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GETTING TO MEET SANTA

The Mayfield West Community hosted Santa Claus at the Margaret Dunn branch of Caledon Public Library Saturday, and there were lots of excited young people on hand to meet him, including Matteo Villacis, 5, and his sister Gabriella, 2, of SouthFields Village.

Photo by Bill Rea

Proposed tax hike drops, thanks to Region

By Bill Rea

Peel Region's recently-passed budget meant some good news for Caledon taxpayers; namely a lower than had been anticipated tax increase.

Regional council approved the 2016 budget Dec. 3, calling for \$2.1 billion in operating expenditures and the spending of about \$500 million on capital projects.

The budget includes a property tax increase of 0.8 per cent and a utility rate increase of nine per cent. Peel utility rates are still the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area.

Town Treasurer Peggy Tollett told Caledon councillors Tuesday that will add 0.4 per cent to the local municipal tax bill, down from the 0.7 per cent that had been anticipated a month ago.

The Town is currently looking at increasing its share of the property tax bill by 5.8 per cent.

Caledon is responsible to collecting taxes for education, as well as the Region. Councillors were reminded by staff at the start of the budget process

that the Town kept 37 per cent of the taxes it collected in 2015, while 32 per cent went to the Region and the remaining 31 per cent went toward education.

The new figures from the Region means Caledon taxpayers are currently looking at an overall tax hike of 3.3 per cent, with would amount to an extra \$146 being added to the tax bill for the average property assessed at \$519,000. That \$146 includes a

levy of \$11 to have broadband internet access throughout Caledon.

Tollett said those figures are pending any alterations to the proposed Town budget that council might make.

The swift passage of the Region's budget came as a surprise to some, including Mayor Allan Thompson.

"I'm surprised it went through as quick as it did," he said.

"It was a good budget," he added, pointing out it was low enough to leave more monetary room for the lower-tier municipalities, resulting in the proposed 3.3 per cent blended increase.

Councillor Johanna Downey thought the tax increase from the Region was reasonable.

"I have confidence in the Town's finance department," she said. "I have confidence in the Regional financial staff."

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Quote of the week

"We didn't know it was there. It was a total surprise."

James Bolton Public School Vice-Principal Jeremy Taylor on discovering a time capsule from 1971.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
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

“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, DECEMBER 18
Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at the Palgrave United Church Friday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 9:30 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments starting at 10:15. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Navy League Caledon pancake social from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy St. at King Street. The new prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children.

A traditional Scottish Christmas evening at St. Andrew’s Stone Church, 17621 St. Andrew’s Rd., starting at 7 p.m. It will include the sounds of the pipes, readings, story telling, carols, plus a special visit by Santa Claus. There will also be Scottish treats and hot cider.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Caledon East United Church Choir presents A Christmas Concert and Carol Sing at 2 p.m. at the church, 6046 Old Church Rd., Caledon East. There will be free-will donation. All funds raised will go to the General Fund of Caledon East United Church. A reception will follow the concert in Friendship Hall. All are welcome. For further information, contact the church office at 905-584-9974 caledoneastuc@on.aibn.com or www.caledoneastunitedchurch.ca

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Adjustments After Birth meets from 10 a.m. to noon. This support group is for mothers needing additional support following the birth or adoption of a child. Registration is required. Group and child care are offered free of charge. To register call Caledon Parent-Child Centre at 905-857-0090 or email jvanandel@cp-cc.org

Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) is offering a program called Growing Together at Stationview Place in Bolton from 4:30 to 7 p.m. A small group of families and their children will meet to share a meal, play and learn. Staff will also be available to provide information and support to parents. Activities will include topics like healthy foods, active living and wellness. This program is designed for families with children up to the age of six who have a total household income of less than \$45,000. Growing Together in Peel is funded by CAP-C. Contact CPCC at 905-857-0090 to determine if you qualify.

Let’s Get Together: Sharing the Journey of Raising a Child with Special Needs is an inclusive program for families presented by the Caledon Parent-Child Centre and Brampton/Caledon Community Living from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Come play and connect with other families to explore the various issues that surround parenting a child with special needs. Registration is required. To register call 905-857-0090 or email ailsa@cp-cc.org

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
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.

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Police facility in Belfountain included in Region’s budget

From page A1

“It’s a fiscally-responsible budget,” commented Councillor Annette Groves, “and we came in at under two per cent.”

Benefits for Caledon include funding for the Bolton Transportation Master Plan and the Bolton Residential Expansion study (BRES).

“We’ve got some very important things for Caledon in the budget,” Groves added.

Councillor Jennifer Innis was also impressed with the job Regional staff did.

“I think the Region does a really good job preparing its budgets,” she said. “I really didn’t have any concerns with the budget this time around.”

She was also satisfied with the Regional tax hike.

“It’s not the zero increase we’ve been used to, but it’s fair.”

Councillor Barb Shaughnessy was another who was surprised at how quickly the budget went through.

“I guess they figured ‘Why deliberate any longer?’” she said.

Shaughnessy said she was pleased the budget for Caledon OPP passed, including provisions for a police facility at the community hall in Belfountain.

“That was wonderful,” she said, also pointing out Credit Valley Conservation is getting funding for the work on the Belfountain Complex.

“I think it was a fair budget, and I think people worked hard to bring it in line with expectations,” she added.

“The fundamental objective of the Region is to ensure that the residents of Peel receive the services they need in a well-managed and cost effective manner,” said Regional Chair Frank Dale. “The 2016 Regional budget meets that objective and balances the continued delivery of important services with the need for immediate to long-term financial investments.”

Through its recent strategic planning process, the Region heard from the community and stakeholders about the future needs of Peel and developed Term of Council Priorities based on this feedback. This budget is aligned with the Region’s Strategic Plan that was recently endorsed by council and allows enough flexibility to adapt resources appropriately and advance Peel towards its new 20-year vision and Term of Council Priorities.

Regional staff reported the budget will ensure that the necessary resources are in place to support existing service levels and growing service demands. They include 38,000 more TransHelp trips; the operation of a new paramedic reporting station and three additional satellite stations; two additional ambulances, operating 24 hours a day seven days a week, to address an increase in 9-1-1 calls; addressing the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer in the Credit Valley Conservation and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority tree canopy.



Crews were out last Wednesday working on the fence between th two plazas.

New fence a concern in Bolton

By Bill Rea

A fence, erected last week between Bolton Country Plaza and Bolton Shopping Centre, is causing controversy in the village, and especially among the merchants.

And the Town of Caledon has become involved too.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Wallace reported there are concerns that the fence blocks access for emergency vehicles between the two properties. He added it also restricts access to a fire department connection to water pipes.

He added and inspection order was issued on both properties. They can be appealed, but if there’s no resolution, the matter will end up in court, where responsibility will be determined.

By yesterday (Wednesday) morning, sections of the fencing had been cut away in at least three places, allowing people to pass through, but not vehicles.

Bolton Country Plaza to the north is owned by Stonebridge Community Driven Developments and Bolton Shopping Centre to the south (at the northeast corner of Queen Street and Allan Drive) is owned by the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Representatives from both Stonebridge and the Diocese declined comment.

John Spano, who operates Bolton Mens and Ladies Wear in Bolton Shopping Centre, said work on the fence started last Wednesday, with no warning or notice.

“We’ve been here about 30 years,” he commented, adding the plaza has existed for about 40.

“It’s obviously a big change,” he added, pointing out the fence inhibits his customers from parking in front of his shop. He said that takes away from one of the benefits of being located in a plaza, especially around Christmas.

Mayor Allan Thompson said he’s sympathetic to what the merchants are going through, and urged the community to continue supporting them.

He’s also not impressed with the act of erecting the fence. “It was a Grinch tactic on the part of the property owner,” he remarked.

The mayor also cited the original site plan for the property, which was updated some years later when the Harvey’s opened.

“There’s not to be any fence there,” he said.

“We’re trying to figure out how to get through it,” he added.

Correction

Last week’s coverage of the Santa Claus Parade in Caledon village stated incorrectly that Santa Claus rode on a fire truck supplied by the Caledon Fire Department.

In fact, the truck was provided by James Dick Construction Limited.

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James Bolton teacher Marny Bissonnette holds some of the items buried in the time capsule in 1971.

Time capsule opened from 1971

By Bill Rea

Times have changes a lot since 1971, as can be learned by examining the contents of any time capsule buried around that time.

That's what happened at James Bolton Public School.

Vice-Principal Jeremy Taylor explained the capsule had been placed in a brick structure at the front of the school in April 1971.

The structure had started to deteriorate, so a work order was issued to take it down. That's when they found the capsule.

"We didn't know it was there," he remarked. "It was a total surprise."

He added the stone structure was part of the original school building, which burned down some years ago.

Teacher Marny Bissonnette was showing some of the items found in the capsule, including documents that had been printed on ditto machines; class lists from the period (each student wrote their own name); lists of events that took place in

'71, such as the flight to the moon of Apollo 14; minutes from a Peel County Board of Education meeting; staff lists (complete with home addresses and phone numbers); and a copy of the Bolton Enterprise, dated April 22.

The advertisements indicate that a three-pint box of strawberries was going for 99 cents, or parents could sign their son up for lacrosse by paying a registration fee of \$8.

Taylor said they will make up a new time capsule.

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Schomberg residents want high-risk offender out

By Jake Courtepatte

Area residents came out in droves to Trisan Centre in Schomberg Sunday afternoon to discuss the community’s controversial new member.

Most were looking for answers as to how to drive Keith Theodore Constantin, 35, out of town.

The high-risk offender was placed last week in a rural facility outside the town of Schomberg.

York Regional Police, the Ministry of Correctional Services, and King Township councillors fielded dozens of questions in an attempt to put to ease the minds of the around 300 residents that packed the hall.

“I don’t want to be here, and you don’t want to be here,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “But this is something that needs to be discussed openly as a community.”

Constantin was released following a four-year jail term for sexual assault with a weapon, and an 18-month term for violating his curfew conditions. His rap sheet includes sexually assaulting a seven-year old boy, sexually assault-

ing a 45-year-old blind woman, robbing two variety stores with a starter pistol, and raping and beating a woman at knife point.

One resident commented that her children have suffered anxiety due to the situation, a statement that was met with clapping from around the room.

“It is not fair to the children of this community to have to worry about this,” she declared. “People move to Schomberg because it is a safe, small community, a good place for their children to grow up in.”

According to York Regional Police Detective Brian Arnold, the facility is “highly-secured” to keep Constantin contained.

“The house is alarmed,” Arnold said. “He can’t go out of the house, he can’t even open a window without an alarm going off.”

“We will be conducting ongoing visits to the premise, talking with the caseworkers, making sure they know they can be in touch with us at any time. If they have any concerns, or there’s

any changes in behavior, they know to contact us.”

The government-funded facility will be monitored at all times by three caseworkers, though some residents expressed concerns that they will remain unarmed.

David Mitchell, regional director with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, said the staff are “very well-trained to handle the situation.”

“Nobody wants anything to happen,” he said. “This is what they specialize in, managing these offenders. They have protocols in place, somebody is within five to 10 feet of him at all times. There are no staff sleeping when he’s sleeping, when he’s sleeping the staff is awake. They will have him monitored 24/7. This isn’t their first time.”

There are currently 320 registered offenders living within York Region, the meeting was told.

Others were concerned that Constantin will not be fitted with an ankle bracelet.

