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Adam and Sarah Trussler brought their children Maddie and Charlotte to Happy Days in their 1966 Pontiac GTO Tribute. The event, which featured live music, a classic car show and food trucks, helped support Caledon Meals on Wheels. For more, see Page 10.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Bolton gearing up for Bicentennial after COVID delay

In person celebrations back on track

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Bolton is a village that predates Canada's confederation in 1867. It was established in 1821 by a man named George Bolton, and the Bolton Bicentennial Committee and Albion Bolton Historical Society (ABHS) want Bolton residents to know about the origins of the place they live.

Valerie Mackie is part of the bicentennial committee, which was started by the ABHS, with which she is also involved. She spoke to The Citizen about why the bicentennial is so important to her, the bicentennial committee, and the ABHS. She also shared details about upcoming events being held to celebrate Bolton's bicentennial.

Mackie has lived in Bolton for 38 years but still doesn't call herself a local, as she knows folks who have lived in Bolton for 80 years-plus. "I didn't grow up in this community, but I've grown with the community and love it," she said.

She's always loved history, and fell in love with the history of Bolton. Her neighbours living on

either side of her were involved with the ABHS and encouraged Mackie to get involved too.

"We live in the valley and we're part of Lot Nine, Concession Seven, which is the land that George Bolton originally purchased, so it's really a personal interest," said Mackie.

For the bicentennial, Mackie said a large boulder and plaque are going to be placed in Bolton Mill Park by where George Bolton's dam used to be. Bolton built the first mill in the area and served surrounding farmers; the mill and the land around it was the beginning of the village of Bolton.

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Documentary of epic journey by horseback has Caledon connections

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Traveling about 30 kilometres a day, current Caledon resident Filipe Leite rode a horse from the Calgary Stampede to his hometown in Brazil. He then rode from there to the southernmost tip of South America, "the end of the world." To complete his epic 25,000-kilometre journey across the Americas, he rode from Alaska back to the Calgary Stampede.

According to the Long Riders' Guild, an international association of equestrian explorers, a

long rider is someone who has ridden more than 1,000 miles on a continuous equestrian journey. Leite now certainly fits that bill.

He wrote a book for each segment of his journey, the last of which will soon be available in the Caledon Public Library for all to read. He also documented the journey through over 500 hours of footage, something director Sean Cisterna has narrowed down to an hour and a half documentary, "The Long Rider", with added interviews with Leite.

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Ontario Medical Association worried about wait times, doctor shortage in Peel

Association calling on political parties to adopt recommendations ahead of election

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Region of Peel needs at least 202 more doctors, according to the Ontario Medical Association (OMA).

The OMA is a membership organization that represents Ontario’s physicians and advocates for the health of all Ontarians.

On May 10, the OMA called on political parties to prioritize fixing high wait times in Ontario’s health care system, as well as doctor and mental health professional shortages, as Ontario heads to the polls on June 2.

Peel Region is worse off than other parts of the province when it comes to some wait times, according to data provided by the OMA in a news release.

“Province-wide, about 29 per cent of Ontarians receiving knee surgery waited longer than provincial targets, according to the latest public data from Ontario Health, along with 63 per cent who had MRIs. However, in Peel Region, 40 per cent of people waited longer for knee surgery in Brampton and between 56 and 75 per cent waited longer for an MRI in Mississauga,” they said.

To fix this and other health care issues, the OMA has issued 87 recommendations to political parties in a detailed plan called Prescription for Ontario: Doctors’ 5-Point Plan for Better Health Care. The association hopes parties will adopt these recommendations as part of their official platforms, and the OMA is ready to work with whichever party is elected this June.

Dr. Rose Zacharias, President of the OMA, spoke to the Citizen about how the provincial government can improve health care in Peel Region. She said something she wants to see is funding to streamline computer systems that doctors have to use. She explained for every one hour a doctor spends with a patient, there’s two spent on the computer for documentation. In rural areas, this can be made worse by slow-

er internet connections.

However, Zacharias said the OMA’s number one priority is reducing the backlog of care left by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even before the COVID-19, she said people were waiting too long, and since the pandemic had to take priority, those wait times have been extended.

“We do have an idea, a very concrete idea, that we’ve put forward in our prescription for Ontario. We’re talking about freestanding clinics that we’re calling ‘independent ambulatory care centres’, where people would be able to go and get those lesser emergent, lesser acute procedures and screenings done, which would then free up the hospitals to do that more acute and emergent type care,” said Zacharias.

“And it’s really a modernization of the health care system that we’re calling for, still publicly funded and publicly administered with OHIP dollars, there wouldn’t be any user fees or queue jumping and we are by no means talking about privatizing health care. These freestanding clinics would be connected to hospitals and be fully integrated into our public system.”

