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KAYAKING VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

Caledon OPP have released the names of the two people whose bodies were pulled from the Credit River near Terra Cotta. Police report the body of kayaker Zachary Michael Sutherland, 21, from Georgetown was recovered from the river and pronounced dead at the scene at about noon Tuesday. Sutherland and Kaya Melanie Firth, 21, of Georgetown had apparently gone kayaking on the river Sunday. Sergeant Aaron Arnatti said it looked like they had entered the river in the area of Mississauga Road. Police were told at about 3 p.m. Sunday that two unoccupied kayaks had been seen stuck on the ice in the river at The Forge Park in Terra Cotta. Ms. Firth's body was pulled from the water downstream shortly after police got the call. The pair were students at the University of Guelph. Firth was a fourth-year English student and Sutherland was a fourth-year commerce major, according to a statement issued by the university. "We are deeply saddened by this news," said President Franco Vaccarino. "Our hearts and thoughts go out to the friends and families of these two vibrant young people."

Photo by Bill Rea

Region outlines process for Bolton residential growth

By Bill Rea

The plans for Bolton residential expansion are still drawing lots of interest, although not a lot of emotion, at least at this time.

It's estimated that more than 200 people packed the Caledon Seniors' Centre last Thursday evening for the public meeting hosted by Peel Region, but the crowd was mainly quiet. There were few outbursts from the floor.

The Town has already gone through the Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES) process, and has decided where

the expansion should go. It's on lands known as Option 3, or GO Station Focus, north of King Street, between the Gore and Humber Station Roads.

But the expansion needs a Regional Official Plan amendment to take effect, which was the point of last week's meeting.

Arvin Presad, director of integrated planning with the Region, told the meeting Peel's population currently stands at about 1.4 million, and the plan is to add ap-

proximately 350,000 more by 2031, and some of that growth will be coming to Bolton.

The BRES exercise was to determine where an additional 10,000 people and 2,500 jobs would go in Bolton. Presad said the purpose of last week's meeting was to share information about that, as well as encourage residents to share their comments.

"In essence, what we want to do is start a conversation," he said.

He also said the Region is not

trying to restrict the work that Caledon has already started doing. He explained the Region's process is aimed at evaluating the merits of the Town's selection of the lands for expansion, as well as to consider all candidate sites through a Regional lens.

Andrea Warren, manager of development services with the Region, said there have already been more than 30 submissions from the public on this, adding there will be opportunity for more.

The ROPA application was made in October 2014, with the primary uses being planned for being residential and retail. There were six areas being considered, with the Town eventually deciding to concentrate on Option 1 (known as North Hill West) and GO Station Focus.

Warren also said this process builds on Caledon's tri-nod-

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"Sleeping in the car sucks."

Mayor Allan Thompson, after taking part in the Longest Night event Friday night.

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Arguments put forth to consider other options

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al growth strategy, focusing coming growth to Bolton, Caledon East and Mayfield West.

She also said the Region, in November, called for a facilitation process to address issues concerning proposed employment lands on the west side of Coleraine Drive. The facilitation settlement called for a variety of factors to be considered, including stakeholder input.

Explaining the planning context, Warren said the province provides the foundation for municipalities to plan for growth. In this case, the province has set the figures for growth. Peel's ROPA 24 in 2012 set out the number of new residents Caledon would have to accommodate.

The Region has a large role when it comes to growth management. It's the Region that provides water and waste-water services, meaning there has to be a master plan for providing the needed infrastructure. Peel also has to address matters like long-term financial planning, housing and homelessness and providing for healthy

communities.

Peel's Official Plan calls for a long-term strategic policy framework, addressing things like healthy and sustainable communities, understanding and seeing to ecosystem features, having a competitive and diverse economy and sound tax base, managed and staged growth and development, and growth and development that takes in environmental, social economic and cultural concerns.

Warren said the Town's selection of its preferred site included a number of criteria, including finding logical extensions to current built-up areas, minimizing impacts on existing and planned employment lands, as well as farms, the capacity of the road system to accommodate the development, supporting the establishment of GO Rail service in Bolton, optimizing the use of existing and planned community infrastructure, etc.

The general themes that have been included in the comments received so far include financial, environmental, servicing and transportation.

Warren said the next steps in the process will see the input brought together in a discussion paper, either late in March or early in April, and will likely go before committee in may and Regional council in June. There will be another public information meeting, probably in September, and a final report going to council in December.

Mary Hall, director of development approval and planning policy for the Town, outlined the process the Town followed in BRES, with a study area that was roughly bordered by Castlederg Sideroad, Caledon King Townline, Mayfield Road and The Gore Road. The area was eventually

narrowed down to six options, along with three smaller rounding-out areas. All the options were considered, with the two being approved for further study, as well as the rounding-out areas.

Hall said there were a number of technical studies used to look into things like servicing and infrastructure, agriculture, environment and natural heritage, and transportation. Selection criteria was set out, and Hall said it was reviewed by Town council, the public stakeholders and agencies.

The criteria narrowed down the potential options to two, and finally to the GO Station Focus.

There were some proponents of the other options who offered their views.

One man favouring the North Hill West option said it would be a logical place for development, with two high schools nearby, as well as a community centre and the new fire hall planned for Bolton would be in walking distance. He also pointed out one disadvantage with the GO Station Focus is it's on the other side of the rail line running through the village.

As well, he pointed out there are plans for a 40,000-square-foot food store in the area of Columbia Way.

He agreed preparing for GO Rail is important, but the timing is a problem, as he said Metrolinx has put rail service to Bolton off the agenda for some time to come.

In addition, he said using Option 3 would take out better farm land than Option 1.

A lawyer representing land owners in Option 4 (King Street West) called for a more comprehensive study of all the options, adding the objective has to be to apply good policy.

One man, living in one of the rounding-out areas, was curious what would happen there. Warren told him the Region is giving those areas the same consideration as the other options.

"The Region of Peel has not picked an option," she declared.

Presad added the town has gone through its process, and now Peel's doing the same, and that includes looking at the Town's position.

"I never saw any material in the mail that said what you just said," the man replied.

A north hill resident was concerned about new residents doing their shopping at Zehrs or Walmart, without any more parking spots being added. She pointed to the southern-most option, Option 6 (Humber Station Road), pointing out new people coming to that area might not do their shopping there, "and hog our parking spaces."

She added a lot of these people would be working to the south, such as in Toronto, so that option might be better for them.

One woman urged officials to make decisions wisely, so they will benefit the community, and not to base them on back-room deals.


One man advocated approving all the areas for growth and letting development proceed.

"You can drag this out for another 15 years," he said. "Why can't they just rubber-stamp everything and just move on?"

Presad commented the provincial documents set out the population projections, and Caledon's share of the growth isn't enough to include all the options.

"It needs to be done with thought, some careful thought," he said.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
"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, FEBRUARY 26
The Caledon Seniors' Centre is hosting their monthly dinner at 5:30 p.m. The menu this month is Shepherd's Pie, vegetables, dessert, tea/coffee. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration is required. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

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.

Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance's (HFFA) Farm to School Open House and OTF Grant Recognition. If you love eating local food and supporting local farmers, come celebrate the expansion of HFFA's Farm to School programs, made possible by an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant. This interactive event is free for the whole family and will include after-school snacks and a "tasting dinner" of the most popular Local Food Club meals. There will be lots of hands-on, food fun activities for kids and adults. It will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at Caledon Equestrian Park, 200 Pine Ave., Palgrave. To register, visit hffa.ca and view the full event post on the What's Happening blog.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
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, meeting the first and third Tuesday of the month, 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, MARCH 2
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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit weight loss group that meets weekly in the Heritage Hall of Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St. Weigh in is from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m. and the meeting is from 7:30 to 8:30. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
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THURSDAY, MARCH 10
Come and join members of the Caledon Horticultural Society to learn and enhance gardening knowledge, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Cheltenham United Church, 14309 Creditview Rd. Water features always add an intriguing aspect to any garden. Wolfe Bonham (a returning speaker) will talk about "The Art of Building Natural Looking Ponds and Waterfalls".

Lis at Bolton Toyota will host a special evening for ladies called Heels and Cars. They will be learning how to check tire air, change wiperblades, fill up windshield fluid. It will be a car confident evening, so don't miss out. RSVP by Feb. the 29. Refreshments will be served. Call lis at 905-857-4100, ext. 246.

Bolton and District PROBUS Club presents a demonstration of service dogs and their role in their community. It will be at 9:45 a.m. at Albion-Bolton Community Centre on Queen Street South. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

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SELLING HOT CHOCOLATE FOR THE CAUSE

Students at Macville Public School have been very busy working to raise money in their Spread the Net effort, aimed at buying bed nets for children in Africa to help protect them from mosquitoes carrying malaria. Grade 3 student Hannah Brooksbank came up with the idea of selling hot chocolate, and she was out Sunday afternoon doing a brisk business at Palgrave Pond.

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Mayor and councillors take part in Longest Night

By Bill Rea

Some people might sleep in their cars on a lark.
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Or maybe they have no house and the car is the only place they have to sleep.

That is reality for a lot of people, and it's a reality that many might have trouble understanding.
Mayor Allan Thompson, along with Councillors Jennifer Innis and Annette Groves, were joined by Anita Stellinga, vice-president of community investment for United Way of Peel Region, spending a night getting a feel for just that. They were taking part in the second annual Longest Night event, aimed at raising awareness of the homelessness issue in the community.
"I think this is the first time I've ever slept in a parked car overnight," Innis remarked the next morning.
The four of them gathered in the parking lot of Town Hall in Caledon East at 11 p.m. Friday night, and spent the night sleeping in their respective vehicles.
They got a lousy night's sleep.
"Sleeping in the car sucks," Thompson

declared shortly after 6 a.m. Saturday.
They also were in agreement that they picked up a certain appreciation of what homeless people have to deal with.
Thompson observed there are more than 220,000 people in Peel who are deemed to be homeless. "There's four times as many people sleeping in cars than sleeping in shelters," he remarked.
The four got through the experience only a little the worse for wear, but they were also aware that they only got a taste of what it's like to be forced to spend the night in a car. For one thing, Thompson and the two councillors had keys to get into Town Hall, meaning they had easy access to washrooms.
And Innis wondered about how homeless people with children would handle things. "How do we do that with little kids?" she wondered.
The night was windy, and Innis and Stellinga felt their cars rocking as a result. And Groves said she woke up in the middle of the night, feeling the cold.
"You do sleep because you're exhausted," Thompson observed, although he said it wasn't very restful, and he wondered how people are supposed to be productive after such a night, especially if that's part of their regular routine. "Where do you go when you need to wash up?"