“At the time, there are no provisions from the York Regional Police to put an ankle bracelet on him,” Arnold commented. “That is something that may come up through probation and parole, if they deem it necessary, but at this point there is no chance he’s even leaving the residence.”

“Any exposure he would have to the community has to be approved through us and the probation office, prior to

him actually leaving the residence. It would be a 24-hour notification to us and the probation office before he would even been allowed to go and we have to approve that in advance.”

Exposure to the community, however, is unpreventable when Constantin’s probation period ends in 2018, with one attendee yelling “garbage!” when this was announced to the room.

“If somebody is successful through their probation, that the courts have determined they have finished their sentence and there are no other issues, then that is not up to us,” Arnold explained.

Many were left wondering why King Township was chosen? Since his release, Constantin has moved between group homes in Hamilton, Stoney Creek and now Schomberg.

“The entire council of King Township is here,” Pellegrini addressed the crowd. “We will continue to engage with the community and work on this. We’ll bring it up at council.”

“We had no choice,” he told the meeting. “We found out (last Wednesday), I was with the chief Thursday morning and asking ‘how can this happen?’ There’s a community in uproar about this, what can we do?”

He told the attendees they can write to their MP and MPP on the matter, as it is beyond a municipal issue.

“As a community, we send in a lot of these, our voice is heard,” he said. “I recommend strongly that you write your MPP and MP.”

Numbers increasing in holiday RIDE campaign

During the week ending Dec. 13, officers from the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Team and Patrol Officers from Caledon OPP conducted 36 RIDE spot checks at various locations within town.

The activity saw 45 drivers submit samples of their breath into screening devices and pass. There were six motorists who drew three-day licence suspensions and two more who saw their licences suspended for seven days.

In addition, five people were charged. They included a 30-year-old man from New Lowell who was charged Dec. 6 with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, refusing to provide a breath sample, resisting a peace officer and assault with intent to resist arrest; a 50-year-old resident of Caledon who was charged Dec. 9 with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol; a 24-year-old Caledon resident who was also charged Dec. 11 with driving with more than the legal

limit of alcohol; a 54-year-old Brampton man who was charged Dec. 12 with impaired operation and driving with more than the legal limit; and a 36-year-old man from Brampton who was charged Dec. 13 with driving with more than the legal limit.

The previous week, ending Dec. 6, saw additional charges.

Police conducted 27 spot checks.

The people charged included a 22-year-old woman from Caledon Nov. 30, who was charged with impaired operation and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol; and a 34-year-old man from Brampton who faces the same charges from a Dec. 6 stop.

There were 26 people asked to supply a sample of their breath who passed the test, and two divers had their licences suspended for three days for marginal impairment.

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CPCC holds annual Christmas party



There were plenty of happy young folks at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre recently for the annual Christmas party hosted by Caledon Parent-Child Centre. Popular Children's performer Lenny Graf from Treehouse TV had the young folks entertained with his songs and antics.

Photos by Bill Rea



The children at Saturday's party lined up for a few minutes with Santa Claus, including Heidi Miguel, 4 of Bolton.



Silcotech North America is a big supporter of CPCC. Silcotech Project Manager David Boettger was on hand, receiving a letter of appreciation from Amanda, Mark, Calvin, Victoria and William Cameron. Amanda was representing the CPCC Special Events Committee.

Tilson tables petition on Syrian refugees

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson tabled a petition in the House of Commons Monday calling on the government to hold an emergency debate on their Syrian refugee resettlement plans.

"Following the election, many constituents contacted me expressing concern over the government's plan to resettle 25,000 refugees in Canada by December 31, 2015," Tilson said. "Many felt that goal was too ambitious and didn't take into account the need to properly screen potential refugees destined for Canada."

The petition, signed by residents of Dufferin-Caledon, calls upon the government to hold an emergency debate on the matter, followed by a binding vote. The petition notes that while Canadians are an open and tolerant society, it is also incumbent upon the government to take into account the legitimate security concerns

raised by a number of experts in the field. "I am pleased to be able to table this petition at the earliest possible opportunity in this new Parliament," Tilson commented. "This remains a major issue for many Canadians so this is very timely for residents of Dufferin-Caledon."

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Region is ready to welcome Syrian refugees

By Bill Rea

Syrian refugees have come Peel, and Regional authorities are ready for them. Regional councillors were updated on the situation last Thursday by Gayle Bursey, acting commissioner of human services. She said 161 refugess were expected to arrive at Pearson International Airport that evening, with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expected to be among those on hand to greet them, and some of them would be staying in Peel. By the end of December, it's expected there will be 83 refugees in the region, she said. Plans to deal with this influx were discussed at a recent meeting of representatives of Peel-based agencies, hosted by the United Way. Bursey added there were

also representatives of the three local municipalities at the session. About 100 community partners were represented, she said. "There's a great deal of interest in the issue," she remarked. The needs of these new residents have been broken down to two categories; immediate and long-term. The immediate needs include making sure these people have access to necessary services, and supports, as well as assistance in navigating the system to obtain food, shelter, etc. The longer-term needs will more involve understanding the Syrian culture and the necessity to be inclusive. Bursey observed that most Canadians are descended from immigrants, so they

should be respectful and accepting. As well, Bursey also said there are supports for sponsoring families, since they are facing a long-term task. The federal government is taking on a lot of the responsibility. Bursey said new arrivals are receiving Social Insurance Numbers at the airport. With the exception of paramedics, there is no on-the-ground role for Regional representatives at the airport. The roles for local officials will come later, and there will be a need for flexibility. "I'm confident that we're ready," she told councillors. Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie was impressed with the results of the recent meeting organized by United Way. "It was quite overwhelming, the re-

sponse," she remarked, adding there were about 200 people in the room, working on trying to help these people get settled and integrated. She added there are a number of websites people can consult if they want to help, including www.findmyspark.ca and welcomeontario.ca. Crombie added more information is on the City's website at www.mississauga.ca. "Lots is being done," she said. Brampton Councillor Martin Medeiros had thought there would be more refugees coming to Peel. Bursey said there will be in the longer term. "The numbers are really evolving," she remarked. She added Peel usually gets about 56 immigrants per day.

Local group preparing to welcome Syrian refugee family to area

By Tabitha Wells

A local organization is sponsoring a Syrian refugee family to come to Canada. The Headwaters Refugee Sponsorship Committee (HRSC) has been working for several months to bring a family to Canada to begin their new lives. Originally formed six years ago to assist an Iraqi family who lived in Syria, they were asked to re-form by AURA (Anglican United Refugee Assistance) as the situation has escalated in Syria and more families are applying for refugee status. "The group finds families who have received refugee status from the UN and put them in contact with groups in Canada," said HRSC member Brian Logel. He explained that in Canada, there are only four ways to sponsor refugees:

- By having relatives in a war-torn country or area.
- By forming groups (church, YMCA, etc.) which are allowed to provide sponsorship.
- By forming a group of five, meaning five families who get together and guarantee that they will look after the family for a year.
- Through one of 65 organizations across Canada that are called Sponsorship Agreement Holders (such as AURA).

Although most of the latter organizations are usually associated with churches, that is not a requirement. "The government allows organizations to help smaller groups, like ours, fill out the refugee application forms to assist a family," Logel said. "Once we have


demonstrated that we have the power and finances to support a family for one-year, immigration Canada sends the family their visas." Some of the items that are included in the settlement plan that they must provide include outlining who will consistently help the family get to their ESL classes, citizenship classes, how they will receive housing and ensuring the kids get to school. HRSC has 65 people who regularly receive their newsletters as part of the group, and 15 who have volunteered to do specific tasks once the family arrives. AURA had a group selected for the HRSC from the point when they first approached them for help, but the process in getting them here was lengthy. This particular family of four fled Syria four years ago after their village was bombed by government forces.

"The dad was picked up by the (Syrian) government, who were trying to force the men into their army," Logel said. "When he refused, he was beaten. Immediately after that, they grabbed what they could and fled in the middle of the night in a taxi to Jordan." Since then, they have remained in Jordan as refugees, but the situation there is beginning to deteriorate as well. Prior to the Syrian civil war, the population in Jordan was 7.5 million. It is now estimated that Syrian refugees form one quarter of their current population. "The Jordanians are beginning to resent the added pressure that the refugees

are adding to what was already a poor country," Logel observed. "Jordan has closed the border to Syria, and is no longer allowing refugees. They are no longer allowed to work in Jordan either, so they are limited to living on what they were able to bring with them." He added that even worse, Jordan is starting to deport Syrian men — about 100 a day so far — and send them back to Syria, even though there is nothing for them there. "From what I gather, only a small part of Syria is under ISIS's control, and the

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Town News

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Please note: Town Hall, including Caledon East POA Office, Fire Headquarters, and Parks & Recreation Administration, will be closing for the holidays from

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Merry Christmas

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Mayor Allan Thompson and Members of Council



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Arts & Entertainment



Theatre Orangeville’s Gift of the Magi is a world premiere

By Constance Scrafield
Take two O. Henry stories, weave them into one solid play and then add the music and songs an audience will go home singing and you have this year’s Christmas play, starring a cast of world-class actors and written by Leslie Arden.
It is Theatre Orangeville’s world premiere of The Gift of the Magi.
During a preview to the production interview with the entire cast, Arden commented, “I earn my living writing musicals and I have to work mainly in the States, because it’s really rare to do a new musical in Canada. So, I’m excited about doing this one.”
Joining us this year, as is always the case for Theatre Orangeville, are a troupe of first-class performers coming to Orangeville with long lists of credits that include the Stratford and Shaw festivals, Mirvish.com and so many great Canadian theatres.
Mairi Babb, playing the role of Adeline, worked for more than two years touring


with War Horse. This summer, she appeared in Hilda’s Yard with David Nairn for Drayton Entertainment, as well as other great roles.
Born in Montreal and raised “all over Ontario,” Cyrus Lane has been cast at Stratford Festival, showing his versatility with Shakespearean performances and playing in Peter Pan, as well as other theatres.
Glynis Ranney has worked with Arden before in a production of her award winning The Happy Prince. She too has performed at the Stratford Festival, along with many other venues.
A man ready to “wear many hats” for Gift of the Magi, Cory O’Brien is back to Theatre Orangeville, where he was last in 18 Wheels. Returning to next year’s Stratford Festival for his seventh season, O’Brien has also played in the World Premier of The Lord of the Rings and other impressive roles.
As for Mark Uhre, returning to Theatre Orangeville where he did Nightlight, to

play opposite Babb as the love interest in the play, he has been with the Shaw Festival and working in many other productions.
Orangeville’s Lindsay Scheel is back on the stage as May in this year’s offering for her third Christmas production, in addition to the many other shows in which she has participated.
In her first Christmas show, Hayla Howat is the youngest member of the cast this year. This is her second production under Theatre Orangeville’s umbrella, having played Young Company’s Mary Poppins.
It was Uhre who remarked, “To do a world premiere with the composer is pretty rare.”
“Not only is she working with us on the production, she is also going to accompany the show,” Ranney added.
“This is an awesome collection of people which is not always the case,” Lane said with real feeling.
When we began to ask about the content of the musical, there was the usual close-to-the-chest attitude about giving anything away, to encourage everyone to come and see the show and discover its many joys that way.
However, Lane admitted, “It’s a — great show — helpful in a way — it shows people’s potential to change.”
They all had a good deal to say about the music.
“People want to hear the tunes they know, but these are beautiful melodies and people will go away with the music in their heads,” O’Brien said.
Directing the show is David Nairn, who told us, “The music and the play draw you in. It’s an old story but interpreted — it goes in different directions.”

