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Neil Morris (center) is Caledon's community champion for 2022. He was presented this honour by Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson (left) and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones (right) at Caledon's Community Recognition Night on April 25. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

# Morris named Caledon's 2022 Community **Champion as Town honours residents**

Volunteers recognized for their service, years of dedication at awards night

# **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Caledon.

Mayor Allan Thompson shared that message at the Town's Community Recognition Night on April 25 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

Held annually in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, Community Recognition Night "recognizes individuals whose efforts have made significant impact towards the development and advancement of recreational sports, arts and culture, environmental leadership or community and social services," according to the Town.

Thompson said he can't - and doesn't want to - imagine what Caledon would be like without its volunteers.

In his speech addressing volunteers at Community Recognition Night, he said volunteering is the ultimate example of democracy.

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# Fireworks banned Caledon-wide with some exceptions

# BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The personal use of fireworks is prohibited in Caledon effective immediately, as is the sale of fireworks.

Town of Caledon Council voted to enact a new fireworks bylaw at its April 26 meeting; the new bylaw included the bans.

Two delegations registered to speak at the meeting in opposition of the bylaw.

Perry Logan, president of the Canadian

National Fireworks Association (CFNA), was one of those delegations and thanked council for letting him delegate again, as he has advocated against the bylaw in the past.

"I'm asking council to understand that by approving the report it will eliminate a legal industry that contributes jobs to your Town... and will eliminate a cultural... tradition enjoyed by thousands living in your (Town)," said Logan.

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# Residents, lawmakers stand against Highway 413 protest in Bolton

# **Councillor Annette Groves** among protesters who gathered at King and Queen streets

### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

The protestors message was clear: stop the proposed Highway 413 and utilize the existing Highway 407.

People against Highway 413 gathered at the intersection of King and Queen streets in Bolton at 2 p.m. on April 23. All four corners of the intersection were filled with protesters, who carried signs with messages such as: "Stop the 413", "Free 407", and "\$10+ Billion Highway to Ruin".

Many cars honked as they drove past and the flow of traffic was not impeded as the demonstrators did not block the intersection at which they protested.

Organizer Dan O'Reilly said he was pleased with the turnout and support.

Town of Caledon Councillor Annette Groves attended the protest and carried a "Stop the 413" sign. She said it's been "a little lonely" to be one of the few members of Caledon Council in opposition to the highway.

Groves said she and Councillor Ian Sinclair have been very vocal against the highway and that he's been to some demonstrations as well.

"I have always shown my support pubthis highway because I don't believe that all of those sensitive lands."





(Left) Judy Bennett, left, and Caledon Councillor Annette Groves hold "Stop the 413" signs at the protest against the proposed Highway 413 in Bolton on April 23. (Right) Sarah Dolamore hand-painted a large sign for the protest

**PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

this highway is necessary," said Groves.

of viable farmland, wetland, (and) environmentally sensitive lands and we don't need it. We have an option available to us: It's called the 407. So, if we want to move goods and services today, there's your oplicly, and taken a position publicly, against tion, and you're not going to be disturbing

Groves was also concerned about the "The route is going through quite a bit amount of aggregate that would be needed to build the highway, adding it's likely a lot of it would come from Caledon. That in turn would increase noise, pollution and dust levels for Caledon residents, she said.

> Groves said Caledon already has a traffic problem and doesn't need to add to it.

> "I think part of the problem right now is that people, the public, believes that this highway is going to solve the gridlock and the traffic issues. But...experts have done studies and it has shown that it is not going to do that," said Groves. "So, I encourage people just to do some research... don't take my word or the Premier's word, just look at what the experts are saying."

> Lucia DeMarco, a teacher in Toronto who is originally from northern Ontario, came to the protest because in the last 20 years, she said she's seen firsthand the amount of sprawl along Highway 400 and wants to stop something similar from happening along the proposed Highway 413.

> She said she doesn't want to see more farmland bought up, that the 413 has not passed environmental assessments, and that it won't cut commute times.

> "I'm pregnant... the Greenbelt is so depleted already with all this urban sprawl. And we're on top of it going to build this useless highway that goes through several wetlands and watersheds. We don't need this, what are we doing? We're going backwards on this environmental agenda and it's sad for the future generation," said DeMarco.

> She said in the short-term, the 413 might reduce commuter traffic slightly, but that soon enough it would create more congestion.

> "You're not building the infrastructure for transit systems to happen. You're creating these pockets of communities that need to now access a highway in order to get anywhere, so they'll need to have more cars and vehicles," said DeMarco.

> She said if we as a society don't take action now to protect our farmland, watersheds and animals, our species' very future is at risk.

> "The world will continue past when we're gone... if we don't take action now... what are we doing here?" said De-

Sherry Draisey, a resident of King Town-

ship, came to the protest because she said she's not the only one who thinks the 413 makes no sense.

"It's just stupid," said Draisey. "The 407 is technically a much better designed road, it has collector lanes, it crosses the city."

She added the 413 would be a traffic and pollution disaster.

Sarah Dolamore has lived in Caledon for her entire life and intends on staying. She said she came out to the protest because if she didn't do anything to advocate against the 413, it would be too depressing.

She said as a teen she felt eco-anxiety a chronic fear of environmental doom — before the term was commonly used.

"Young people, my generation and people coming after us, we need a reason to have hope that our leaders are actually listening to what we're hearing about the dire state of our future," said Dolamore.

"So, it's like, why are they intent on perpetuating the past — the planning decisions that got us into this mess in the first place — when there are perfectly viable and economically sound alternatives? There's just no reason for this blatant greed and cronyism. It's destroying the hopes we have for a livable future in the GTA and I just don't buy the line that it's the only way to go."

Dolamore said so long as people in power continue to sink finite and valuable resources into projects like the 413, it will contribute to young people feeling discouraged, powerless, and apathetic.

While the situation can look grim for young people, said Dolamore, strength to fight can be found in past victories by environmental advocacy groups.

"For example, 25 years ago, the Oak Ridges Moraine plan came into effect at the provincial level and that wasn't even during the climate emergency we're in now... people in power were all blind to that as being a real threat. That started as a grassroots organization and it went on to become one of the most powerful policy tools," said Dolamore.

"Success stories, I think, are really important to amplify... a lot of the messaging we're hearing right now is about hopelessness. So if you're feeling apathetic, even if it feels pointless to get involved, just don't turn away."

# **COMMUNITY**

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TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) - Caledon Village. Real people, real weight loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Knox United Church from 6:00 - 6:30 to be weighed with a meeting to follow. The annual fee of \$59.00 which covers a bi-monthly magazine and our monthly dues are \$10.00. The first meeting is free! For more information call Barb at 519-927-3078.

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This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects. Date: Friday September 23, 2022 Time: 6:00 - 9:00PM

Cost: \$75 per person or 10 for \$650 Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

The next Bolton Kin Toonie Sale is scheduled for Saturday May 14 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's Building at the Albion Bolton Community Center. Thousands of new and gently used men's, ladies, children's and infant's clothing, shoes, purses and accessories on sale for only a "TOONIE". That's right, just two bucks! Check us out at boltonkin.com/ toonie-sale.

All proceeds go to support minor sports and many worthwhile causes in the community.





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# Home and Lifestyle show coming **Bolton this weekend**

# This year's show runs from April 29 to May 1 and is pet-friendly

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

The Albion Bolton Community Centre will be filled with local home and lifestyle industry experts this weekend.

The spring Home and Lifestyle Show will take place there on April 29, 30, and May 1. According to a media release from show producer Liz Shaughnessy, it's presented by the Caputo Group of RE/MAX West Experts.

"Visitors will find pure inspiration and expert advice at the spring Home and Lifestyle footprint." Show," wrote Shaughnessy. "The show floor is filled with an incredible selection of industry experts and vendors... from smart renovations to eco-friendly projects, current design and décor living renovations are becoming more popular trends, sustainable landscape design and garden as working from home becomes more normal. tips, home maintenance and upgrades... and so much more."

The show runs from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday tions from people like three-time renovator of

April 29, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday April 30, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday May 1. Admission is free, though attendees are encouraged to make a donation at the door to local charity Caledon Meals on Wheels.

According to Shaughnessy, the show is proud to be "uniquely pet-friendly."

She said people interested in "Do it Yourself" projects will be able to get hands-on advice from industry experts at the show.

"Today's savvy homeowners are looking for smart ideas and solutions for their homes inside and out," said Shaughnessy. "They want smart renovations which not only increase the value of their home, but are also energy-efficient, provide multi-purpose or repurposing space solutions, while reducing their carbon

Shaughnessy said kitchens and bathrooms are still at the top of the homeowners to-do lists in 2022, though expanded multi-purpose outdoor

She said the show will feature a daily "Ask the Experts" stage that will feature presentathe year Michael Upshall of Probuilt Design +

Upshall will be speaking to costly building and renovation mistakes, according to Shaugh-

Some other people who will be presenting at the show include: Shaheer Khan, Sherwin Williams

Canada product and trends expert, on "Colour Trends and Coatings that work"; Anthony Caputo of the Caputo Group of RE/MAX West Experts on "the Buy/Sell equation in today's real estate market"; Megan Schlosser, owner of Garden Detailing on "tips and tricks for container gardening" and "creating three-season colour and floral/veggie gardenscapes"; and Orange Theory Fitness on "stepping up your fitness regime."

Shaughnessy said there will be an "Amorettos Fashion Show" held daily that will feature local celebrities on the catwalk wearing "the season's hottest trends" from local fashion companies.

Finally, Shaughnessy said the show will introduce a "Boutique Fair" with specialty vendors that will be great for finding gifts.

# Masking in high-risk settings extended until June 11

**BY PAULA BROWN** LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Ontario has extended remaining mask mandates in high-risk settings until June 11 as it manages the sixth wave of COVID-19.

The Provincial government announced the remaining mask mandate extension in a press release on April 22.

"To protect our progress in managing this latest wave, I am maintaining masking requirements in specific public settings where individuals who are, or may be, at increased risk of severe outcomes, are in close contact for extended periods of time," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The mask requirement in high-risk settings was originally scheduled to expire on April 27.

"Continuing to follow masking requirements and keeping up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations are the best ways we can prevent transmission and protect our friends, families, and our communities," said

Settings where the mask mandate still applies includes public transit, long term care homes, retirement homes, shelters and other congregate care facilities, and health-care settings such as hospitals, doctors' offices, and clinics.

Other directives from the Chief Medical Officer of Health will also remain in effect until June 11, the province said, "after which the ministry will issue guidance on personal protective equipment recommendations for infection prevention and control in health care settings."

Most COVID-19 measures such as capacity limits, masking in most public settings, and proof-of-vaccination have already been lifted in the province.

Ontario also announced on April 22 it would begin to receive supplies of Evusheld, an antibody treatment for immunocompromised individuals.

Evusheld is a two-dose injection taken when an individual is not positive for COVID-19 and provides protection from COVID-19 for six months.

The Province said Evusheld will be available to individuals with the highest-risk of a severe outcome from COVID-19 in the coming weeks including organ transplant recipients, stem cell transplant recipients, CAR-T therapy recipients, and other hematologic cancer patients undergoing treatment.