Groves agreed that it would be hard on people who had to do it all the time.
"You can't get a good rest, and you can't function properly," she said.
Thompson said he started the night sitting in the driver's seat, but moved into the back seat at about 1 a.m., after his lower back started hurting. At five feet, 11 inches, he found he had to scrunch.
There are also safety concerns. All four

vehicles were parked behind Town Hall, which was deemed safe.
"I felt safe because we were all together," Groves said.
But Stellinga wondered about people who have to park in places that might not be as safe.
She also pointed the four of them were able to go home at the end.
"Where do they go?" Groves wondered.



Mayor Allan Thompson, Councillor Jennifer Innis, Anita Stellinga, vice-president of community investment for United Way of Peel Region, and Councillor Annette Groves spent Friday night sleeping in their cars at Town Hall as part of the Longest Night.
Photo by Bill Rea



Peel Region recently awarded the contract for design work for the replacement of this bridge on Queen Street in Alton.

R.V. Anderson to do design work on Alton bridge

By Bill Rea

R.V. Anderson Associates Limited has been given the job to do detailed design and contract administration for the replacement bridge on Queen Street in Alton.
Peel Regional council recently awarded the contract, on the advice of Regional staff. Their submitted bid of \$1,107,625 was the lowest of four received.
Staff reported this two-lane bridge, which crosses the Shaw's Creek just east of Main Street, has been serving an arterial function in the northwest corner of Peel. Built in 1925, the Ministry of Transportation rehabilitated and widened it in

1964. Additional rehabilitation work was done in 1996.
Structural repairs were recommended to the bridge about a year ago, but it was eventually determined that the condition and strength of the 1925 concrete couldn't be improved. It was decided the most cost-effective thing to do was replace the whole thing.
Truck load restrictions were placed on the bridge in October.
Staff said funding for the design work is available. Money for the actual construction won't be needed until next year, and staff said it would be requested in the 2017 budget.

Caledon Public Library increasing hours at three of its branches

Starting this Monday (Feb. 29), Caledon Public Library will increase the hours of operation at three branches — Alton, Caledon village and the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branches.
"We are always looking for opportunities to better serve Caledon and these additional hours will enhance our ability to efficiently and effectively meet residents' needs," said Chief Librarian and CEO Colleen Lipp. "Customer service is always a priority for CPL and we are fortunate that these improved hours were supported by Town of Caledon Council during the 2016 budget process."

Hours of operation at the Alton, Caledon Village and Margaret Dunn Valleywood branches were previously limited by the number of budget-supported staff hours. The successful conversion of three staff members to full-time allows for the addition of nine open hours across the three branches each week. These enhanced hours encourage convenient and continued use of the quality programs and services offered by the library.
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Police and mental health workers combine in crisis support

By Bill Rea

Knowing how to handle people with mental health issues can reduce the strain on police resources and the health care system.

That’s the motivation behind the formation of the new 24.7 Crisis Support Peel Team, that was officially launched last Wednesday (Feb. 17) at the Caledon OPP station near Caledon East.

Although the program just had its official launch, it’s actually been up and going since Dec. 1. David Smith, CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) — Peel, said it’s been busy too. As of last Wednesday, he said there had been 190 interactions.

Smith was very excited about the launch of the program, pointing out a lot of work, involving various partners, went on behind the scenes to bring it about.

The partners included the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), as well as OPP, as they all embraced the benefits of minimizing the criminalization of mental health.

The program is an expansion of the success in dealing with mental health and addiction issues in Brampton and Mississauga. Smith said there have been more than 20,000 interactions since March, commenting that “speaks volumes of where the need is.”

And people wind up in hospitals in only about nine per cent of these cases. The figure is a lot higher when they are dealt with by police alone.

“The right people go to the hospital

emergency department,” he observed.

Smith said the goal of the program is to enable people with illness and addictions to stay in the community.

It will see a mental health professional riding with an OPP officer to calls which might involve mental health issues. By allowing these people to act at the scene, it reduces the stress on the criminal justice system, while also avoiding the clogging of hospital emergency rooms.

As well, he said these officers are in plain clothes, and ride in unmarked police vehicles.

“It’s a much quieter affair,” he said, adding the hope is the lack of uniforms and sirens will help calm situations.

“Mental Health Awareness is something that’s very important,” Mayor Allan Thompson observed.

He added Caledon is regarded as one of the safest communities in Canada, but there’s still a lot that could be improved.

“We can’t work in silos any more,” Thompson remarked, stressing the need for collaboration. “Every little step in the right direction is important.”

OPP Superintendent Rose DiMarco (former commander of the Caledon detachment) observed that all involved in the program have been working toward the same goal. She added OPP is committed to removing the stigma of mental illness and the barriers it creates. She also said awareness and education is important.

She also said police recognized there was an increase in the number of calls involving mental health, and they have been studying the situation through On-

tario. “We took a very wholesome approach,” she said.

Inspector Tim Melanson, commander of Caledon OPP, said they have two officers assigned to the program, with four others as back-ups. These officers are in plain clothes, and are working 12 hour shifts (from 10 to 10).

Charlene Heyer, manager of crisis services at CMHA — Peel, said there are 20 full-time crisis workers with the agency,

and they are working with the police on a rotating basis. “It’s an integrated team,” she said.

“You get a little different perspective from each worker,” Melanson added.

Heyer said the crisis workers can do assessments and decide the best course of action.

“We know that taking people to hospital is not a great experience, and they don’t always get the help they need,” she added.



OPP Superintendent Rose DiMarco, Mayor Allan Thompson, Central West LHIN CEO Scott McLeod, CMHA — Peel CEO David Smith and Constable Brenda Evans were on hand for last Wednesday’s launch.

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OPP participated in Heroes Welcome Day and AutoShow

Members of OPP were among those being honoured at Heroes Welcome Day at the Canadian International AutoShow last Thursday.

Emergency services personnel, members of Canada’s military and first responders were celebrated.

Along with the old and the new OPP cruisers and motorcycles on display at the AutoShow, some specialized response vehicles were also be at the event, including a fully-equipped Chevrolet Suburban used by the OPP Canine Unit.

OPP Commissioner Vince Hawkes was on hand too.

“The AutoShow provides the OPP with an exceptional opportunity to share not only the history and evolution of police vehicles, but to showcase the innovative technology in our present fleet,” he said. “The men and women of the OPP are tireless in their efforts to keep communities safe, and police vehicles play a key role in helping our members do their jobs well, and safely.”

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Residents learn about living with coyotes

By Mark Pavilons

Coyotes have been roaming southern Ontario for more than a century. Residents, especially those in rural Caledon, have to learn to live with these animals and find ways to mitigate conflicts to prevent tragedy.

Concerns have been mounting recently over reports of coyote sightings.

To help inform the public, King Township brought in several experts to speak about the Eastern Coyote. The standing-room-only event was held at the Schomberg Library recently, attracting more than 80 residents. Experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Coyote Watch Canada and the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) presented many facts and important tips on how to co-exist with these animals.

Eva Bobak of MNR pointed out food supply determines numbers of the Eastern Coyote, who are highly adaptive to fluctuating food sources. They mate for life and breed at this time of year, producing three to nine pups in April or May. The breed has a high mortality rate, with only half surviving their first year. The territory of these families averages 13.5 kilometres in size and while they don't tend to travel in packs, some families stay together.

They tend to remain in their territory and numbers have expanded with the decrease in the population of their main predators — wolves.

Previous attempts to curb the coyote population didn't work. A "harvest" actually tends to increase the number of animals.

The coyotes have adapted well to urban areas and are most active during the evening. They have come to associate humans with a source of food. Feeding and improper outside storage of food have increased their presence in communities.

She pointed out that livestock kills by coyotes are rare, but cats and small dogs can fall prey to them.

Bobak said under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, coyotes can be captured, killed and "harassed," and residents can use agents to trap or kill these animals if they become a threat. There is no closed season and no limit on coyotes.

To avoid such drastic measures, she said residents can limit contact and potential conflict with coyotes through a few methods. Limit access to food; secure trash; keep cats inside and pick up dog

feces. Lighting and fencing are also methods to deter access to properties.

When encountering a coyote, Bobak told residents not to feed them; don't run or back away; be vocal and when hiking, and carry a stick or cane.

Coyotes are not inherently "bad" and are "here to stay."

Lesley Sampson, founding executive director of Coyote Watch Canada, said residents have to decide "the relationship you have with these animals."

There are many myths related to these animals, and that's why public sessions like the recent one were so important — to create "nature literacy." People use the terms "coywolf" or "coydog," but these are inaccurate and misleading. There are Eastern Coyotes in Ontario, who don't tend to be aggressive or bold. They can grow to upwards of 44 pounds and are active all year.

Residents often hear their howls, and believe that's during a kill. It's not. They vocalize to claim their territory and alert other animals.

People feeding wild animals is the main reason they're coming closer to settlements. They're very smart animals and as they become more familiar with humans, they will return. But by nature, they are wary and even afraid of people.

The community needs to be engaged, she said, to celebrate animals and not be in conflict with them. She pointed out there are other dangerous predators in our midst — owls, hawks and eagles — that will also take small pets.

The coyote is an "eco-thermometer," she explained, noting they are an accurate measure of nature and habitat changes.

"Coyote families matter," she said. "They keep the community healthy."

They are also drawn to their natural food source — rodents. They're "excellent mousers" and can eat upwards of 1,800 rodents per year. Where rodents go, coyotes follow.

Coyotes have many good qualities, she pointed out. They are diligent, devoted parents, curious and intelligent. They have been known to steal dog toys and balls for their own pups.

A lethal response to coyotes will only bring more animals to the area.

To help deter them, Sampson suggested residents remove bird feeders and seal up holes and crevices that can be used for dens.

In all of her years in field, she said she's never met an aggressive coyote.

Julia Pietrus, of TWC, said they deal with roughly 20 injured coyotes per year.