The actors talked about how good it is to work with Theatre Orangeville.
“I can remember hearing from actors that I really respect coming to work at Theatre Orangeville and I kept thinking, ‘What is this Theatre Orangeville they all like so much?’” O’Brien said.
“These are world-class actors,” Nairn pointed out. “It is very much a company of equals.”
Clearly, this new musical, The Gift of the Magi, has captured the enthusiasm of the players.
They have worked in the top theatres and festivals in the country, but had only praise for this theatre.
“This is one of the most exciting processes I’ve ever been involved in — I have ever done,” Uhre remarked.
Of course, it is less the venue than the play that matters, as Adams said, “No matter where we are, we tell the story as well as we possibly can.”
Withal, their passion for their craft stands out; their determination to give the best they can wherever that craft takes them; these are the elements for superb entertainment, for the best an audience can receive. If they are shy of disclosing the elements in the tale, this is your invitation to come and enjoy the fruits of their dedication to the telling.
As Nairn said, “Lesley and I have often said a number of times how blessed we are to have this theatre where we can bring in the wonderful artists that we do to put on world class performances.”
The Gift of the Magi runs until Dec. 20. Tickets, as usual, can be obtained from the box on Broadway and at the Tourist Information Centre, by telephone at 519-942-3423 and online www.theatreorangeville.ca



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It was a packed house last Friday night at Cross Currents Cafe in Bolton to hear the sounds of the Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Band. The members consisted of Eric Kidd, John Stinson and Jimmy Jones. They are seen here performing the Lightfoot classic Summer-time Dream.
Photo by Bill Rea



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IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (PG) (VIOLENCE, NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN) FRI-WED 11:45, 3:30, 6:30; THURS 11:45, 3:30
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IN THE HEART OF THE SEA 3D (PG) (VIOLENCE, NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN) FRI-WED 9:50
SISTERS (14A) (SUBSTANCE ABUSE, SEXUAL CONTENT, COARSE LANGUAGE) FRI-WED 12:45, 3:50, 7:30, 10:20; THURS 12:45, 3:50
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE ROAD CHIP (G) FRI, MON-TUE 3:00; SAT 10:30, 1:00, 3:00, 6:50, 9:40; SUN, WED 1:00, 6:50, 9:40; THURS 1:00, 3:00
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS 3D (PG) (SOME SCARY SCENES, VIOLENCE) FRI-SAT 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 10:30; SUN-WED 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:30; THURS 12:30, 3:45
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Messiah performance Dec. 19 at Claude Presbyterian Church

By Marni Walsh

Headwaters' Concert Choir will return to Claude Presbyterian Church to present repertoire from Handel's Messiah, along with two pieces by J.S. Bach.

This will be this coming Saturday (Dec. 19).

Robert Hennig, founder and conductor of the award-winning choir, said the concert is about "hearing the humanity in the music of musical greats."

For more than a decade, the Headwaters' choir has gained a reputation for its "blended and expressive sound," winning awards for interpretations of composers such as Handel, Rutter and Beethoven. Noting it has performed both sacred and secular repertoire, Hennig said the choir offers audiences "an authentic interpreta-

Caledon OPP taking part in fourth annual

Shop with a Cop!

Caledon OPP is pleased to announce that chosen Caledon students will have the opportunity to participate in their fourth annual Shop with a Cop! event.

Dec. 19, several deserving Caledon students will have the opportunity to spend time with a member of the Caledon OPP shopping for Christmas gifts for their families. Each student will be provided with a \$100 gift card donated by local businesses and schools. After Christmas shopping, the students will be transported to Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School followed by breakfast and other festivities.

"We are pleased to continue with our tradition in assisting the youth in our community, especially at this time of year," remarked Detective Constable Karen Medeiros, chairperson of Shop with a Cop! "This special event is very popular with our members, civilians and Auxiliary officers."

"A recent fundraising event held at Garden Foods assisted with our fundraising efforts," she added. "A second event is planned for December 12th at the same location. A huge thanks to the generous residents of our community in contributing to our event."

Seeking volunteers for events at Alton Mill

Alton Mill Arts Centre is looking for enthusiastic, winter-loving volunteers to assist during the annual Fire & Ice Festival, Jan. 23 and 24, and the Alton Millpond Hockey Classic, Jan. 23.

Helpers are needed to set up and tear down, assist with parking, greet people at the entrance, serving as ice rink monitors, addressing waste management, plus many other tasks, both indoors and out.

"Tell us when you're available, and we'll slot you into the schedule," said Mill co-owner Jeremy Grant. "Your help throughout the weekend will keep the festival events running smoothly."

Those interested in helping can contact Grant directly at 519-766-1440 or by email at jeremy@seatongroup.com

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tion, clarity of expression and a profound emotional experience of some of the most beautiful music ever composed." The choir has been invited to perform in some of the world's most prestigious concert halls and sanctuaries, including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in 2012.

Hennig, an honours music graduate from the University of Toronto, is a conductor, musician, singer and music teacher. He is also the founder of the Ontario Music Scholarship program, which provides young musicians and singers the opportunity to perform publicly. Hennig currently conducts the Great Lakes Symphony and Touring Chorus and the Brampton Festival Singers as well as the Headwaters Concert Choir.

The choir will be accompanied by members of the Great Lakes Symphony Dec. 19. Guest soloists will include Shelagh Tyreman, Laura Curtis, Nancy Claridge, Adam Malcolm and Jeffrey Carl. Claridge, a mezzo-soprano who will perform the alto aria He Was Despised, said that for her, Messiah is a staple of the Christmas season.

"I've been performing it since I was a child and it never loses its magic, whether I'm singing in the chorus or performing solos. Although, this masterpiece covers Christ's nativity, passion, resurrection and ascension, the Christmas season seems to give us the time to sit back and reflect on this gift."

The concert at Claude is a rare opportunity for area residents to experience the very best selections of Handel's masterwork as well as a new addition of related music by J.S. Bach, which includes a duet from Bach's Mass in B minor. Hennig said he made the addition to stretch the skills of the choristers and to highlight the differences between the two composers, who were both born in 1685, in close proximity, in Germany.

"A phenomenon," he said, "that two such genius were produced at the same time and place."

He added that the cultural practice of giving children, who showed musical promise, to the church to be trained, likely influenced this outcome.

"Choirs love Handel's Messiah because it's very dramatic," he said, adding "it will be very poignant and emotional" for audiences.

"They will be touched by some quiet moments of life, but also lifted by the most joyous ones, especially the Hallelujah, which is a roller-coaster emotionally," he said

The performance will be held at Claude Church, 15175 Hurontario St., south of Olde Base Line Road at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19th. Tickets are \$20 online at www.ticketscene.ca or \$25 at the door.



Music students at Humberview perform

Winterlude was the title of the concert presented recently by Humberview Arts at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton. The Intermediate Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Tanya Nelson were performing here.



Dan Rollings was conducting the Jazzork, the Humberview Jazz Orchestra.

Photos by Bill Rea

Carollers coming to Cross Currents

The Orange Peel Carollers and village Band will be appearing tomorrow (Friday) at Cross Currents Cafe in Bolton.

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83. Bottled-water source

85. Tippler

87. Expert person

88. Salmon for bagels

89. Picnic intruder

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Christmas Market Place attracts large crowd



About the only thing that was lacking recently at St. Cornelius Elementary School in Caledon East was elbow room. The halls and gym were packed with tables manned by vendors and patrons looking for items of interest at the Christmas Market Place. Santa Claus was popular, and lots of youngsters were anxious to meet him, including Abigail Hedges, 4, and her brother Rowan, 7, of Caledon East.



Patti Visser of L.O.V. Creations in Mono received some help from her daughter Leah as they were displaying a collection of hand-made ornaments.



Diana Carozza of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate sponsored the appearance of the Minions at the market.



Rehmat Dhillon, 3, of Caledon and her sister Mahi, 2, were pretty intrigued with some of the items they found at the table being run by Albion Hills Community Farm.

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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

WASTE COLLECTION

Residents in the **Town of Caledon** are reminded that there will be no waste collection on **Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1, 2016**. The following is a revised waste collection schedule for Caledon residents:

DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES (CRCs)

Due to **Christmas and New Year's holidays**, all Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) will be **closed** on the following dates:

Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, Friday, Jan. 1

THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
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25
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SATURDAY
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CLOSED

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THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
JAN.
2
2016

Please go to CRCs at peelregion.ca/waste for CRC locations.

Christmas Tree Collection

Residents are advised that **Christmas tree collection begins Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 and ends Friday, Jan. 22, 2016**. When placing Christmas trees at the curb on their scheduled recycling collection day, residents must:

- Remove the tree stand and all tinsel
- Ensure all ornaments have been taken off the tree
- Remove any plastic bag or wrapping

Trees decorated with artificial snow foam ("flocked" trees) will also be collected. You don't need to remove the foam. Keep Christmas trees away from snowbanks. Trees buried in snowbanks will not be picked up. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at any of the six Community Recycling Centres in Peel.

Proper Winter Set-Out Tips

Residents can take a few simple steps to help reduce litter in their neighbourhood and make winter waste collection safer and more efficient.

- Clear driveways of snow and ensure the waste collector has a clear view of and easy access to the waste and recyclables set out curbside for collection.
- For safety reasons garbage receptacles and recycling boxes should not be buried in snowbanks or placed on top of snowbanks.
- Reduce windblown litter by putting recycling boxes and garbage out for collection on the morning of collection day by 7 a.m.
- Bag excess recycling – that won't comfortably fit in the blue box – in a clear or tinted blue recycling bag.

CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION EXEMPTION PERIOD

From **Monday, Dec. 21 – Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016** residents can place unlimited amounts of acceptable excess waste at the curb for collection. During this time garbage tags are not required.

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to St. Cornelius School in Caledon East



It seems that everybody wanted to spend time with the Minions. Alex Smith of Albion brought his children Harper and Alex.



Members of the St. Cornelius School Council involved in organizing the event included Ana Contente, Michelle Simone, Loretta DeGrazia, Brenda Giardetti and Carol Caprara.

Be aware this time of year

It's a busy time of year and Caledon OPP would like to remind everyone to do their part in making this holiday season a safe and happy one for all.

They report there are, unfortunately, some people who see opportunity at this time of year, and will use it to their advantage.

Police have a few simple tips.

Whenever possible, use banking machines that are in visible and active areas. If you have to use a bank machine after hours, have a look around, be aware of your surroundings and be prepared; and have your card ready to do business.

Always lock your vehicle, whether it is in your driveway or at a parking lot, and keep valuables and purchases out of sight or in the trunk. This will reduce the risk of theft from your vehicle.

Think about where you are parking and make sure it is in a well-lit area. You may be returning to your vehicle when it is dark. Have your key ready in your hand as you approach your vehicle.

Females are reminded to not leave purses in the cart unattended. You

may have your back turned to your cart picking an item off the shelf; someone may be picking your wallet or purse out of your cart. It happens very quickly and you may not notice until you are at the check-out when you reach in your purse for your wallet and it's not there.

If your Christmas tree is visible from the outside, consider placing most of the gifts under the tree at the last minute. Once gifts have been unwrapped, be aware of the packaging that you are putting out to the curb. Anyone paying attention will know what new items you have such as electronics etc.