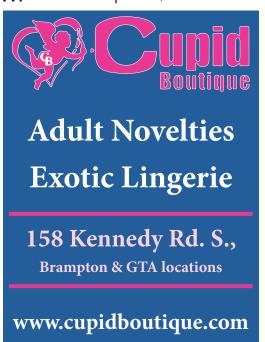


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### **DEATH INVESTIGATION ONGOING**

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a suspicious death in the Town of Caledon.

"On April 22, 2022, at approximately 5:00 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a reported sudden death in the area of Neil Promenade, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers located a male victim inside the residence who was pronounced deceased

"The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit, under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch, and with the assistance of OPP Forensic Identification Services and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

"There is believed to be no public safety risk, as investigators do not consider this to be a random



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**DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES** 

The Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) of

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Police (OPP) led the execution of a warrant, which

resulted with an arrest and drug trafficking-related

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investigation," say Police. "As a result, a warrant More information will be communicated as it bewas obtained for various locations. On April 22, 2022, Central Region CSCU, with the assistance Anyone with information regarding this investiof the Emergency Response Team (ERT), Caledon gation is asked to contact the Caledon OPP at (905) platoon officers, and the Canine Unit, simultaneous executed the search warrants." You can also provide information anonymously

As a result, the following items were seized:

- 2020 Cadillac
- Suspected cocaine
- Currency
- Jewellery
- Cell phone
- Other property

Joseph Mete, 41, of Caledon was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine
- Traffick in Schedule I substance cocaine
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing. The charges have not been proven.

Anyone with additional information are asked to contact the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at 905-284-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestroppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

### **SEATBELT CAMPAIGN RESULTS**

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region have concluded the Easter long weekend seatbelt campaign and the results are in. Officers conducted 2,185 traffic stops and issued 286 seatbelt charges.

"The Seatbelt campaign ran from April 15, 2022, until April 18, 2022," say Police. "Officers across Central Region worked very hard to ensure everyone's safety this long weekend. During the campaign, officers were highly visible as they conducted seatbelt safety checks. Although properly worn seatbelts was the focus of this campaign, enforcement was not limited to just seatbelts.

"The results of the Seatbelt campaign show that there are still drivers and passengers who are not wearing their seatbelts. It only takes a few seconds to buckle up. A properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision. Everyone travelling in a motor vehicle must properly wear a seatbelt and children must be properly secured in child car seat. Drivers are responsible for ensuring all passengers under the age of 16 are properly secured in either a seat belt or Child Car Seat."

Added A/Inspector Liane Spong-Hooyenga, Regional Traffic Manager for Central Region: "While the majority of drivers and passengers understand the lifesaving value of seatbelts, we still find people who choose not to buckle up. Even with all of the technology the digital

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age has brought us, seat belts continue to be the crucial life-saving measure behind the wheel. The proof is in the collisions we attend year after year, seat belts save lives."

### **IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES**

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged three additional drivers with impaired operation related charges last weekend.

"On April 22, 2022, at approximately 2:16 a.m., a concerned motorist contacted the OPP to report a vehicle being operated in a way consistent with impaired driving," say Police. "The vehicle was observed in the area of Highway 10 and Boston Mills Road and later located by officers in Orangeville. Since the officer suspected that the driver's abilities were impaired, a demand was made for a breath sample into an Approved Road Screening device."

As a result of the investigation, Justin Labine, 40, of Orangeville, was charged with:

Failure or refusal to comply with demand

"On the same day at approximately 8:41 a.m., Caledon OPP received an additional traffic complaint in the area of Highway 9 and Airport Road. The vehicle was later located by officers. Based on the officer's suspicion that the driver's abilities were impaired, they were asked to provide a breath sample into an Approved Screening Device. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to an OPP detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

Paul Bentley, 65, of Mono, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

"On April 24, 2022 at approximately 2:06 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a vehicle that had collided with a parked car in Bolton. Since impaired operation was suspected by the officer, the driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an Approved Screening Device. As a result, they were arrested and transported to an OPP detachment where further breath tests were con-

Nicole Dawiczewski, 28, of Toronto, was charged with:

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

The three accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 7, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

In addition to having to attend court, the three involved vehicles were impounded for seven days and the driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days.

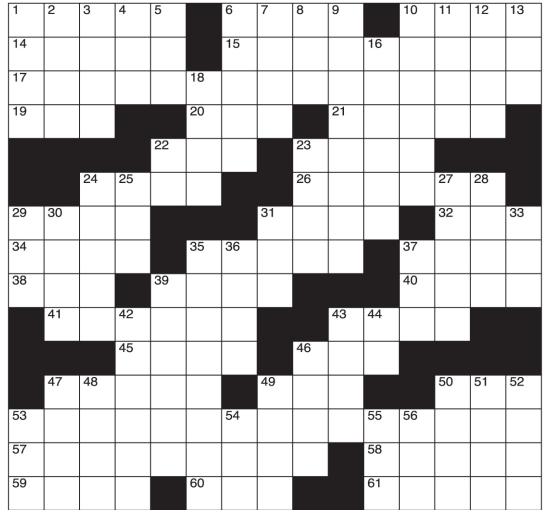
"The OPP relies on the public to report crime. Impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. Caledon OPP would like to thank the two members of the public for reporting the traffic complaints."

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# Exceptions for fireworks made for community events, motion picture and theatrical pyrotechnics



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"The report offers nothing in the way of enforcement solutions that bylaw did not have access to last year or the year prior."

Logan said he and the Canadian National Fireworks Association are willing to meet with Town Staff and work to find a solution on a bylaw that works for both parties. Logan again said a ban on fireworks would not work and that the sale of fireworks will just move online or to a neighbouring town.

Logan and the CNFA advocate for education as the solution to delinquent fire-

Ruth Wheelwright was the other delegate at the April 26 meeting.

She has lived in Caledon since 1964 and said one of the many joys of living on her 68-acre rural property has been to hold celebrations. She always holds a celebration of Canada Day which includes fireworks. She said she manages them safely; that they're placed in sand, lit from a distance, and completed by a reasonable time - 9:45 p.m.

"I'm gobsmacked I won't be able to do this anymore," said Wheelwright as she delegated. "Please, please, I beg of you do not pass this horrible motion. You're eliminating so much fun. To bring us down to the lowest common denominator I think is terribly unfair."

In Wheelwright's written comments to Council, she said she understands some people are not respectful with their fireworks use, but that a solution could be

"Perhaps there could be restrictions depending on property size, restrictions on when fireworks can take place: holidays only and before 11 p.m.," she wrote. "Whether it's Diwali, Canada Day, Victoria Day or Labour Day, please let us celebrate in a safe and respectful manner."

Wheelwright went on to state her address "to save you (the Town) some time" and that if the vote is passed, she'll still be holding her annual Canada Day celebration complete with fireworks.

Caledon resident Mimi Chan submitted written comments to Council in support of the new fireworks bylaw.

"I applaud the proposal of the new fireworks bylaw proposed by Town Council on the banning of discharge of fireworks for personal use as well as the sale of consumer fireworks," she wrote. "The passing and enforcing of this bylaw represents a very significant assurance of the safety of living in Caledon. Please vote yes."

Councillor Johanna Downey said she supports the new bylaw, her main concern being safety due to her talks with the Town's Fire Chief. She liked that community groups can still apply for a permit to discharge fireworks from the Town's Fire

Town of Caledon municipal law enforcement director Mark Sraga noted under Caledon's current bylaw, if people are letting off fireworks on any days other than Canada Day or Victoria Day, that is actually not permitted.

The new bylaw will allow fireworks on

any day if a permit is obtained; however, the permit will require the person setting off the fireworks to be certified by the government to do so.

Councillor Annette Groves said she would not be supporting the bylaw and had questions for Council on a variety of topics related to it, such as on the type and number of complaints the Town received related to fireworks.

"We are really taking away from the enjoyment of neighbours getting together... if they do want to do that I don't think we need to have them go through that process of getting certified," said Groves.

Councillor Lynn Kiernan said fireworks are a noxious chemical nightmare to the environment, and supported the bylaw from an environmental standpoint. She said she understands fireworks can be fun but suggested perhaps it's time to find a new fun way to cap off evenings.

"This is the progressive move for the Town of Caledon... and I will wholeheartedly support it," said Kiernan.

Councillor Tony Rosa said Wheelwright brought forward some of the same concerns he's heard from his constituents.

He said he doesn't want to penalize what he said are the majority of people who have used fireworks safely. He agreed with Logan that education is the way to fix any problems with fireworks use.

Councillor Jennifer Innis said in terms of a fireworks bylaw, it's all or nothing. She said the current bylaw is unfair to those she represents who celebrate Diwali and/or Chinese New Year.

A motion to implement the Town of Caledon's new fireworks bylaw was passed, with Councillors Rosa and Groves in opposition.

Later at the same meeting, a motion was passed to review the new fireworks bylaw in 18 months.

HAVE YOUR SAY - Do you support the Town's move against fireworks? Send your thoughts to brock@lpcmedia.ca.

# **Having a** "hot time" at the **Blackhorse Theatre**

### BY ROXANNE THORNTON

Kristen Da Silva's high stakes, no holds barred, chilli cook-off "Five Alarm" comes to the Blackhorse Village Player's stage.

More than sauce simmers in this zany comedy, as a fierce rivalry ensues between Ava Rose (Cheryl Phillips), the contest founder's daughter and her mean-spirited childhood ex-best friend Connie (Rose Craig).

For 26 years, Ava has tried (and failed) to replicate her father's famous recipe, but the recipe's notes on that critical ingredient that made the chilli such a winner mysteriously disappeared years ago.

Of course, Ava is saddled with Ellen (Jo-Anne Pulfer) a ditzy assistant who definitely lacks food prep experience while Connie has Tucker (John Sellens) a "Cordon Blue" chef to aid in her court.

To add to the hijinks Tucker idolizes Rose, and develops a crush on Ellen, so is only too happy to help when things are starting to go sideways. Things are really slung in motion when Caleb (Robert Redden) an old friend from the past arrives as the commentator for the local TV station.

You certainly do not want to miss this hilarious comedy as these intertwined characters entertain us with their intense energy and flawless timing as they try to work through old feelings and unusual predicaments.

"Five Alarm " runs Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 pm and Sunday matinees\* at 2:15 pm (April 29, 30, May 1\*, 6, 7, 8\*, 13, 14, 15\* 2022), For tickets contact the box office at 905-880-5002 or visit: www. blackhorsetheatre.ca.

The Blackhorse Theatre is located at 17272 Mount Wolfe Rd. & Hwy. #9 Caledon ON. So, for a hot time in the old town come on out to our spicy new comedy, "Five Alarm."

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# "Celebrating National Volunteer Week" by Portia Branford, Specialist, Human Resources & Volunteerism



There's a popular saying that highlights the age-old truth that we often fail to recognize the value of something until it's gone (captured in Joni

Mitchell's 1970 hit 'Big Yellow Taxi for all of you who the lyrics have started playing in your head).

