don't want to spend time cooking, doing chores, or completing home maintenance tasks.

For some, the loss of a spouse means they are lonely, or staying in touch with friends can be a challenge.

At Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living, there are like-minded people who are also looking to share a cup of coffee, a game of cards, or enjoy entertainment with friends.

At a retirement residence, you can choose to have all of the cooking and housekeeping done for you.

"We offer independent living and assisted living services," explained Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living, General Manager, Natalie Palladini. "If you're an active senior, but need a little support with bathing or dressing, that would be assisted living. We have a very vibrant community here. We have a lot of walkers that enjoy walking around the area. Many people come here for safety. A lot of family members want their parent to be more engaged with others and enjoy life. They may be sitting at home alone. When they arrive here, they find there are many activities and recreation. With the community setting, there is always someone around, and it gives people a sense of safety and community."

There are non-stop activities planned so seniors can choose those that they would enjoy and take part in. It's easy to make new friends who enjoy similar activities.

"We have everything from bus outings to musical entertainment," Natalie explained. "We have baking programs, cooking programs, and we have a bocce court outside. We have a theatre and a pool table, and a wide range of activities."

The facility has a wide range of amenities like a salon, as well as regular visits from doctors, foot doctors, eye doctors, and hearing specialists. However, that doesn't mean you have to stay on the property all the time.

There is a bus that has regular trips to places in town as well as out-of-town excursions.

If a resident would like to visit a local shopping centre to purchase items, they can easily do so by taking the bus. The bus is also

used for fun days when taking a number of people to a special event like a concert or a night at a casino.

"We have things like appointment days," Natalie explained. "On those days, any resident that needs to go to an appointment like the bank, a hair salon, or the doctor can ride on the bus. We also do trips to the casino and we go to Toronto for events, as well as go to a lot of the local stores."

Meal time is always a special experience at Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living. Planned by executive chefs, meals focus on culinary excellence and a wide selection.

Meals are always fresh, delicious and healthy.

Lunch and dinner offer three-course meals with daily homemade soups, familiar comforting classics, market-inspired fresh and season options, and freshly baked bread served at dinner.

There are several different living spaces to choose from at Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living depending on your lifestyle and if there are one or two people in a suite.

Two versions of studio style suites offer cozy living in a bright and well appointed space.

If you require a little more room, there are two different plans for one bedroom units and two bedroom units.

There is also the option of a full-size apartment unit type suite with a kitchen for convenience.

Making the decision to move to a retirement home can be a challenge, however, if approached in the right way, quite often a person will see the benefits of living in a congregate setting.

It is important to make sure the senior is part of the decision – after all, they will be the one that is living there.

Emphasizing the benefits of senior living including the social aspect, planned activities, access to medical care, and reduced cooking responsibilities will be a welcome change for many seniors.

Moving to a retirement living space doesn't have to happen over night. Allow time for a person to consider the advantages of such a move.

The best way to make a sound decision is to actually visit Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living and see what it is all about. You can speak to staff, see the available suites, and even have a meal.

If a person is attached to a special pet, no problem – pets are very welcome.