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Our first edition of 2016 will be Jan. 7th

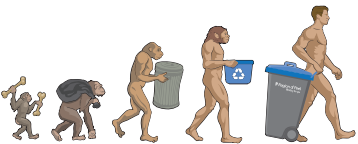
Do the handles face the house or the street?



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Bi-weekly, cart-based collection starts the week of Jan. 4
(P.S. Handles face the house)



Statistics indicate taking in refugees is good for country

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rebel forces control most of the country,” he said. “Russia is now involved, and is backing the country’s dictator. The war is going to last longer. There have been 150,000 new refugees in a short time.”

Logel explained that he personally does not believe that this is the fault of the people of Syria, but rather that of an aggressive dictatorship.

“Since the Second World War, the al-Assad family has ruled the country,” he said. “The Civil War was started when people were protesting Bashar al-Assad’s rule with peaceful demonstrations. President al-Assad sent the army in to open fire on the crowd, leading to the creation of the rebels, leading ISIS and Al Qaeda to take advantage of the situation. There are more than two factions at war, and everything is destroyed. Their economy is gone.”



Reading in support of refugee sponsorship
Alton resident Andrew Welch helped provide An Evening of Dickens Monday night at St. Mark’s Anglican Church in Orangeville. He was reading the Charles Dickens’ classic A Christmas Carol. He did a similar reading Wednesday night at Erin United Church. The readings were fundraisers in support of the Headwaters Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

Photos by Bill Rea



Felicia Urbanski and Elswyth Fryer provided the accompaniment for the carol singing Monday night.

He said that both the rebels and government have continued to bomb parts of Syria, regardless of whether it is known to be a civilian area or not.

“They have been dropping barrel bombs on some civilian areas in order to force the people to support the government,” Logel commented. “This is not the people’s fault; they didn’t do anything to support this. I feel that the whole world should be helping.”

According to Logel, in the past Canada has taken in large numbers of refugees in short periods of time, and statistics have suggested that it can be good for the country. In 1979, the government brought in 60,000 refugees from Vietnam in just 18 months, and in 1999, they airlifted 5,000 refugees from Kosovo.

“When we’re talking about the Syrians, as an overall population, they are well-educated entrepreneurs and professionals,” Logel said. “Before the civil war, they had a growing economy. With the (Canadian) government’s promise to bring in so many families, they’re professionals, and they’re ready to come.”

Part of the delay with many of the refugees has been a lot of red tape, and a slow process in getting approved families their visas.

HRSC sent in their final application in August, and the selected family went through their interviews and had their medicals, but are still waiting on visa approval. Although the group knows the

details of the family, and has everything arranged, they are not disclosing their names or details because of the situation in Jordan, or the possibility that a Syrian group could find out.

“We have no idea when they are coming,” Logel said. “Immigration Canada said they had received the application, but that’s the only official word we’ve heard. The family informed us through email about the interviews and medicals.”

HRSC still has some needs to meet, both for the family and approval process. In order for the family to be allowed to come to Canada, HRSC needs to guarantee they have \$30,000 raised for the family — of which, they currently have two thirds.

“Our first need right now is cash donations,” Logel said. “Our group has managed to collect furniture and household items, and we have someone ready to get them an apartment as soon as we receive word they are coming. But right now, getting the funds raised is priority.”

Anyone wishing to provide a donation to the group in order to assist with the family can make a donation in person at Westminster United Church. Cheques are requested to be made to Westminster United Church with Headwaters Refugee Committee in the memo section. Tax receipts are available with the provision of a full address.

For more information or to find out other ways to assist, contact Logel at headwatersrefgroup@gmail.com

Board to Inspire Hope for Syrian children

The Peel District School Board is where the world comes to learn.

To plan for the arrival of large numbers of refugee families who arrive in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga, and to ensure supports are focused and schools are prepared, the Peel board has created an Inspire Hope Action Team.

“At this point, there has been no confirmation of the number of refugee families who will settle in Peel, but we do know that our community is a major destination for many newcomers,” observed Brian Woodland, director of communications and community relations, and chair of the Inspire Hope Action Team.

This year alone, the Peel board’s three We Welcome the World Centres (WWTWC) have assessed and registered more than 5,300 newcomers.

“Our schools have vibrant English as a Second Language (ESL) programming,

staff experienced in receiving newcomers, and a wide variety of supports and services provided by social workers, psychologists and Multicultural Settlement in Education Partnership (MSEP) workers,” Woodland commented. “Our schools and support staff have always done an amazing job to support refugee families. We know they’ll continue to offer a warm welcome and inspire hope.”

The board’s Inspire Hope Action Team will:

- inventory existing supports and services,
- identify potential needs/areas that require provincial funding,
- ensure coordination of services to support refugee families,
- identify how staff can provide arriving refugees with a warm welcome and successful school experience and
- connect with community agencies serving refugees.

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HomeJames needs 161 volunteers

FRIDAY	NOV.13TH	NOV.20TH	NOV.27TH	DEC.4TH	DEC.11TH	DEC.18TH	
SATURDAY	NOV.14TH	NOV.21ST	NOV.28TH	DEC.5TH	DEC.12TH	DEC.19TH	DEC.26TH
THURSDAY							DEC.31ST

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Peel Board taking immediate action to prepare for refugees

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To date, the Peel board has supported refugees through the WWTWCs.

“Generally, they’ve come to us from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria,” Director of Education Tony Pontes said. “Though it’s hard to generalize, it’s fair to say that many have far higher needs than other welcome centre families. Through our work in the community, we have strong connections with agencies serving the newcomer community, and know the services we provide and those offered by our partners will ensure refugee families are well-supported during their transition to life in Canada.”

The following immediate actions are being taken by the Peel board in preparation for the arrival of Syrian refugees in the region:

- Staff in curriculum and instructional support services are working on new resources and supports for schools specifically to assist English Language

Development (ELD) students.

- Tip sheets for administrators and school staff are being developed by the special education department to provide strategies for supporting students and families, whose needs may include referral to professional services and/or special education supports.
- Beyond these supports, the team identifies a key need to coordinate support for schools for ESL and ELD students. Based on volume, and on the levels of language proficiency, schools may need advice and assistance in fully serving refugee students. A central resource teacher will be assigned this work until the end of the school year. The role will help schools assess need, provide guidance and support, and serve as a clearinghouse for requests from schools. This role will be funded from within the curriculum department.
- WWTWCs have negotiated a formal agreement with the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. They will offer

one to two days a week of free counselling services at the Elm Drive location to support those who have experienced trauma from war and conflict.

- Staff are connecting with the board’s child care partners to explore possible supports and subsidies for before and after-school care for refugee families.
- WWTWC staff have been collecting clothing and bedding for refugee families and schools and the community have been generous in their giving.
- Staff are working with the board’s technology equity of access partners to identify free or low-cost technology options for refugee families.
- Staff are working with Peel Public Health to ensure needed supports, e.g. dental screening, are available to refugee families at the WWTWCs.
- WWTWCs offer parent sessions in Arabic, such as Understanding the School System, Getting Ready for Kindergarten, the ESL Advantage and Making My Way, to help newcomer families familiarize themselves with

the education system.

- MSEP workers who are Arabic-speaking will be deployed to schools with higher numbers of refugees from Syria.

The Ministry of Education recognizes that these newcomer students may require additional supports from schools to address language proficiency needs and a wide range of other needs in areas such as extraordinary special education costs, social work, mental health and translation/interpreters.

“While the size and scale of the need isn’t fully known, what’s clear is the requirement for additional funding to support schools to ensure a warm welcome and successful school experience for refugee students,” Woodland observed.

“The Inspire Hope Action Team will meet to identify how best to support schools to warmly welcome refugee families,” Woodland said. “The team will work to coordinate services, collect information and identify funding gaps.”

Wishing you a safe & Happy Holiday Season!

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Our Readers Write

Kinsmen appreciate help in making parade a success

On behalf of the Kinsmen Club of Bolton, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of many local businesses that made it possible for Santa Claus to visit Bolton and participate in the annual Bolton Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. This year might have been the longest and best ever, due to the participation of 56 community groups/businesses and five bands.

Without the generous contributions of the following businesses, the Bolton Kinsmen would not have been able to organize such a great parade. Many thanks to Argo Development Corporation, Bolton Railings, Cavalier Transportation, Mars, Mark-All Services Inc., OPP, Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, Regional Councillor Annette Groves, Ellwood Memorial Public School, Sierra Spray Painting Ltd., Banas Stones, Bank of Montreal, Bolton Electric, Bolton Walmart, Bolton Florist, Bolton Thruway, Bolton Home Hardware, Bolton Honda/Nissan/Hyundai, Bolton Motor Products, Bolton Steel Tube Co., Caledon Contracting, Cambria Fab Shop, Canadian Dance Unit, Caledon Chrysler, Caledon Treeland, Dr. Bettio and Dr. Malchuk, Egan Funeral Home, Excel Dry Cleaning, Dulcia by Sara, Four Corners Bakery, Fernview Construction, Fines Ford, Garden Foods, Gayla Canada, Genesis Cycle Inc., Harvey's, Humber Valley Dental, JohnVince Foods, Jack Stewart Investment Services, John Glenn State Farm, Lisgar Construction, Metro Jet Wash, Party Magic, Phelan Brothers Electrical Distributors, Preferred Roadside Towing, Performance Auto Group, Prudential Select Real Estate, RAFAT, Rivoli Pet World, Rose Perdue ReMax, Saunacore, Silcotech North America Inc., St. Mary's CBM, Top Lift Enterprises, Topac Express, Versatile Spraying, Albion Bolton Towing, Bolton Performance and Associates, Highway 50 Auto Collision, Bargain Tire Centre, Globetrotter RV, King Hydroseeding, Party Magic, Bolton Auto Parts Inc., MVS Design, Northeast Engineering and Development Ltd., Music 21, Bolton Glassworks Inc., His N' Hers Hair Design, National Helicopters, Shopper's Drug Mart, Canadian Tire, Auto Block Auto Repair and Eijay Shipping.

It should also be mentioned that Top Lift Enterprises won the Best Commercial Float Award and the Bolton Sea Cadets won the Best Non-Commercial Float Award. Special recognition also goes out to the Bolton Rotary Club and the Canadian Dance Unit.

Many thanks to all the participants and sponsors and the Bolton Kinsmen wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Stegeman,
Parade Chair,
Kinsmen Club of Bolton

Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute

By Krysta Cadden

The "Why" of Rotary is different for each member and for each, it is deeply personal.

Life takes us in many different directions, so when we each choose a volunteer organization to spend our free time with, we know that it means a great deal to us on some level.

For Mike L., it is a way to give back to the community that showed him so much support during his late wife's illness. He chose Rotary because "it is wonderfully simple and produces results."

For Pat C., it is a place where no idea is too small and we embrace all things that allow us to come together as a club for the benefit of our community.

For Derek C., it is a way to carry on his family's tradition of giving back to the community.

For Greg S., it is choosing to accept the responsibility of joining a team of like-minded people whose main purpose is "to help promote awareness of the dignity of all people." His personal membership challenge is to continue to contribute using the people in this room as mentors and he likes his chances!

For Janet C., it is recognizing that she found a place where the more she gives the more she wants to give.

For Brenda A., it is being part of a group of great men and women who help her give back to the community she has spent so much time in.

For each of us, as a Rotarian, it is living the motto "service above self" — it just happens to be a lot of fun at the same time!