TWC provides a wildlife hotline, rescue services, medical care and rehabilitation, along with education and outreach services.

They receive roughly 30,000 phone calls per year, making it the busiest service of its kind in Canada.

TWC has a unique relationship with King Township. Last year, they received

some 500 calls from King residents and dealt with roughly 50 animals from the area. Many callers simply want advice on how to help an injured animal.

This organization is passionate about helping animals. She pointed out that roughly 2,000 people are killed on Canadian roads every year and roughly a dozen are killed by lightning. One to two Canadians are killed in dog attacks. There have been only two verified coyote killings of humans in the entire history of North America.

"Hazing" is one of the best ways to keep coyotes in check, she said. Loud noises, spraying them with water, and other things can scare them off and let them know who's in charge.

Sampson said feeding them, or "food conditioning," makes matters worse, and people can stop this right away, changing the animals' behaviour literally overnight.

Sampson said CWC does offer resident services and their experts can come to a property to help size up the situation and offer solutions.

She said they would love it if residents supplied them with photos to help catalogue coyotes

Police were busy over holiday weekend

The recent Family Day weekend was a busy time for Caledon OPP.

They report officers were called out to deal with 30 traffic collisions between Feb. 12 and 15. There were no serious injuries in any of these incidents.

Police remind the public to drive according to the changing road and weather conditions. As well, they are urging people to reduce their speed and increase following distance; engage their full headlight systems to increase visibility; eliminate distractions in the vehicle; allow themselves extra time to arrive at their destination; and give snow removal equipment extra space.

As always, travel should include an emergency roadside kit, extra clothing, a full tank of gas, and ensuring that the cellular phone is fully charged.

Travellers can also utilize 511.ca and follow OPP on various twitter accounts for updates on road closures as they move throughout the province.



There are concerns about the prevalence of Eastern Coyotes in the area, and a crowd recently gathered in Schomberg to learn how to co-exist with them.
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‘A COMMUNITY AFFAIR’ BRINGS PEOPLE OUT

The Royal Ambassador Event Centre was a busy place last Friday night as a large crowd was out for the sixth annual Gala, A Community Affair, put on by the Caledon East Revitalization Committee. Proceeds from the event will go toward purchasing more planters, banners and other items to beautify the downtown of the village. Or-

ganizers of the event included Jacqui Viaene, Sherie Kirkpatrick, Pete Paterson, Tina Noack, Cheryl Robb, Ann Currie, Mollie Cavan, Chris Merkley, Adriana Roche and Andrea Prieur.

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Town of Caledon 2016 Budget



Budget Highlights

The 2016 Budget focuses on four main areas:

- Council Work Plan Priorities** - Unmet needs that relate to the objectives in the Council Work plan
- Keeping Technology Current** - Unmet needs that enhance customer service. Provides staff tools to be more efficient and effective and advances the Town’s technology architecture
- Growth** - Unmet need requests that maintain service levels challenged by growth, such as more roads, parks, facilities, customer service and staffing
- Organizational Excellence** – Unmet needs that contribute to the attraction and retention of high quality staff to service the public

Overall 2016 Tax Impact on Residents - 1.97% Increase*

For the average household assessed at \$519,000, it’s an extra \$88.20. Or for every \$100,000 of residential assessment, it’s an extra \$16.99 in property tax.

**Includes Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and Education (Assuming no change to the Education rates as they have not been finalized)*

Broadband Levy

A special levy included in the budget will generate \$300,000 per year for the Town to implement a Town-wide high speed internet strategy.

The special levy represents \$11 (of the \$88.20 as noted to the left) for an average household.

More information will be included with your final tax bill.

Your Money at Work

For every \$1.00 of Town of Caledon taxes levied to support the total 2016 budget, the money is used in the following way:

**Other includes: Corporate Accounts, Development Approval and Planning Policy, Economic Development, and Human Resources*

2016 Capital Project Highlights

Public Works, Roads and Bridges:

\$0.8M — roads reconstruction an rehabilitation

\$0.5M — storm water management program

\$3.9M — bridge repairs or rehabilitation in the following locations:

- Kennedy Road
- Credit Road
- Winston Churchill
- McLaren Road

\$4.1M — the third year of a Town-wide enhanced pavement management program for additional rehabilitation and resurfacing of roads

Corporate Services

- Over \$1.2M for information technology upgrades and improvements including funds to assist other departments to implement technology for record management, asset management, and expansion of Public Wi-Fi to other recreation facilities.

Development Approval & Planning Policy

\$0.2M — Official Plan Review

Fire & Emergency Services

\$1.0M — Fire Training Facility

Library Services

\$2.5M — provide for additional Library services in the Mayfield West Community as the population arrives. This is a term of council project for a total of \$9.9M over the 4-year term. (2015 – 2018)

Parks and Recreation

\$0.3M — Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness - improvements to the activity room, Rockwall Safety Mats / Gates and Campus Infrastructure, which includes removal of the existing lights to be replaced with LED fixtures in the parking lots.

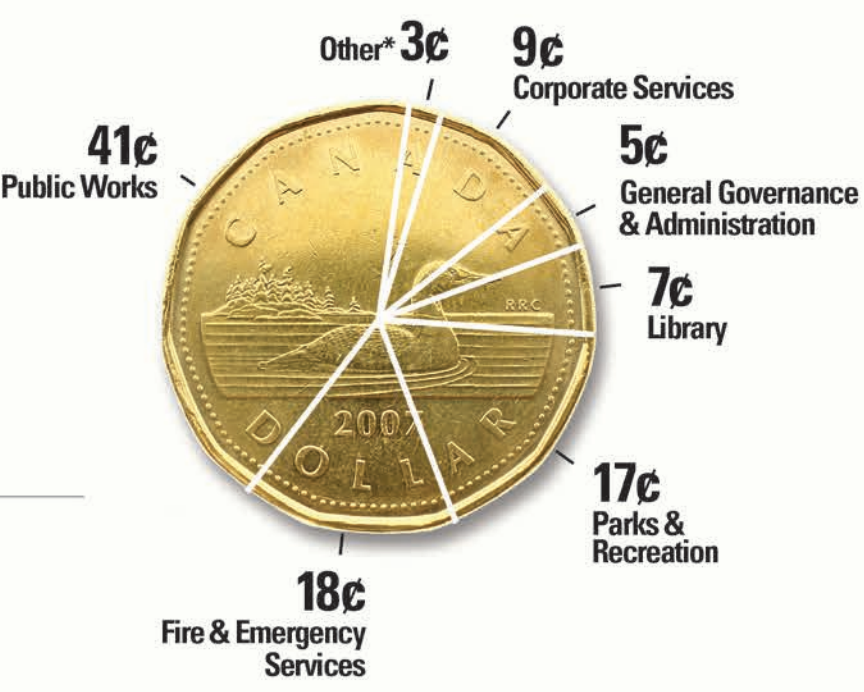
\$0.1M — Mayfield Recreation Complex - renovations to the washrooms for accessibility needs, pool bleacher replacements, arena paving for Ice Resurfacer area, pool change room fixtures, and floor repairs.

Parks and Recreation - Continued

\$0.3M — Caledon Trailway - resurfacing portions of the Caledon Trailway. For 2016 the Town will receive grant funding from the Federal Community Infrastructure Program, which is 50% of the cost of this project. This will ensure Caledon trails meet a multi-purpose standard.

\$0.3M — Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena - replacing two (2) dehumidification units at the arena. For 2016 the Town will receive grant funding from the Federal Community Infrastructure Program, which is 50% of the cost of this project.

The Mayfield West Community Centre construction cost is estimated to be \$22.8M of which \$3.4M is funded by tax and \$19.4M from development charges. Allocation of capital funding is spread over 2015 - 2018.



Category	Amount
Public Works	41¢
Fire & Emergency Services	18¢
Parks & Recreation	17¢
Library	7¢
General Governance & Administration	5¢
Corporate Services	9¢
Other	3¢

Town of Caledon Budget - \$ millions

Operating Budget	\$79.0M
Capital Budget	\$40.5M

For more information, please visit the Town’s website at caledon.ca/budget

Town News



Town of Caledon March Break Activities Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18

March Break Activity Camp

Spend your March Break at your local recreation centre! Participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including games, sports, arts and crafts and more.

Ages: 4-12 years | Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Cost: \$185.00 per person

Locations: Caledon Community Complex, Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness and Inglewood Community Centre - half day option available at this location

Extended Care: Available at each location.

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Cost: \$25.00 per person



ACTIVITY CAMP

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Other Activities

Other activities specific to the facility may include rock climbing, swimming (depending on age) and skating.



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The Town has expanded the Tree Seedling Program by partnering with the Credit Valley Conservation and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to provide more services. Please visit caledon.ca/seedlings for more information.



Interim Property Tax Bills have been mailed

The Interim property tax due dates are:

Thursday, March 3, 2016 and Thursday, May 5, 2016

Taxpayers are responsible for the payment of property taxes by the due date.

Please contact the Town at 905.584.2272 x.7750 before the due date if you do not have a copy of your 2016 Interim property tax bill. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment, nor does it relieve the taxpayer from liability to pay penalties and interest.

Late payment charges will be applied one day following the due date and on the first day of each following month that property taxes are outstanding. Neither the Treasurer nor the Customer Service staff have the authorization to waive penalty or interest charges.

Payment options include enrolling in a pre-authorized payment plan, by post-dated cheque, in person at Town Hall during operating hours or by 24-hour drop box (payment by cheque only in drop box please), by telephone or internet banking, at your financial institution or online by credit card at plastic.com (service fee applies to online credit card payments).

To sign up for pre-authorized payments (PAP) or for more information regarding payment options, visit caledon.ca/tax

Newly built home?

Please visit our website for information on supplementary tax bills.



CCCGT Primary Grant Application IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Agricultural and community groups are invited to apply for primary grant recipient funding through the 2016 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament (CCCGT).

The 2016 CCCGT primary grant recipient will be awarded to an applicant supporting community projects within Caledon. Applicants will be considered generally based on, but not limited to, the following criteria.