However, the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly led many of us to re-evaluate what brings value to our lives from spending more time with loved ones, to gathering at favourite locales and flexibility at work and in life, to name just a few. Lookdowns and closures altered our perspectives and made us more appreciative of life's joys, big and small.

At Caledon Community Services (CCS) the physical and social distance we've experienced has us thinking of all the volunteers we've missed and looking forward to welcoming them back to every area of our agency. We long for a return to normal, or at least a new normal that brings back those familiar faces and a wave of fresh faces to join the team.

National Volunteer Week, April 24th to 30th offers a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and thank all our volunteers who are vital in making our work not only possible, but more fun, inclusive and joyful. We're so grateful to our

Board of Directors, our virtual, event and program volunteers for pouring their hearts into our community, and using their time and talents to help make Caledon a vibrant and caring community for us all.

While this year's volunteer week is once again being celebrated with virtual hugs and digital confetti, our hearts are full of gratitude to those in our community whose contributions are part of the 3.4 billion hours that Canadians step up to volunteer.\*

We'd also like to say a special shout-out to the entire Cancian family who were nominated by CCS and honoured at Volunteer MBC's V-Oscars with the prestigious Family VolunTree Award on Thursday, April 21st.

As reopening advances, we have fantastic opportunities right now, such as Velocity Caledon's Ride to Support Seniors happening on July 1st and in the planning stages right now. Virtual and digital opportunities exist for those at home on the internet and volunteer drivers and Seniors Helping Seniors are all great opportunities to explore.

To chat about how you can help change a life, please call 905-584-2300 ext. 277 or email volunteer@ccs4u.org. Learn more about volunteering and all our programs and services at www.ccs4u.org.

\*Statistics Canada, April 2021 analysis based on the 2018 census.

# **How Do You See It?**

Portia Branford, Specialist, Human Resources & Volunteerism, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 277 or pbranford@ccs4u.org

Tell us how you see it.

This column is provided free of charge by the Caledon Citizen.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

PROPOSED LANDSQUARED ON BEHALF OF ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC. 62M SELF SUPPORT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

# PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE:

ANY PERSON may attend a Public Information Centre to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, ON.

# SUBJECT:

**Type**: A 62m tall self support telecommunications (revised height and location).

Location: 14713 Mount Hope Road, Caledon, ON.

Facility: The facility will include a proposed fenced compound area with equipment cabinets.

Safety Code 6: All carriers placing their equipment on the tower must adhere to Health Canada's Safety Code 6 regarding radio frequencies and maximum power input.

Site: The site will provide improved wireless voice and data services for the surrounding area.

# APPLICANT CONTACT:

Further information may also be obtained through the following contact: LandSquared, Tracey Pillon-Abbs, 21375 North Service Road East, Unit 104, Oakville, ON, N6H 1A7, 226-340-1232, tracey@landsquared.com.

# ISEDC CONTACT:

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISEDC) is the governing body for installations of this type or telecommunication installation and can be contacted at: ISEDC, Toronto District Office, 151 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5C 2W7, 1-855-465-6307, ic.spectrumtoronto-

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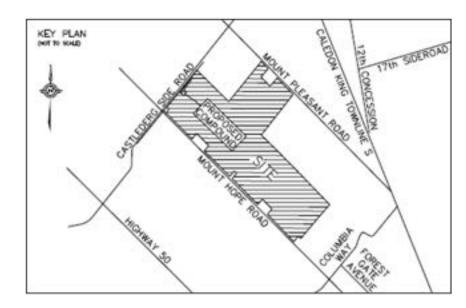
# MUNICIPAL CONTACT:

Town of Caledon, Planning Development, Elaine Leung, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6, 905-584-2272 elaine.leung@caledon.ca.

# WRITTEN SUBMISSION:

ANY PERSON may make a written submission to the individual listed as Applicant Contact by close of day Thursday, May 19, 2022 with respect to this matter. Please reference site C6204 and SPA 19-40T in correspondence.

**KEY MAP (NOT TO SCALE):** 





Caledon East Public School principal Phil Hepworth, PDSB associate director Jaspal Gill, Town of Caledon Councillors Christina Early and Jennifer Innis, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, PDSB trustee Stan Cameron, Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, and Caledon Councillor Nick deBoer at Caledon East Public School on April 25.

# Caledon East to get new public school: Province commits \$19.4 million to replace building

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

Caledon East will be getting a new public school thanks to an investment Town of Caledon Councillor Nick deBoer said is forward-thinking and will match the community's growth.

On April 25, Ontario's Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, met with Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones at Caledon East Public School to announce a \$19.4 million investment that will see the school replaced with a brand-new one fit for 650 students.

The new school will also have 73 licensed child care spaces.

Also on hand for the announcement at the Kindergarten to Grade 8 school were Caledon Councillors Nick deBoer, Jennifer Innis and Christina Early, Peel District School Board (PDSB) trustee Stan Cameron, Caledon East Public School principal Phil Hepworth; and PDSB associate director Jaspal Gill.

Lecce spoke at the announcement and said it was amazing to see how people

came together to get Caledon East a new public school.

"The advocacy started with Sylvia Jones, full stop. So, the gratitude should be extended to her for her hard work to get this done," said Lecce.

"I know there's about 2,000 more folks moving in, homes being built in this immediate area, let alone what's already here. So, this is needed yesterday and will benefit families tomorrow. It's a \$19 million investment, it's one of the largest provincial investments in school building in Ontario for this round — I think it demonstrates our commitment to families in this community and across the GTHA."

Jones said the announcement of a school that includes child care spaces is amazing, thrilling and planning for the future of a growing Caledon.

PDSB trustee Stan Cameron said he was so excited and happy for Caledon East residents because of the announcement.

"This new building will serve many thousands of public school supporters from within the Caledon East community and beyond for many years to come," said Cameron. "As we leave the school property, may I encourage everyone... to glance across Airport Road where you will see that the construction has begun on one of the two very large-scale housing developments in this school's boundary — 668 homes directly across the road, 220 homes just a little bit down the hill... but within the school's boundary are about to come out of the ground."

Thompson thanked everyone who came to the announcement for their support in getting the community of Caledon East a new public school.

He praised both Jones and Cameron for their strong advocacy and hard work in getting funding secured for the new building.

"We found the need, gave you the data and you delivered. So, thank you so much," said Thompson, addressing Lecce and Jones.

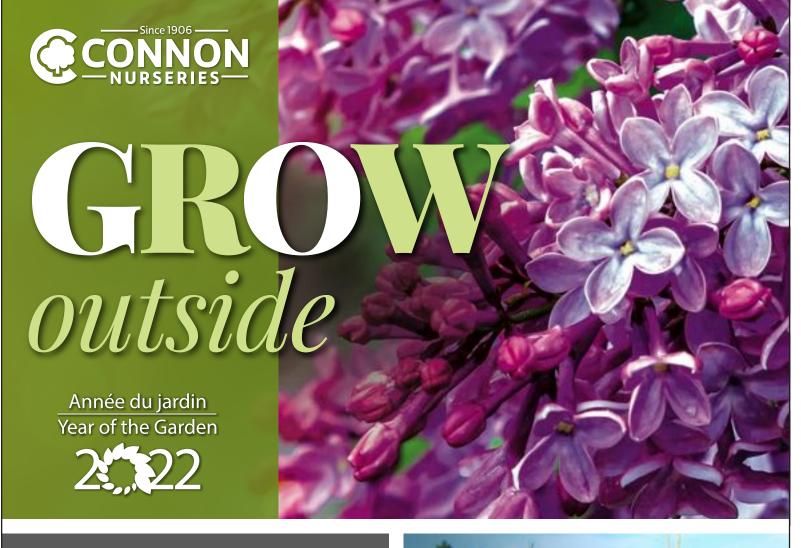
Councillor Innis explained that her kids go to Caledon East Public School, she went to it, her parents went to it, and even her grandparents and great grandfather went to it (when it was at its old location where Foodland is now).

"This school means a lot, not only to my family, but the community. It really is the heart of the community. It's where our families come together," said Innis. "The pressures that the community has been facing with growth? This makes it easier to live with because we really want our children to go to school here, we want them to play here, we want them to be in sports teams here and to be connected."

"On behalf of the families of Caledon East, I want to say a very, very big thank you. This means more than you could ever imagine to those families because it really does build a community," Innis added.

Councillor deBoer said communities need to be planning ahead of when demand comes, and the building of a new school for Caledon East is a good example of just that.

"Governments have to start to look at building stuff before rather than after. Communities just can't exist and can't grow and can't get to know each other if they don't have the facilities in place," said deBoer.







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# **Headwaters opens** nominations for 2022 Dr. David **Scott Award**

**BY PAULA BROWN** LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Dr. David Scott Award.

Named after retired surgeon and life-long Orangeville resident, Dr. David Scott, the annual award recognizes individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond to improve the overall health and wellness of Dufferin-Caledon and promote links between the hospital and the

Dr. Scott practiced as a general surgeon in Orangeville from 1962 to 1997, and was Chief of Staff at the local hospital from 1983 until 1989.

He passed away in April of 2020 at the age of 88.

Headwaters said in the past recipients of the award have been selected for their advocacy in various areas such as improving accessibility, fundraising and volunteering leadership with local organizations, improving long-term care, recruiting physicians, establishing after-hours clinics and promoting violence prevention.

Nominees for the Dr. David Scott Award will be evaluated by the Board of Director's Governance Committee using breadth of community service, achievements, and impact on the community as criteria.

Previous recipients of the award have included; Lynn Sinclair-Smith of the Friendship Gardens (2016); Drs. Stephen and Stephanie Milone (2017); Dr. Cathy Candusso and Dr. Mercedes Rodriguez (2018); Tom Reid, Chief of Dufferin County Paramedic Service and Dr. Gordon Willans (2019); and Dr. Charlie Joyce and Dr. Michael Gagnon (2020).

Last year, the award was presented to the entire team at Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health

The deadline to submit nominations the Dr. David Scott Award is May 3, and can be done through the Headwaters website.

The award will be presented at Headwaters' Annual General Meeting on June 21.

# Monday - Friday: 9am to 6pm



PHOTO BY HALLERTRIPOD

# Caledon now has a "twin town" in Italy

# Decision to pair with Isola del Liri made at April 26 Council meeting

### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

The Town of Caledon has struck a deal with the Town of Isola del Liri in Italy.

The two Towns will now be "twin towns." Town of Caledon council adopted a motion to sign a Twin City Agreement with Isola del Liri at its April 26 meeting.

"Isola del Liri is a picturesque 'island' city between two branches of the Liri river," according to Town of Caledon staff. It's in the southern Lazio region in the province of Frosinone.

This June, the Bolton Italian Culture Centre Organization — with support from the Town of Caledon — will host a delegation from Isola del Liri to "explore the economic benefits of the twinning oppor-

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Isola del Liri Mayor Vincenzo Quadrini have met in a virtual meet and greet and were excited about the possibilities an agreement could provide.