For more information on all that we do, please visit www.rotaryclubofpalgrave.com

It happened today

Thinking of flying to some sunny spot for the holidays? That idea has only been around a little more than a century; the idea of flying, that is.

It was dreamed up by two brothers who took their plans and equipment to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Wilbur and Orville Wright developed the first successful airplane. Although not the first to build and fly experimental aircraft, the Wright brothers were the first to invent aircraft controls that made fixed-wing powered flight possible.

The toss of a coin determined that Orville, the younger of the two, would get the first chance to fly it, and he did. It lasted about 12 seconds and covered roughly 120 feet. It was the first of four flights they made that day. It

Those first airplane flights took place this day, Dec. 17, 1903.

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Results from last week's poll:

The Province has announced a pilot project to test high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. Would you be willing to pay a toll to drive in such a lane while alone in your car?

a) Yes

13%

b) No

87%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Caledon council last week voted against a recommendation to stop reciting a prayer at the start of meetings. Should prayers be recited at the beginning of council meetings?

a) Yes

a) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!



I'll never be 'it' again

Although I have never been a parent, I do understand the need to protect children from harm.

But I also appreciate that it's possible to go too far.

That appears to be happening in a school in Toronto.

I had heard about this early last week, but it wasn't until last Thursday that I found time to read about it in detail. Mike Strobel in the Toronto Sun wrote about the banning of tag playing in the schoolyard at recess.

There is a time and a place for everything. I will grant that is acceptable to be cracking down on tag playing in class. Having a bunch of kids running up and down the rows yelling "Tag! You're it!" during spelling class will disrupt things completely and result in the education system turning out a bunch of lousy spellers. It certainly wouldn't have been allowed some 50 years ago when I was going through the primary education system (it certainly wouldn't have been allowed by some of the teachers I had, who seemed to bring a prison guard mentality to their work). For some reason, I'm still a lousy speller.

But shouldn't the schoolyard be different? And especially at recess?

Strobel went on to describe how things have changed since he was a school kid. According to his account, boys and girls were segregated in the schoolyard, complete with a wooden fence to enforce things, and woe betide the kid who breached that barrier.

It was much the same in the school I attended, except it was a solid white line painted across the pavement. There wasn't much in the way of disciplinary action from the faculty against those who dared cross it. It wasn't necessary. Girls didn't want to be with the boys because boys were icky. Boys didn't want to cross for fear of getting the coodies.

By the time we had outgrown such concerns, it didn't matter. In my day, once you had made it to Grade 7, you no longer got recess. Besides, how many kids in that age group are interested in playing tag?

Interestingly, I started attending that school when I was in Grade 1, after my family had moved. My older brother lamented the segregated schoolyard, recalling that was not the case at the previous school. He told me it was fun when it was a drizzly day, because the ground would be wet and worms would be in abundance. I guess it's true that boys don't scream as loud as girls when you throw worms at them.

I could be a mean little kid in my day too.

But it's always seemed to me that playing tag was one of those things that constituted good, clean fun. It involved running around, dodging other players, etc. There's no body checking in tag. The main physical contact involves the actual act of "tagging," which seldom amounted to a serious injury.

True, there's the possibility of bumping into another player, which could be rather painful, or bumping into a teacher on yard duty, which could result in a detention (some teachers had very little in the way of a sense of humour).

There is also the danger of a kid falling down and hurting him or herself. Not always pleasant, but bumps and bruises and scrapes are all part of being a kid. They happened to all of us, usually accidentally, but sometimes maliciously

(some kids are meaner than others).

I played organized hockey for several years. There was one time in practice when a teammate and I got tangled up. My stick was a little high, and I dinged him on the forehead. Not a serious contact, but it did bring a bit of blood. It was one of those unfortunate parts of the game, and we both knew it. I felt bad about it, nevertheless, and I felt worse when I learned that his parents had freaked and pulled him out of hockey. They soon relented, and I think the coach had a lot to do with that.

One morning, in Grade 5, a bigger kid in my class grabbed me by the arms, swung me around and sent me flying a couple of times. I thought it was kind of amusing, until I landed flat on my face and broke my two front teeth.

The reactions were predictable all around. I ended up with crowns on my main choppers for the rest of my life, but I've found myself able to live with it. My parents were half angry and half amused, and relieved that they had sprung for school insurance at the

start of the year. The school administration was appropriately stern with the perpetrator, who was not renowned for exemplary behavior (the principal, if memory serves, loudly called him "fathead" in the presence of several youngsters, myself included). The kid responsible showed the amount of contrition one would expect after the bawling out he received from the principal and vice-principal. And lest you get the idea that this led to some reformation, that same kid snuck up behind me a couple of years later, pulled on my belt and shoved a banana peel down my backside. Needless to say, this fellow and I do not correspond these days.

The point is kids, being kids, are going to do aggressive things. True it's mainly boys who get into the real rough housing, but we all grew up with little girls who fancied themselves tomboys. It was a lot of fun playing street hockey with them, especially if they were accurate with their wrist shots.

And most of these kids get through all this stuff with some scrapes and cuts, and maybe the occasions break or scar. But in just about all cases, there are a lot of memories.

I can understand why some school authorities in Toronto, or anywhere else for that matter, are concerned about the possibility of kids being injured in the schoolyard. For one thing, it's part of their job. And it is also true that we live in something of a litigious society, in which one must always be mindful of the possibility of lawsuits. But I think it's also true that too many parents are over protective of their kids.

We're hearing a lot these days about childhood obesity, and how kids don't get enough physical activity. Yet what is a game of tag, but lot of running around, burning off potential excess blubber. But there are people in positions of authority who would bar such activity.

Bumps and bruises will heal. I had lots of them as a kid, and so did most of you, and things are all better now, are they not? Cuts will happen, but some smart person invented Band-aids long before I appeared on the scene. Broken teeth can be lived with, and I have spent almost 50 years proving that. Broken bones can be mended. Obesity is a problem today for many. Yet there are those who restrict physical activity.

If that makes sense to you, see your doctor.



Bill Rea

Christmas lights across Canada 2015 is a to be seen

The Christmas season has officially arrived.

One sure sign the season has arrived is the many beautiful and unique Christmas light displays we see here in Dufferin-Caledon. Another sign is the arrival of the 31st edition of Christmas Lights Across Canada. It is a spectacular display in our capital cities from coast to coast to coast, which brings great national pride and adds to the joy of the season.

The Christmas Lights Across Canada Program began in 1985. It was intended to showcase the many significant landmarks and historical sites on Confederation Boulevard, which includes Parliament Hill, national museums, monuments, embassies, and symbolic buildings in the Canada's Capital Region and to launch the holiday season, as well as to enhance the unique and very special character of Canada's capital city during the winter season.

Auditor General's report highlights government mismanagement

Ontario's Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk released her 773-page annual report Dec. 2, which included 14 value-for-money audits into various government programs and initiatives.

Some of the areas the Auditor General conducted value-money-audits include Ontario's electricity power system planning, Community Care Access Centres, Ontario's long-term care homes and child protection services in Ontario. Overall, the Auditor General's findings highlighted how the government's lack of oversight and decisions have impacted services Ontarians rely upon as well as wasting billions of Ontarians hard earned money.

Some of the most revealing findings from the Auditor General's report were regarding the government's mismanagement of Ontario's energy sector. The Auditor General found that over the last 10 years, the government's directives ignored advice from experts like the Ontario Power Authority, and did not consider the long-term impacts and the state of the electricity market when making these decisions. As a result, Ontarians and small



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David Tilson
MP Dufferin-Caledon

The 2015 edition of Christmas Lights Across Canada began Dec. 2 with an official illumination ceremony which took place on Parliament Hill. The ceremony typically attracts thousands for this official kick-off. Once the lights have been officially turned on for the season, thousands of Christmas lights can be seen on Confederation Boulevard, a ceremonial route of 7.5 kilometres, which forms a loop that includes Welling-

ton Street, Mackenzie Street, Elgin Street and Sussex Drive in downtown Ottawa, as well as Laurier Street in Gatineau Quebec and the Alexandra Bridge. The highlights of the display are often the front lawn of Parliament Hill, Confederation Square and the Alexandra Bridge.

Outside of our nation's capital, the Christmas Lights Across Canada program is also hosted by each of Canada's 13 pro-

vincial and territorial capitals. Each provincial and territorial capital offers an outstanding and unique display every December. It's definitely something to put on your list of sites to explore in Canada. If you're unable to take in any of the Christmas light displays in either the capital or in the provincial or territorial capitals, you may visit Canadian Heritage's website at <http://canada.pch.gc.ca> to view photos of the dazzling displays.

Each year, I have the honour of being in Ottawa to see the Christmas lights on Confederation Boulevard and it is truly magnificent. If you're looking for a vacation closer to home with your loved ones this year, I highly recommend a visit to our nation's capital to see this display and the many wonderful and historical attractions Canada's capital city has to offer. It will surely be a highlight of your Christmas holidays!

FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Sylvia Jones
MPP Dufferin-Caledon



businesses paid \$37 billion above market value for energy over the last eight years. The Auditor General expects it will only get worse, as Ontarians and businesses are forecasted to pay an additional \$133 billion from 2015 to 2032.

Since 2009, Ontarians have been forced to pay \$9.2 billion more for renewable energy than previously because of the government's high subsidy guaranteed contracts to renewable energy producers. Over the last eight years, electricity consumption has decreased from 151.1 million megawatt an hour to 139.8 million megawatt an hour, yet electricity charges for residential and small business elec-

tricity consumers increased by 70 per cent from 5.32 cents a kilowatt an hour to 9.06 cents a kilowatt an hour.

Not only has the Auditor General criticized the government's handling of the energy sector, but experts like Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) have warned that the government's planned Hydro One sell-off will impact

the Province's financial state and rate-payers, costing Ontario up to \$500 million in annual revenue. Because the government stripped away all independent oversight of Hydro One, the FAO, the Auditor General and the Ombudsman will no longer be able to investigate Hydro One to ensure Ontarians are receiving value for their service. The government needs to listen to the concerns raised by the Auditor General and the FAO and stop any further sell-off of Hydro One.

We need a credible plan that will turn Ontario into an attractive place to do business instead of forcing companies to leave our province to go to other jurisdictions with cheaper energy prices.

To learn more about issues I have raised regarding Ontario's hydro rates, please visit my website at www.sylviajonesmpp.ca

It's better than all the others



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Mid-way through the recent federal election campaign, Justin Trudeau said that "every single promise that we have made has been fully costed . . . (we have been) crystal clear . . ."

Not so much, as it turns out.

It seems the oft-repeated claim that "taxing the rich" would pay for the promised extravagance was so off the mark that, wonder of wonders, even the Liberals now admit it was bogus — which, by the way, is what the two other parties said all along.

Thing is, however, Trudeau's successful election to 24 Sussex Drive actually had little, if anything, to do with whether the electors bought into any and/or all of the 300-plus promises the party made while running in the campaign.

The reason Trudeau won — and NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair was smoked — was that a huge segment of the electorate simply wanted to get rid of Stephen Harper.

Going into the campaign, the NDP were actually ahead of the Liberals in the polls, but as things progressed, Trudeau out-campaigned his rivals and ended up with a majority government, garnering just less than 40 per cent of the vote.

Fair enough. To the winners the spoils, and all that stuff. Also the inevitable headaches once the euphoria of a new sheriff in town wears thin — and it will.