Zacharias said this would be a sure-fire way to reduce wait times on things like the aforementioned knee surgeries and MRIs. When wait times are too long, Zacharias said patients’ conditions can worsen, their pain can increase, and their mental health and well-being can suffer.

She said it’s medical professionals’ job to care and that they’ve been doing their best during what’s been an incredibly challenging time — but they feel as though they have their hands tied; that they need more resources and more room in hospitals.

Another thing Zacharias said would improve care for patients, and free up room in hospitals, is expanding and improving home care in the province.

“Traditionally, we thought, ‘Oh, someone’s sick, go to the emergency department and be admitted to the hospital until you’re better’,” said Zacharias.

While of course sometimes that’s appropriate, a lot of times it isn’t necessary. She gave the following example of an older patient with a chronic condition:

“If you can help someone who’s got pneumonia, it’s exacerbating their asthma, but they’re able to stay at home, get the oxygen

support they need, even the antibiotics that they need, to have a nurse visit daily, to have a physician stop by and see them. They can stay in their home, they can eat their meals from their kitchen, their spouse can be caring for them. They can have their kids in the house,

checking on them... it’s more comfortable for the patient.”

As the baby boomer generation ages, Zacharias said home care will become increasingly important as that population increasingly draws on the health care system.



CMHA shines light on the importance of Empathy

Expert says people need to give themselves the kindness they give others

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Ofentimes, people can be empathetic and show kindness to others, yet not take the time to give that same care and attention to themselves.

Aditi Kaul, Clinical Team Lead of the Brampton Care Collaborative for Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin, said she even sees this among her colleagues — and they’re mental health professionals.

That’s one of the main reasons why CMHA Peel Dufferin chose empathy as its theme for mental health week this year, which took place from May 2 to 8.

“If I had to tell someone what empathy is, in the loosest terms of the word, I’d say empathy really is the ability to understand and to maybe even share the feelings of another person... really getting where the other person is coming from, and where they’re at,” said Kaul.

She explained that sometimes, the words “sympathy” and “compassion” are used interchangeably with empathy even though they mean different things. Kaul said sympathy still involves understanding, but that it takes place from one’s own perspective.

“I like to say that empathy is kind of like a precursor to compassion. When I feel empathy, then behaving compassionately is the action that I’ll take,” said Kaul.

People are running on empty after living through a pandemic for two-plus years, said Kaul, adding when they’re not in a good place emotionally themselves, it can be harder to be there emotionally for others.

“Being conscious of what empathy means, and trying to engage in activities, to not just increase awareness about empathy, but also increase empathy for ourselves and those around us, that’s the biggest reason why we wanted to have empathy as the theme this year,” said Kaul.

She said it is going to take time for people to recover from the loss they have experienced during the pandemic. While everyone has lost time, some people have lost loved ones, jobs, financial stability and more.

“I’m hearing of people saying that their lives are changed because of the pandemic and it’ll possibly never go back to being what it was for them, and that’s where mental health comes... what has happened has happened, how do we reconcile that in our mind, and heal from that, and learn how to then move forward?” said Kaul.

With Ontario’s election just around the corner, Kaul said the CMHA is advocating for all parties to keep mental health care top of mind in terms of not only health care, but pandemic recovery too. She said being mentally healthy is just as important as being physically healthy and that CMHA wants whatever government is formed to support them in their efforts to support mentally healthy communities.

Due to the pandemic, Kaul said CMHA has seen a rise in the number of people seeking out mental health services. CMHA has tried to support the community as best it can, said Kaul, but that requires resources.

“Resources and funding always help us to do more and better... as the awareness increases people realize they need it and so the need keeps increasing as well. We want to be able to cater and fulfill that need,” said Kaul.

Those interested in learning more about mental health and mental health care can visit CMHA Peel Dufferin’s website at cmhapedufferin.ca. Individuals are able to fill out a form on the website requesting mental health support; they are also able to call CMHA’s triage line at 905-451-2123 from Monday to Friday during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For anyone in a mental health crisis, CMHA’s 24/7 crisis phone line is 1-888-811-2222 for Dufferin and Caledon.

COMMUNITY events

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The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from

Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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Power Play: Hockey in Contemporary Art is an exhibition available to be viewed at PAMA until June 12.
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Celebrating Museum Month at Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

May is museum month, but to Erin Fernandes, every month is museum month at Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

She's a marketing specialist with PAMA and said she and her colleagues love it, live it and breathe it.

Something they've started this May is a "What's That?" series on Instagram. PAMA's newest museum curator will find unique items in PAMA's collection and create a video talking all about them.

A major museum month event happened on May 12 and 14, when PAMA brought in a theater company to help hold an interactive scavenger hunt and family challenge.

