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LIVE NATIVITY SCENE AT ST. PATRICK

In an effort to remind people about the true meaning of Christmas, St. Patrick Church in Wildfield recently held a living nativity, with people portraying Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus, an angel, the three wise men and the little drummer boy. The scene also included live animals. Kara Cappiello portrayed the angel, Paolo Orefice was Joseph, Elizabeth Orefice was Mary and Leonardo Orefice was the baby Jesus.

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Progress in designating road to honour veterans

By Bill Rea

Things are moving ahead with efforts to have Airport Road in Peel known as Veterans Memorial Roadway.

Peel Regional council recently agreed to appoint Caledon Councillors Johanna Downey and Jennifer Innis to "champion" the project.

The idea was raised in the summer by then Mayor Marilyn Morrison to have a road designated as a memorial highway to honour veterans and peacekeepers. Morrison has two sons in the military who have done tours of duty in Afghanistan.

The report to Regional council from Commissioner of Public Works Dan Labrecque stated that various municipalities in Ontario have been designating certain roads to commemorate the service of veterans.

"The purpose of naming a roadway honouring veterans

is to recognize and keep alive the memory, achievements and sacrifices made by those who have served and are serving Canada in the defence of freedom and who have contributed to the development of Canada as a nation," he stated.

Airport Road was selected because it runs through all three of the municipalities in Peel (Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga). Labrecque also reported they were looking for an arterial road with high visibility, as well as historical significance. Airport Road was named the preferred candidate, but Dixie Road, Winston Churchill Boulevard and Mississauga Road/Erin Mills Parkway were also considered.

A consultation process has started, with the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) gathering historical

information. It was determined that Airport Road has considerable historic importance. Labrecque pointed out it was the access route to Malton for thousands of Peel residents who were involved in aircraft production during the Second World War.

Various stakeholders are going to be part of the process, including the Royal Canadian Legion, veterans' groups, PAMA, representatives from council staff and the three municipalities and the public.

Labrecque said there will have to be consideration to whether the road should be given an additional name or if the existing name should be replaced. He said an additional name would be the preferred option.

Morrison, in the summer,

said she was not calling for replacing the name. She was thinking more of the concept which has seen a stretch of Highway 401 become known as The Highway of Heroes. She wasn't expecting people living on the road to have to change their mailing addresses.

In his presentation to council in the summer, Labrecque agreed. "Airport Road will always be Airport Road," he said at the time.

Fatality on Highway 9

A 41-year-old woman from New Tecumseth is dead after being hit by a car Saturday evening on Highway 9, east of Tecumseth Pines Drive.

Caledon OPP reports they were called to the scene shortly before 6 p.m. Nastaran Ghazanfari was taken to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead.

OPP Technical Traffic Collision investigators attended the scene.

Police report the investigation is continuing and no charges have been laid at this time. If any person witnessed the incident, they are asked to contact police at 905-584-2241.

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Quote of the week

"I know we're not a bank, but we do serve our customers."
Mayor Allan Thompson, asking about the possibility of grace periods for people late in paying their property taxes.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 2
Happy New Year! Join the Palgrave Senior Social Wellness Program at Palgrave United Church from 10 a.m. to noon. Catch up on conversation and meet new friends. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided free of charge. Everyone welcomed. Call 905-857-7651 or 925-584-7136 for more information or just show up.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
The Humbervile Huskies Wales Rugby Team will be coming around to collect your empty wine, liquor and beer bottles and cans. Contributions can be left on the front porch or at the curb for collection. The drop-off location opens at 8 a.m. at the Bolton Fairgrounds. To arrange for a pickup in Palgrave or Caledon East, contact Nicole French at 416-433-3760 or lilynicoLe14@hotmail.com

Garage Sale of contents of hall and kitchen at Palgrave Orange Hall, 32 Birch Ave., starting at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Friendship Room of Knox United Church in Caledon village. This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
"Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking?" Al-Anon Family Group is for you." The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or <http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
Join the Palgrave Social Wellness Program group for lunch and a Christmas Card Craft from 10 a.m. to noon at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Ave. The cost is \$5 per person. Call Katie at 905-584-7136 for more information and to reserve a spot.

Bob Ross Video Painting Instruction at Caledon Seniors' Centre at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15. For more information, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

Caledon Seniors' Council hosts a drop-in centre every Friday from 10 A.M. to 4 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East. All seniors are welcome for a social and recreational get-together. A hearty lunch is served at noon for a minimal fee. Come and enjoy friendly card games of euchre and bridge. For more details call 905-584-0591.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
Join the Palgrave Social Wellness Program group on how to declutter your home from 10 a.m. to noon at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Ave. Guest speaker Brenda Alderice from Downsizing Divas will provide helpful tips on how you can remove clutter from your home. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided. All free of charge and everyone is welcomed. Call 905-857-7651 or 905-857-7136 for more information.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
Migrations Travel Presentation of Invitation to Dream at Caledon Seniors' Centre at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
A six-week painting instruction with Greg Hindle begins at Caledon Seniors' Centre at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, starting at 1 p.m. For more information, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
Palgrave Seniors Social Wellness Program and Caledon Public Library team up to educate the group on conducting a monthly book club from 10 a.m. to noon at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Ave. Everyone welcomed and this event is free of charge. Call 905-857-7651 or 905-584-7136 for more information on joining this weekly group.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
Breakfast and Bingo at Caledon Seniors' Centre at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, starting at 9 a.m. The cost will be \$10. For more information, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

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Town sets interim tax rate

By Bill Rea

Caledon council last week approved its interim property tax levy for the early part of 2015.

There was also some talk of granting a bit more grace to residents who are a little late making their payments. However, staff said the rules are pretty clear, and there's not a lot of room for such moves.

The staff report that went before council pointed out that interim tax levies have to be collected so the municipality will have the necessary funds until the final tax rates are set. The report stated the Town's obligations include making the required payments to Peel Region and the local school boards.

Staff added that in keeping with past practices, the installments will be due the first Thursday of March and May. That will mean an anticipated \$66.1 million will be collected, with the understanding that about \$21.8 million of that will go to the Region and another \$20,6 million will go to the school boards.

It was Mayor Allan Thompson who brought up the issue of penalties for people who are late, wondering if there could be a grace period.

"I know we're not a bank, but we do serve our customers," he remarked, adding the current procedures can be very harsh, especially on seniors.

Town Treasurer Peggy Tollett told him the Town has no choice but to pay the Region its share by the due date. She added staff is trying to enforce bylaws that coun-

cil put in place.

Thompson commented that other municipalities show some grace, adding this is a matter of perception, especially since things can sometimes get tight for seniors. He said he's heard a lot of complaints, adding the way staff is enforcing the rules is not going over well.