Very few election campaigns are actually fought over a single vital issue. Perhaps the closest we've come to that in recent memory was the Brian Mulroney versus John Turner fight over free trade — with Mulroney pushing it and Turner rejecting it.

Usually, however, there are many other factors at play. When Harper won his first minority, for example, people were sick to death of the Liberals and wanted to give somebody else a chance. So they did. Same thing back in the late 1970s when the electorate had grown to despise Pierre Trudeau, Justin's father, a decade after he, too, enjoyed a pop star-like elevation to the office. People were so upset with Trudeau that they actually elected Joe Clark, of all people. Clark quickly proved he wasn't up to the job when he tried to push a controversial budget through a minority parliament and lost. But there you are.

All of this brings us to Trudeau's announced intentions to follow up on his campaign pledge — one of many he apparently doesn't intend to break —

that the 2015 election will be the last one we have under our historic first-past-the-post system.

Support for electoral "reform" grew under the Harper years, of course, because activists from the other camps were ticked that Harper got to have his way in Ottawa with just about 40 per cent of the vote, about the same that Trudeau got to build an even stronger majority.

The argument goes that it is unfair to electors of losing candidates that their votes don't count once the winner is announced.

I have always felt this attitude displays a basic misunderstanding — likely deliberately so in most cases — of how our system works.

My own riding, for example, saw a Liberal boot out the NDP incumbent. I didn't vote for either guy, but that doesn't mean that the new guy doesn't represent me in Parliament in exactly the same way he represents, not just those who voted for him, but everybody who lives in our riding. That's the way it works.

Our current system has worked exceedingly well over the years. We don't need any so-called "reform."

As already stated, voters wanted change and, thanks to our system, they got it. The system delivered. So why change it?

I'll tell you why.

There are a host of other proposed systems — all of which the Liberals have promised to study in their public "consultations" (an odd choice of words, since they have no intention of consulting anybody over maintaining the current system, even though three provincial referenda on that system have seen it win out easily over the suggested alternatives.)

The "advantage" of all these other systems is that they inevitably lead to minority governments. What that means, of course, is that the lesser parties get far more power to sway government than the electorate meant to give them, i.e. they are all less democratic than our current system.

It may not be perfect, but it's better than all the others.

But if Trudeau does want to act on this promise — while shelving many others — he should at least ask the public in a binding vote and be prepared to live with the results.

Changing our historic voting system is not something that belongs to one political party or another. It belongs to everybody. And as such, everybody should get their say.

Anything less would be a slap in the face at democracy and make a mockery of Trudeau's so-called "sunny ways."



BAZAAR RAISES FUNDS FOR HOSPICE

There was lots of merchandise but very little elbow room recently as crowds packed the Inglewood Community Centre for a bazaar held in support of Bethell Hospice. Roxanne Mountain of Inglewood was pointing out some of the goodies for sale to her grandchildren, Trent and Alexandria Salisbury, 4 and 2, of Alton.

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Talia Marchant was representing Hearts for Hospice, the life is Good team. she said the effort at selling hearts has raised more than \$50,000 over three years for Bethell Hospice.

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Golden Hawks gain a share of third with two more wins

By Jake Courtepatte

The Caledon Golden Hawks just keep climbing the junior C ladder after picking up four of six possible points last week-end, moving them up to a tie for third in the nine-team GMOHL.

Both wins came against the Stayner Siskins, whose close proximity to the Hawks in league points made both contests of crucial importance.

Caledon names were spread around the scoresheet in Stayner last Thursday, with four different Hawks scoring four goals in the second period of a 4-1 win. Sam Procopio stopped 20 of the 21 shots he faced, while Daniel Cafagna, Avery Rodriguez, Randy Chen and Kevin Pleasance all found their way onto the scoresheet.

Stayner was looking for revenge in the weekly Sunday home game in Caledon, jumping on the board first just four minutes in. Ryan Mouser tied the game in the dying minutes of the first period, but Stayner capitalized on the power play a minute later to take a 2-1 lead into intermission.

The threesome of Cafagna, Nicholas McNutt and Christian Mariconda took offensive matters into their hands in the second as they have all season, combining with top defenceman James Pitsadiotis for two points apiece and a 3-2 Caledon lead.

Some back-and-forth play in the third had Caledon up by two in the final minute, with Stayner adding one more with seven seconds to go for a 5-4 victory for the Golden Hawks.

Procopio picked up the win once again, making 23 saves on 27 shots.

Their only blip in the standings came against the lowly Orillia Terriers on the road Saturday, with two of Orillia's six wins this season served up against the Hawks.

Though Caledon led 2-0 just five minutes into the game, Orillia bounced back with three-straight goals by the start of the second to prompt the pulling of goaltender Brendan Macham, who stopped 15 of 18.

As it turned out, it may not have been the goaltending. Orillia added two more before the end of the period. Chen and Cafagna scored the only two goals of the third as Orillia took it 5-4.

In the midst of an astonishing 14-6-1 turnaround after an abysmal start to the regular season, the Hawks have slowly but surely made their way into top contention in the league. Though well behind the first-place Alliston Hornets, as is every other club, Caledon sits only two points back of the Huntsville Otters, in a tie with the Midland Flyers.

The Hawks and Flyers meet tomorrow (Friday). They then host the Schomberg

Cougars at Caledon East Sunday. The Cougars are heading the other way in standings.

Caledon will be looking to take advantage of Schomberg's 2-10-1 road record. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m.

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

Huskies are champs in senior volleyball

By Larry Heng

After a very successful season of ROPS-SAA regular league play, the Humberview Huskies senior boys finished second in the northeast division of the tier 2 volleyball league.

They concluded the campaign with a 7-1 record, just behind Cardinal Ambrozic.

This record qualified the boys for a spot in the playoffs, which was a four-team round-robin tournament against Turner Fenton, Brampton Centennial and Cardinal Ambrozic. The Huskies played their best volleyball of the season at this tournament, rolling over each of their opponents in two straight sets to sweep the north division and avenge their earlier loss to Ambrozic. This win at the semifinal tournament earned them a berth at the tier 2 ROPSSAA championship final.

The championship game was hosted by Ste. Famille Catholic French School in southwest Mississauga. Despite the distance, several staff and student supporters were there to cheer on the Huskies in a slightly hostile Cougar gym. The home court and home crowd advantage gave Ste. Famille an edge to start the match

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Goaltender Brendan Macham stops Orillia's Jason Binnie at Caledon East Saturday. The Golden Hawks fell to the Terriers 5-4.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

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CALEDON'S ATHLETES

Minor atom AA Hawks win eighth in a row in heavyweight matchup



By Jake Courtepatte

A slow start to the season has gotten progressively better and better for the minor atom AA Caledon Hawks, who hosted the Dundas Blues last week in a matchup of heavyweight teams in the Tri-County league.

The Hawks had won seven in a row, dating back to early November. The Blues, meanwhile, hadn't lost in Tri-County action since late October.

One team had to lose, however, and the Hawks did not want to be it. They took the lead just a few minutes into the game, but Dundas came storming back shortly after, burying a

rebound that goaltender Lauren Mooney stood no chance on.

Caledon scored twice near the tail end of the first, as Maxim D'Angelo tucked one under the pad of the Dundas goaltender who thought he had the puck. Lucas DaSilva then sent a wrister in from the top of the circle, prompting a change in the Dundas net to start the second.

Up 4-1 in the third period, Dundas made it close when Mooney was beaten five-hole with just more than 10 minutes to play. After some more heavy pressure from Dundas, a wraparound made it 4-3 with just less than five minutes to go.

Jack Cation put the Hawks' minds at ease when he buried one of his own with two minutes to go, with the Hawks hanging on to a 5-3 score.

The win tied the Hawks with the Blues in regular season standings, behind only the Niagara Falls Flyers, who have lost only three games all year. Unfortunately for the Hawks, Monday's rematch with the Blues had them on the losing end of a back-and-forth 7-6 game, now trailing the Blues by a slight margin.

Two excellent opportunities to make up ground are on their way this weekend, as the Hawks visit the Orangeville Flyers (3-2-1) Friday and the Stoney Creek Warriors (4-17-3) Saturday.

The boys end the year just after Christmas at the annual Silver Stick Tournament, held in Stratford. They have excelled in tournament play all season, reaching the finals in two of three events.

Most recently, they came out the victors of the Guelph Powerplay Championship in late November. After an unbeaten 3-0-1 round robin



The Minor Atom AA Hawks picked up their eighth win in a row last week in a 5 - 3 win over the Dundas Blues at Caledon East Arena.

record, they defeated the Richmond Hill Stars in the semifinal matchup 4-1, only to meet their league rival Dundas Blues in the championship. They got the best of the Blues in this one, taking the championship 5-4.

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Humberview takes ROPSSAA senior volleyball trophy

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and they took the first set 25-17. But the Huskies remained calm and once they got used to their surroundings it became obvious who was the better team. The Humberview dogs served up a storm, scoring numerous aces and putting the Cougars off-balance, so they were unable to run their offence. Alex Trkulja and Kasin Grewal had peak spike serving performances and were relentless in their pursuit of points, as they hammered serve after serve. Daniel Turchiaro, Matt Haller, Larry Heng and Uche Osamusali sent impossible float serves right to the back line, and into the corners over and over, scoring every time they served and frustrating the Cougars. The Huskies dominated in the next three sets. Along with smart, strong serving, the Huskies were able to put up solid blocks to stop their opponents when they did get a set up, and weren't afraid to scramble and hit the floor to keep the ball alive if it did get by the block. Team work was crucial to be able to re-organize in the many scramble situations and the Humberview

boys were like a well-oiled machine — passing serves and freeballs up to setter Grewal, who put the ball up beautifully for them to spike. And spike they did, with ferocity and accuracy. Power hitters Trkulja and Turchiaro found open areas, corners, and lines, wiping the ball off the blockers ruthlessly, while Osamusali simply hit over them. Haller and Heng pushed the Cougars deep to the back and then rolled the ball short, keeping the Ste. Famille boys on the run and never in control. “Liberos” Charles Espinosa and Dawson Hemphill were key to the Huskies’ defence all season, ranging across the back court and hovering up countless hits and tips. Relief server and digger Josh Budd went in when the big guns got tired and made key serves and passes, while blocker Eric Jay went across the front row and made some critical stuffs. Coach Leyshon-Doughty watched proudly as Humberview won the second, third and fourth sets with confidence and consistency, earning a well-deserved ROPSSAA championship title and trophy.



The Humberview Huskies senior boys' volleyball team consists of (back row) Charles Espinoza, Matt Haller, Kasin Grewal, Uche Osamusali, Alex Trkulja, Eric Jay, Daniel Turchiaro, (front row) Coach Sian Leyshon, Dawson Hemphill, Larry Heng and Josh Budd.