According to PAMA, in the 1930s William Perkins Bull sent teams of researchers throughout Peel to collect its history and stories. Based on this part of Peel's history, the scavenger hunt and family challenge saw attendees interact with actors playing real people from Peel's history — attendees had to work together to solve puzzles, find clues and uncover history.

"It was a lot of fun and a neat way to have people interact with history in a unique way," said Fernandes.

Unfortunately, the museum section of PAMA is still closed for construction at this time, but the courthouse and gallery parts of PAMA are open as usual, and entry is free. Fernandes said PAMA only just opened in April after being closed for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There's a family drop-in event being held at the end of May that corresponds to PAMA's cur-

rent displaying of works by photographer Bidemi Oloyede. On May 28 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. families are invited to come and create artwork inspired by Oloyede's photography.

Also on display currently at PAMA is an exhibition called Power Play: Hockey and Contemporary Art. It will be on display until June 12.

"It's a bunch of different artists. I think there's 13 artists that talk about their love of hockey, but also sort of the stereotypes and different things that have happened in their lives that relate to hockey," said Fernandes. "It's a really interesting show, it's beautiful."

There's a drop-in art workshop being held with one of the artists featured in the exhibition, Liz Pead, on June 4. Pead creates incredibly unique art. She's influenced by the Group of Seven and creates landscape art by using only hockey gear. Fernandes said pictures don't do it justice; that it needs to be seen in person.

According to PAMA's website, Pead's workshop has start times of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the fourth. "(Liz) is a huge personality. I think it'll be so much fun... she's really a really neat lady," said Fernandes.

Another PAMA event on the way in early June is the Connections Art & Book Club. The club, which anyone's welcome to join, will be reading The Way the Crow Flies by Ann-Marie MacDonald and meeting to discuss it on June 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The book club discussion will happen alongside a behind-the-scenes architectural tour of PAMA.

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FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a fatal collision Tuesday evening on Charleston Sideroad in the Town of Caledon.

“On May 17, 2022, at approximately 7:52 p.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Charleston Sideroad near Shaws Creek Road,” say Police. “One victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. A second victim was transported to hospital for minor injuries. The name of the deceased has not yet been released to allow for family notifications.”

The collision remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage are asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 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.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

FAIL TO REMAIN

Officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a serious collision this morning on Highway 9 in the Town of Caledon.

“On May 18, 2022, at approximately 7:01 a.m., officers responded to a serious collision on Highway 9 near Albion Trail,” say Police. “It involved a bicycle that was hit by a gravel truck. The truck failed to remain at the scene. The cyclist was air lifted to a trauma center.”

The failed to remain vehicle is described as a dump truck with a tandem trailer (pup trailer) attached.

The collision remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage from approximately 7 a.m. this morning is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 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.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

While conducting a RIDE spot check, officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver with impaired operation.

“On May 11, 2022, officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in the area of Innis Lake Road and Healey Road,” say Police. “At approximately 12:30 a.m., a vehicle entered the area and was met by officers. Since it was suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired, a demand for a breath sample into an Approved Roadside Screening Device was made. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and taken to a nearby OPP detachment where further breath tests were conducted.”

Alvaro Gomez, 45, of Caledon was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 21, 2022 to answer to the charge. The vehicle was also impounded for seven days and the driver’s licence was suspended for a period of 90 days.

The charge has not been proven.

“As part of our commitment to taking alcohol/drugs-impaired drivers off our roads, Caledon OPP would like to remind motorists that RIDE spot checks are conducted all year round. No amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

VEHICLE THEFTS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged six individuals they allege were attempting to steal vehicles in the community of Southfields Village.

“On Friday, May 13, 2022, at approximately 4:42 a.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Bonnieglan Farm Boulevard in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “When officers arrived, six individuals were located and arrested for attempting to steal vehicles.

“The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit is continuing the investigation alongside police agencies from surrounding jurisdictions.”

As a result of the arrests, the following charges have been laid:

Matias Blouin-Fuentes, 18, of Montreal

- Possessing automobile master key
- Theft of motor vehicle
- Failure to comply with undertaking

Jamal Chery, 18, of Laval

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Douglasse Jean Risme, 25, of Montreal

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- Theft of motor vehicle

Jovonta Jean, 21, of St. Laurent

- Failure to comply with release order
- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

Ronel-Fils Jean-Baptiste, 19, of Montreal

- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

Riccardo Charles, 32, of Montreal

- Failure to comply with release order
- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

All six accused were held for a Bail Hearing. The charges have not been proven.