Councillor Doug Beffort wondered if the Town has the authority to contact taxpayers who are late, telling them they have a specified number of days before penalties are charged.

Tollett said that couldn't be done, adding there are a number of payment options if people are having trouble getting into Town Hall. They include pre-authorized payments, paying online, credit cards, etc.

Town CAO Doug Barnes added if grace periods are offered, then they have to be available to everyone.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli said he's been hearing the same sort of complaints Thompson was referring to. He also admitted he was once late getting his payment in, and had to pay the penalty. He's since gone with pre-authorized payments.

But he also stressed the need to seem to be customer-friendly. His idea was to set the due date a week before the money has to go to the Region, but Tollett said that wouldn't work either. She said the Town is required to send the Region's portion to them the day after the due date. The money for the school boards is paid quarterly, she added.



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Families at Alton Mill have had the chance over the last couple of weekends to meet with the Grinch. Tom Mahoney of Erin and his sons Emmerson, 5, and Marcus, 7, took advantage of the opportunity.

Photo by Bill Rea

Headwaters preparing for busy season

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of year for Emergency Departments (ED) across Ontario and at Headwaters Health Care Centre (Headwaters), staff and physicians are also seeing an increased number of patients coming through the doors for care.

This December, the Headwaters ED has already seen 16 per cent more patients compared to last year at this time.

"We anticipate an annual increase in patient volume during the holiday season and we plan accordingly to be able to accommodate the influx," said Headwaters Chief of Staff and Vice President of Medical Affairs Dr. Somaiah Ahmed. "A combination of robust planning with various clinical teams throughout our hospital to increase staffing and make beds available, as well as sharing helpful information with the community are important components to ensuring we are able to deliver exceptional care to our patients during this busy time."

Some of the common reasons why EDs are busier over the holiday season include an increase in flu cases, higher rates of health incidents caused by holiday season activities, limited availability of community resources and reduced hours of operation for doctor's offices and walk-in clinics. This holiday season, Headwaters has already seen a 40 per cent increase in the number of those patients who visited the ED for treatment of flu symptoms, compared to last year.

Headwaters is sharing information with

the community about their options for receiving care during the holiday season. The hospital's website outlines the types of conditions patients can expect to receive treatment for in the ED, and other care options for those with less complex conditions; while newspaper ads share helpful tips aimed at helping people avoid unnecessary visits to the ED.

"Currently we are doing all we can on site to ensure patients receive the care they need despite the increase in volume at our hospital," Ahmed commented. "We are also proactively sharing tips and information with the community to ensure that people are well informed about their options for receiving care if they are ill."

To learn more about our ED and the type of care one can expect to receive there, visit www.headwatershealth.ca/holiday-care

Friendly tips to help prevent a visit to the hospital this holiday season:

- Find out your family doctor's hours.
- Schedule any needed appointments before the holidays.
- Fill your prescription medication and stock up on any needed medical supplies (needles, glucose testing equipment, inhalers etc.).
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Get a flu shot.
- If you feel sick, consider staying home to prevent others from getting sick.
- Drive responsibly.
- Be fire safe.
- Shovel with care.
- If you're traveling, bring your Ontario Health Card, any prescription and non-prescription (like vitamins or herbal remedies) medications and medical supplies with you.
- If you live outside of Ontario, bring your medical insurance information with you when you travel.

For non-urgent issues like colds, minor injuries and chronic illnesses, consider going to see a family doctor, family health team, walk-in clinic or contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

If you do need help, Headwaters Emergency Department is open 24/7. If your health issue is life-threatening or you're not sure, call 911 immediately.

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Santa on hand for breakfast at Credit View



Grade 8 students William Wootton and Kady Wellman were helping to serve the food at the breakfast.



Anna Holleran, 4, of Terra Cotta and her brother William, 6, got to join Santa on stage Saturday.

Photos by Bill Rea

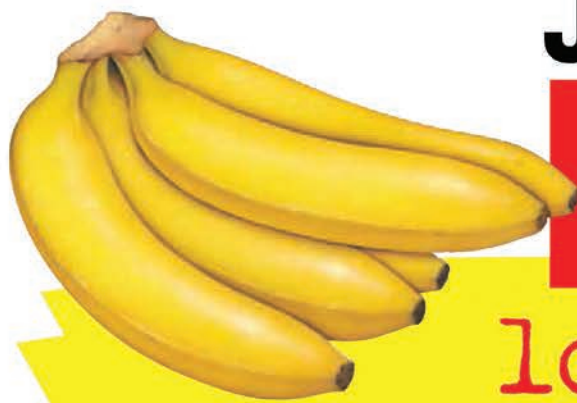


The guest of honour had the chance to chat with some of his friends, like Josef and Anton Sirka.

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Tuesday, December 23	8am - 9pm	Tuesday, December 30	8am - 9pm
Wednesday, December 24	8am - 6pm	Wednesday, December 31	8am - 6pm
Thursday, December 25	CLOSED	Thursday, January 1	CLOSED
Friday, December 26	9am - 5pm	Friday, January 2	8am - 10pm
Saturday, December 27	8am - 8pm	Saturday, January 3	8am - 8pm

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One drinking-driving charge in Caledon last week

Caledon OPP's festive Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) campaign conducted 38 spot checks at various locations around town last week.

There was only one person charged with a drinking and driving offence, and he was picked up by officers on routine patrol.

That happened early Sunday morning on Innis Lake Road, south of Old Church Road. Police said officers saw a southbound vehicle with its high beams on at about 2:20 a.m. They signalled the driver to switch to low beams, but the driver didn't comply. The officers stopped the car, and when they spoke to the driver,

they detected a strong smell of alcohol on his breath. The 33-year-old Brampton man refused to provide a suitable sample of his breath, so he was charged.

The spot checks saw 36 drivers being required to take and pass tests on roadside screening devices. There were five motorists who had their licences suspended for three days.

Police are also reminding the motorist public of the work of MADD Canada (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

Their mission is to stop impaired driv-

ing and to support victims of this crime. There are more than 100 chapters and community leaders and 7,500 volunteers across Canada delivering programs and services.

Millions of red ribbons are distributed each year as part of MADD Canada's longest running public awareness program, Project Red Ribbon.

Their work includes programs and services for victims/survivors, public awareness, legal research and anti-impaired driving technology.

Stunt driving charge laid in town

A 24-year-old Caledon resident is facing charges after Caledon OPP spotted a driver going excessively fast Dec. 13 on Kennedy Road, south of King Street.

Police report an officer was on speed

enforcement shortly before 10 p.m. and observed an Acura going 115 km-h in a posted 50 zone. The driver was charged with racing a motor vehicle. The car was impounded for seven days.