The applicant:

- is a non-profit organization
- is located in Caledon and/or provides services for Caledon residents
- is a Capital project in nature benefitting the community
- provides details and the scope of the project, and
- provides a plan to recognize this grant and the Town

For an application form, visit www.caledon.ca/cccg or email municipalgrants@caledon.ca

All application forms must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday March 4, 2016. Applications can be sent by mail, in person or by e-mail to municipalgrants@caledon.ca



The Deadline to appeal your property assessment for 2016 is March 31, 2016.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) offers a free Request for Reconsideration process if you do not agree with your property assessment. For more information, or to file an appeal, please visit www.mpac.ca or contact MPAC at 1.866.296.6722

MPAC also offers free information about your property and its comparative properties online at www.aboutmyproperty.ca.

Tax Appeal adjustments are available for properties that undergo changes during the year, such as a change in property class, property damaged by fire, demolition or a building that is undergoing repairs or renovations. Please contact the tax office at 905.584.2272 x.7750 for more information.

Please note that property tax bills should still be paid as billed, even if the property is under appeal.



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Arts & Entertainment



The murder’s announced: Find out who did it at Townhall Players

By Bill Rea

Murder isn’t always bad: In fact, it can be entertaining, albeit a little confusing, as the Caledon Town Hall Players are currently demonstrating.

They are putting on *A Murder is Announced*, an Agatha Christie thriller and mystery, featuring an assortment of characters who seem (and sometimes are) suspicious.

There are 11 characters, meaning 11 possible suspects (any devotee of murder mysteries of course knows better than to eliminate the cops from suspicion), and a lot of the characters are not who they appear to be. The fact is if murder mysteries were simple, they wouldn’t be any fun, now would they?

The stage in the theatre is small, but as is always the case with the troupe, that doesn’t stand in the way of the story. The set, designed and constructed by Chuck Blacklock, Kim Blacklock (who is also the director), Brian Molleur (producer) and Heidi Kachel, is the sitting room of quaint English Victorian country home, Little Paddocks, complete with all the usual trappings, including a portrait on the wall. It seems an almost cozy setting for a murder. Actually, the set is designed as two rooms that had been converted into one, as is explained as the play progresses.

The scene is set Friday the 13th (naturally) with an announcement in the local newspaper (the Gazette) that a murder will take place that night at 6:30 p.m. at Little Paddocks. No one knows who

placed the item, and the action unfolds as the people who live in the house react. The owner Letitia (played by Marg Argall) tries to shrug it off. “We’ll all laugh about it tomorrow,” she says. Her niece



The cast of *A Murder is Announced* consists of (standing) Sabrina Valleau, Mark Ladouceur, Steve “Red” Redford, Andrea Gaynor, Mahaffey Khan, Bryson Landriault, Leah Simeone, (seated) Sharon Ching, Marg Argall, Susan McLay and Lia Strazzeri.

Photo by Bill Rea

Julia (Lia Strazzeri) says it’s a joke and Letitia’s nephew Patrick (Bryson Landriault) cracks jokes, as he tells his sister at one point that he’s “laced your drink with cyanide.”

Meanwhile the lodger Bunny (Sharon

Ching) finds the whole thing upsetting and the servant Mitzi (Sabrina Valleau) hovers between being fearful (that she’s the intended victim) and paranoid (that she’s a possible suspect). There are drop-

one of the characters utters the words “murder mystery.”

Eventually, there is a murder, as Rudi Scherz gets bumped off, and Inspector Craddock (Mark Ladouceur) and Sergeant Mellors (Steve “Red” Redford) appear on the scene to try and sort everything out. Some of the best scenes revolve around the byplay between the Inspector and Miss Marple. There are times he’s patronizing to her, and other times when he clearly wishes she would just get lost.

And remember what you were told before — a lot of these characters are not what they seem to be.

Good community theatre depends on its veterans, and several of the people involved in this production have many years of service stripes with the troupe. But there’s also been room made for new blood. Strazzeri and Landriault are both students at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East.

That’s how you keep these things going. Incidentally, you will have noticed you’ve not yet been told who the killer is, and you’re not going to find out here.

No, you have to go and see the play to find that one out.

A Murder is Announced will be performed tomorrow (Friday) at 8:15 p.m. and Saturday, with a matinee at 2:15 p.m. and an evening performance at 8:15.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or can be ordered through www.caledontownhallplayers.com or by calling 519-927-5460.

Check it out.



REID ENTERTAINS AUDIENCE

Ian Reid performed Friday night at CrossCurrents Cafe in Bolton. He is a singer, songwriter and entertainer, noted for his down-to-earth sensibility and musical skill.

Photo by Bill Rea

Headwaters Guide wins honours

The Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) recently honoured the Headwaters Four-Season Visitors’ Guide with the award for 2015 Best Publication (Print or Digital).

Breaking the mold for traditional visitor guide design, the Headwaters 2015 publication was the centerpiece of the region’s new brand positioning.

The President’s Gala Dinner and Awards of Excellence were the culmination of the 59th annual EDCO conference held in Toronto from Feb. 2 to 4. This year, more than 115 award submissions were entered in the promotional category, and Headwaters Tourism was honoured to be recognized as the best publication.

Conceived as a contemporary lifestyle publication, the Headwaters 2015 Visitors’ Guide is a 68-page guide to the year-round food and dining, activities, cultural and community events and natural attractions waiting less than an hour from Toronto. The Guide also introduces several local people who embody the creativity and independent spirit of the

region’s many entrepreneurs. Fiddlers to farriers, restaurateurs to ranchers, stone masons to farmers are presented in bold black-and-white photographs, with stories showcasing the real people and places that make Headwaters, where Ontario gets real!

“This publication showcases the value of people and place that embodies this region; not only does the publication feature real people and real products, but it was totally conceived and produced by a creative team of real professionals from Headwaters,” Headwaters Tourism’s Board Chair Stacey Coupland commented. “The stories we are telling and the experiences we are sharing with visitors support our goal of making Headwaters Ontario’s premier rural tourism destination.”

The Guide was created by the team at Touchwood Design, and inspired by contributions from the photographers, storytellers, artists, entrepreneurs and hundreds of the people who make Headwaters the home of Rural Enjoyment and Authentic Living (REAL).

Tipling holding auditions

See yourself starring in a murder mystery?

Audition for a part in Tipling Stage Company’s *Murder Mistaken*, a classic melodrama by Janet Green, March 2 at 7 p.m. Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne.

Edward Bare, an attractive, charming and likeable, but ruthlessly ambitious young man is married to a rich, doting wife many years his senior, thinks she is about to change her will and decides he must hasten her end. Unfortunately, he finds himself with less than he had when

she was alive but quickly finds himself a wealthy widow. She’s wise enough, however, to keep a tight hold on the purse strings to his increasing frustration. Then, another rich woman arrives on the scene.

Bev Nicholas will be directing two men and four women of various ages. Check out the Tipling Stage Company website for more information at tiplingstagecompany.com

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KUNG FU PANDA 3 (PG) (CARTOON/ANIMATION ACTION) FRI, MON-WED 6:50; SAT-SUN 12:55, 3:55, 6:50
DEADPOOL (18A) (BRUTAL VIOLENCE, COARSE LANGUAGE, SEXUAL CONTENT) FRI, MON-THURS 7:00, 9:45; SAT-SUN 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
ZOOLANDER NO. 2 (PG) (LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND, SEXUAL CONTENT) FRI-WED 9:10
HOW TO BE SINGLE (14A) (COARSE LANGUAGE, SEXUAL CONTENT) FRI, MON-THURS 6:45, 9:20; SAT-SUN 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20
GODS OF EGYPT 3D (PG) (VIOLENCE) FRI, MON-THURS 6:40, 9:30; SAT-SUN 12:40, 6:40, 9:30
TRIPLE 9 (Not Rated) FRI, MON-THURS 6:35, 9:35; SAT-SUN 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35
THE WITCH (Not Rated) FRI, MON-THURS 6:55, 9:40; SAT-SUN 12:50, 3:50, 6:55, 9:40
GODS OF EGYPT (PG) (VIOLENCE) SAT-SUN 3:40
ZOOTOPIA 3D (Not Rated) THURS 7:00, 9:30

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Jones encouraged by inclusion of craft ciders in new markets

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones stated last Thursday she's pleased with the announcement by the government to allow cider to be sold at some grocery stores and farmers' markets across the province.

Following the day's announcement, cider will be available for purchase in grocery stores across the province wherever beer is sold. In addition, Ontario craft cider and fruit wines will be included in the program that allows VQA wines to be sold at farmers' markets.

Chez Thrift is moving in September

Caledon Community Services (CCS) has announced that one of its stores, Chez Thrift, will be moving to a new location at 4 Industrial Rd. in Bolton.

Previously a large gym, the new store offers 15,000 square feet of space for a larger retail area, sit-in-your-car donation drop off drive-through and an expansive processing area, as well as new boutique areas, such as youth-led business initiatives and a well-anointed training area on the second floor that will be used by different community groups and by CCS in support of many Caledon residents.

The new location is a short walk from The ReUstore, CCS' second social purpose enterprise.

The new store location will address challenges that Chez Thrift now faces, including large quantities of dumping, a rent hike that is unaffordable and most important, the inability to expand and provide a top-quality work environment and a top-quality shopping experience for customers, staff and volunteers.

A grand opening date has yet to be confirmed, but will closely coincide with the closing of the current location Sept. 30.

All of the proceeds from both Chez Thrift and The ReUstore go directly to community programs. As a multi-service, community-impact organization, CCS supports residents of Caledon and surrounding communities.

"Today's announcement is a good start recognizing our province's craft cider industry," Jones said. "Ontario craft cider has rapidly expanded in a short period of time but we can do more to support Ontario craft cider growers and producers."

"I look forward to continuing working with the government to adopt my private member's bill, Bill 110, the Growing Ontario's Craft Cider Industry Act, 2015," Jones commented.

"Bill 110 will ensure that the tax or mark-up imposed on Ontario cider does

not exceed the mark-up or tax imposed on beer in Ontario," she added. "This will help ensure Ontario cider producers will receive the same incentives that Ontario craft beer producers receive, and allow for the further development of this home-grown product."