The motion for a twin city agreement was first brought forward by Councillor Tony Rosa.

In his motion, he said twin city agreements contribute to the promotion and celebration of cultural and economic ties to a community.

In his motion, Rosa said a number of Ontario municipalities have successful twin city agreements and that Isola del Liri shares many common elements with the Town of Caledon such as "resident and cultural ties as well as agricultural and natural heritage similarities."

Since the motion passed, \$7,500 from the Town of Caledon's Economic Development, Marketing and Events 2022 operating budget will be provided as a grant to the Bolton Italian Culture Centre Organization to host the delegation from Isola del

Caledon won't be the first Town Isola del Liri has ever signed an agreement with.

Isola del Liri hosts a free blues festival each year, Liri Blues Festival. For the festival's tenth anniversary in 1997, the Town signed a twinning agreement with the city of New Orleans, USA.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan

The Town of Caledon (Town) is undertaking a study to develop a Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP) for Caledon. The MMTMP will expand upon the 2017 Transportation Master Plan (TMP), theProvince and the Region's plans and initiatives to address mobility needs to 2051, which is consistent with the new Official Plan planning horizon (currently under development).

The MMMTP is a long-term strategy that guides the planning, policies, and infrastructure needs of the Town's multi-modal transportation system to accommodate future growth and development.

The Study will inform the process of creating a transportation system that meets the varying needs for different residential areas and businesses through creation of a vision and goals for all modes of travel. The aim of the MMTMP will be to ensure that by 2051, the Town will manage future transportation demand with a well-connected, convenient, reliable, safe, and accessible network and provides a diversity of travel choices that supports livable communities and complete streets. The Study will identify active transportation system constraints and opportunities. It will define required infrastructure to ensure the continued safe and efficient movement of people and goods to year 2051 and will form the basis to guide future transportation decisions for the development of streets, trails/paths and transit service to fully align with the Town's vision and goals.

The Study is being carried out in accordance the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The MMTP Study will consider and evaluate solutions to determine an efficient, environmentally, and economically sustainable, and efficient transportation

### PURITIC CONSULTATION

We want to hear from you, as your involvement is key to the success of the MMTMP. If you have interests or concerns related to transportation in the Town, we encourage you to become involved.

An on-line Public Information Centre (PIC) will be hosted on the Town's website to gather input from the public. The on-line PIC will be held on May 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM. If you wish to participate in the on-line PIC, please visit https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca/mmtmp. The meeting link will be posted prior to the meeting.

A copy of all presentation and engagement materials from this PIC will be made available on the study website after the PIC event. The Town encourages the public to visit the study website to provide feedback on the PIC by May 27, 2022 by email to the project team.

If you or someone you know has issues accessing the presentation and engagement material or if you would like to be added to the Project Contact List, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information all comments will become part of the public record. This Notice First Issued on April 28, 2022.



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# Get your FREE Seniors Month swag bag

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# **SENIORS MONTH IS COMING IN JUNE!**

Starting May 2, register for a free swag bag and get a calendar of events, promotional items and important information from local service providers. Sign up at caledon.ca/adult55.

Don't have a computer? Call 3-1-1 or contact one of our partners: the Caledon Seniors Centre, Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Public Library or Caledon Community Services. Bags will be distributed starting May 25.



# Tree Seedlings Order by May 6

The Tree Seedling Program offers potted trees, potted shrubs, bundled seedlings and extended tree products to Caledon landowners, residents, businesses and schools.

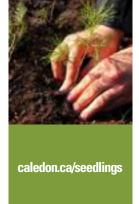
Tree products are selling out fast and are available while supplies last.











# NATIONAL Day of Mourning

On Thursday, April 28 at 12:45 p.m., Town of Caledon Council and staff invite the public to attend a National Day of Mourning commemoration at Town Hall in honour of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace-related hazards and occupational exposures.



# Bunnies are cute, but please leave them alone



In springtime, it is common to stumble across a nest of baby bunnies without seeing momma nearby. Mother rabbits don't want to attract predators to their babies, so they mostly leave them on their own, hidden and camouflaged. Mom will come back to feed them and check in, usually between dusk and dawn. Feeding may only take 2-3 minutes, so unless you're watching 24/7 you will probably miss it!

Cottontail rabbits grow up really quickly and leave the nest at about three weeks old. If they are nesting on your property, please try to keep your dogs leashed and your cats indoors; the rabbits will soon be on their own and out of your way! And remember to do a quick check around your property before cutting the grass to avoid disturbing a nest

If you have questions, call Animal Services at 905-584-2272 x. 4698 during regular business hours. For after-hours emergencies call 1-800-563-7881.



# **Tracking Spongy Moth**

Help us manage the spongy moth in Caledon by using our new Spongy Moth Tracking Form. You can report spongy moth on public and private properties throughout Caledon during its four life stages.

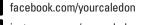
Your reporting will increase our spongy moth monitoring data and help us make management decisions for the invasive species across the Town. To report spongy moths and view our interactive map of spongy moth sightings in Caledon, visit caledon.ca/spongy.





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### **Brock's Banter**

# Getting back into the groove

### **BY BROCK WEIR**

harder it becomes.

Maybe it's an age thing. Maybe the last Either way, this apparently older dog is find-reluctantly accepted. ing it harder to re-learn tricks that are far from new.

As we continue to return to normal, or player. some degree of what we had before, I'll freely admit to feeling a bit trepidatious. Walking mall on Sunday to pick up a gift for two backinto a large room filled with an equally large to-back milestone birthdays\* in my family, I crowd, I find myself taking a deep breath - was standing in line waiting to pay for them. don't worry, I'm still wearing a mask, so I'm not quite as trepidatious with what is catch- dering why blackhead removal strips were ing a ride on my oxygen wave - just to get placed next to chewing gum on the way to the into the proper mindset.

In small groups, bemasked or not, small talk doesn't come as easy as it once did.

"How are you?" used to be a pretty easy my email address. conversation starter before the pandemic. and-a-half after that, a simple "How are you?" conversation starter, it was now a check-in for me to come forward. on everyone's wellbeing. And it was needed.

I'm not sure how we stand on "How are was a smile under my mask. you?" these days.

In theory, it should be a polite greeting once again, but (a) everyone's in a very dif-thank you!" or an, "I'm fine. How are you?" ferent place right now and (b) chances are you and whoever you're speaking to have a wasn't great, good or fine. hell of a lot to catch up on.

events are starting up again, but I think it will couldn't come soon enough. take a bit longer to get those social muscles back in shape.

fresh ideas to brighten up and renew your they to serve that day. They weren't best space and give it the proper makeover your pleased at the number of customers who refuge of the last 24 months deserves. We forewent their masks before coming in. They have events like the Run for Southlake bring- were terrified over the war on Ukraine, they ing thousands of people back together again had firm thoughts about Alberta's oil sands to raise thousands of dollars for their local and the number of well-known financial inhospitals. We have scores more who aren't stitutions that support the industry, and opincontent to let their soles get cold and are set ions on this spring's Provincial election were to lace up to support any number of organiza- many. tions from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Hospice, and other groups who do more than their fair of ground covered in this five-minute convershare of community-building.

tent to renew old acquaintances and further you?" in several hours. their work. There are others who still feel Maybe we've lost the niceties that were before the pandemic both feet first...when terthought. maybe it would have been better if they took

me, a member of another location, was trying to purchase a day pass to use the facilities. What was once a pretty simple process from the perspective of someone looking on became almost a case study on human inter-

pay cash to get in there – \$5.01, to be precise, birthdays this week.

that extra cent apparently important in this conversation – but things became a bit sticky I don't know about you, but the more times when it was very clear the person at the comwe have to return to being social animals puter was less than thrilled at the prospect again after each successive lockdown, or af- of handling a blue picture of Wilfrid Lauriter adapting to new rules or expectations, the er that had already been handled by untold

Every manner of alternative was offered to two-years-plus has exacerbated the aging exchange the electronic equivalent of \$5.01 process, at least from a mental perspective. for a spin on a recumbent before the cash was

before my eyes, but this time I was a featured

During a trip to a north Toronto shopping

With nothing else to do in line after poncheckout counter, I observed three customers ahead of me as I placed a non-existent mental bet on which cashier would soon ask me for

Nothing seemed to be out-of-the-ordinary Then, after March 2020 and for a good year- with the three transactions ahead, but my time ultimately came and the cashier statook on a new immediacy. It wasn't just a tioned closest to the front of the line gestured

"How are you?" I asked, with what I hope

They told me exactly how they were and it

They had two-and a-half hours left on Don't get me wrong, I love the fact that their shift and the time to get out of the store

A particularly busy day at the store, they were less than thrilled and considerably un-We have home shows galore chock full of comfortable with the number of customers

Not only was I amazed that in the amount sation they had the wherewithal to, of course, There are some that are throwing them- ask for my email address, I was struck by the selves back into their communities with the distinct impression that this might have been same verve and energy they had before, con- the very first time they had heard, "How are

they need a bit more time to find their way once so instinctive and, in the effort to get they seem. And you can read "control" in very real before they feel they have enough to give of back up and running as quickly as possible, terms. themselves. Then there are still more who simple empathy and the nuances of human

or had the opportunity to take it one step at really doesn't need to be said again, but maybe we can get each other up to speed by tak-Over the weekend, for instance, I was ing a deep breath wherever possible, asking, standing in line waiting for my turn to scan "How are you?", making the time to listen my card at the gym when someone ahead of to what the answer is and provide thoughtful

> We might re-discover something about ourselves and the people around us.

to close by wishing my mother and my father It wasn't a tall order, the patron wanted to very happy milestone - and yes, back-to-back

# **Our Readers Write**

# Home show is opportunity to ask questions, says reader

the Albion Bolton Community Centre is an opportune time for Caledon residents to ask Duf- tossed out in the upcoming provincial elecferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones some probing tion, maybe consider letting her know that questions, as the MPP will have a booth there. you're not going to vote for her.

A major question, of course, is why she supports Premier Doug Ford's destructive anti- end, but those same questions can be asked of environment agenda. Some examples of that the people who will be staffing the booth. agenda include the relentless promotion of Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, the excessive use of non-appealable Ministerial Zoning Orders, and the undercutting of the

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This weekend's Home & Lifestyle Show at regulatory powers of conservation authorities. If you believe this government needs to be

The MPP probably won't be there all week-

**DAN O'REILLY CALEDON** 

numbers of people.

The next day, a similar vignette unfolded

I sure got an answer.

It was not a, "Great, thanks," or a "Good,

We're all at different places right now, it answers of your own.

\*And, on the subject of gifts, I would like

# AS IF TWITTER WASN'T SCARY ENOUGH.

# Proposed gun ban won't solve anything



With all the troubles in our world, the "silly season" - election time in Ontario - has brought out some silly suggestions.

The Ontario Liberals have pledged to ban the sale, possession, transport and storage of handguns if elected. Their plan will also accept the Federal government's offer to fund a buy-back program; partner with the federal government to stop gun smuggling at the Ontario-U.S. borders, and advocate to extend the ban nationally so that guns can't be funneled through inter-provincial borders.