Vigilance urged in tackling organized crime throughout York, Peel and GTA

Extortion, drug importation and trafficking schemes by criminal groups are "victimizing our community on a daily basis", according to local police forces, but a significant dent was made in tackling organized crime last week through Project Forza.

Project Forza, a joint operation of police forces across the GTA, resulted in the arrests of five men, and arrest warrants out for two others, including 30-year-old Daniele Ranieri of Bolton.

Warrants were issued Dec. 16, which resulted in several arrests of members of a crime group which police allege is led by Ranieri, who is believed to be in Cuba.

"The project has identified multiple associates that confirm the group's criminality," said Michael Slack of York Regional Police. "Charges identified against multiple accused include fraud, obstruct justice, parole violations, drug trafficking and fire arms offences. During this investigation, we have seized narcotics, firearms, \$20,000 in cash, vehicles, financial documents, computers and numerous electronic devices. This investigation will continue and the

hard work is certainly not over."

Police said they suspected the crime group came together in a correctional facility. They served time together, formed a group, and committed multiple criminal offences, said Inspector Dieter Boenheim of York Regional Police, who described the suspects as "career criminals."

Police added that not only do they anticipate further charges will be laid, but that "nature abhors a vacuum" and it is important to remain vigilant against such groups.

Strides are made every day to disrupt organized crime in York Region and surrounding areas, added Boenheim. This group, he said, presented a "clear threat" to communities across the GTA, and York Region in particular.

"Our daily efforts to disrupt organized crime addresses existing and emerging problems and trends that are deemed to be the greatest risk to the communities," he said.

"Organized crime costs the Canadian economy hundreds of millions of dollars through various frauds in money, real estate, market manipulations as well as criminal schemes. Extortion and drug importation, and trafficking schemes by these criminal groups are victimizing our communities on a daily basis. We need continued public vigilance and cooperation in order for the police to target and keep proactive through intelligence-led policing in order to deal with these violent criminal groups who capitalized on opportunities to exploit our democratic society and communities."

Ranieri is described as a white male, five feet 11 inches, weighing 200 pounds, with a muscular build. He is considered armed and dangerous.

A further arrest warrant remains for Lucas Day, 41, of Toronto. He is described as a black male, six feet two, 200 pounds, with a medium build. He too is considered armed and dangerous.

Project Forza was headed by the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, which is a partnership between the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, York Regional Police, Peel Regional Police and the Toronto Police Services.

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Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
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Holiday hours for Region of Peel

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Caledon residents are advised that garbage will be collected one day later than regular collection days.

For the period from Dec. 29 to Jan. 9, residents may place unlimited amounts of excess acceptable waste at the curb their scheduled collection day.

For one week beginning Jan. 12, residents may place Christmas trees, with all decorative items removed, at the curb their regularly scheduled collection day.

All Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

Several Regional offices and services will be closed over the Holidays, reopening Jan. 2. They include Access Peel; Assessment; Ontario Works, Peel Access to Housing and Service Access-Early Learning Services; Children's Services Operations; Dental Services at Peel Public Health Clinics; Employment Resource Centres; Human Services Reception; Ontario Works in Peel; Peel Living; Public Works Reception; and Rent Sup-

plement.

Breastfeeding Clinics and Healthy Sexuality Clinics will be closed the rest of this week, and well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, reopening Jan. 2.

For emergencies related to food, shelter, medication and personal supports, call the Ontario Works after-hours line at 905-793-9200 or the Region's main line at 905-791-7800.

Peel Public Health is not accepting water samples from Dec. 22 until Jan. 4. Regular collection service will resume Jan. 5. Residents can drop off samples directly to the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion - Central Public Health Laboratory located at 81 Resources Rd., Etobicoke. Call 416-235-6556 or 1-877-604-4567 for hours.

The TransHelp office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1, and reopen Jan. 2. Holiday service hours are as follows:

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1. Visit pama.peelregion.ca for information on programming, exhibitions and PAMA's holiday admission prices.



CALEDON RESIDENT WINS RECENT ENCORE DRAW

Catherine Magermans of Caledon is celebrating after winning \$100,000 with Encore in the Dec. 12 Lotto Max. "I was Christmas shopping and decided to go to the gas station to check my ticket," recalled Magermans. "I scanned the ticket in the self-checker. When it said I was a winner I thought it was a mistake." She asked the store employee to validate her ticket. "That's when the words 'Big Winner' appeared on the screen," she said. "We received a call from OLG at the store and a redemption slip was printed." Still in shock, the long-time lottery player phoned her husband. "He was calm but he couldn't believe it!" The winning ticket was purchased in Brampton.

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Tilson welcomed Parliamentary intern to help in his office over the fall

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson hosted a participant in the Parliamentary Internship Program during the fall.

The Parliamentary Internship Program is a 45-year-old, non-partisan initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association that gives 10 early-career professionals each year the opportunity to work and study on Parliament Hill. As part of their

internship, interns spend half the year with an MP on the government side and the other half with a member of the opposition. As part of the program, interns assist MPs with committee and constituency work while undertaking academic research, weekly seminars and comparative

study tours to legislatures across Canada and abroad.

Tilson welcomed Constance Naud-Arcand, from Deschambault, Quebec, to his Ottawa office Oct. 1. Naud-Arcand graduated from the Université de Montréal with a bachelor of science in international stud-

ies in 2011 and was awarded a master of arts in political science by McGill University in 2014.

"It is the second time I have participated in this particular internship program," Tilson said. "These young men and women are amongst the best and brightest from across the country. It is a tremendous opportunity for them."

Since Naud-Arcand joined Tilson's office, she has gained first-hand exposure to the inner processes of the Canadian parliamentary system. Assisting Tilson and his staff with the preparation of constituency mailings, research and various other communication materials has allowed her to learn a lot about Dufferin-Caledon. In addition to these responsibilities, she has also had the chance to attend a number of events with Tilson and interact with other diplomats and parliamentarians.

"So far this internship opportunity has proved fascinating," Naud-Arcand said. "Mr. Tilson and his staff have not only made me feel welcome, but have taught me so much. I really appreciate them taking the time to share their insights and knowledge with me."



Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson with Parliamentary Internship Program participant Constance Naud-Arcand.

Missing person

Caledon OPP is seeking help in finding a man who has been missing from his Cheltenham home since Friday night (Dec. 19).

Police report Sukhpal Pannu (also known as Pauly) left his home in an unknown vehicle that was headed south on Chinguacousy Road. His current whereabouts remain unknown.

He is described as male, South Asian, five feet 11 inches in height, 160 pounds, with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing red and blue checkered pyjamas under a white winter coat.