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ACROSS

- 1. Unhurried
- 5. Grandma
- 9. Printer's proof
- 14. Certain lamp
- 15. Audible
- 17. Prejudiced
- 18. March 15
- 19. Fellow
- 20. Ascend
- 21. Wordy birdie
- 22. Mighty tree
- 23. Student at The Citadel
- 25. Little deduction?
- 27. Long tooth
- 28. Steersman's place
- 32. Street urchin
- 35. Dakota
- 37. Drowned valley
- 38. ____ on (urge)
- 39. Argument

DOWN

- 2. Lord's wife
- 3. Baking place
- 4. Pungent condiment
- 5. Influential one
- 6. Assuage
- 7. Cranny's kin
- 8. North Sea bird
- 9. Primed

ACROSS

- 40. Topsoil
- 11. Fraternity letter
- 12. Thing, in law
- 13. " ____ to Billy Joe"
- 16. Pour
- 17. Move a bit
- 24. Fore-run
- 26. Additionally
- 27. Woodland deity
- 29. Consequently
- 30. Jungle beast
- 31. Equine mother
- 32. Beautician's aid
- 33. Turkish official
- 34. Film co.
- 35. Mineral spring
- 36. Marine bird
- 40. Saintly image
- 41. Sketch
- 43. Theory
- 45. Farm measurement
- 48. " ____ City"
- 50. Clock's pointer
- 52. Junk e-mail
- 53. Killer whale
- 54. Look searchingly
- 55. Had been
- 56. Doctrine
- 58. Belfry denizen
- 59. Bleater
- 60. Slangy sleuth
- 63. Piquant root vegetable
- 64. "You're it!" game
- 68. Extremely annoyed
- 70. Gemstone
- 72. Giant of the deep?
- 74. It also rises
- 75. Young hooter
- 77. "Do ____ others ..."
- 78. Kibbutz dance
- 80. Lower edge of a roof
- 81. Bridge length
- 82. Enameled metalware
- 83. "To and ____"
- 84. Romanian coin
- 85. Performance
- 87. In what way?

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Editorial

Homelessness is not acceptable

At their last meeting, Peel Regional councillors heard from a delegation representing Our Place Peel.

The group found a sympathetic council, as they called for support for youth-specific housing services, including emergency shelters. They also called for a region-wide collaborative approach to end youth homelessness in Peel.

This is a perfectly laudable goal, as the delegates pointed out youth homelessness is currently a crisis in Peel.

The problem is the issue goes deeper than some young people finding shelter. There are also adults and families in the same situation.

That was spelled out over the weekend by various officials who took part in the United Way of Peel Region's second annual Longest Night event. Mayor Allan Thompson and Councillors Jennifer Innis and Annette Groves parked their respective vehicles at Town Hall Friday night, and spent the night inside them, trying to get a decent night's sleep. Not surprisingly, they weren't terribly successful.

But what they were really trying to do is point out that homelessness does exist, with some people being forced to sleep in cars because they have no other choice.

And we have to remember Friday's demonstration was put on by adults on their own. The kids were home in bed. What if the children were obliged to accompany them?

And since they were at Town Hall, they were able to get access to washrooms. Is that the case with everyone obliged to sleep in their car. There were some complaints voiced years ago from some residents in Toronto, angry because so many homeless people tended to hang around City Hall. There was a very good reason for that. Nathan Phillips Square has washrooms that are accessible to the public 24-7.

What's more, everyone taking part in Friday night's event knew it was just going to last for a couple of hours. Once they were done, they knew that had a home to go to, with comfortable sleeping accommodations and a bathroom.

Reality is sometimes not nearly as nice.

We Canadians like the think our country does a pretty good job when dealing with social issues and the needs of people. Moreover, we are well into the 21st century. Yet there are people who have trouble finding a roof to get under, even to this day in this society and culture.

It's true that a lot of these cases are the result of emotional or mental health issues, that might be a little tricky to deal with. But there are cases in which people are just having bad luck.

United Way reports there are more than 200,000 residents living in poverty, and the possibility of being homeless has got to be part of their reality.

Almost 20 years ago, Anne Golden chaired the Toronto Homelessness Action Task Force, and the work of this group drew considerable attention in its day. One point they made was a lot of families and individuals were very close to being able to put a roof over their heads, falling maybe just a few dollars short.

We suspect that might be the case in many instances today.

That might be worth looking into. Some of these problems might turn out to be rather easy to solve.

Actions like those that took place Friday night help spread the word about the problem. So what are we going to do about it?

Adults can behave bad

No matter what progress we believe this world has made, people tend not to change very much.

In fact, they still have that wonderful capacity for making fools of themselves. They often do dumb things. They frequently do insane things. I'm not complaining. If everyone in this world started regularly using the common sense God gave them, there would be little need for newspapers, and I should find myself unemployed. As I have frequently said and written, I have a vested interest in stupidity.

But sometimes, the stupidity gets offensive, often in the extreme.

I took a phone call in the office the other day from a man who was angry with something we, as a company, had done. It is a fact that it had nothing to do with the way I was doing my job, but rather one of the people who works for this company. As it happens, I don't even know the employee in question. But the fellow on the phone had some harsh words to say about this person, then used a term that I think could best be described as offensive. It wasn't obscene or a sample of fowl language. In certain contexts, I think most of us have probably used the word. In the fashion this fellow was using the word, however, it would have been offensive to many people. I have at least one close friend who gets extremely angry when she hears that word used that way. For that reason alone, I'm not going to repeat it here.

The point is the guy came out with the word. I asked him to repeat it, and he obliged. I very briefly toyed with the idea of hanging up on him (I've done it before, under similar circumstances). But I elected to just let it pass, and conclude the phone conversation as quickly as I could.

I accept the fact that this guy was angry and frustrated. And I do agree his beef was legitimate. But for a grown-up to channel that anger and frustration into lowering an adult conversation to words probably best suited to a schoolyard made me give my head a shake. The problem is there are so many like that out there.

We see them all the time, and there is the occasional justification. All of us do tend to sometimes get in the way of someone else, and we don't always act at our best. Anyone who's ever experienced road rage should understand what that's all about. There are those of us who get huffy if someone butts in ahead of us in line.

And then there are sporting events.

My birthday was a couple of weeks ago. I remember my seventh birthday 51 years before that (I'll pause for a second while you all do the arithmetic), because it fell on a Saturday, and my father was able to score two tickets to the Leaf game that night, as the Buds entertained Chicago. It was the first time I had ever seen my hockey heroes other than on the TV screen. So I was watching the likes of Tim Horton, Red Kelly (my favourite player in those days), Bob Pulford, Eddie Shack (he drew cheers when he literally leapfrogged over a teammate early in the match) and Johnny Bower dealing with slap shots from Bobby Hull. The Leafs lost 6-3, but that took only a little off the experience.

The other big memory of the night was the lout who was sitting right behind me, who seemed to have a hate-on for referee Vern Buffey, who was something of a fixture in those days at Saturday night Leaf games.

Lining the teams up for the face off after one of the goals, Buffey was a little slow for this fellow's taste.



Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute

By Ian Kittle

It is amazing the similarities between Scouts (including Beavers, Cubs and Girl Scouts) and Rotary.

Ceremonies are important: Both organizations use special occasions to remind them of the brotherhood/sisterhood of members worldwide; and rituals provide atmosphere and combine members into a cohesive unit.

Formality in presentations and rituals: Scouts have badges as do we; and the essence of a ritual is that the participants (and observers) know exactly what is going to happen — as in weekly meeting agendas, Rotary grace, happy bucks, fines etc.

Scouts have various forms of “totem poles” and flags as Rotarians do.

Scouts are encouraged to bring family members and friends to their meetings and ceremonies, as are Rotarians.

Scouts have “investitures,” Rotary has “inductions.” It illustrates the importance of the formality of recognizing the value of new members to our respective families.

Rotary is the adult version of Scouts as we are all kids at heart.

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

It happened today

The Tower of London is a very interesting landmark in the British capital, but there was a time when it was a very bad place to be sent, especially if the monarch was mad at you.

A lot of people had their heads cut off there.

One of them was Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex.

He was a favourite of Elizabeth I, but his vanity and arrogance evidently exceeded his competency and good sense.

He was sent to crush a rebellion in Ireland, but did a lousy job, then returned to court without permission. The Queen removed him from all his offices. Essex responded by trying to raise the people of London in a coup against the monarch. It failed, and he found himself in the Tower, facing a sentence to have his head cut off.

It came off this day, Feb. 25, 1601.

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Results from last week's poll:

We have now passed the 100-day mark since Justin Trudeau became Canada's Prime Minister.

Do you think he and his government are doing a good job?

a) Yes

20%

b) No

80%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Gas prices have been dropping over the last couple of months. Has that had any impact on the amount of driving you do?

a) Yes

b) No

So go to the website & cast a vote!



Bill Rea

“Drop the puck, ya bum!” he yelled at the ref, with my tender ears picking up every decibel. That was the first offering in an evening listening to this guy rant, and Buffey was his primary target.

My introduction to hooliganism.

It's probably a sign of the times that while this guy was obnoxious and annoying, his language was not offensive. The word “bum” was about as close as he came to being obscene (I was an impressionable seven-year-old kid, with a keen ear for profanity).

My dad's reaction was something I remember too, largely because of the lack of any reaction. I know he was annoyed. He told my mother as much the next morning at breakfast. I'm positive he was tempted to turn around and tell this guy to shut up. My father was not a man to back down in such situations. But he also knew he had his impressionable offspring there. So he bit his tongue, and I believe that went against his grain.

But it was an eye-opening experience into the world of adults not acting accordingly.

Now while he had to know (or should have known) that there was a little kid sitting right in front of him, the fact is this jerk was acting in an adult setting, meaning there might have been some excuse for his antics. What's the excuse when people act like louts when kids are playing? Many of us have seen such examples.

I played house-league hockey a couple of decades ago, and vividly remember there were times when some adults fell a lot short of what society would normally have expected of them. Parents yelling catcalls at officials, who were young kids working part-time. Coaches getting into fistfights over God knows what.

In my time in this business, I have been to enough kids' hockey games to see a lot of parents and coaches check their adult instincts at the door and behalf like complete jerks.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

My 12-year-old nephew plays rep hockey in the Caledon Hawks' organization, and we are into playoffs. My wife (his aunt) and I have attended a couple of games over the last few weeks, sitting among the Caledon cheering contingent, consisting mainly of parents. There's been lots of enthusiasm and energy. People have been cheering, banging on noise-makers, waving signs, ringing cowbells, etc. And if you're going to really get into the game, there are going to be moments of elation and frustration, and both emotions (along with a couple of others) have been expressed in abundance. But everyone seems to be able to keep things in perspective.