OPP ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO STEP UP DURING POLICE WEEK

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Scream loudly

5. Antidepressant (abbr.)

8. The bill in a restaurant

11. Oblong pulpits

13. Adult female chicken

14. Abnormal breathing

15. Financial obligations

16. Belonging to a thing

17. Winged

18. Peoples

20. College hoops tournament

21. An informal body of friends

22. Region of the world

25. In an early way

30. Connected by kinship

31. Type of tree

32. Official order

33. Foundation for an idea

38. Small, faint constellation

41. Book lovers

43. Vegetable

45. Cabbage variety

47. A way to heal

49. Illuminated

50. Dish that features a stick

55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)

56. Solid water

57. Soldier’s gear

59. “Uncle Buck” actress Hoffmann

60. Former measure of length

61. Arabic name meaning “spring”

62. Doctors’ group

63. Actress Susan

64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

1. Cool!

Solution in CLASSIFIEDS

2. Hebrew unit of measure	34. “Much ___ about nothing”
3. Swedish rock group	35. A way to mend
4. College army	36. Anger
5. Black eye	37. Soviet Socialist Republic
6. One who stopped working	39. Mobilized
7. Teach a value	40. Resembles an earlobe
8. Rhythmic patterns	41. Cut of meat
9. “MASH” actor Alda	42. Nigerian people
10. “Friday Night Lights” director	44. Recently
12. Midway between south and southeast	45. Square stone building at Mecca
14. Indian musical pattern	46. Adhere to orders
19. Fulfill a desire	47. Adventure story
23. Water soaked soil	48. Marine bivalve mollusk
24. Brass instrument	51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
25. Before	52. Actor Pitt
26. Popular color	53. Tibetan village
27. Peyton’s little brother	54. A way to change by heating
28. Partner to cheese	58. A beam of sunshine
29. Put onto	

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.



Home James program returns to Caledon

Volunteer opportunities available

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Safe, free rides home in Caledon are back. Caledon’s Home James program has returned, said Christopher Bava, Caledon Home James Marketing Director. Caledon Home James is a community program that’s dedicated to saving lives by providing a free designated driver service for impaired people, in their own vehicles.

The program was suspended for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With bars being closed and volunteer safety as a top priority, the decision to not run the program was made.

“For us that get paid to go to jobs, we’ll work during COVID. But it’s not easy to make the choice to risk yourself for free,” said Bava.

Now that Caledon Home James is back, its volunteers’ presence is being planned at community events in Caledon this summer

like Caledon Day. Bava said Caledon Home James is also looking forward to bringing back its usual free designated driver service from November through to New Year’s.

“Especially because Uber and stuff... it’s not as prevalent in our area. It’s not always easy to get an Uber per se, so that’s where we really come in. People can just drive to the bar and we’ll drive them home,” said Bava.

“We truly thank the Town of Caledon, Caledon Ontario Provincial Police, the community and our sponsors for keeping this life-saving program running over the years.”

Bava said Home James is always looking for volunteers to help keep Caledon’s roads safe, and those interested in volunteering can email volunteer@homejames-caledon.ca.

“I started volunteering about 10 years ago... I came to really enjoy the program and the people that volunteer for the program. It’s not too many nights — a couple nights in the summer, and then Fridays and Saturdays in November and December — so it’s easy to volunteer if you have a night free between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m.,” said Bava. “It works for me, I love driving.”

Bava said it’s a very flexible volunteer opportunity that’s good for people with busy schedules.



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A Message from Bob Gordanier





Bob Gordanier is a retired farmer, police officer, and firefighter who has lived in our Dufferin-Caledon community for over 40 years. Bob has been a champion for sustainable agriculture at Queen's Park as the former president of Beef Farmers of Ontario - now he's ready to stand up for the residents of his community.

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-  End for-profit long-term care
-  Protect our environment and stop Highway 413