The investigation is currently being conducted by members of the Caledon OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of Detective Inspector Rob Hagerman of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241, or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Seniors' centre hosts annual Christmas Dinner



There was packed house on hand recently for the annual Christmas Dinner at the Caledon Seniors' Centre. Centre President Nora Martin extended the welcome to the gathering.

Photos by Bill Rea



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Budget 2015

2015 Budget Schedule

January 13, 2015	Town Hall Budget Presentation 9:30 a.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers
January 21, 2015	Special Council Meeting – Budget Public Consultation 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers
February 2 & 3, 2015	Council Budget Meetings – Departmental Presentations 3:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers
February 24, 2015	Council Budget Meeting – Finalization and Approval (Including the New Fees By-Law) 1:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers

Summer Employment Opportunities for Students

Come spend summer 2015 with the Town of Caledon! Summer student applications are being accepted December 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015. Apply now by visiting caledon.ca/jobs

Connect with the Community!

Don't forget to use Caledon's online calendar to share community information. It's a great way to keep everyone in-the-know about upcoming events, and it's FREE! Check it out at caledon.ca/calendar

Be Safe, Be Prepared

Watch for your Home Fire Safety Guide and your Emergency Preparedness Guide in the mail, two important resources for all residents from Caledon Fire & Emergency Services.

12 Tips to Help Keep Your Family Safe this Holiday Season

1. Water fresh Christmas trees daily.
2. Check all garland lights before decorating.
3. Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home.
4. Protect your family with carbon monoxide alarms; it's the law in Ontario.
5. Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if there's a fire. Develop a home escape plan.
6. Use extension cords wisely.
7. Give space heaters space.
8. Go flameless, avoid using real candles.
9. Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
10. Watch what you heat. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires.
11. Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
12. There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home.

Town of Caledon Holiday Closures

December 24	Caledon Community Complex and the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness will close at noon. All other recreation facilities will be closed. All library facilities are closed. Town Hall, Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters will close at 1 p.m.
December 25 / 26	All facilities are closed.
December 31	Caledon Community Complex and the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness will close at noon. All other recreation facilities will be closed. All library facilities are closed. Town Hall, Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters are closed.
December 29 / 30	Town Hall, Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters are closed.
January 1	All facilities are closed.

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TOWN OF CALEDON

Arts & Entertainment



Orangeville Music Theatre starting the New Year with the Wedding Singer

By Constance Scrafid

The Wedding Singer is, not surprisingly, a romantic comedy musical and a pretty lively way for Orangeville Music Theatre (OMT) to start the New Year.

"It's 80's pop music," observed Music Director Heather Holmes. "This show is going to look great on stage — just the '80s coming back to Orangeville."

Based on the original 1998 movie, which starred Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, there are differences between the two productions, with variations in both the plot and the music.

However, the basic plot: Robbie is a wedding singer, ready to marry his sweetie, Linda. She subsequently dumps him at the altar to find a more ambitious husband. The day before at another wedding, Robbie meets the beautiful Julia, a wait-

ress, who is about to become engaged to a Wall Street hot shot. Broken hearted from Linda's leaving him, Robbie is encouraged by his friends and grandmother to carry on, and, eventually, Julia and her friend, Holly, enter into the fun of mending Robbie's heart. Naturally, things have to go wrong before they can go right and the ensuing confusion and heart break of miscommunications and self doubt, which are basically maintained from the movie, with minor shuffles about the sequence of events, keeping the laughter and the music flowing toward the happy ending.

If you see what we mean. Director and Choreographer Raeburn Ferguson has a long history with OMT, headlining a few of their productions from the age of 14. That was her first show. She also sang in Shrek and has played Colum-

bia in OMT's Rocky Horror Show for the last four years.

She is now returning to OMT to direct The Wedding Singer, after graduating with a BA in Theatre from York University in June. Upon graduation, Ferguson went to participate in the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, for six weeks. Since then, she has been working with OMT for this show.

It is clear that Ferguson loves this musical comedy. "Robbie Hart gets his heart broken and then falls in love again — the musical numbers are great and the comedy is too."

She says there will be a live band for the show, the Highway Lights. Sean Casey from Toronto is starring in the piece as Robbie Hart and Tawni Holmes (no relation to Heather Holmes) plays the lead as Julia. Tawni Holmes played in OMT's production of Grease. Other members of the cast have performed in other OMT productions as well.

Heather Holmes has also come back to OMT after her studies. She went to New York where she majored in vocal and jazz at school there.

Previously for OMT, she was the vocal

coach for Shrek.

She is now teaching music in Orangeville, at Tritone Music Studio, which is now open for going on three years.

"I love teaching music and working with the kids," was Holmes' comment.

"I am communicating with the band, making sure everything musical works," she described her job with this show. "We're really lucky to have such a great cast. They work really hard and learn their lines well. It's much easier to work with people who know what they're doing."

What in particular attracted the group to do The Wedding Singer?

"It's just such a sunny show," Holmes replied. "It is mostly original music written for the stage show with two songs from the movie. The band is really great and the show is going to be terrific!"

The Wedding Singer is on at the Opera House, opening Jan. 9, and playing for three weekends — Jan. 9, 10 (8 p.m.) and 11 (2 p.m.); 16, 17, (8 p.m.) 18 (2 p.m.) and 23, 24 (8 p.m.) Tickets and information is available at the Opera House Box Office 519-942-3423 and on line at www.OrangevilleMusicTheatre.com



CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN CALEDON EAST

The musical sounds of Christmas filled the air last Sunday at Caledon East United Church. The Church Choir presented their annual Christmas Concert.

Photo by Bill Rea



CHRISTMAS IN CALEDON VILLAGE CRAFT SHOW

The Caledon Fair Board hosted the Christmas in Caledon Village Craft Show Saturday at Caledon Village Place and Knox United Church. The Fair Board members manning this table included Liz Chapman, Glenda Simeone, Elizabeth Glassford and Marion Standish.

Photo by Bill Rea

Auditions coming for play in Shelburne

The Tipling Stage Company is holding open auditions Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne for parts in

But Why Bump Off Barnaby? a hilarious mystery-farce by Rick Abbott, directed by Jean Jardine Miller.

The company will be casting four men and six women of various ages. Some characters should be British or able to do an upper class British accent.

Others are American or British expats living in America and two can be any nationality.

Everybody interested in theatre is invited to come out and audition. More information is available at www.tiplingstagecompany.com.

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They need to know how many people to expect, and those auditioning will be asked to do a cold read from the script.

Rehearsals will be Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 8 to March 22, with tech week March 23 to 26 (preview night) and performances are March 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and March 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.