Beth and I usually join the throng of parents outside the dressing room after the game. Win or lose, everyone seems to be in a good mood.

It's only a game.

We attended one such game last week in Caledon East, and as Beth and I waited outside the dressing room for the family hero to emerge, I noticed a plaque on the wall inside the arena.

It reminds everyone that it's kids playing the game, coached by volunteers and officiated by young people. It simply asks people to bear all that in mind and act accordingly, meaning the way adults are supposed to behave, and not the way they often do. Good, sensible words. No one can deny that.

What upsets me is there's a need for them to be posted like that. Some people don't get the message.

PC caucus wants to see a credible plan in provincial budget

The Liberal government will release the Ontario Budget today (Feb. 25).

With pre-budget consultations having concluded less than a month ago, it is hard to believe that the consultations were considered in the crafting of this year's budget.

My Progressive Conservative caucus colleagues and I have outlined three requests that the people of Ontario want to see included in the budget. Our recommendations to the Liberal government are a reflection of what people from across Ontario, and in Dufferin-Caledon, are concerned about. The three recommendations are:

1. A credible plan to make energy affordable, which shall include halting any further sale of shares in Hydro One. Ontario has among the highest energy rates in North America. Since the Liberal government was elected, hydro costs have increased by more than \$1,000 per year for the average family, and an additional 42 per cent



increase is expected between 2013 and 2018.

2. A plan to properly manage Ontario's health care system, which shall include reversing the current and planned cuts to doctors, nurses and hospitals. Cuts to health care in Ontario have meant that patients are not receiving the quality health care services they deserve. In Ontario, we have seen an \$815-million cut to physician services, \$50-million in cuts to physiotherapy services for seniors, the loss of 50 medical residency

positions and a total cut of \$54-million in health care funding.

3. A credible plan to balance the budget, and immediate action to pay down the debt. The Financial Accountability Officer's report on the economic and fiscal outlook of Ontario found that the Liberal government has no real plan to balance the budget. If revenue and spending continue as they have for the past four years, the Liberal government will run a deficit of \$3.5 billion in 2017-2018. Ontario government's debt

has grown by 91 per cent in less than 10 years — the highest rate of growth of any federal or provincial government in Canada. The interest on Ontario's debt for 2015-2016 is estimated to be \$11.3 billion, which is the equivalent of a year of long-term care for 222,043 seniors, 44,120 beds in a palliative care unit for one year, 40,347 hospital beds for one year, 169,052,488 MRI scans.

Ontario has among the highest energy prices in North America, cuts to front-line health care services are rampant across the province, and our debt is growing at the fastest rate of any federal or provincial government in all of Canada.

Life has become increasingly difficult under the Wynne Liberals. We in the Ontario PC caucus want to see real change made in this year's budget that is in the best interest of all the Ontarians, from every corner and community of our province. We will see if the government agrees.

Mono asks Premier to promote rooftop solar over solar farms

Mono Mayor Laura Ryan has written Premier Kathleen Wynne to change the current provincial policy favouring construction of solar farms, contending it should instead promote rooftop solar panels.

In a letter dated Jan. 25, Ryan noted that Mono has been "very successful in preserving the pristine environmental character and biodiversity" of its terrain and water resources and said the Town is "a big supporter of the Province's green initiatives."

But while the government's Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) program was in alignment with Mono's views, "there are some issues with the program . . . which go against the 'green ideal' to which all parties are dedicated."

The Mayor said the current provincial policy "sacrifices valuable farmland by encouraging the development of solar farms over rooftop applications.

The Town of Mono requests a change in policy so that more flat roof buildings and developments will be used for solar power generation to support the province's energy needs."

In addition, "the current Developmental Charges Act generates conflict within our community, misuses Ontario farmland (a rapidly diminishing resource), and wastes major solar real estate (which already exists in the form of rooftops). A solar development on a rooftop requires a building permit, triggering the payment of development charges; a field-mounted solar farm does not require a building permit and does not trigger the payment of development charges."

Accordingly, Mono wanted "an immediate amendment to the Development Charges Act so that the provincial approval of any industrial solar farm will support the collection of municipal Development Charges."

The letter said the Large Procurement application registrations in Ontario last summer saw 119 registered potential applicants, 81 of which were proposed solar developments. "Of the 81 solar registrants, only one proposed a rooftop application."

The letter went on to note that Mono "has in place environmentally sensitive planning documents and bylaws to ensure protection of its natural environment. Despite these measures, our stakeholders find that provincial suspension of municipal planning controls over large industrial solar developments nullifies municipal environmental directives developed and perfected over many decades."

"The ongoing sacrifice of farm fields as the preferred and cheapest resource for solar development land is not sustainable; installing industrial-sized energy projects on green fields and arable land in Mono is counter-intuitive to the Province's Green initiatives. We believe we can achieve our mutual goals without pitting residents of rural communities against private energy developers and against the provincial government, but we need your help to make the necessary adjustments to policy in order to facilitate this."

Noting that Ontario has "a large and fast-growing resource of flat roofs on commercial, institutional, industrial

and warehousing buildings," the letter said wasting the roofs of these buildings (situated mostly on former farmlands) in favour of a competitive procurement system which encourages destruction of fresh farmland, "is not a sustainable practice for Ontario. Toward this end, the Town of Mono has already installed solar on the roofs of our own municipal buildings and we would like to encourage other municipalities to follow our lead."

Calling on the Province to "recalibrate its solar energy strategy from solar farms to solar roofs," the letter said a "better way to incentivize and attract large solar projects in Ontario . . . would be to include a rooftop price adder, providing incentive for solar panels that partner solar developers with commercial and industrial building owners, for rooftop placement of panels."

And the addition of a municipal price adder "would encourage municipalities to partner in large solar procurement projects by investing some of their reserves for a higher earnings ratio than simple interest."

The mayor said the "current very simple concept of accepting bids from developers based on the cheapest price per kilowatt encourages applications for solar development on farmlands, and at the same time disincentivizes rooftop solar development in Ontario."

Brazen disregard for press freedom



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Claire Hoy

In 1990, your faithful correspondent co-authored a book called *By Way of Deception* with former Israeli Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky.

The need for pre-publication secrecy was so acute that the publisher sent various sections to different printing plants around the country so that nobody outside the publishing house would have an actual copy of the book.

Even so, shortly before the official publication was planned, Mossad agents obtained a copy of the book jacket, enough for the Israeli government to take it to a friendly judge in New York — in his apartment in the middle of the night — and get a court order banning its publication.

Next day, responding to this legal ban, while Canadian media meekly deferred from publishing anything for a while, major U.S. publications, e.g. the *New York Times*, *L.A. Times* and *Wall Street Journal*, ran lengthy front-page excerpts from the book in a show of defiance against state censorship.

The rest, as they say, is history. It became the first Canadian non-fiction book to ever hit number one on the *Times*' list and was the biggest selling Canadian non-fiction book ever.

It was ever thus. It would have done well anyway, but not as well as it did, thanks to the clumsy effort to block its publication.

This is a lesson many people have yet to learn, among them Alberta NDP Premier Rachel Notley, whose government last week booted representatives from the right-wing website "The Rebel" out of various government events on the specious grounds that the website's owner, controversial gadfly Ezra Levant, is "not a journalist."

I have known Ezra since my days co-hosting *Face-Off* on *Newsworld*, and I know that for the few days the NDP's stupidity was on display (until they rescinded their order) he would have thought he had died and gone to heaven.

Across the country, media outlets brought out the heavy artillery to fire at Notley's brazen disregard for press freedom.

The vast majority of these journalists are horrified by Levant's uber-partisan, take-no-prisoner's style of journalism — he has often made me wince, although I confess to a certain admiration for his unshakeable stick-to-it-ness — but they are joined in an even stronger distaste for the notion of a politician deciding just who is and who isn't a journalist. Their lame rationale was that Levant

once testified under oath, "I'm a commentator, I'm a pundit. I don't think in my entire life I've ever called myself a reporter."

Attempting to explain their colossal stupidity, Notley's director of communications, Cheryl Oates — who was likely choking at the time — said, "Our rationale on this is very simple and it comes down to one thing: It's the fact that Ezra Levant himself has testified under oath that he is not a reporter and so we don't consider him a reporter."

Oh my. Do they really believe that the only definition of a journalist acceptable to cover the Alberta Legislature is that they must be a recognized "reporter"? For starters, unlike say lawyers and doctors, there is no formal body that recognizes reporters as such. But more to the point, does this mean that columnists and photographers are ineligible as well?

There is no doubt that Levant and his reporting staff despise Notley's NDP. And vice versa. But so what? Alberta press gallery president Darcy Henton said the move was unprecedented in his 20 years of covering the place. No doubt during that time there have been a lot of journalists who got under the skin of the premier, but no premier was dumb enough — or ignorant of the importance of a free press — to throw them out on the street.

Another thing. The whole issue raises another issue which many journalists, happy with the status quo, conveniently ignore.

While they united in their disdain for Notley's attempt at government censorship, all but a few conveniently ignore the principle of a press free from government dependence as well, i.e. the government's annual funding of the CBC with \$1 billion of your tax dollars.

Make no mistake — and regardless of what the CBC claims — this money has an impact. Just look at how zealously the CBC "reported," i.e. cheered, the Liberal promise to reverse previous cuts to CBC funding — calling them Tory cuts, when, in fact, the Chrétien Liberals had also cut funds previously. They were clearly in a conflict of interest here, but few journalists seem concerned about that aspect of a press free from government interference and/or dependence.

Now, with print media struggling for survival, the publicly funded CBC is touting its plan to increase its online print coverage of news, a move designed to take advantage of their public funding to undercut traditional print media.

The CBC, like every other media outlet, should stand on its own merit. And governments should stay out of it. Period.



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CCS' Employment and Development Division has a basket of fantastic programs: The new Youth Job Connection Program; Job Matching, Placement and Incentives; Canada Ontario Job Grant; Second Career Applications; LIFE for Youth Employability Skills Training Program; LINC Language Instruction for Newcomers; and the Caledon Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC). All of these programs are available right here in your community and we want you to take advantage of them!