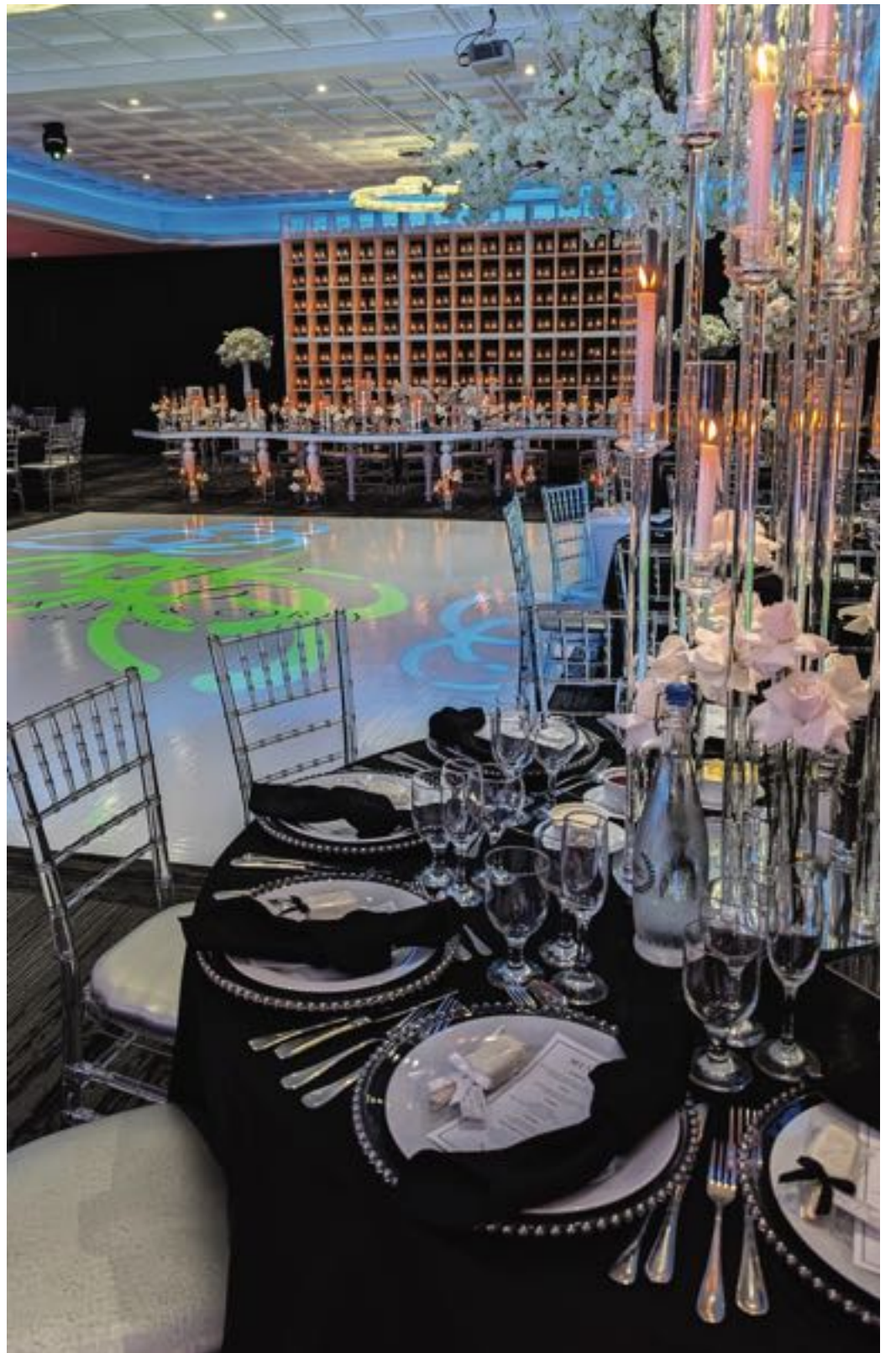
Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living also offers respite stays and care. This is ideal for someone recovering from surgery or illness who may require temporary assistance in day-to-day living.

Retirement living offers a safe, inviting, and active place where a person can spend time enjoying hobbies, socializing, meeting new friends, and trying new things, while not having to worry about every day challenges like chores and raking leaves.

Aspira Bolton Mills Retirement Living is located at 100 Morra Avenue in Bolton.

You can visit on-line at www.aspiralife.ca, You can call at: 289-206-0775 to learn more or to arrange a tour.





Caesar's Centre has the flexibility to meet all your event and catering needs.

Newly-renovated Bolton event centre is ready to host your next event.

by Zachary Roman

Bolton's Caesar's Centre is newly-renovated and prepared to host your next event.

Laura Avola, Sales Manager for Caesar's, said she's encouraging local businesses to come to Caesar's for their next corporate event.

Caesar's is very experienced with hosting corporate events and has recently hosted well-received events like the Mayor's Breakfast and safety meetings for construction companies. It's also catered many off-site corporate events.

Weddings are another mainstay for Caesar's, and Laura said she's noticed a trend towards smaller weddings.

"This year alone, we've done 15 weddings with under 100 people, it's become much more popular. We can do the ceremony on site, and everything is customizable," she said.

An exciting event is happening at Caesar's soon: a corporate luncheon. Avola said many small businesses can't rent an entire hall, but at the luncheon they can come and have their own section that's part of a larger event.

"Even if you don't have a large staff, you can still come and do something special

for them," said Avola.

The luncheon is taking place on Wednesday, November 28.

Renovations to Caesar's Centre, which is located at 12495 Highway 50, were completed in May. The renovations were extensive and Caesar's has been rebuilt from the ground up to provide a stunning space for clients.

Caesar's offers hot and cold catered food and recently had a very successful thanksgiving with 40 orders. It will be catering for Christmas too and is offering delicious fish trays, full turkeys and more. Caesar's can even cater off-site weddings with fully-customizable menus.

"We're very flexible and I always do my best to accommodate. I put myself in the client's shoes," said Avola. "I love the community in Bolton."

To support local businesses, Caesar's Centre is hosting a Christmas market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 14 and 15.

To book your next event or catered meal, visit www.caesarscentre.com. You can also find Caesar's Centre on Instagram and Facebook. Feel free to contact Caesar's directly at 905-857-7779 or email them at info@caesarscentre.com.