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BIA will take over farmers' market in Bolton

By Bill Rea

The Town of Caledon is out of the farmers' market business.

Manager of Economic Development Norm Lingard recently made the statement as Caledon council agreed that management of the Bolton Farmers' Market be passed on to the local Business Improvement Area (BIA).

The staff report to council stated the Town, through the economic development department, ran the market for its first three years, and that it was "reasonably successful." But changes were made going into the fifth season, which just ended.

The market in Bolton was started by the Town to make it a community-based event, with the idea that a community group would eventually take it over.

The changes going into the 2014 season, which ran from June 14 until Oct. 11, was to change the name from Caledon Framers' Market to Bolton Farmers' Market. The location was also changed from the Albion-Bolton Fairgrounds to Mill Street, between Queen and Chapel Streets in the village core. The report stated the change of location was made to facilitate working with BIA, as well as to make the attraction more pedestrian-friendly.

There was also marketing activity leading up to and during the season.

Total sales at the Bolton market amounted to a little more than \$85,000 the first year (2010), and the average for the first three seasons was about \$78,500. There was a sharp drop in 2013 to roughly \$45,000, but 2014 saw the most successful year ever. Total sales came in at \$143,574.25.

There are two other farmers' markets operating in Caledon (one in Inglewood and the other in SouthFields Village). Lingard told council the Town will be working with all three in joint marketing effort.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli observed that the BIA will be a key component in making the Bolton market a success.

Lingard told Councillor Nick deBoer the BIA is adding \$6,000 to its budget next year to cover the expense. DeBoer said that was fine, since the market will draw a lot of business to the area.

Lingard also told Councillor Doug Belfort the market is at the point of being self-supporting, as are the other two.

"Neither of these markets has asked us for contributions," he said.

BIA President Jimmy Pountney said it was a cooperative effort between the Town and BIA to bring this about, and he also praised to contributions of Pastor Jeff Enns of Bolton Alliance Church for helping with the volunteer component.

"It's not really the Town's kind of job to run farmers' market things like that," he remarked.

He added the change had been in the works since last year. "It was a phase-in concept from Day One," Pountney said.

He added he was confident things will continue to work well with the farmers' market, especially considering its success this year.

"I don't really see a change in anything," he remarked. "We've already got all the same vendors coming back."



Farmers' Market holds bazaar

The Community Centre in Inglewood was a very busy place Saturday as the Inglewood Farmers' Market closed out the season with its third annual Holiday Bazaar. Jennifer Clark, the Soup Girl, had a variety of her creations on display. Belfountain author Nicola Ross was on hand with copies of her book Caledon Hikes Loops and Lattes. Music at the bazaar was provided by Rudy DiNova, Diane Stewart, Rod MacMillan and Alan McKnight.

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The Town of Caledon Development Approval and Planning Policy (DAPP) Department has announced they are the recipients of two awards from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI).

The OPPI Excellence in Planning Awards recognize excellence in innovation, creativity, professionalism, problem-solving and communications in planning.

The report, entitled Caledon East Community Improvement Plan: an Innovative Tool to Promote Healthy Lifestyles, which was prepared in collaboration with the Town of Caledon, MMM Group Limited and Region of Peel Public Health, won in the Municipal Statutory Planning Studies, Reports and Documents category. The Town took the award in a second category, OPPI and Heart and Stroke Foundation's Healthy Communities Award.

Andrea Bourrie, president-elect of OPPI, presented the two awards at the Dec. 9 Town council meeting. Staff from Peel Public Health and MMM Group Limited were also on hand to receive the award with the Town.

"On behalf of council, I congratulate the staff of our Development Approval and Planning Policy Department," Mayor Allan Thompson declared. "I am very proud of our staff and their work in promoting healthy lifestyles within the Town."

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77. Jug
78. Beverly Archer's role on "Mama"
82. Tiny atoll
84. Fisherman's aid

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Have a Happy and healthy New Year!

The Christmas and New Year's holiday season is a wonderful time of the year.

Part of what makes the season special is the many festive foods. By the time New Year's Eve arrives at the end of the holiday season, a common resolution many of us make is to try to eat better and exercise more. However, it can be difficult to stick to such resolutions when many of our favourite holiday foods are still available, coupled with the onset of winter, which often tempts us to stay indoors and not be as physically active as we would like to be. The Healthy Canadians website can help each of us successfully maintain our better health resolutions throughout the year ahead with some helpful tips and guidance.

Healthy Canadians (<http://healthy-canadians.gc.ca>) is our government's website to provide Canadians with reliable, clear, and concise health and safety information. It's a resource which provides information on a wide spectrum of topics ranging from drugs, health, and consumer products to food and nutrition.

The Healthy Canadians website also offers five tips to help Canadians stick to our New Year's resolution of eating better and exercising more. The first tip is to take small steps. If we are realistic about what we want to change with our eating patterns and behaviours, we're more likely to succeed. The website also suggests becoming

ing familiar with Canada's Food Guide (<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php>) and to start out slowly by identifying three small goals for ourselves instead of one large goal which may be unattainable, leading to frustration and eventually surrendering to old eating habits.

The second tip from the Healthy Canadians website is to be specific. This means giving greater thought to healthier foods to add to our diet, rather than focusing on what we want to remove. It is suggested to write those down or use My Food Guide (<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/food-guide-aliment/my-guide-mon-guide/index-eng.php>) to create a customized plan for healthy eating that's best-suited to our own needs. By making small changes over a period of time, tracking success becomes easier to do and we have a sense

of achievement when we've reached those goals. It will also encourage us to stay on our path to better eating.

Another tip is to tap into our network. This means if we have the right support system in place while we're making these positive changes, we will be in a better position to maintain our New Year's resolution. We can do this by having our families become involved or inviting a friend or colleague to join us on our resolution for a healthier year ahead.

Fourthly, try and try again. It's natural to have setbacks when we're undertaking a resolution for better eating and living. However, the most important thing to keep in mind is to accept the setback and return to our healthy plan by trying again.

Lastly, the Healthy Canadians website suggests celebrating our success. When we've reached a goal, we can reward ourselves with an exciting family outing,

enjoy some time with friends, or identify another way to celebrate reaching the milestone.

Another suggestion from the Healthy Canadians website for sticking to our New Year's resolutions is to shop and stock up for health. This means to plan ahead for the grocery store to ensure we make healthier choices, such as: planning ahead with a shopping list; keeping stock in our homes of foods we've bought and cooked ahead to ensure we always have a "plan B" in the fridge, freezer, and pantry; and reading labels.