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You can reach Cathy Perennec McLean, Director, Employment & Development at 905-584-2300 ext. 220 or cmclean@ccs4u.org

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CVC holding information sessions on bird-friendly certified hay

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites hay growers, hay purchasers and rural landowners with land available for growing bird-friendly certified hay (BFCH) to attend one of four information sessions planned in the coming week.

The first will be this coming Monday (Feb. 29) at Caledon Village Place. The others will be Tuesday at the Orangeville Fair Grounds, Wednesday at Terra Cotta Conservation Area and next Thursday at Erin Centre 2000 in Erin. All four sessions will run from 7 until 8 p.m.

Public input wanted

The BFCH website (www.birdfriendlyhay.ca) is an online marketplace that allows easy connections between farmers and rural landowners interested in growing and purchasing hay or renting their land to grow BFCH.

“This is an opportunity to make hay while the sun shines,” said CVC’s Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation Mike Puddister. “This is a market-based solution that is a win-win for farmers, hay buyers and grassland birds.”

With the BFCH program, farmers can

add value to their farm business, rural landowners with land to rent can lower their property taxes and horse and livestock owners can use this niche product while helping threatened grassland birds.

“Giving grassland birds time to fledge their young is critical,” said CVC Agricultural Specialist Mark Eastman. “For the past two years, 184 eastern meadowlark and bobolink have been spotted in bird-friendly registered hay fields. This program is making a difference in the recovery of grassland birds.”

When farmers grow BFCH, threatened grassland birds, such as bobolink and eastern meadowlark, are able to breed and nest in the hay field before it is cut. Hay growers agree to delay cutting until July 15 when the birds leave the nest.

Visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/events for additional details on the BFCH information sessions. For more information on the BFCH program and to register, visit www.birdfriendlyhay.ca or contact Eastman at 1-800-668-5557 ext. 430 or meastman@creditvalleyca.ca

Headwaters Food Charter stakeholder consultations start in Caledon

The public is invited to participate in the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance (HFFA) Food Charter consultations. A Food Charter will define a common vision for a healthy, fair, prosperous and sustainable food system in the Headwaters region. It will include value statements and action steps intended to guide communities, community organizations and all stakeholders toward a unified vision and plan.

HFFA has held several consultations in the last two years and one repeated message was that there is a need to develop a formal charter that is owned, valued and recognized by the community. Once the charter is finalized, HFFA will be taking it to municipal councils for endorsement, making it a public document for future decision-making and possible funding.

For the consultations, HFFA needs individuals who represent any of the following sectors — health and wellbeing, social services and food access, economic development, environmental responsibility, food production, or culture. Individuals from these sectors are asked to share their perspectives and provide valuable insight into what the food charter should include and what strategic actions need to take place for the Headwaters Food System to thrive.

The first of four community partner consultations will be March 2, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Caledon Town Hall in Caledon East.

Due to the importance of these events, HFFA has hired a professional consul-

tant to lead the session and a meal will be served for participants.

The second consultation will be March 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at WDG Public Health Orangeville Office, 180 Broadway, Orangeville.

The third will be April 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at WDG Public Health Oran-

geville Office, 180 Broadway, Orangeville

The fourth will be April 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Shelburne Public Library, 201 Owen Sound St., Shelburne.

For more information, contact Ishan Angra of HFFA at 1-800-265-7293, ext. 4207 or at ishan.angra@wdgpublichealth.ca



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Efforts being made for heritage designation on West Humber

By Bill Rea

The West Humber River should have more recognition, and a Wildfield man is trying to get it.

Wheels and Heels coming to Bolton Toyota

Lis Rudnik, sales and leasing product advisor at Bolton Toyota, will be hosting an evening of Wheels and Heels March 10.

It will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For ladies only, those taking part will be learning how to top up windshield flued, change the wiper blades, check tire pressure and more.

Spots are expected to fill up fast, those interested are asked to RSVP by Feb. 29 by calling Lis at 905-857-1400.

Dan O'Reilly recently appeared before Caledon council promoting the idea, and asking the town to bring the matter up with Peel Region, City of Brampton and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

He said he put the idea before the Brampton Heritage Board in October seeking support for some sort of signage, or possible a pavilion.

“Such signage could possibly be erected on or near a new Mayfield Road bridge which will have to be erected when that road is expanded to four lanes in a few years,” he said, adding it could also be incorporated with Wildfield heritage sign near the intersection of Mayfield and The Gore Road.

The Humber is designated a Canadian Heritage River, but that’s not the case with the western branch.

“I believe the case can be made that the West Humber does have heritage, natural and cultural value on a local, city, town and regional wide basis,” O'Reilly said.

He cited a 1997 report from what was then known as the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority that stated there had been 53 archaeological sites discovered in the West Humber watershed, and he speculated more might have been found since that time.

“The West Humber is Wildfield’s most natural feature and its presence would have been one of the factors which attracted settlers to the area in the early part of the 19th century, just as it attracted First Nations people before them,” he observed.

O'Reilly said the John’s Agricultural School was just south of St. Patrick’s Church in valley lands near the river from about 1859 to 1875. It taught farming and basic literary skills to local children, as well as orphans from Toronto. He said those orphans would have used the river for fishing, swimming or skating.

“The agricultural school would have served a large catchment area, extending into what is now Caledon,” he commented.

He also pointed out Hurricane Hazel washed out several bridges along the west Humber in 1954, including one on The Gore Road, just south of what is now Healey Road.

“As a boundary community, half in Caledon and half in Brampton, Wildfield would be the logical location for a West Humber River commemorative pavilion if space can be found, and I believe it can be,” he said.

Councillor Nick deBoer suggested referring the matter to Heritage Resource Officer Sally Drummond to see what can be done to assist the effort.

Mayor Allan Thompson commented there are efforts to have a heritage designation applied to the Credit River, so he said something similar could be done for the West Humber.

Local student excels at Northwestern State

Northwestern State University in Louisiana recently released the names of 555 students who made it to the President’s List for the Fall 2015 semester, and Caledon is represented.

Caledon East resident Cassandra Briscoe is on the list.

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Golden Hawks fall behind in series with Penetang

By Jake Courtepatte

Home-ice advantage has so far not been a factor in the GMOHL semifinal series between the Caledon Golden Hawks and Penetang Kings, though the Hawks certainly hope that will change.

The fifth-seeded Hawks seemed to be in steady position when the teams split the first two games of the best-of-seven series, two of the three games in total to be played on Penetang ice.

After dropping the first match 4-2 last Wednesday, goaltender Sam Procopio settled in between the pipes for game two as the Hawks cruised to a 3-1 victory.

But the return to Caledon East Sunday did not go as planned for the Golden Hawks, who find themselves in a 2-1 hole and two losses away from a post-season exit.

Things started to go awry midway through the first period, when play turned chaotic in front of Procopio's net, resulting in the goalie being pushed out of position. Falling bodies knocked the puck in for the first goal of the game, and Procopio's argument to the referees fell on deaf ears.

Just minutes later, another bad break for Procopio came in the form of an awkward bounce off the backboards right onto the stick of Penetang's Michael Paul out front, who made no mistake in lifting it over Procopio's shoulder.

The Hawks, meanwhile, couldn't pro-

vide any scoring support in the first. The only offence they mustered in the first 20 minutes came on a power play at the tail end of the period, but the Caledon snipers were well boxed out.

Caledon's first real chance of the game

came midway through the second frame, when captain Nicholas McNutt blocked a shot at the Hawks' blue line on the pen-



Photo by Jake Courtepatte

alty kill and went in alone, all the while bothered by a trailing d-man and not getting much in terms of a shot.

Christian Mariconda finally breathed some life into his team near the end of the second, on a ridiculous solo effort to drive to the net and wait out the Penetang goaltender to make it 2-1.

Unfortunately, that was it for the Caledon sticks. Penetang made it 3-1 less than a minute into the third, as the Hawks couldn't capitalize on one more chance in a six-on-four opportunity on the power play with an extra man.

Matthew Pyz was called for an iffy high-sticking minor with less than two minutes to go to kill the remaining momentum.

The Kings were to be looking to take a stranglehold on the series in game four Tuesday night following press-time, with game five returning to Penetang Wednesday. If needed, both game six and game seven will be played at Caledon East Friday and Sunday respectively.

Sunday's loss was the Hawks' first of the post-season in their home barn.

Puck drop Friday will be at 9 p.m.

In the league's other semifinal, the seventh-seed Erin Shamrocks have jumped out to a surprising 2-1 series lead over the powerhouse Alliston Hornets, although the Hornets took game three by a score of 9-1 Sunday. Both series' are slated to be completed by the end of the week.

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

Great success at ROPSSAA once again for Mayfield skiers

By Christine Huet

Rory McDonald finished the Para Nordic division in style, living up to his recent interview on CTV.

The junior girls' new ROPSSA champion is Emma Grove of Mayfield Secondary School, who won by more than one minute. She was joined by Katya Dondi, Emma Wilson and Karina McDonald to win the overall team distance and just

scrape ahead of Humberview Secondary School for the overall junior team trophy.

The junior boys were lead by new ROPSSA champion John Milkovich, with Tyler Downey a strong second. Josh Mikhelson and William Garbut joined them to win the distance, sprint and overall junior team titles.

The senior girls were lead by Rachel

Chan Yaneff in second and Madalyn Newhouse in fourth, and they were joined by Sloan Westlake and Alyssa Hoar to win the sprint event.

The senior boys' Michael Wootton and Daniel Shaw were battling it out on the course, with Wootton becoming champion, with second going to Shaw. Jake Mikhel-

son and Teller Beverage joined them to win both the sprint and distance titles as well as overall champions.

When all these successes were combined, the team took home the overall ROPSSAA Title.

Coaches Doughty and Huet are proud of all their efforts.

Few surprises as post-season starts in Sunday night league

The top teams picked up pretty much where they left off when the Sunday Night Junior Men's Hockey League started its round-robin series.

The Inside Out Family Chiropractic Predators and Mr. Handyman Moose, who ended the regular season tied for the lead in the standings, both notched lop-sided wins the opening night, while the third-place St. Louis Bar and Grill Red Wings and fourth-place We Are Creative Warriors won their opening matches as well.