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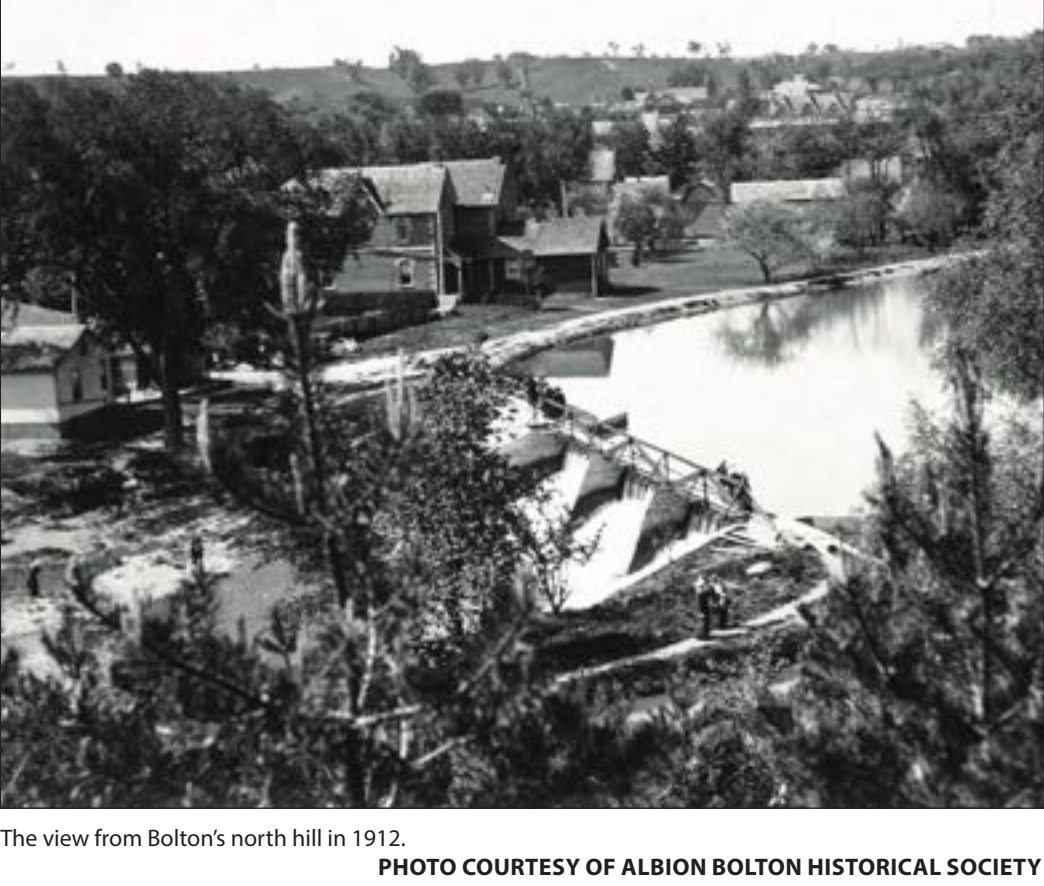
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The view from Bolton's north hill in 1912.
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Bolton gearing up for Bicentennial after COVID delay

Continued from FRONT

Mackie said the boulder and plaque will provide an opportunity for people to have a visual they can connect with George Bolton.

On Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, Mackie said what's essentially a community birthday party for Bolton will be held.

On June 4, the day will be opened by Caledon's official Town Crier at 10 a.m. and there will be music from Humberview and St. Michael Catholic secondary schools' concert bands. Humberview students will play after the event opens at 10 a.m., with St. Michael students playing at 12 p.m.

The courtyard in Bolton will be converted into an artisan market and place for volunteer organizations and groups to set up booths. There will be more music throughout the day from local musicians and members of the Caledon Concert Band. There will be activities, games and crafts for kids, walking tours, special cookies, donuts, and a bicentennial birthday cake.

On June 5, the day George Bolton purchased the land that's now Bolton, the day will be commemorated by Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and begin at 1 p.m. at Founders Park. The Town Crier will again be in attendance, as well as the Sandhill Pipes and Drums.

"We're hoping that people will... follow the pipers across the new berm from Founders Park back across to Queen Street where the mayor will unveil the bicentennial plaque," said Mackie.

"The events will be taking place right in the bend of Mill Street up on the berm, and so from that vantage point, the mayor will be able to reference the new boulder... and also recognise the bicentennial and various other elements of what is part of a bicentennial celebration — a tribute to George Bolton."

Mackie said she thinks George Bolton would be blown away by what Bolton has become, and that there's still buildings standing that he'd recognize. She said Bolton residents are incredibly lucky to have the number of pre-confederation buildings they do.

Mackie added if everything was converted to modern architecture, it would all look the same and there's be no sense of what the community's past looked like.

The ABHS has launched a website for the bicentennial, which contains a wealth of information about Bolton's founding and founder.

People are encouraged to visit boltonbi-centennial.com or boltonhistory.com to learn more ahead of the village's 200th birthday celebrations. Bolton officially turned 200 in 2021, however celebrations had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT:

We are updating the Town's Parkland Dedication Bylaw and we want your feedback.

We have drafted a Parks Plan to demonstrate the Town's need for parkland in support of the draft Official Plan and bylaw.

One way our parks system grows is through the development approval process according to the Planning Act. We use Official Plan policies and the existing Parkland Dedication (Conveyance) Bylaw to acquire land for parks or other public recreational purposes or receive payment in lieu of parkland so parkland can be purchased.



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12:20 p.m. | Presentations by local community services organizations

1 p.m. | Webinar with Elder Abuse Ontario

2:30 p.m. | Tea & Talk | Giveaway

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Alton | Sept 17

Caledon Village | Sept 24



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BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Pain at the pumps

I put some gas in my tank the other day, and was shocked to see it is now over \$2 per litre – at least at the station I filled up at.