The Healthy Canadians website also suggests stepping our way to increased physical activity. It's a worthwhile investment that can help prevent heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and depression. It can be as simple as walking the dog or climbing the stairs. The key thing to remember is to start slowly and progressively increase the activity. For more tips on becoming physically active, please visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/hl-mvs/pa-ap/04paap-eng.php>.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to make better food choices and increase your physical activity, I hope these tips and suggestions from the Healthy Canadians website prove to be helpful for a healthier year ahead. I also wish you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year and all the very best for 2015!

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PNSG launches new Collective Impact report to drive collaboration across newcomer sector

Peel Newcomer Strategy Group (PNSG) recently announced the launch of its Collective Impact report aimed at supporting alignment, capacity and build momentum across the newcomer sector in the region.

The report focuses on how PNSG, as a back-bone organization, is focused on championing coordinated activities and moving toward a system of accountability and measurement to support successful outcomes for newcomers in collaboration with its partners.

The report supports the common vision as recommended by PNSG's Central Planning Table to ensure the successful inclusion of newcomers into all aspects of the community, embracing everyone's contribution and ensuring well being for all.

"We are excited about the official launch of PNSG's Collective Impact work and community report," commented PHSG Director Aamna Ashraf. "We know that social change and collective impact cannot be achieved through one organiza-

tion alone. Through collaboration and a shared vision, PNSG is bringing together cross-sectoral partners around a shared vision and coordinated activities to improve outcomes for newcomers, while supporting the Region of Peel as a strong, vibrant and diverse community."

At its Annual Community Meeting, Ashraf outlined the four strategic priorities and corresponding measurement indicators of the Collective Impact Report, which includes the following results: Service for all newcomers are accessible and people centred; effective employment for all newcomers in Peel; coordinated planning for services across Peel Region for all newcomers; and host communities are receptive to all newcomers.

The report details findings for each indicator including gaps in cultural and linguistic appropriate services, a need for data and mapping opportunities for service providers, and more in depth data and analysis on welcoming of newcomers, to name a few.

Findings from the report have already produced significant results. PNSG is partnering with the Region to participate in its Environics survey to analyze positive attitudes toward newcomers. PNSG and its Service Delivery Network held a series of consultations with community members and service providers in an effort to hear about how to best improve and identify gaps in service coordination, leading the launch of the development of a ro-

bust and interactive Peel Data Centre Tool.

Among the speakers at the Annual Community Meeting was a keynote address from Dr. Kwame McKenzie, CEO of the Wellesley Institute who said, "Communities under stress do not move ahead. PNSG pulls communities forward through collective impact."

For a copy of the full Collective Impact Report, visit www.peelnewcomer.org



EGANS HOST ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Egan Funeral Home recently hosted their 20th annual Christmas Memorial Service at Nashville Road Community Church. More than 800 people attended this non-denominational service and lit a candle in memory of their loved one. This service was open to anyone in the community who had experienced the loss of someone during their lives. The congregation listened to readings and prayers prepared by the participating clergy. In addition, Johanna Webster sang two songs which were meaningful to lighting the candles on the trees. Dr. Bill Webster from the Grief Journey was the key-note speaker, offering his support and comforting words on how to journey through the Christmas season when everything is anticipated to be happy and joyful and for many, this Christmas season will be a struggle. Pictured are Johanna Webster; Dr. Bill Webster; Pastor Dean Kennedy, Nashville Road Community Church; Pastor Jeff Enns, Bolton Alliance Church; Reverend Jeremy Lowther, Caven Presbyterian Church, Bolton; Reverend Jeff Werner, Bolton United Church; Reverend Riscylla Shaw and her daughter Zeldia, Christ Church Anglican, Bolton.

Photo submitted

A lousy week for democracy



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Oh my. Here we are at Christmas time, when everybody talks about peace and joy and all that stuff, and wondering how last week became such a lousy week for democracy both in Ontario and Alberta.

First, Alberta, where the Tories enjoy the longest ongoing political dynasty in Canadian history, more than 43 years and counting.

You likely know that nine members of the official opposition Wildrose Party, including party leader Danielle Smith, crossed the floor to join the ruling Tories, leaving just five Wildrose MLAs in the Legislature and giving Tory Premier Jim Prentice 72 or the 87 seats.

Just two years after 440,000 Albertans voted Wildrose, this shameless gang of opportunists gave those voters the finger and slinked across the floor to the government side.

Sadly, one of the architects of this anti-democratic sell-out was Preston Manning, the founder of the old Reform Party and a man who used to be worthy of great respect in this space. There was a time when principle, not pragmatism, guided Manning. No more. Not long ago, for example, he wrote an op-ed column in The Globe and Mail saying the best way to bring in a carbon tax is - wait for it? - to avoid calling it a "tax." In other words, rule by subterfuge. Pity.

I have always believed that if politicians want to cross the floor, fine. But they should first resign and then offer themselves in a by-election so that the voters - whose votes they otherwise have cavalierly discounted - have the opportunity to either endorse their new status or kick them out.

People vote for many different reasons, but undoubtedly one of the strongest motivators is the party, whether or not you agree or disagree with the specific platform.

So if say you voted Wildrose instead of Conservative, Liberal or NDP, and your candidate won, you have every right to expect your candidate will pursue the platform the party offers. And if that candidate decides to switch, then you are entitled to a do-over. Period.

Now, Ontario. You may also know that the OPP declared last week that the Ontario Liberal caucus - of which current premier Kathleen Wynne was a prominent member, lest we conveniently forget - paid a senior

aide to Dalton McGuinty \$10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office to hide emails about the politically motivated decision prior to the 2011 election to cancel two gas plants.

Wynne has always claimed complete innocence of any knowledge and/or involvement in this decision - even though she was a senior minister at the time and vice-chair of the party's election campaign team - yet when the opposition parties tried to force a Queen's Park committee to investigate the scandal she ordered the majority Liberals to shut down any investigation. Nice.

Then there is the sorry spectacle in Sudbury, where just a few months ago the people gave NDP candidate Joe Cimino a slight victory over Liberal Andrew Olivier. Just months into his term, Cimino resigned "for family reasons," setting up a by-election to fill the seat. Fine, so far.

Olivier, a wheelchair-bound man paralyzed in a 1994 hockey game, lost for the Liberals by 982 votes last year and had planned to seek the nomination again.

But then Wynne dispatched some Queen's Park Liberal heavyweights to dissuade him - he says they offered him a job not to seek the nomination (an accusation both the provincial Tories and NDP have asked election officials to investigate because, if true, it's a criminal offence).

Then, shortly after they booted Olivier to the curb, came news that Sudbury NDP MP Glenn Thibeault had suddenly resigned from the Ottawa caucus and, magically, had been lured by Wynne for run for the Liberals in the provincial by-election, creating the need for a federal by-election as well as a provincial one.