Predators 9, Fire 1

The first game of the night saw the Predators extinguish the Ainsley Fire Protection Fire.

The Predators netted three each frame to take all five points in the game, (the round robin play awards a point for win-

ning a period, two for winning the game, and tied periods are split). Net nabbers for the Predators were Mike Andreoli (with two goals and an assist), Fab Iafano (two goals), Ryan Smith (an assist), Colin Fyffe (three goals and an assist), Tim Vokey (a goal and three assists), Howard Cantelon (three assists), Larry Richardson (one assist), Mike Arnold (one assist) and Mark Metcalfe (a goal and two assists). Fire's lone flame was Eamon Harper from Mike Weeda.

Wings 4, Blades 1

The Wings flew over the Ken's Lawn Mower Repairs Blades and took 4.5 points.

Flying high for the wings were Brad Wigner from Victor Ranieri, Ranieri from



These shiers from Mayfield Secondary School had a successful outing recently at ROPSSA.

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More wins put Predators in first place in standings

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Daniel Hamlett, Mike DeFrancesco from Chris Quayle, and Mike Blackwood (unassisted). The Blades sharp shooter was Darren Levy from Dan Maggio.

Moose 7, Wild 0

Brett Weight once again showed why he was the top goalie in the league, getting the goose-egg for the Moose and earning them all five points over the Pommies Cider Co. Wild.

Stomping over the goal line for the Moose were Brad Sztorc from Brendan Pace and Steve Brown, Pace from Marc de Abaitua, Cam Coulter from Justin de Abaitua, Sztorc from M. de Abaitua and Brown, Sztorc from M. de Abaitua, Graham Bryson (unassisted), and M. de Abaitua from Coulter.

Warriors 6, Penguins 3

To round out the night, the Warriors were able to gain 4.5 points over the George's Arena Sports Penguins to keep the race at the top tight.

Warriors weapons were Kevin Norris (unassisted), Jody Spagnol from Bogdan Rapan and Gus Kourousis, Spagnol from

Lee Noseworthy, Brent Spagnol from Giancarlo Tarsitano and Dave Chambers, Norris from Rapan and Tarsitano, and J. Spagnol from Kourousis and B. Spagnol. Penguin marchers were Ron Toffin from Dave Matheson and Mike Tarasco, Matt Dowdle from Alex Schittenhelm, and Dowdle from Matheson.

The regular season came to an end with a tie for first place.

The Predators and the Moose both ended the campaign with 25 points, but the Predators were given the nod on the basis of 12 wins, as opposed to 11 for the Moose.

Moose 3, Penguins 0

Brett Weight stood tall and earned the goose-egg to end the season the way he started it for the Moose, as they blanked the Penguins.

Lighting the lamp for the Moose were Carlo Landolfi from Coulter, Bryson from Eric Cirone and Coulter, and Sztorc from Shane Marshall and Brian Dunn.

Predators 5, Blades 3

The Predators earned first spot over-all in the regular season with the win over the Blades.

Net nabbers for the Predators were Fyffe with a pair, and Make Andreoli, Ray Ilijasic, Iafano with singles. Help came from the sticks of John Hutchinson, Vokey, Arnold, Ryan Smith and Richardson.

Blades bashers were Silvio Muraca, Steve Smith and Clark Chung, with assists going to Kevin Wigner and Levy.

Wild 3, Fire 3

In a nail biter, neither team could best the other as the Wild and Fire Protection Fire skated to a draw.

Fire flamers were Mike Horsley and Robert Silvestri with a goal and assist each, Sean Mazurkiewicz with a goal, and

Mark Andreoli and Sandro Mignosa with an assist each. Wild whippers were Jay Beech and Eric Webster with a marker and helper each, Craig Shaw with a single, and Matt Temple, Alex White and Richard Archer each with an assist.

Wings 1, Warriors 0

In the final match of the night the Wings went out with style, taking the win with less than a minute left in the third frame over the Warriors.

The win also broke the tie the two teams had for third place, with the wings finishing with 22 points.

The Wings' hero was Shane DeLaronde from Derek Cleary.

Oriana blanks 365 Integrated in 5-0 victory in senior hockey

By Eric Jay

This is the second straight week now that we've seen a shutout in the Bolton Senior Hockey League.

The evening started off with another impressive victory for St. Louis Bar and Grill, as they defeated Four Corners Bakery Eatery 10-4 to remain undefeated this season. Game two featured Inside Out and Niepage. Niepage's strong second period efforts helped them fend off Inside Out's offense enough in the third to pick up the win. In the final game of the evening, Oriana's goalie stood on his head as he stopped all of 365 Integrated's shots to help his team achieve a 5-0 victory.

St. Louis Bar and Grill 10, Four Corners Bakery Eatery 4

St. Louis got on the goal sheet first as Spagnol snapped the puck into the back of the net on a two-on-one.

Four Corners' Gillies answered quickly to tie the game. St. Louis scored three more times in the period, and Four Corners wasn't able to answer on any of them. The goals were scored by Nelson, Kehoe and Koursousis. The horn went off to end the first, St. Louis held a substantial 4-1 lead.

Gillies scored two more goals in the second to complete the early hat trick. Koursousis came right back to reclaim his team's multi-goal lead as they headed into the third period up 5-3. Without wasting any time, Koursousis capped another of his many hat tricks this season and added another goal on top of it to put his team up 7-3. Mark Bayley was determined to get his team back into the game as he made a nifty move past St. Louis' blue liners and rifled the puck top shelf. However, the gap was still too large as St. Louis responded with three more goals. They were scored by Baldassarra, Westergard and Mehlenbacher.

Inside Out 4, Niepage 6

Inside Out struck first, as Morra sniped the puck passed Niepage's net minder.

Niepage's Magliaro tied the game up less than a minute later. This sparked a little momentum for the home team as

J. Olbrytcht scored late in the period to boost Niepage to a 2-1 lead heading into the second.

Figliano scored three straight goals for Niepage in the second, giving him a hat trick in one period. Inside Out was only able to respond to one of the three goals in the frame. It was scored by Rotundo.

The teams regrouped at the beginning of the third to go over a few game plans. Rotundo picked things up where he left off in the second as he scored his second of the contest just a few minutes into the period. They were now down only 5-3. The teams went back and forth for a while, and both goalies played strong until Niepage grabbed another commanding lead late in the frame. Bond scored off a rebound to put his team up 6-3. Inside Out's Morra scored his second of the evening to bring Inside Out back within two goals. However, it was no use. Niepage shut the door and held off Inside Out's offense until the final buzzer went.

Oriana 5, 365 Integrated 0

The late game started out very evenly matched.

Both goalies played exceptionally. Oriana applied the most pressure in the first period and finally it paid off as they scored with just four seconds left.

From there, Oriana got the ball rolling as they scored two more in the second and two more in the third. The second period goals were scored by Wonfor and Brodie. Brodie hit the back of the net in the third period as well, and Macdonald added a late one for good measures. Oriana's goaltender Lewis, was incredible as he stopped every shot that he faced to help his team take this one 5-0.

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For more information, visit www.caledon.ca/recreation



MORE SUCCESS FOR HUMBERVIEW WRESTLERS

The Humberview Secondary School wrestling team recently travelled to Heart Lake Secondary School to compete at the 2016 Senior Wrestling ROPSSA. Humberview had eight podium finishes: Lucas Brace was sixth, Amirt Singh was fifth, Kalem Noel was fourth, Danielle Berno was third, Alaiyah Wilson was second and Adaijah Wilson, Allison French and Nicole French all turned in first-place finishes. The girls' team won second place overall for Peel Region. Wilson and French sisters will be travelling to Windsor next week to compete at the provincial level at the 2016 OFSSA Wrestling Championship. Seen here are Wrestling Coach Mr. Allan, Nicole French, Adaijah Wilson, Allison French, Alaiyah Wilson.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: BROOKE MULCAHY
School: MAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

This 15-year-old has been showing her prowess in alpine skiing, coming in fourth at ROPSSAA in the giant slalom, just 0.78 seconds behind the first place competitor. That means she will be going to OFSAA. She's also a dancer, and trains at Annemarie's Dance Academy in Orangeville six days per week. The Grade 9 student lives in Belfountain.



Name: REMY DALBEN
School: ROBERT F. HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student has been making his contribution as a right winger on the school's varsity hockey team. He's looking forward to the spring, when he plans to try out for the school's outdoor lacrosse team, and he always goes out for track and field, specializing in the long jump. Away from school, he plays AAA hockey in the Brampton 45s' organization. The 15-year-old lives in Caledon East.



Name: MONIKA SLIWOCKI
School: ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

This 17-year-old played power on the school's varsity volleyball team, which just missed the playoffs. "We played very well as a team," she said. She also played field hockey in the fall, and plans to play badminton in the spring. In the community, she plays house league in the Bolton Wanderers' Soccer Club. The Grade 12 student lives in Bolton.



Name: GRIFFIN TODD
School: HUMBERVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

This Grade 12 student dominated the slopes at ROPSSAA, winning both the slalom and giant slalom, and he will be going to OFSAA next week. He's been skiing for about 15 years. He said he played tight end in Grade 11 on the school's football team. Away from school, he likes to ski at Georgian Peaks. The 17-year-old lives in Bolton.



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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First Street, Orangeville on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Alzheimer Society of Canada or Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Jim 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

TAYLOR, Larry
Surrounded by his loving family, Larry Taylor passed peacefully at his home in Huntsville on Sunday, February 21, 2016. His legacy and memory is survived by his beloved wife Linda Taylor and their children Julie and Luke Roden, Ryan and Lesley, Sean and Calla, Corey, Kim and Jordan, Danielle and his three grandchildren Morley, Lucas, and baby Aeris. Fondly remembered by his brother and best friend Robert and Frances Taylor, nephew Lewie, brother-in-law Bruce and Joanne Parker, sister-in-law Ann Kell. Larry was often seen pruning trees around his home. His love for nature is only surpassed by his love for his family and friends. He left behind a legacy in both his family and professional relationships. He was an honourable man committed to his family. Loved immensely by his family and friends. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) Sunday afternoon 1 - 5 o'clock. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Monday, February 29 at 2 o'clock. Spring interment.

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