Once again, our politicians are firing blanks, so

The "facts" about gun control aren't always as

The Liberals point out that 49 people have been are jumping back into whatever drove them interaction have become something of an af-killed or injured already this year in Toronto alone. Handgun homicides have been increasing yearover-year, and made up 61% of firearms related deaths in 2020. Canada ranks 4th in firearm deaths among OECD countries.

> Well, that right there is inaccurate, and should be qualified. Perhaps on a per capita basis, but given our relatively small population these figures are pretty much useless.

> People have a tendency to cherry-pick data to suit their needs.

> Half of Ontario guns deaths were from selfharm, they point out. Well, those intent on taking their own lives will find a way.

> The Liberals point the finger at Ford for being against such control measures. Political jousting to

> "The Ford Conservatives are 100% aligned with the gun lobby, aggressively opposing all efforts by municipal councils and the federal government to take guns off Ontario streets," concluded Liberal Leader Del Duca. Let's be clear – banning guns won't get them off the streets, or out of the hands of bad guys.

> In fact, banning them will only escalate and fuel the underground illegal market. Who wins? The bad guys, who will only make more money smuggling guns when they are in short supply.

Our existing laws are very strict where handguns

To legally own a restricted or prohibited handgun, individuals must hold a Possession and Acquisition Licence with restricted or prohibited privileges. Obtaining a licence requires the completion of the appropriate safety course, a background check, and more. All restricted and prohibited handguns in Canada are required to be registered with the Registrar of Firearms.

by Mark Pavilons

Handguns can only be stored in an approved location and according to regulations - unloaded, locked, in a secure case or gun safe, and separate from ammunition. They can also only be transported to those locations for which the owner has an Authorization to Transport.

These restrictions mean individuals cannot carry a handgun on their person or bring it to a non- authorized location.

The current laws are quite enough, especially for law-abiding citizens.

According to the 2018 paper by Public Safety Canada, roughly 900,000 law abiding Canadians own handguns, for sport shooting and collecting.

Any ban of handguns or assault weapons would primarily affect legal firearms owners, while the illicit market would be indirectly affected as there would be fewer available to potentially divert. The paper says that in all cases the data does not

conclusively demonstrate that these handgun or assault weapon bans have led to reductions in gun violence. Patterns of gun violence are influenced by many factors and the impact cannot be attributed to

The law-abiding owners contribute to our economy in very real terms.

According to the gunblog.ca, an estimated \$8.5 billion is spent annually on hunting and sport shooting in Canada. Gun owners spend roughly \$1 million per day across the country for ammo and

million Canadians possess firearms licences.

There are some 90,000 law enforcement and military personnel who can carry loaded guns on daily basis.

There are upwards of 1,200 target-shooting ranges in Canada - about the same as the number of McDonald's restaurants.

The blog said that no legally owned guns were involved in violent attacks. Okay, this may be hard

More Canadian adults have a firearm licence than play golf, hockey, soccer or baseball. The firearm and ammunition industry employs almost 50,000 people.

So, there's a more complete picture of this pastime in our country.

We are not like our cousins to the south, whose gun laws are very different. Maybe that's why some U.S. states still have the death penalty.

What anti-gun activists fail to mention is that more people are killed each year by knives, car accidents, even falling down stairs. Should we ban knives and cars?

We have very strict impaired driving laws, yet the numbers are still quite concerning. We ban people from driving yet they sometimes drive anyway. Often, no matter the deterrent, people will still

engage in harmful and potentially deadly behav-The criminal element in our country doesn't buy

their guns at Bass Pro. Most likely, they are smuggled across the border from the U.S. A gun ban in Canada will not impact the illegal

gun trade one iota. It will not put an end to gun or gang violence. It

will not save lives.

Perhaps politicians should consult the public to create a priority list of pressing issues.

I doubt handguns would be on the list.

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# On Volunteerism

For my Mayor's View article this month I evening!! want to share with you a section of my speaking this past Monday.

What I really wanted to get across in my remarks was the tremendous value of volun- ine what we would be without you. teerism to Caledon and how collectively grateful we are for the contributions of these outstanding that you as volunteers do here in Caledon:

Tonight, we are celebrating and honouring YOU, those who make Caledon an extraordinary community - you are the VIP's here this

Volunteers and Community Champions, are notes from Community Recognition Night, held the HEART AND SOUL of our community of communities

I can't imagine and don't even want to imag-

Just think for a moment of the many things

- Coach sports teams
  - Mentor and inspire our children and
  - Support Seniors and Vulnerable Resi- what tonight is all about:

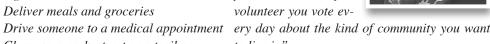
- A shoulder to lean on or a helping hand ultimate exercise of
- Sort through donations of food and cloth-
- Deliver meals and groceries
- Clean up a park, street or a trailway The list is long, and I could go on all night.

ers up on the walls tonight because it really is ing, for giving your time and for helping to make

"Volunteering is the democracy: you vote in elections every few years, but when you

MAYOR'S VIEW

**ALLAN THOMPSON** 



On behalf Members of Town Council, and the I want to read one of the quotes from the post- entire Caledon community, thank you for car-Caledon an incredible place to live!

# Pandemic Puppies Unite!

Hi there! Remember me? I'm Otis the pan- pies to unite together; because some of us may \$1,212,542 and for a detached home, \$1.7 mil- there may have been demic puppy who occasionally writes a guest have to start sharing our new digs with other lion! Even I know that's a whole lotta money a couple of "altercacolumn in place of my pet parent, Sheralyn Romembers of the extended family. It's why I met and probably not very affordable for someone tions" with cousin

years so even though the pandemic isn't really my driveway when I got home! over, a lot of you are going away.

the dog park! Who needs a vacation? Not this more serious, called a housing crisis!

And not just for us puppies either.

my "cousin" for the very first time.

Who knew I had a cousin? It turns out that kind of like some unlucky dogs, you hoomans have a problem finding housing, specifically affordable housing. I'm guessing that's partly because you are looking for something with actual fore. floors, not made out of dirt and with walls that add privacy unlike the cages me and my fellow have to include. I've taken the liberty of para- a little while and maybe you have several panrescues used to live in.

It seems like the cost of real estate, particularly here in the GTA and right here in Caledon agencies, starting salaries for new graduates ing at first, but uniting together is better than is skyrocketing. I'm not really sure how much vary widely, depending of course on whether living apart. I'm learning all kinds of new skills "a million bucks" is, but when I hear the paw the position is in the trades, retail, requires a like cooperation and because everyone is taking parents talking it sounds pretty serious. They college diploma, a university degree or some turns around the house with something called say things like "that's not even enough money combination of these things. The salary range "chores," some days that means I somehow get to be able to afford a townhouse these days" and is typically anywhere from around \$40,000 to MORE walks than usual. that sounds pretty alarming. That's just one of as much as \$55,000 annually. Meanwhile, the I started out being a bit protective of my new

my cousin recently, because Mum and Dad say earning \$55,000 grand a year. For some reason, she has abandoned me this he's coming to live with me for a while. They

(and dogs) will be living together than ever be- avocado toast! (Whatever that is?)

phrasing them a little bit.

**SHERALYN ROMAN** TALK CALEDON

According to TRREB (The Toronto Regional is, the longer this big week - thankfully, not literally, and not for long, introduced us at that dog park I just told you Real Estate Board) house prices have increased white fluffball hangs but for something called a "holiday." Apparent- about and wow, no one was more surprised than an average of 28% over this time last year. Even around, the more I'm ly whatever holidays are, you hoomans haven't me to find out the great white Pyrenees I met a condos (where some of us dogs aren't even al- realizing he's actually pretty comfortable to been on one for at least the last two or three few weeks ago while at the dog park was also in lowed to live) are occasionally selling for more snuggle up with. Plus now I have help protectthan \$800,000. I might find typing with paws ing our house when anyone comes to the front So, it turns out I have this giant dog cousin difficult but I know with prices like that, housdoor. You should hear him bark! He even scares I personally don't understand why you need a who outweighs me by about 100 pounds! He ing affordability is not within reach for so many me a little! I'm not sure when the real estate holiday, for me every day is great! I get to go for came from a pound just like me but he has had new people entering the market. Combined with market will ever be affordable for recent grads, long walks, play outside, get plenty of treats and a lot more training - so now I'm supposed to many developers focussing on large suburban young adults or newcomer families and those on Saturday mornings I go to a new place called have some more training too - thanks a lot homes and some neighbourhoods resisting in- that need extra support but until it is, to all my Appa! (That's his name by the way.) I was get-fill housing opportunities (like small apartment fellow pandemic puppies - stay united! Furry guy, that's for sure. However, it's not vacations ting along just fine in the house till this big, buildings, duplexes and other multi-family friends are much better than furry foes. I want to write about today, it's something far white fluffy ball of fur came along and yet housing options) the lack of entry-point housing somehow I'm the one that needs to learn more will only get worse. Not to mention, it doesn't manners! Sigh. Still, it sounds like there is a lot even begin to address affordable housing op-Just recently, I added another exciting mile- of this pandemic puppies "moving in together tions for those relying on assisted living options stone to my "post rescue" dog life by meeting thing" happening right now so I guess I'll get such as subsidized housing or ODSP payments used to it and maybe we will even end up being to survive. How on earth is anyone supposed friends. After all, with the average cost of real to be able to afford a home these days? Mum estate skyrocketing and interest rates beginning was pretty emphatic about reminding us that it's to climb it seems like more and more hoomans clearly NOT just because Generation Z is eating

> I guess this is all a very long way of saying it Mum left behind these thoughts she says I appears my "cousin" will be living with me for demic puppies united under one roof too. My According to various employment search advice is pretty simple: it might seem challeng-

the reasons I'm encouraging us pandemic pup- average price for a townhome in the GTA was family and I'm a little guy with a big mouth so

Appa but the truth





**COUSIN APPA** 

# Don't toss your batteries in a pile!

At one time when your flashlight gave its I was at an event a few weeks ago at Honda the accelerator, there is no hesitation at all - you to the future and have last flash, you took out the DD batteries, tossed in Alliston where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau take right off. them in the garbage and picked up a new set the and Ontario Premier Doug Ford arrived with next time you were at the local Piggly Wiggly or whatever store you do your battery shopping pouring a lot of money into the company in sup-

After years of polluting the ground water, it turing future. was decided that tossing batteries in the garbage was not the way to go. We now have special battery pick-up days and disposal places where by 2040. you are supposed to retire your spent charges.

Car batteries can be broken down and recycled. So can the batteries you use at home. They vaporize some elements which are then condensed and re-used.

think about it. You have this power stored in this small unit that can be used to operate all sorts of devices and you don't even have to flip a switch very quiet, there is really no noise at all. to turn them on. The power is there, ready to be used.

Now that we are apparently seriously enter- the gasoline engine would kick in. ing the age of the electric vehicle, battery power is taking on an entirely new role in the world.

their entourage to announce they would be port of Honda's plan to electrify their manufac-

vehicles represent 100 per cent of vehicle sales

Apparently the federal and provincial governments support this and think it's a good idea.