Program for grassland birds progressing

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) continues to make progress in its three-year Grassland Bird Recovery Program. It's helping at-risk grassland birds, such as the eastern meadowlark and bobolink. The program is in its final year of collecting data on grassland birds and creating more habitat. CVC is converting almost 25 acres of an old farm field at Upper Credit Conservation Area near Alton into thriving grassland full of wildflowers and native grasses. Increasing the amount of land certified by CVC's Bird-Friendly Certified Hay (BFCH) program is another way to provide habitat for these birds. Harvesting hay later in the year, a central part of the BFCH program, means birds can finish nesting before hay is harvested. The BFCH program has increased potential grassland habitat by 225 acres to-date. CVC staff visited the fields in June and July, and detected 105 eastern meadowlark and bobolink. Forty-six of these occurrences were identified to be breeding pairs. “The transformation at Upper Credit Conservation Area is in its final stages as the field was seeded in spring with native plants,” CVC's Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation Mike Puddister commented. “We hope that the field will become a demonstration site for landowners who want to improve old fields on their properties. Old fields are often neglected and landowners may not be aware that they could look better and provide critical habitat for grassland birds.” Landowners interested in learning more about the project and the recovery program can view an online journal showcasing the project at www.creditvalley.ca.ca/grasslandrecovery



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Name: KATYA DONDI
School: MAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

Name: SEAN REIMERS
School: ROBERT F. HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Name: DIQUAN TAYLOR
School: ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Name: DANIELLE BERNO
School: HUMBERVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

This Grade 10 student played point guard on the school's senior basketball team, and she is waiting to represent the school on the nordic ski slopes, once the snow arrives. She said they have been practising on roller skis. She also planning to play rugby in the spring. Away from school, she plays rep basketball in the Brampton Warriors organization. The 15-year-old lives in Valleywood.

The 16-year-old played tight end for the varsity football squad, which made it to the semifinals of ROPSSAA. In that semifinal match, he caught a pass and ran it 35 yards to the two yard line, setting up a touchdown. That play was cited as the Catch of the Year. Away from school, he plays varsity football in the Orangeville Outlaws organization. The Grade 11 student lives in Orangeville.

This Grade 11 student has been showing his prowess as a point guard on the varsity basketball team, which has opened the season with a 1-1 record. He was a running back on the junior football team last year, but didn't play this year. Away from school, he plays basketball in the Run and Down Academy in Toronto, and plays football with the Metro Wildcats in Toronto. The 16-year-old lives in Bolton.

The 16-year-old has been making her mark in wrestling, specializing in the 61-kilo class. She won gold at one tournament this year, and second in another. This is her second year in the sport. Last year, she made it to OFSAA. She's planning to play rugby in the spring and played tennis at school last year. In the community, she's a house league forward in the Orangeville Tigers' organization. She also plays in the Caledon Soccer Club the Grade 11 student lives in Bolton.

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mother and wife, March 1, 1987. We can't have our old days back when we were all together but secret tears and loving thoughts will be with us forever,
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CLARKSON, Edgar Milton
At Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Friday, December 11, 2015, Edgar Clarkson, Caledon in his 86th year, beloved husband of Doris Dacres, for 60 years. Dear father of Lois Pidgeon, Brampton; Wayne Clarkson and fiancée Karen Furukawa, Severn. Loving Pops of Jason and Lorie Pidgeon, Michael and Jenny Pidgeon, Carrie-Anne Pidgeon and Christopher Almeida. Cherished great-grandfather of Hadley, Avery and Tess Pidgeon. Dear brother of George Clarkson, Doreen and Bruce Lemon, and Dorothy Scott. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton on Sunday afternoon 2-4 o'clock, Monday afternoon 2-4 and evening 7-9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, December 15 at one o'clock. Followed by a reception at the funeral home. Private interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.
Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

CURRY, Teddy
Peacefully at Shelburne Residence on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late John L. Curry (1994). Loving mother of Spence (Shelly), Eddie (Bev), Bill (Wendy), Ron, Mona (Rick), Tex (Karen) and Bonnie (2015) (Frank Gray). Teddy will be greatly missed by her 20 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, her nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends. Funeral Service will be held at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, 21 First St. Orangeville on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Interment to follow reception at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations to Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah Witnesses-World Wide Work (www.jw.org) would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Teddy in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
(Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com)

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ADAMS, Denis
Peacefully at Bethell Hospice, Caledon on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the age of 75. Predeceased by his parents Jim and Margaret Adams. Brother of Karen and her husband Don Neal. Uncle of Stephen (his children Mackenzie and Davis) and TJ (Melanie) (their children Elliot and Charlie).
Private Family Interment was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Mono. Memorial donations may be made to Bethell Hospice Foundation. A tree will be planted in memory of Denis in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
(Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com)

BEWCYK, Marion
Retired Secretary with the Etobicoke Board of Education
Peacefully took her last breath, surrounded by her family, at Humber River Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, December 11, 2015, Marion Bewcyk, Bolton, in her 81st year, beloved wife for 63 years of Michael Bewcyk.
Loving mother of Stephen and his wife Victoria, Brian and his wife Helen, and Katherine McWhirter. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Lisa, Julie, Melanie, David, Daniel and great-grandmother of Zoey, Adam, Justin and Sebastian. She was called Baba by her grandchildren and always smiling and ready to help them. Predeceased by her parents Harry and Helen Stelmachuk and her brothers Walter and Ben. She will be sadly missed by her many nieces and nephews. She enjoyed visiting her son's family in Calgary and her many aunts and cousins in Saskatchewan. Marion was raised in Geraldton, Ontario. After marrying Mike, they moved to Stratford, following the railroad through Southern Ontario where they raised their family together. After the railroad years they settled in Toronto and both worked for the Etobicoke Board of Education. Marion retired from the Etobicoke Board of Education as the head secretary of Highfield Public School in July 1994. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 6 - 9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in Christ Church Anglican, 22 Nancy Street, Bolton on Wednesday, December 16 at 3 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Peel, 60 Briarwood Avenue, Mississauga L5G 3N6 or Christ Church Anglican, P.O. Box 567, 22 Nancy Street, Bolton L7E 5T4 or the charity of your choice.
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GOODWIN, Kenneth David
Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville, Ontario on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the age of 76. Dear husband of Marilyn Ann Bauman (Stephenson). Step-father to Drev and David Stephenson, both of Toronto, and Nancy Hill of Brampton, Ontario. Only child of Violet Anne Gorman (1988) and Angus Goodwin (2003). Survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, and his loyal pet Murphy. During his lengthy illness, Ken was most appreciative of the kind care of Dr. Kenneth Derksen, the Bayshore Nursing Team, CCAC, Care Partners, and the nurses on E Wing, for their compassion shown to Ken on his journey.
Private Service and Interment were held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Ontario.
Arrangements entrusted to **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, Orangeville, Ontario
A tree will be planted in memory of Kenneth in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
(Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com)

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JOYCE, Ralph Stewart
Ralph passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre at the age of 76 on December 11, 2015 following a brief illness.
A native of Newfoundland, Ralph came to Ontario in 1967 through a government program, arriving in Mono to work as a farmhand.
He will be remembered for his humour and laughter. Ralph loved his tractors, animals and touring flea markets.
Ralph will be missed by his substitute family - Gerald and Sheila Staveley, Kim (Gavin), Paul (Bev), Alyssa, Kassandra, Kirsten, Shauna, Joshua, Kyle and good friend Albert. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at Forest Lawn cemetery on December 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception at High Country United Church, Camilla.
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WARWICK, Lois May
Peacefully at Granite Ridge Retirement Lodge, Gravenhurst, on Saturday, December 12, 2015, Lois Kirkpatrick, in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late Donald Elwood Warwick, Nobleton. Loving mother of Karen and her husband Trevor (deceased) Webster, Carl and his wife Janet Warwick, Craig and his wife Jennifer Warwick. Cherished grandmother of Erin and Brent Warwick. Predeceased by her sisters Lorna Kirkpatrick, Marion Whitten and Velvin Gallaugh.
The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home Baxter & Giles Chapel, 273 Broadway, Orangeville (519-941-2630) Monday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 7 - 9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, December 15 at 2 o'clock. Interment Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, The Arthritis Society or Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario.
Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

WIEGERT, Michael
Peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Margarete. Loving father of Peter (Medelina), Gary (Deborah), Michael (Judy), and Ruth Jackson (Glenn). Cherished grandfather of Jeffrey (Joyce), Christopher, Gary Jr. (Jennifer), Michelle (Solomon), Glenn (Carolina), Bruce and Richard, and great grandfather of Hudson, Anna, Micah, Ava, Yiesella, Jeter, Tamara and Hunter. Predeceased by his brother Peter (Elizabeth) and their children Peter and Margaret. He will be forever remembered by all his family in his home country Germany.
Visitation will be held at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, 21 First Street, Orangeville on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. A Private Family Service will be held. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Michael in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
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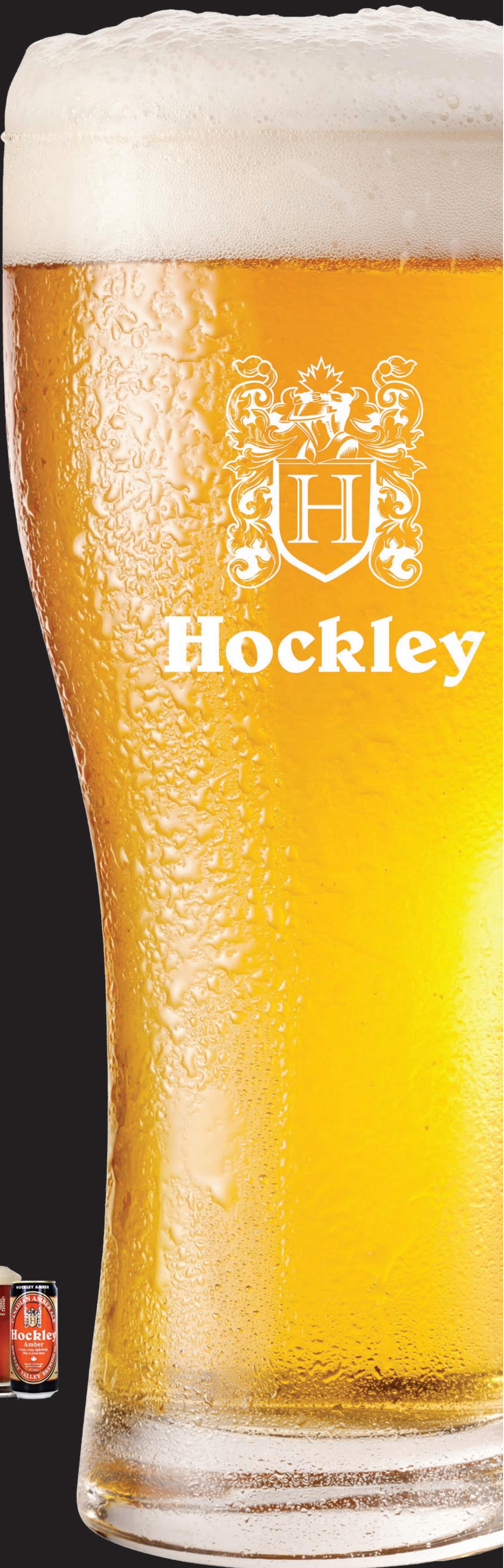
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Dealerships spread Christmas Cheer

The holiday season is here, and with it comes the spirit of giving to help those in the community who are less fortunate.

Many local businesses are contributing to the cause in various ways, and local car dealerships are no exception.

Caledon Chrysler in Bolton has joined with its sister dealership North York Chrysler again this holiday season to donate a total of \$25,000 charities as voted by their customers. Voting forms and more information are available at the website www.caledonchrysler.ca/charity.htm

Jacqui Robb, controller at Caledon Chrysler, said \$15,000 will be going to the charity collecting the most votes, and \$10,000 will be going to the one coming in second. The results will be announced in the first week of January. The charities in the running include Make-A-Wish, Caledon Community Services (CCS), Family Transition Place, the Redwood Women's Shelter,

Participation House, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Angel Foundation for Learning, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Hospital for Sick Children, Free the Children, Evergreen Hospice in Thornhill, Salvation Army, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation and North York Harvest Food Bank.