Like many people, I have started being more careful about how much I drive. Do I really need to travel to a neighbouring town today to buy toothpaste and dish soap at the dollar store?

Normally I would make the trip without even thinking about it just for the sake of getting out of the house and doing something, but that is all changing as that trip to spend \$3 just cost me \$20 in gas. That doesn’t make a lot of fiscal sense.

I’ve always been a big driver. I was one of those guys signing up to do my road test for a licence on my 16th birthday.

I enjoy the freedom of getting out on the road and visiting different places. That’s why I like living in this region. After 20 years, I’m still finding back roads I haven’t been on and strange places tucked away on concessions and country roads.

“See the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet” was a popular commercial jingle from General Motors that was used from around 1950 to the 60s. It was a good jingle that capitalized on the fact that long distance road trips were a popular family tradition, and if you were going to drive across the country, a Chevy would get you there.

At the time, a long-distance road trip was easily accomplished by a family with a typical income.

Now a trip to Get Your Kicks on Route 66 might require a visit to the bank and some collateral to get a gas loan to finance the excursion.

Gas prices are determined by several factors. First there is the usual economic laws of supply and demand. Then there is the price of crude oil – sold by the barrel, for some reason.

Then there is the cost of refining and storage, and the cost of distribution. You have to pay someone to deliver it to your gas station.

The gas station owner has to make money, so they tack on their profit, and of course the government has to take a hefty slice of every litre sold.

Historically, the final cost is determined by

the price of each barrel of crude oil. If the cost of a barrel went up, the price per litre was adjusted to match, and same if it went down.

The statistics are all available and doing the math is a very simple process.

In 2010, the price of a barrel of crude was \$94.41 – that price is adjusted for inflation to reflect present day costs. The average price of a litre of gas in 2010 was \$1.04.

In 2012, the price of a barrel of crude, adjusted for inflation, was around \$108 – the price per litre to the consumer averaged around \$1.25 per litre.

In 2015, the price of crude had dropped to \$51 – the price per litre dropped to around .99 cents.

The market bottomed out in early 2020, when the price per barrel dropped to \$36. In March of that year, we were paying just under .80 cents per litre. I remember that very well as at the time I had to take several long-distance trips and I was paying .78 cents per litre, and that made a huge difference in the cost of the trip.

Now let’s take a look at present costs. The average cost per barrel of crude oil in 2022, has been around \$91.

According to the historical data, a litre of gas should cost around just over \$1 or slightly more when adjusted for inflation.

And yet, we are now paying almost double what the price should be.

Since mid 2021, the price of crude has risen around 29 per cent. The price per litre at the gas pumps at the same time has risen around 64 per cent.

The experts are giving all sorts of reasons why this is happening, but none of them seem to make a lot of sense.

The federal government doesn’t seem too concerned that our dollar is shrinking, and rapidly.

The high cost of gas means more people will have to stretch a pay cheque while watching their salaries stagnate.

Inflation is our biggest enemy right now, and the feds must get a handle on the situation before you find yourself commuting work at 3:00 a.m. because the only affordable method of transportation is a bicycle or skate board.



Brock’s Banter: Cracking open a two-four with purpose

by Brock Weir

It’s that time of year we’ve all been waiting for: the “unofficial” start of summer.

Never mind that summer proper will still take another month to get here, give or take a few days; if we have an opportunity, even early, to get into that easy, breezy summer mindset, I’m all for it.

Summer did indeed arrive early this past weekend, even if Mother Nature did do a little fancy footwork to fake us out and bring things back down on Monday to more seasonable temperatures.

And people enjoyed it to the fullest. Our trails and parks have been hopping, our sports fields have been packed, and our water features – ponds, kettle lakes, and, yes, even well-kept and deceptively picturesque stormwater management ponds – saw a booming business.

We Ontarians are subject to harsh winters, a season which, thanks to reasons we all know about, is becoming increasingly unpredictable. So, even if we’re jumping the gun on the whole summer thing, let’s just count it as our just reward after the long stretch of November to April.

As much as I welcome the start to summer – official or otherwise – it’s also a season of one of my biggest pet peeves: the evolution of the so-called “May Two-Four” weekend.

It seems that Victoria Day, a double-barrelled holiday that is not only to celebrate the May 24-born Queen Victoria, a woman often dubbed the “Mother of Confederation”, but it is also designated as the Monarch’s Official Birthday, whoever he or she might be at the time.

It’s served as the “official” Canadian birthday of Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII (although he only stuck around as King for a single May), George VI and his daughter, Elizabeth II – all of whom, with the possible exception of the eventual Duke of Windsor, have, in my opinion, served this country well and continue to do so.

Maybe that’s why I bristle just a little bit every time I hear the days leading up to the Monday itself as “the May Long Weekend” or, in the case of people who simply associate the “unofficial start of summer” with popping open a cold brew, the aforementioned “May Two-Four.”