Estimates indicate that there will be 138 to are crushed and various processes are used to 230 million battery power vehicles on the road world-wide by the end of this decade.

I've tried driving a couple of electric vehicles. Battery power is an amazing thing when you There were both the small compact car variety. One was a hybrid, the other was fully electric. I was impressed by a few things. They are

> I liked how the hybrid made the decision make a gasoline engine operate. when electric power was appropriate and when

Most of all, I was impressed by the immedi- disposed of. ate torque of electric power. When you step on

**BRIAN LOCKHART** FROM THE SECOND ROW

Both cars had a nice smooth drive, handled erations, but the in-

well, and were actually a lot of fun to drive.

gas, electric power is becoming very attractive. future demand to get Legend has it, as told to me by a local car rid of or recycle these

Honda said they are planning to make electric dealer, that one of his customers managed to giant lithium-based batteries. drive to Florida on a single tank of gas using a hybrid vehicle. The customer apparently moni- few years ago to jolt that industry, and the pubtored very closely the performance of the vehicle and the combined use of electric power and pared to deal with the millions of car tires that gas for the entire trip just to see if he could do it. are tossed away every year.

Currently, electric car batteries are generally before they start wearing out. That's a pretty to that, few people really considered what was good length of time considering with a battery powered car you won't have to replace the ra-

The problem is, at the end of your car's battery life, there is a 1,000 lb battery that must be because a million lithium batteries in a pile

There are already some companies looking cycle them.

started recycling opdustry is not keeping As for fuel savings, with the current price up with what will be

It took a fire at a tire dump in Hagersville a lic into the realization they had not been pre-

That fire made the public aware that used tires considered to last for 10 years, or 100,000 miles were simply carted off and tossed in a pile. Prior happening to their old rubber.

If the plan is to go ahead with the electrificadiator, fuel pump, water pump, alternator, spark tion of vehicles on a mass scale is going to happlug, timing belt, or any of the other parts that pen, there must also be a plan on how to deal with the end result.

> We can't wait until there is another disaster caught fire because there was no place to re-





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# MMIWG2S ceremony to be held at Alder

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A local ceremony is being held on the National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit persons (MMIWG2S) on May 5.

The event starts at 10 a.m. in front of the main entrance to the Alder Street Recreation Centre, and attendees will walk from there to the Medicine Wheel Garden where a smudging ceremony and debrief circle will take place.

"During the debrief circle people can talk about what they've gotten out of doing this walk, and putting these women and girls and the Two Spirit into their thoughts," said Debbie Egerton, Chair of the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DC-CRC) board.

"We have, amazingly enough, people who come out who will talk about their own experiences with the murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls, and Two Spirit. So, it's a good opportunity for people to get personal story."

Dufferin Child and Family Services has partnered with DC-CRC to host the event and members of the OPP will be in attendance as well.

The MMIWG2S movement in Canada stemmed from a national inquiry that found persistent and deliberate human rights and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are behind Canada's disproportionate rates of violence among Indigenous women, girls, and Two Spirit people.

Indigenous women and girls make up 16 per cent of all female homicide victims and 11 per cent of missing women, while they only account for 4.3 per cent of the population in Canada. Overall, they are three times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be victims of violence.

Egerton told the Citizen, the DCCRC event on May 5 is a great opportunity for people to reflect and learn about MMI-WG2S.

Through the event, she said she hopes awareness is increased in the community and people will hold the Canadian government to account.

"I'd like to see more people writing letters," Egerton remarked. "We need to get the politicians, we need to talk to the Solicitor General, and we need to get these guys to understand this needs to become a priority. We cannot just sit back and wait for stuff to happen."

Egerton said she'd encourage people to come out to the event and get involved – it is open to everybody.

"I think if you're wanting to really understand what the issue is about, being part of events like this is so important," she noted.

"These events are all about bringing awareness to the issue, and the only way you're going to understand the issue is to be a part of an event where you can meet the people who have stories to share. Then you can see that it's not just some whim, there are actual people involved in this."

"That's how we're all going to gather and become one is we're all working towards building bridges, and we need to do this together. It's how we're going to help our Indigenous communities heal," Egerton added.

The event will begin at the entrance of the Alder Recreation Centre at 10 a.m. on May 5.

# Town honours community builders on National Volunteer Week

Continued from FRONT

"You vote in elections every few years, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. And I think that really sums up what this is all about," said Thompson. "On behalf of my members of Council and our community, to you the volunteers that we're recognizing tonight and to the community champions: Thank you. Thank you for making Caledon special."

Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC (Mississauga Brampton Caledon), was the evening's emcee. She said it was an honour to be standing in front of such an outstanding group of citizens.

"Many of our loved ones were touched by the caring hands of volunteers. We know that volunteering is actually at the core of being human. No one can make it through life without someone's help," said Strong.

The 2022 Community Recognition Night also included outstanding volunteers who could not be recognized in-person in 2021 due to the pandemic. Strong said she was delighted to announce 46 awards were being given out at the event.

She explained the highest honour that can be bestowed at Community

Recognition Night is the Community Champion Award. Recipients of this award are chosen by a selection committee based on the significance of their community involvement and years of service.

Caledon's Community Champion for 2022 is Neil Morris, who's been a volunteer with Bethell Hospice for 12 years. Strong said over the years Morris' tireless volunteerism at Bethell has helped countless families through extremely difficult times.

"His diligent work on the Health and Safety committee, assisting with training and fire drills, and collecting apples from hospice trees to make homemade jelly to sell on behalf of Bethell Hospice are just a few of his many volunteer contributions," said Strong.

"When pandemic restrictions limited the number of volunteers allowed at Bethell Hospice, he took on additional shifts and roles to ensure that the same level of care was maintained. He is described as enthusiastic and hardworking, and participates in various committees, and even assists with the maintenance at Bethell Hospice."

Strong said the Bethell Hospice staff above all want to thank Morris for the feedback they receive from residents and families about his kind demeanour. care, and conversation.

Outside of his work with Bethell Hospice, Morris is involved in the community in many other ways. He's been a community representative on the Cheltenham Badlands Management Committee; a trail maintenance volunteer with the Bruce Trail Conservancy since 2000; lends his time to the Board of Directors at the Albion Hills Community Farm; and has been integral in the success of the Inglewood Farmers'

Morris has been involved with many other volunteer groups and committees as well.

Strong thanked everyone who attended Community Recognition Night to support Caledon's volunteers.

"Before me sits an extraordinary group of people that have contributed countless years of service to our community. We are truly grateful for your dedication and we're humbled by your commitment to your role in leading volunteers in our community," said Strong.

"Every morning, I look at my dad's watch. And I'm reminded that we only have one life to live and I have to make, and continue to make, my time count. I believe that together we absolutely have the power to leave a beautiful legacy behind."



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Neil Morris is pictured with Mayor Allan Thompson and MPP Sylvia Jones.

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# Caledon honours its Community Builders and Volunteers



Amy Darrell is an important part of EcoCaledon and has volunteered to help with many environmental programs. For this, she was the recipient of a Caledon Community Recognition award.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Janet Manning is a long-serving member of the Caledon Public Library Board and has led the library through many important changes, such as the library's transition to being fine-free. For this, she was the recipient of a Caledon Community Recognition award.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Caledon's 2021 Community Champion, Joe Gray, was also honoured at the 2022 Community Recognition Night ceremony in Bolton on April 25.



Kathie Maloney has been the director at the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers for 15 years, bringing the words of scripts to life and creating lasting memories. For this, she was the recipient of a Caledon Community Recognition award.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN





# Alton Mill's Spring Open House set for this weekend

**BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD** 

There is lots of news at the Alton Mill Arts Centre in the village of Alton. Much of it will constitute what is happening at the annual Spring Open House over this weekend, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

With only a hint about one of the new additions to the Mill, the Citizen nevertheless had a conversation with Chef Martin Kouprie who is both the new General Manager of the Mill and making plans for the Alton Mill's new restaurant, set to be installed in the Pond Gallery upstairs.

"We've gone ahead and got our liquor license this week." he told us. "That will help to move the approval for the restaurant along. And it means we can sell drinks at the Open House this weekend [and] help to add a casual air."

Chef Kouprie went on to outline the five main attractions of the upcoming weekend at the Alton Mill.

The Spring Open House is an annual signature event at the Mill, a celebration of the spring with the thrill of new life that helps one forget the rigours of winter. The joy of new grass and the flush of fresh blooms in the gardens and through the woods are lovely to see.

A walk up the path in the woods heading up a slight incline from the Mill leads to a fabulous dry stone installation titled The Wave. That is precisely what it looks like: an easy (on the eyes) form flowing in as liquid an image as stone could manage.

Dry stone wall artisan Doug Bell will be onsite this weekend to demonstrate how to repair such a stone wall by hand. Donations for the Canada Dry Stone Wall Association would be appreciated but the demonstration is freely given.

There are works of art all around the outside of the Mill and worth a stroll to see them at any time.

Celtic Artist and Shamanic Practitioner CJ Sheldon is highlighting her talent as a Tarot or Soul Symbol Reader. For the weekend, walk-ins are accepted to learn how CJ interprets what the cards say as well as what she understands that comes from the person for whom the cards are being read. It is a fascinating and sometimes life-changing experience.

Andrew Welch, author of Our Second Chance is on deck this weekend to talk about his book which is the sequel to his first book The Value Crisis. In them, he explains the "heart of the value crisis that prevents us from taking the action so urgently needed."

Seeing the world from a very difference perspective, Mr. Welch's message is about solutions that work. He is speaking in the Millrace Room on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The Competition Event Vol. 1, presented by Sam King and the Alton Mill Arts Centre, gives the audience the chance to watch 12 artists compete in a live painting session and join the adjudicators in choosing the winners.

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# Bolton teen has new vital companion



Joshua and Felix.

### **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

### **BY MARK PAVILONS**

A Bolton teen has a very different take on the term "boy's best friend."

After completing intensive training, Joshua Moreau and his buddy dog Felix graduated as part of the CNIB Guide Dogs Class of 2022.

Joshua and Felix, a male golden retriever, marked the occasion as part of International Guide Dog Day.

Joshua and Felix were among the 21 graduating partnerships (16 guide dogs and five buddy dogs) from across Canada

The training went "pretty well," Joshua said, noting his whole family participated.

"Having Felix makes me really thankful that he's here and he makes me happy."

Felix is a buddy dog, not a full guide so he was not fully trained, however, he does know many commands.

It's an evolving partnership to be sure.

"When I walk him twice a day I feel safe with him

"When I walk him twice a day, I feel safe with him," Joshua said.

Felix came to live the family last October and he's been a "real comfort to me to have around."

Joshua was born with low vision, and lost the majority of his sight when he was 9 to 10 years old. He also has glaucoma and Oculodentodigital Displaysia (ODD).

Joshua, 13, is currently in Grade 8 and Felix will be invaluable to him in the years to come.