Talk about shameless. Wow!

Again, the 22,684 Sudbury voters who opted for the NDP federally have been robbed of their votes by a man who put his personal ambition ahead of his duty to his electorate. He knew that as a New Democrat in Ottawa he'd never rise above his MPP status. But you can bet that he's been quietly offered a cabinet post for switching parties and running for the Liberals.

In what is perhaps the lamest political excuse ever offered, Wynne flew to Sudbury last week - where the entire Liberal riding association is about to resign - and said "electoral urgency" gave her no choice but to bring the former NDP MP in as the party's candidate.

What urgency, pray tell. She already has a strong majority at Queen's Park and can do pretty well as she wishes.

But there you have it, the Grinch who stole Christmas from Sudbury voters.

For the rest of you, however, I wish you a Merry Christmas.

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CPCC hosts annual Christmas party



The auditorium at Albion-Bolton Community Centre was a very busy place recently as Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) hosted their annual Christmas party. Santa Claus was the real guest of honour, meeting many of his friends, like Ashton Campos, 2, of Bolton.

Photos by Bill Rea



Children's performer Lenny Graf from Treehouse TV had everyone entertained.



Silcotech North America was well represented. Dave Boettger of Silcotech was on hand with a \$500 contribution to CPCC, which was accepted by Alysia, Spencer, Noah, Jeff, Madeline and Claire McAuslan.



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Klomp's hat trick leads Golden Hawks past Midland Flyers

By Jake Courtepatte

In a busy pre-Christmas schedule, the Junior C Caledon Golden Hawks began a back-to-back-to-back weekend Friday in Fergus to face the Devils.

In what turned out to be a goaltender's battle, Hawks' goalie Sam Procopio kept the home team scoreless until midway through the second, despite already facing more than 20 shots.

At the other end of the ice, the Hawks solved the Devils' goaltender twice before the second buzzer, on goals from Christian

Mariconda and Michael Andrews.

Procopio stood on his head in the third period, with the Hawks outshot 19-5 in the frame, allowing one goal to send the game to overtime.

In extra time, Steven Klomp made a solo effort to lead the Hawks to a 3-2 victory.

The Hawks were in Midland to visit the Flyers the next evening, who despite sitting in the basement of league standings, had Caledon's number all season, defeating them in their three matchups so far.

The situation looked dire very early on,

as Procopio showed some fatigue by allowing a goal just nine seconds in on the first shot of the game.

They would add two more in the period, countered once again by goals from Mariconda and Andrews for a 3-2 Flyers' lead after one.

However, the Hawks took complete control of the game in the second, chasing goaltender Jake Norton from the net after netting five unanswered goals. Procopio stopped all 14 shots in the period.

The momentum was still in Caledon's end of the rink in the final frame, as Klomp picked up his second goal of the game just three minutes in.

Sent on for the powerplay and looking for the magic number of three, Klomp capitalized on the hat trick with 10 minutes left off a pass from Daniel Cafagna.

The offensive onslaught was a nice break for a team with the second lowest goals-for in the league, ahead of only the Orillia Terriers.

James Cyfko was between the pipes

Sunday to host the Alliston Hornets, who have dominated the GMOHL this season on the way to a 25-3-1 record.

Alliston took control of the game right from the get-go, scoring three unanswered goals in the first for a lead they would never relinquish.

Klomp and Mariconda both had tallies in the second period to try to mount a comeback, but it would fall short when the Hornets notched their third powerplay goal of the game early in the third, en route to a 4-3 win.

The Hornets have yet to lose this month. With nary a holiday break, the Golden Hawks are back in action facing the Erin Shamrocks Saturday, before hosting the Penetang Kings at Caledon East Sunday.

A recent skid from the Kings has the Hawks only seven points back of last year's league champions in the GMOHL standings.

Puck drop is at 7 p.m.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.junioregoldenhawks.pointstreaksites.com

Caledon Parks and Recreation skating program launches Tim Horton Kid Zones

The support of Tim Hortons in Bolton has helped Caledon's Parks and Recreation Department provide skate aids to help preschool-age children feel comfortable on the ice. The Bolton donation added 40 skate aids to the Town's inventory.

"Across the country, Tim Hortons plays a key role in countless community events," said Bolton franchise owner Brad Stafford. "And, personally, Liz and I are proud to be able to help Caledon's preschoolers learn this quintessential Canadian sport."

As well, this partnership with the Bolton Tim Hortons has made it possible to launch the Tim Horton Kid Zones for young skaters at all of the public skate sessions in the four Town arenas. The Kid Zone is a sectioned-off area of the rinks where young skaters can feel comfortable

learning skills in an interactive, fun environment.

"As this community continues to grow, and the need for community-based recreational programming rises, partnerships like this become even more valuable," said Mayor Marolyn Morrison. "We are thankful to Brad and Liz, and Tim Hortons, for their support and help in meeting a need in our community, and we will continue exploring opportunities to work with our business community in delivering even more services."

To view the entire public skating schedule, including holiday skate times, visit the Town's website at www.caledon.ca and type "fall public skate" in the search bar. For Learn to Skate programs, view the Town's fall and winter recreation guide by following the "Parks and Recreation" link on the Town's home page.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name:
LINDUN CHUNG
School:
MAYFIELD
SECONDARY
SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student is making her mark on the school's swim team, specializing in the 50 and 100-metre breaststroke. She posted two thirds and a second-place performances at a pre-ROPSSAA meet. Away from school, she enjoys horseback riding and show jumping at Tarwain Farm in Caledon. The 14-year-old lives in Brampton with her parents Simone and Colin Chung.



Name:
ADRIANNA VARONE
School:
ROBERT F. HALL
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY
SCHOOL

The 16-year-old is a setter for the varsity volleyball team, which won its last two games. She's thinking of trying out for track in the spring, maybe as a sprinter. Away from school, she enjoys gymnastics, and used to be a member of Adrenaline Training Centre in Brampton. The Grade 11 student lives in Caledon East with her parents Kelly and Joe Varone.



Name:
THOMAS
MCKEOWN
School:
ST. MICHAEL
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY
SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student has been a ver busy centre fro the junior boys' hockey team. He had contributed five goals in the first six games of the campaign, helping he mates off to a 4-1-1 start. Away from school, he plays for the Mississauga Senators in the Greater Toronto Hockey League. The 14-year-old lives in Bolton with his parents Adriana and Conal McKeown.



Name:
DANTE
BELVEDERE
School:
HUMBERVIEW
SECONDARY
SCHOOL

The 16-year-old is a shooting guard for the varsity basketball team which won the first two games of the season. He was also a wide receiver on the varsity football team. He plans to go out for track, specializing in the 800 metres. His best time is 2:11. Away from school, he plays basketball for the Inner City Saints in Brampton. The Grade 11 student lives in Bolton with his parents Rob and Isabel Belvedere.