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not trying to pour cold water on anyone’s summer fun – I’ve been anxiously awaiting it myself – but it feels like yet another occasion that has been stripped down from its purpose and rebranded in the most generic way possible.

It’s not the only example, either.

This country is rife with holidays and observances which are either just mentioned in passing or simply serve as footnotes on the calendar.

On February 15, how many of us celebrate Flag Day?

“We have a Flag Day?” you might ask yourself, perhaps thinking that this was strictly an American thing.

Yes, National Flag of Canada Day is indeed February 15 – but, outside of a few cursory tweets from our politicians or civic-minded organizations, it’s a day that typically comes and goes with little more than a whisper.

Last month was Vimy Ridge Day, an anything-but-statutory holiday introduced by the Government of Canada in 2003, following a campaign led by a veteran of the Korean War, to com-

memorate those who took part in what historians argue was Canada’s most decisive battles and an integral stepping stone on our road to true nationhood. Aside from flag-raising and talks spearheaded by local Legions, museums and historical societies, it came and went with very little notice.

Lost amid Christmas, Hanukkah and other religious observances in the late fall and early winter is an official holiday which marks the anniversary when Canada became nation truly autonomous from the United Kingdom – but, aside from the display of the Royal Union Flag outside of government buildings, this very important date in our history as a country is just an ordinary December 11.

Then there’s the thorny issue of just what are we celebrating in August? Yes, of course, we’re celebrating and enjoying a well-earned holiday Monday, but are we commemorating the legacy of John Graves Simcoe (for better or worse) as the name Simcoe Day suggests? Well, in some parts of Ontario, the answer is yes. In theory. If you’re in Guelph or Ottawa, you’re commemorating John Galt and Colonel By respectively.

Many provinces have declared it a day to celebrate just that, the province as a whole, but Ontario is an outlier – so we just enjoy the day as it unfolds paying little attention to just why we have the day off.

Yet this Victoria Day is a unique one. It’s a chance to celebrate the continued legacy of the Queen of Canada in her Platinum Jubilee year – an occasion that has never before been celebrated by a Canadian monarch.

With some imagination, it could be a day to celebrate and recognize not only her service to Canada, but the significant advancements we have collectively made as a nation since the start of her reign in 1952: leaders, innovators and advocates who have helped shape our country; the recognition and advancement of the rights of peoples who have been historically marginalized in these lands well before Confederation; the emergence of our nation on the world stage; and the continued examination of just who we are as a country.

“Over the course of her reign, Her Majesty has been a constant presence in the life of Canadians, offering steadfast leadership in times of change, hardship or uncertainty,” said the Prime Minister at the start of the Platinum Jubilee year. “She has shared in some of the proudest and most memorable moments in our recent history – from the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Confederation in 1967, to the Montreal Olympics in 1976, to the proclamation of the Constitution Act in 1982. Her Majesty is the patron of more than 600 charities and organizations, including 36 in Canada. To this day, she continues to show our country her devotion and generosity, and to champion our most cherished values of unity, peace and freedom.”

Unity, peace and freedom are three words that are oft-mentioned in today’s heated political climate, but I think we can agree they are values that are indeed cherished however we define them.

If we must crack open a Two-Four this weekend, let’s raise a can or glass, even if just for a moment, to Victoria Day and what – and who – it really represents.

Our Readers Write

Ford’s vision through a rear-view mirror

Adding 400 highways was a good idea in the 1970s, not a good idea in the 2000s.

I lived in northwest Mississauga 32 years ago as the 403 was completed. Two years later, my drive to Brampton - not using the 403 - took 20 minutes longer due to the homes built around the 403 area.

After I moved to Caledon, Alan Tonks, a Toronto alderman, stated that “Caledon was a lot of wasted space.” It needed housing developments to make use of the land. It seems Doug Ford was influenced by this outdated vision.

The 413 will bring this urban sprawl to Caledon. More homes and more traffic con-

gestion on all other Caledon roads

It will not cure the congestion on the 401 for commuters. It will line the pockets of developers and remove farmland from the possibility of food production forever. A true waste of good land.

Instead, use the \$10 billion dollars to subsidise the truck toll on the 407 to reduce the traffic on the 401. Better use of an underused highway rather than building half a highway through farmland and the Green Belt.

LARRY FLINT
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May’s Musings

Sure, May isn’t over yet but it feels like so much has happened already that delaying any mental musings until the month is officially over will simply result in an excessively long column. My “May’s Musings” may leave you feeling merry (there IS some good news) or maudlin, (ok, it’s mostly bad) but one thing I do promise, I’ll refrain from any further attempt at alliterations featuring the letter “M.”