Guide dogs are among the most highly trained dogs in the world, performing tasks that require intensive standardized training, and are specifically trained to assist someone who is blind or partially sighted with mobility. Being part of a guide dog team provides mobility, safety and confidence, leading to increased independence and a sense of connection with the world. Guide dogs are one of the only service dogs trained in intelligent disobedience,

which is disobeying their handler's command if it will put the handler's safety at risk. The safety of their handler is the guide dog's top priority.

A buddy dog is partnered with a child who is living with sight loss.

Whether it's feeding, grooming or walking this well-trained family pet, a buddy dog gives the child an opportunity to care for a dog and may make it easier to transition into a guide dog partnership in the future.

People with sight loss often say having a guide dog is a transformational experience. Being part of a guide dog team provides mobility, safety and confidence, leading to increased independence and a sense of connection with the world.

The CNIB believes everyone who would like to have a guide dog should have that opportunity.

"At CNIB Guide Dogs, we raise, train and match dogs with Canadians who are blind or partially sighted. We also raise our voices to ensure people with sight loss have opportunities to live, work and play without barriers. We're committed to ensuring social attitudes shift to universal acceptance and appreciation for guide dogs. To help transform our communities into beacons of accessibility and inclusion."

They provide all the support that's needed. From the point someone with sight loss pursues training, to the placement of the dog and throughout the dog's working life, CNIB offers a wide range of supplementary services, including peer support, advocacy and more. Once the partnership has been working successfully for a year, CNIB Guide Dogs will transfer ownership of the guide dog to the handler.

They offer the highest standards and training to maximize the dogs' potential.

The program has been supported for decades by Lions Clubs across Canada.



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# Caledon garden centre owner born in Ukraine doing all she can to help



Anastasiya Bilotserkivska (right) and her son Logan with the Easter Bunny at Town Bloom Garden Centre's Easter egg hunt in support of Ukraine.

Reserve Now

# Anastasiya Bilotserkivska was raised in Kyiv, still has family and friends in Ukraine

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** 

Democracy is under attack in Ukraine, and plies to the country's citizens. no matter how much Kyiv-born Anastasiya Bilotserkivska does to help, it doesn't feel like and we were buying stuff at Costco and shipping

Bilotserkivska is the president of Town Bloom Garden Centre at Highway 9 and Tottenham Road in Caledon. On the Easter long weekend, she held a charity egg hunt for kids, with proceeds going towards those affected by Russia's illegal, unprovoked and ongoing war on Ukraine.

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It was the latest in a long and continuing line of fundraising efforts from Bilotserkivska, whose friends started the charity Ukraine Medical Support to provide a constant stream of medical sup-

"At the beginning, I was just asking friends,

(it). My friends ended up opening their own nonprofit organization because it's just much easier when you do have (an organization) to buy things wholesale. You also can buy certain medicine that's hospital grade only instead of what's available on the shelves of our pharmacies," said Bilotserkivska.

Funds raised from the recent egg hunt, however, Bilotserkivska used to directly help an old

"I received messaging back and forth with one of my childhood friends back home, and he's finally got called in for the civil soldiers. He's going to training right now. And he's like, 'Hey, we need all these supplies, we can't buy it anywhere here. Shortage of everything'," said Bilotserkivska.

"He's requesting it for his entire battalion. It's simple things like a strap to hold a rifle. Like water purification tablets, camping cookware... backpacks and tactical gloves. Stuff that is not lethal, but we can buy it on Amazon. They can't."

Bilotserkivska said she's going to continue to help in every way she can, and that the best way to keep up with her and her businesses' efforts is to follow Town Bloom on Instagram @ thetownbloomgardencentre or Facebook @thetownbloom.

She said the Easter egg hunt was a success and that the kids who attended did a great job finding the eggs despite the fact there was "like 1,000" of them. Bilotserkivska said the older kids secretly re-hid some of the eggs so the younger kids could keep on having a great time.

Some Ukrainian families even drove in from Toronto and Oakville for the event as they knew it was for a good cause.

Bilotserkivska came to Canada when she was 14, and said she's never lost her language or culture. She tries to visit Ukraine every two or three years — her cousin jokes she always comes in between conflicts.

Bilotserkivska's cousin still lives in Ukraine; so do all of her mom's friends, some of whom are commanders in the Ukrainian military.

Because of this, Bilotserkivska gets first-hand accounts of what's happening in Ukraine.

When Bilotserkivska first heard the news that Russia had invaded Ukraine, she found it incredibly hard to focus on anything, including

"It's a recovery process. First the panic, the sorrow, grief, then the shock... then you (think) 'We need something to do'. We can't do much because we are here. Life continues, but we have to continue somehow, we have to continue help-

ing, because that's the only way they're going to win," said Bilotserkivska.

She said it's important to think of creative ways to fundraise, as after the initial shock and horror, donations in support of Ukraine declined. One example of something Bilotserkivska plans to do is create "Ukraine Planters" with blue and yellow flowers and donate proceeds.

"We can't always just ask for money, you gotta give something back as well," she said.

Bilotserkivska said helping doesn't feel rewarding because of her deep personal connections to the conflict. She said it feels like a silent obligation and that no matter how much time or money she gives, it doesn't feel like she's even put a dent into fixing things.

"It's just, keep going. Like, okay, we got 100 bulletproof vests, we need 1000 more. It's going to be like that until this is all over," she said, adding when it is she'll want to go help clean up.

"Let's put it this way: when I have boxes of Amazon arriving on my doorstep, and you know, I have a five-year-old, he's like 'Mom, are these presents for me?' and I'm like no... it's all tactical gear," said Bilotserkivska. "... My best friend, they just rescued her cousin, and there's no word from her parents because they were in Mariupol... we haven't heard from her uncle in over a month now. So who knows? Probably didn't survive, you know?"

Bilotserkivska said while life will continue for the rest of the world, every dollar counts and everyone's continued support of Ukraine counts. She explained it's so important for people to realize Russia is waging a war on democracy as they're an external aggressor waging war on a democratic country.

While Ukraine is a smaller country in size, Bilotserkivska said it's important on a global scale. She said Ukraine exports a large amount of the world's wheat and has a large reserve of cobalt, a mineral that's important in the production of electric cars. She said perhaps these could be reasons why Russia wants Ukraine so badly.

Bilotserkivska speaks Russian as well as Ukrainian, so she's able to understand Russian news. She thinks Russian president Vladmir Putin hopes European and Western nations will get tired of inflation caused by the war and take back sanctions they've placed on Russia.

Bilotserkivska wants the democratic world to be properly educated and say, "No, we can suck it up for a little bit." She wants people to not allow their politicians to ease sanctions on Russia, and said it's even an opportunity for the democratic world to rethink its reliance on oil and gas.



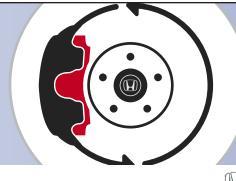
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# **Caledon Tennis Club taking** registrations

**BY ROBERT BELARDI** 

Caledon Tennis Club held registration day last Sunday between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Caledon Village.

Revamped with brand new courts for the upcoming season, President Terry Lawrence is very excited to be opening up the club without capacity limits.

"You know, last year we had more members... we even got more junior members, because there wasn't a lot of things to do outside of tennis," said Lawrence, who is now entering his 14 year as president.

"We couldn't have the teams and all those things. Now we're going to come back and want to do those things. Same with OTA tournaments, we're going to want to have those tournaments."

There's quite a lot to be excited about registering with the club. There will be numerous inter-club tournaments and competitions between other clubs that will keep members' competitive spirits up. Specifically, there is an A-league and

This year, Caledon Tennis Club will introduce a men's and ladies' doubles tournament that hopefully will have a lot of people interested to

Having played tennis since he was five years

old, former Caledon Tennis Club president and member for 36 years Phil Staite said he is happy to see tennis return for its social aspect.

"Tennis is a great game for the whole family and the kids too because you only need one other to play. You can come out and bash the ball around and have a great time," Staite said.

"And it's a life sport. You can play from five years old, right up all your life. That's what makes it neat to watch."

Uniquely, tennis is one of those sports where your opponent is your friend. Staite has seen competitors in the past meet up for a drink after their matches after going head-to-head against one another.

This club has also witnessed great tennis players go on out on to the world stage.

New Zealand professional Erin Routliffe went through the ranks with Caledon Tennis Club, before travelling all over the world for tournaments as she does today.

Registrations are ongoing as we speak. You may download and sign your forms at caledontennisclub.weebly.com/membership.html.

The club professional that will be in charge of tennis lessons is none other than Mike Soden.

Forms must be handed in at Caledon Mountain Wildlife or mailed to the club, at 18357 Hurontario Street, Caledon, ON L7K 0X7.



Phil Staite (left) and Terry Lawrence (right) can't wait to get the new season up and running at Caledon PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI Tennis Club.



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# North Dufferin Baseball League starting next week

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The first pitch in the North Dufferin Baseball League will be thrown next week, as the Bolton Brewers head out on the road to take on the Creemore Padres.

The Brewers are coming off a very successful season, having won the NDBL championship last year.

The Brewers swept the New Lowell Knights in the finals, with 2-1, 4-1 and 12-0 victories to complete the sweep. The Brewers did not lose a single playoff game, having swept the Mansfield Cubs and the Barrie Angels in the previous two rounds.

Bolton was the top team in the league with an 8-2-0 record. The Brewers will take on Creemore on the road May 7 and will host the Clearview Orioles at North Hill Park in Bolton at 7:00 p.m.

As for the other Bolton club, the Bolton Dodgers will be in action as well against the Lisle Astros.

The Dodgers, who didn't make the postseason last year, will be looking to turn things around this season to compete with their crosstown rivals

In the NDBL junior division, the Caledon Nationals made it to the junior division finals, falling 8-3 to the Midland Twins.

In their first season in the league, the Nationals exceeded numerous expectations and instantly made a huge impact.

For this upcoming season, teams understand what to expect from this club moving forward. The Nationals will start their season at home in Bolton, up against the Creemore Padres on May 15

First pitch is at 4:00 p.m. at North Hill Park

# Nash earns first win against former club

**BY ROBERT BELARDI** 

York United manager Martin Nash earned his first win as a head coach in the Canadian Premier League last Friday against his former club Cavalry FC.

Nash, who spent three seasons under Tommy Wheeldon, Jr. in Calgary, got the better of his former bench boss 2-0 at York Lions Stadium last Friday.

"Credit to Martin and his group, I think the right team won. We got no complaints," Wheeldon Jr. said in the post-match press conference.

"This is football. You've got to put your hand up when you don't deserve to win and I don't think we deserved to win because their details were right."

Using a 4-4-1-1 formation on the day, Nash used youngster Isaiah Johnston in a different role the midfielder is used to.

Johnston, played in behind Osaze De Rosario in an attacking midfielder role. This match was also the return of Max Ferrari to the starting lineup as he slot right into the right-midfielder position like he was previously accustomed to.

In the early moments of the game, Johnston immediately made an impact. In the 18-minute mark, Johnston broke free into the box, but his shot was stopped by Cavalry keeper Julian Roloff.

In the 35th minute, Johnston made another substantial impact, this time resulting in a

goal.