Bolton Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, GM is also supporting CCS, but in an interesting way.

Events Co-ordinator Jennifer Russiello reported they are running a Connect and Win contest across Canada until Jan. 4. People are able play, winning a minimum of \$1,000 of the cost of their next car. As well, she said there's going to be 30 vehicles awarded across Canada.

For each person playing, they will donate \$2 to CCS. and for each car that's sold, they will donate \$100.

"We want to reach the \$10,000 (level)," she said, "so we'll need a lot of people to play."

"Everyone's a winner," she added.

As well, she said the General Motors dealership is offering free skating at the Albion-Bolton arena between 10 a.m. and noon Dec. 27, with the entry fee being to fill in Connect and Win ballot.

Those on hand will also get the chance to meet former Toronto Maple Leaf captain Wendel Clark, who will be there as well.

The people at Bolton Honda are joining with Honda dealers throughout Ontario in supporting the CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish.

General Sales Manager Chris Holmes said they are a drop-off location, where people can drop off an unwrapped toy. They will also be in the running to win a 2016 Honda Civic, receiving a ballot to fill out when they bring in a contribution.

Holmes was very impressed with the Christmas Wish program, pointing out it collected about 158,000 toys last year, and took about 140 volunteers to run things.

"It's amazing," he declared. "It's so, so well organized."

Carlos Martins, general manager at Fines Ford Lincoln, said they are collecting food and unwrapped toys to contribute to CCS Santa Fund.

He said contributions are being left under the Christmas tree in the showroom.

"Customers and friends are welcome to stop in and contribute," he said.

He reported they had received more food donations than toys, but he expected that to change.

Bolton Honda, along with Bolton Nissan and Bolton Hyundai, as well as Motion Mazda in Orangeville and other mem-

bers of Performance Auto Group, based in Brampton, are combining their efforts to support the Salvation Army.

"This is a very strong principle of the group," commented Performance Auto Group Director of Marketing Drew Delaware. "We make sure we do everything we can in Bolton."

He said the dealerships are collection points for toys, non-perishable foods and articles of clothing to deliver to the Sally Ann.

"We believe Christmas is a time for giving," he said, adding that was the message behind the float that was entered in the recent Santa Claus Parade in Bolton; "The Spirit of Giving."

The float also showed videos delivering the same message.

"It is true Christmas magic when we help others," one of them said.

Delaware said they've supported other causes in the community. Earlier this year, he personally presented the keys to a Nissan Rogue to Caledon Meals on Wheels. He added that at the holidays, Performance Auto Group further helps out Meals on Wheels by doing their printing for them.

"We just finished helping them with their end-of-year fundraising drive," he said.

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Chrysler dealerships donating \$25,000 to charities chosen by public

The Holiday season is here, and the local Chrysler dealership is right in the spirit of giving. Caledon Chrysler has joined forces with its sister dealership North York Chrysler to announce that once again this year, \$25,000 will be donated to charity.

The two charities will be benefitting from this, and they will be selected by a public vote through the dealerships.

Until Dec. 31, everyone is invited to vote on which charity they are most passionate about by going to either www.caledonchrysler.com/charity.htm or www.northyorkchrysler.com/charity.htm

The charity receiving the most votes will get \$15,000 and the second most voted charity will gain \$10,000.

Last year marked the first time these dealerships had ever donated such a large amount at a single time, and they are thrilled to be in a position to do it all again.

The people at North York Chrysler report this has been a great year for them. They are grateful to the public for their support, and in recognition, they are giving back to the charities they care most about.

Last year, the two dealerships were humbled by the outpouring of support they received for their efforts, as well as by the determination that many of the smaller charities had in tackling their challenges head-on. They reached out to their supporters who came out in full force and 2, 838 votes later, the top-two voted charities were announced.

The Redwood Women's Shelter was the recipient of the first place donation last year, receiving \$15,000.

"This wonderful gift from North York Chrysler helped to fund The Redwood's outreach services — Young Women on the Move Leadership program (YWOTM)," Wendy Bray, fundraising manager at Redwood, said. "In this program, eight young women, with lived experiences in the shelter and family abuse histories, built confidence, self-esteem, communication and leadership skills. They took the skills they learned and held workshops at their schools."

Redwood is a full-service shelter, offering refuge, counselling for women and children, support for women to get jobs and more.

The charity with the second largest number of votes was Participation House, in Markham.

"Your campaign enabled us to purchase specially designed chairs that go into our swimming pool and make mobility much easier for our residents," Frances DiCarlo, executive director of Participation House, commented. "In addition to this purchase, your generous donation assisted with completing the renovations to a fully accessible washroom/change room for our community clients that attend our day programs."

Participation House is a facility that aims to enhance the quality of life of individuals with disabilities through services designed to reflect individualized approaches, community involvement and a respect for human dignity.

Other charities in the running include:

- **Caledon Community Services**, a multi-service organization that assists members of the community with everything from youth and senior services to helping job seekers, small business advice, help for new Canadians and more;
- **Make-A-Wish**, granting magical wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their life experience with hope, strength and joy;
- **Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**, in support of their charity work which includes animal cruelty investigation, care, sheltering, fostering and wildlife programs for abused or injured animals;

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- Wendy Bray, Fundraising Manager at Redwood
- **Angel Foundation for Learning**, assisting students in the Toronto District Catholic School board through its nutritional, educational, social and emergency support programs;
 - **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel**, which makes a positive difference in the lives of youth by providing mentoring programs;
 - **The Hospital for Sick Children**, dedicated to improving the health of children by striving to provide the best in family-centred, compassionate care, leading in scientific and clinical advancement, and preparing the next generation of leaders in child health;
 - **Free the Children**, which focuses on empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty through their holistic, sustainable international development model, Adopt a Village;
 - **Family Transition Place**, providing services to women and children who have experienced abuse;
 - **Evergreen Hospice Thornhill**, which provides community-based supportive services to individuals and their families in Markham, Stouffville and Thornhill, who are living with life-threatening illness or coping with the death of a loved one;
 - **Salvation Army**, which provides Canadians living in poverty with food, shelter and clothing to support them at their time of need;
 - **The Canadian Cancer Society**, continuing the fight to eradicate cancer and works to enhance of the quality of life of people living with the disease;
 - **The Heart and Stroke Foundation**, which provides heart-healthy information to Canadians and funds research into heart and stroke disease prevention and treatments; and
 - **The North York Harvest Food Bank**, which aims to meet the food needs of northern Toronto by providing dignified food assistance, education and long-term food solutions.

Caledon Chrysler and North York Chrysler have created a public voting system enabling everyone to vote for the charity closest to their heart. Voting is underway now and will continue until the end of the year. During the first week of January, they will announce which two charities received the most votes, and their representatives will be invited to collect their cheques at one of the dealerships.

To place your vote, visit www.northyorkchrysler.com/charity.htm or www.caledonchrysler.com/charity.htm

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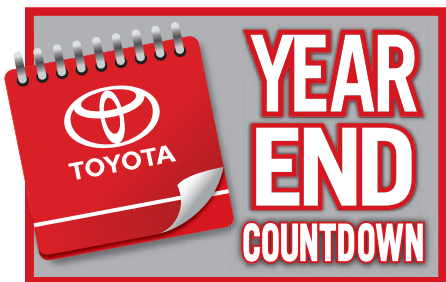
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Auto Tips



Your Vehicle Floor Mats

We all like the fact you can purchase winter mats for the floor of the car, it helps keep the salt and debris from ruining the carpet and they're easy to wash off. But did you know incorrect installation could be dangerous? Do NOT double mat your vehicle. Cheap universal mats which people toss on top of the summers, can slip around and get caught in the pedals causing a stuck throttle or impede the brake pedal movement. Remove the summer mats and purchase the correct fitting winter mat from the OEM dealer accessory book or even through a companies that have custom fit mats. These mats have designs in place to prevent them from shifting around. Keep this in mind and enjoy safe driving!

■ WRITTEN BY Perry M. Mason

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Shown is an incorrect double mat situation.

Those smearing wipers

Are your wiper blades smearing and not clearing properly? Before you go and buy brand new blades, consider a couple of quick checks. Look at the wiper arm tension pivot point by pulling up on the arm. Is it stiff and seizing? It needs to be free for the correct blade pressure. Fix that by lubing it and freeing it with penetrating fluid to get it moving. Secondly, look at the end of the arm where the blade attaches, it may have a pivot as well and that also can seize. Free it up as well. Finally if the blade rubbers are intact, use a baby wipe or similar and carefully wipe the cleaning edge of the blade a few times to remove the grime. All this, with cleaning the glass with a good quality glass cleaner should make for clear viewing again!

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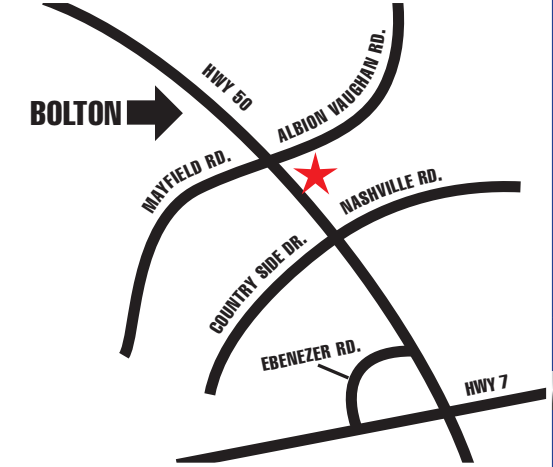
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Charitable organizations accept all types of donations, from cash to appliances to clothes. Donating such items can put them into the hands of people who need them, and many charities sell noncash donations in an effort to fund their programs and other services.

In order to facilitate the process of donating larger items, many charities will pick up any items donors cannot bring in on their own. Many organizations even advertise when a van or truck will be in given neighborhoods to collect items, making the donation process that much easier for donors.

According to the organization DonationTown, which helps donors connect with charities that will accept their donations, charities such as the Salvation Army accept household appliances. Other organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters and The Lupus Foundation, also solicit for non-monetary donations and will arrange for pickup.

When donating a car, truck, motorcycle, or boat, donors may need to go to greater lengths than they would if they were donating clothes or other less significant items. Titles will need to be transferred over to the charity, and ideally the vehicle should be formally retitled in the charity's name.

Nonprofit organizations typically produce donation receipts as confirmation of the pickup, and these receipts may include an approximation of the donated vehicle's value. Keep these receipts so you can claim tax deductions when filing returns in April. It's also a good idea to keep a detailed inventory of any items you donated. Include photos of the items and their respective values so you can back up your income tax return claims in the event of an audit. It is best to consult with your tax preparer and/or the charity you're working with to determine the value of donated items.

Comply with the rules the charity sets forth regarding item pickup. Label boxes or bags accordingly, and let the organization know if you're donating any especially heavy items so they can arrange for enough staff members to pick the items up. These organizations often rely on volunteers to do pickups, so you want to make the process as easy as possible. Be sure to leave items outside your door by the specified pickup time.

Many charitable groups accept donations of vehicles and large household items. Making such donations can be more complicated, but these items may go to needy individuals or be sold to fund other projects, making the process well worth any extra effort donors might have to put forth.



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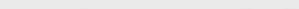

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