HUMBERVIEW WINS AT CURLING

The new Humberview Huskies Boys' Curling Team dominated the invitational St. Roch's bonspiel for new school teams recently at the Brampton Curling Club. They swept all three games, including an exciting come-from-behind win in the second match, to score the highest points total and win first place. The new team consists of (left to right) skip William Gates-Crease, lead Ryan Antiochos, vice Chris Dywanski, second Mike Triglav, and fifth Jonathan Quintal. Although they are a bantam boys team, they will be curling in the Senior Open Boys division for their ROPSSAA games. The Huskies thank their Humberview staff supervisor Ms. Quintal and their OCA competition coach Skid Crease for their support and training.

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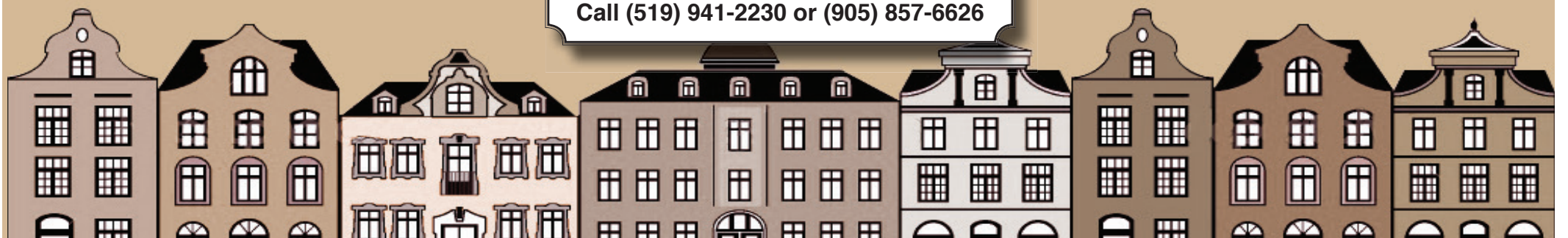
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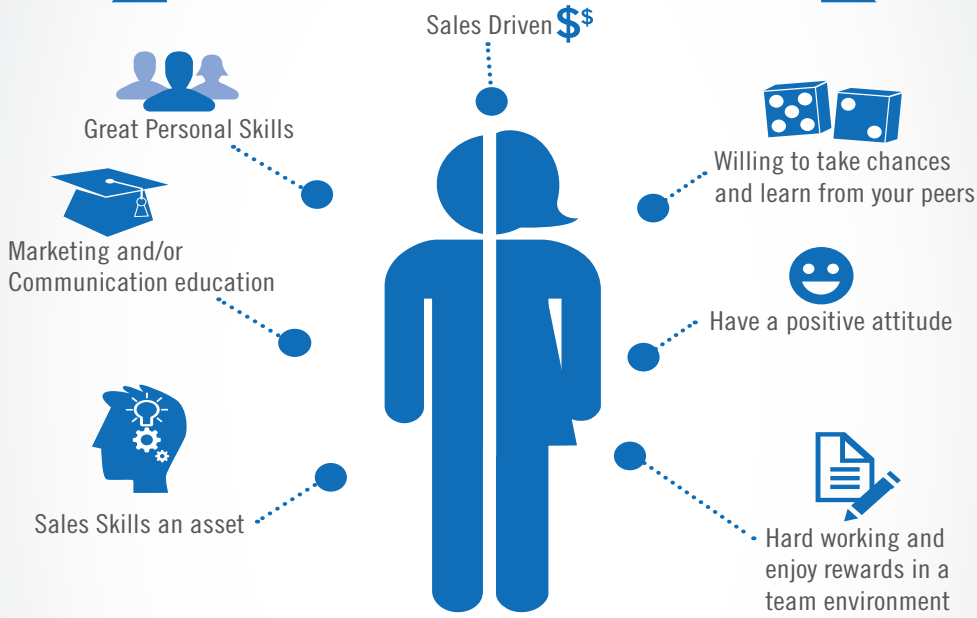


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The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, Friday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 7 - 9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Saturday, December 20 at 2 o'clock. Followed by cremation.

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There are many services to be offered at the Naturopathic Wellness Centre in Caledon East. The people who run the centre took time out recently to welcome the community in for an open house. The services include naturopathy chiropractic care, acupuncture, hypnotherapy, detox programs. They also offer pain-free laser hair removal and hydra facials. "We're a one-stop shop here," commented Barbara Blonska, manager of the medical spa. She added renovations have been on-going at the facility for about the last year. Seen here are Violet Mohabir, accountant; Blonska; Jacek Sztuba, massage therapist; Rita Ishak, medical esthetician and laser technician; and Serge Grandbois, certified hypnotherapist, life coach and Nuro Linguistic programming practitioner.

Photo by Bill Rea

Osler helping community prepare for medical care over the holidays

Like most hospitals across Ontario at this time of year, William Osler Health System (Osler) sees an increased number of people in its Emergency Departments (ED) at both sites.

Last year, Osler saw thousands of patients came through its EDs in the lead-up to and during the holiday period, and numbers are increasing year over year.

"Emergency department planning for this time of year begins in January and involves clinical teams and leaders from across the hospital, as well as community partners," said Kiki Ferrari, executive director of clinical services at Osler. "This planning and effort many months in advance is critical to ensuring we have a comprehensive plan in place to support us as we deliver safe, quality care over the holidays."

A holiday surge is caused by high demand and activity due to a number of factors: reduced hours of operation for doctor's offices and walk-in clinics, less availability of community resources, higher rates of health incidents caused by activities of the holiday season, and an increase in seasonal flu cases. All of these factors cause the community to rely more heavily on hospital emergency departments.

To help the community better understand where they might be able to seek care for less complex conditions, Osler has taken to its website to share tips and information. In addition to viewing a video explaining how the ED works, Osler website visitors can find out more about alternatives to the ED, how to prepare in case medical care is needed over the holidays, and the symptoms that should prompt patients to go directly to the ED. This information is also being shared through Osler social media channels including Twitter (@OslerHealth) and its Facebook page.

"Ensuring that we meet the demand is key to helping manage our volumes

in January, as we will see a ripple effect of people staying longer after the holidays if we don't plan appropriately," said Ferrari. "With help from our local health care partners to help the community better under their care options, added shifts and support from our staff and physicians, and tips and information through our website and social media channels, we are doing everything we can to ensure that the community receives the care they need over this holiday season."

To find out more about how to prepare for any medical care over the holidays, go to www.williamoslerhs.ca



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