He chipped the ball into the box and found

The Brazilian international's diving header swooped past Roloff into the far corner to give York United the lead.

a streaking Oliver Minatel.

"I think it's more instinct inside the box. So, as I soon as I saw Isaiah turn, I made my run. He put a great ball in and there you don't

have much time, it's instinct," Minatel said.

With York falling behind in possession, the
Nine Stripes exploited vulnerable areas and
hit Cavalry on the counter attack. Ferrari and
De Rosario began linking up near the end of
the half, as Ferrari slid the ball across the box
to De Rosario only to have his shot heroical-

ly blocked by Karifa Yao.

In the 73rd minute, on the counter-attack, Diyaeddine Abzi sprung free De Rosario and the young forward cut in towards the top of the 18-yard area and thrashed the ball into the back of the net for his second goal of the

"I thought we were really good in the first half. I thought we could have had two. Maybe even three. We created a bunch of chances. What I'm really pleased about in the first

half is we didn't let them create much. They didn't have a lot of great chances. We got in some really good areas but we snuffed them out well. Really good on the defensive end," Nash said.

"The biggest thing for me, was how we went about the game today. I thought it was a fantastic performance from our team. Start to finish."

The Nine Stripes will kick-off a two-game home stand beginning tomorrow. York United will take on Atletico Ottawa at 7.30 p.m. at York Lions Stadium, before facing arch rivals Forge FC on May 6.











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Marni Goss (Jon), Terri Teeter (Jason), Dan (Nancy), Kevin (Jennifer), McQuarrie (Jamie). Dearest Greatgrandmother of Caleb, Joshua, Sarah, Alexis, Kendra, Brier, Dean, Seth, Sage, Reese, Isaac, Isaiah. Predeceased by her brothers Robert, Veryle and Ray. Doris will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at Jehovah Jireh Christian Ministries, 20554 Hurontario St., Caledon, ON L7K 1W9 on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with Visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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### **OBITUARIES**

NELSON, Murray Hugh Peacefully Bethel Hospice on Friday April 22, 2022 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of 52 years to Ruth Nelson (Fink). Loving father of Pamela Brooks (Simon) and David (Jennifer). Cherished Grampa of Mackenzie and Stephanie. Remembered by his brothers Fraser (Janet) and Bruce (Anna).



Raised in Caledon East with a large extended family (23 first cousins!), Hugh worked with his dad and brothers at their garage. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Civil, Water Resources from the University of Guelph in 1968. Hugh started working with government in Alberta, met his wife Ruth on vacation in Jamaica and married her in 1969. He raised his family in Lethbridge, established his first business, played hockey and tennis, enjoyed camping, hiking and skiing in the Rockies. The family moved back to Ontario in 1987 where Hugh redesigned dams on the Trent-Severn and lead multiple municipal projects. Hugh and Ruth travelled extensively during this time. Hugh finished his career as a consultant with EXP in Brampton in 2017. In his retirement, Hugh enjoyed winters in Arizona, volunteering with Mayfield United Church, the Providence Cemetery and Habitat for Humanity. Hugh believed in service to others.

Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Juneral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, April 29, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 & 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Providence Cemetery, Mayfield United Church or the Canadian Cancer Society-Wheels of Hope would be appreciated by the family.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.

dodsandmenair.com

LUBJA, Norma (nee Mackey)
On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, peacefully at home. Norma Lubja at the age of 82, dearly beloved wife for 57 years to the late Kuno Lubja (January 5, 2022). Beloved mother of Christine Waddell, Martin Lubja and Murray Lubja. Loving grandmother of Kayla and Alicia. Norma will be fondly remembered by her family and friends. Resting at NEWEDIUK FUNERAL HOME, KIPLING CHAPEL, 2058 Kipling Avenue (North of Rexdale Boulevard) on Friday, May 6, 2022 from 9 a.m. until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Interment at Park Lawn Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at newediukfuneralhome.com

# MARIETTA MAGUIRE



Peacefully, at home with her family by her side, Marietta Maguire, in her 85th year, beloved wife for 63 years of Hugh Maguire. Loving mother of LeeAnn, Steven, and Cherie. Cherished Nana of 12 adoring grandchildren and 15 sweet little great-grandchildren with two great-granddaughters on

the way. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Tuesday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, April 27 at one o'clock.

Interment Caledon East Public Cemetery. Out of her love for children, the family requests donations be made to World Vision. Condolences for the family may be offered at

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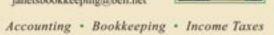
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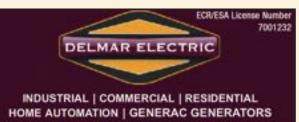


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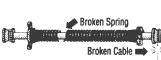
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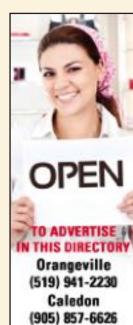
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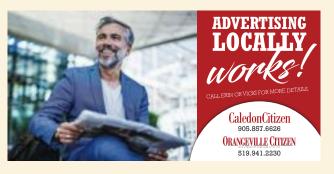
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# Liberal candidate Bob Gordanier launches campaign at south Caledon event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Dufferin-Caledon's Liberal candidate doesn't want to see Caledon's farmland destroyed for irresponsible development.

Bob Gordanier officially launched his campaign to become the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for the Dufferin-Caledon riding on April 22 at Mint Leaf Indian Sweets and Restaurant in the south of Caledon.

The campaign launch featured a dinner for guests and the president of the Ontario Liberals was on hand to give a speech.

Gordanier spoke to The Citizen at the event about why he's running and what his plans are. Before venturing into the world of politics,

Gordanier was a farmer, firefighter, police officer, and president of the Beef Farmers of Ontario. Through all these roles, he enjoyed the aspect of meeting people and trying to make things better, something he says he'll bring to politics.

Gordanier said he's not comfortable with a lot of things Doug Ford's Conservative government has been doing and that's part of the reason he's running for office again.

One area Gordanier is concerned about is health care.

"Minister (Christine) Elliot is talking about... privatizing hospitals and clinics... I'm totally against that," said Gordanier.

Another thing he's concerned about is education, saying cuts to education are beginning to

have an impact on Ontario's school system.

"To me, education is the key to our children's success...we need to be giving the educators the tools to be able to teach," said Gordanier.

'We've had four children of our own, and we have seven grandchildren right now that have gone/are going through the education system, and the public system is fantastic. But it needs to be funded, not the money taken away."

Gordanier said climate change is something Ontario needs to address and as a farmer, he saw the effects of climate change firsthand.

"I could see it over a period of time. You don't need to be a scientist to see that there's a problem," said Gordanier. "We call it climate crisis. And actually, I see two crises. Right now, I do see the climate crisis and I also see the Ford crisis. We need rid of them."

Gordanier said he and Ontario Liberal leader Steven Del Duca are both against the proposed Highway 413. He said Dufferin-Caledon is an incredibly special riding and that alternatives to the 413 can be found. Gordanier said he's calling the proposed 413 a laneway, not a highway, as he said all it will be is a laneway back to the "thousands of homes" that will be built along-

Gordanier explained land in Caledon is not only good for growing because of the soil, but because of the level of heat it gets. He doesn't want to see land that can "grow pretty much everything" taken over by unnecessary develop-

Bob Gordanier. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

"We have municipalities that are using developers... in their makeup of what they want to do, and I don't think that's too smart, to be quite honest. I think we need to have a whole totally different approach to this," said Gordanier.

"Developers are not interested in... building the houses that we need. To me, we need to be telling developers what they're going to build and where (they are) going to build it. And if they don't like that, they should just go home."

Gordanier said he plans to support Ontario's economy by supporting small business owners; he said as far as he's concerned they're the ones running the economy.

"Ford closed them (small businesses) up and allowed big box stores to stay open. And I mean, you never knew what you were even going to do on Monday morning. 'Am I going to be open or am I going to be closed?' And that's a huge issue," said Gordanier.

He said going around the riding knocking on doors has given him a real sense of what people are thinking as the June 2 election approaches.

"I always have said, you don't have to agree with me, but we need to discuss it," said Gor-

# Alton Mill's Spring Open House set for this weekend

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Tickets are available online at Eventbrite or Facebook. The Competition will take place in the Millrace Room on Sunday, May 1, starting at 1:00

"I've been getting ready for this weekend," said Martin Kouprie, "doing a little bit of shopping, I bought some Canadian wine, some economicallypriced so as not charge too much. We want this to be a nice weekend and we're looking to keep the

Chef Kouprie has "only lived up here [in the country not far from Alton] for six years. I thought there would be an opportunity for me."

"I'm so thankful that I'm up here," he went on

Martin Kouprie is a chef by training, commenting, "I've been cooking longer than I've done any-

His training was primarily acquired by working for the best chefs, back in the day when they had a trial system, telling us that chefs don't do that anymore. Many times they hired an employee on

Chef Kouprie went to Humber College to complete his credentials by achieving his Certificate Chef de Cuisine (CCC).

For 20 years, his Toronto restaurant Pangia was located at Bay and Bloor.

The Chef's background is wine, "The Alton Mill is about the local experience, to experience the ter-

The two Canadian wines he purchased are Angel's Gate Chardonnay and wine by Speck Broth-

"Plus a rosé, a Crémant from France."

During the weekend there will be choices from charcuterie, cheese and fruit, vegetables with dips and some wine. COVID protocols dictate that food comes pre-packaged, so it will be kept simple and low cost to offer food and drink as a way to bring

Opening a restaurant is a leap of faith, very hard work with few guarantees.

In answer to our inquiry as to what keeps him at it, Chef Kouprie explained, "It's a passion of mine – I love the pressure – I love creating. We'll be making our own fermented sausage, professional sausage making. We have been given permission (OCO) to make cheese.

"The success lies with creativity," he said, "like risotto - every time I make it, I think I made it a little bit better."

Plans for the restaurant will try for about 60 seats inside and 40 on the patio. A hundred, so we were told, is the magic number.

"Having a pleasant environment and not feel rushed, be relaxed enough to enjoy yourself," is his ideal. "Keep a concise menu that will change with the season: three specials on the daily menu, imported wines and hams you can't get here."

To tempt visitors to come over this Spring Open House weekend, Chef Kouprie described the Alton Mill as a unique destination "where you won't get anywhere else. You're brought to another place and another world, when people do things with their

He said, "All the old lessons from our forefathers and we take them and make the best in the new world."

For all the information about the Alton Mill Arts Centre and the Open House weekend go to www. altonmill.ca

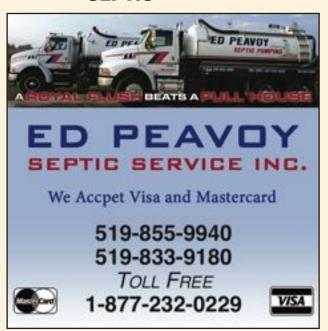






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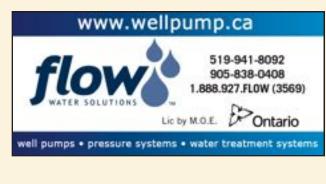
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