Mayoral Candidates

This musing is really just a happy confirmation that women; smart, savvy and committed individuals who love and support their community, are stepping up to place their name on the ballot for the upcoming municipal elections. I’m thrilled to be able to say to my daughter that there are at least two female candidates for Mayor of Caledon she can choose from. I’m also happy that our immediate northern neighbours in Orangeville will now have at least one female candidate on the ballot for their Mayoral race. It’s way too early in the process to say anything other than congratulations to Jennifer Innis and Annette Groves in Caledon and Lisa Post in Orangeville for having the interest and the initiative to add your name to the ballot. Historically, women continue to remain underrepresented in politics and even though both Caledon and Orangeville have had women at the helm in the past, it still pleases me to no end that women are stepping forward again and again.

Highway 413

Just one question on this topic today if you’ll indulge me. Why on earth have signs been erected both north and southbound Hwy 10 (at Old School Rd.) to announce this area is the “Future Location of

Hwy 413?” Isn’t this just a tad presumptuous? Did I miss the release of the Federal level Environmental Assessment that’s required to take place before construction begins? Has the month of May stretched on for so long that it’s somehow already June 3 and Mr. Ford thinks his victory is assured and he can do as he pleases? How much money did the Progressive Conservatives spend just on those signs, never mind the billions and billions that will be spent on the highway to nowhere itself? Oops, looks like I misled you, there were quite a few more questions than just the one promised. My apologies.

On Crime and Punishment

I’m not talking about the classic book penned by Dostoevsky, but rather the crime committed by one Brady Robertson when he snuffed out the lives of three young girls and their mother two years ago. With 8x the legal level of intoxicants in his blood, he not only took lives (literally) but also ruined the lives of so many others in the process. In an ironic and cruel twist of fate, Jennifer Neville-Lake, who lost her three children (and her father) to an intoxicated driver just seven years ago, knew Karolina Ciasullo and spoke at the end of Robertson’s sentencing hearing on May 16 asking, “Why are we here again – and again – and again? We shouldn’t be here again.” She’s quite right. Why are we still seeing drunk and/or driving while high offenses even occur and why do the guilty parties appear to receive such light sentences? In the case of Marco Muzzo, who killed Neville-Lake’s family, he is already out of jail and has been for some time. Best estimates place Brady’s potential jail time at around 14 years considering

time already served. A request to ban his application for parole until at least half of his sentence has been served was denied so it’s anyone’s guess when he’ll walk free.

It Could Never Happen Here

Canada is a wonderful and welcoming country we proclaim as we thump our “I am Canadian” t-shirts. We’re rich in cultural diversity and we respect one another. Mass shootings never happen here and certainly, persons of colour, the Indigenous and/or racialized individuals are never targeted for crimes like the horror we saw unfold in Buffalo recently. At least that’s what white, non-marginalized people are tweeting about. Perhaps instead we need to be asking the people who ARE targeted? A Muslim family can’t take an after-dinner family stroll down the streets of their hometown in London. Worshipers get gunned down in a mosque. The Federal leader of the NDP was verbally and virtually physically harassed by crowds outside of a candidates office and told to “Go Home” – to where, exactly? It sure as heck can happen here and it HAS happened here and I’m pretty sure (although I’m sad to verbalize this) it will happen here again.

Get Out And Vote

Anyone know any young people? Maybe it’s their first opportunity to vote? We need to do more as a community to encourage young people to use their voice to influence a future that will impact them more than any of us. If I knew how to use TikTok I would do it myself but I think the more important messaging would be from young adults themselves. If there were more exposure in high school to civics, law

and social justice courses just to name a few, and the need to try and actively vote because they’d already earned a half credit required course and long before they can vote to take “interest” based on cuts and a drive to finish school in four years, I’m not sure how we raise a more informed and curious voter base. Don’t get me wrong, there are many, many young adults who are actively engaged but not enough to potentially influence the forming of a government and I think our current elected officials know it. Older people do vote and tend to vote along established party lines based on opinions formed years ago. In other words, the potential for change is minimal. In truth too few of us across the board at any age make the time to vote, further limiting the potential for “democracy in action” to actually represent true democracy. It’s a sad state of affairs when a country with so much freedom (despite what convoy attendees claim) and with relatively easy access to accessible polling stations within just a few kilometres from home, can’t be bothered to exercise a right that many countries are literally still fighting for. “Thank goodness we live in a democracy,” we all exclaim enthusiastically – and then do absolutely nothing about it. Perhaps we get the government we deserve.

See what I mean about May? It’s been a long, long, long month and by the time you read this we will have only just squeaked beyond the halfway point. I’m not sure how merry you all are feeling but frankly, I’m feeling pretty maudlin myself.



SHERALYN ROMAN
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Farewell Neutrality: Sweden and Finland

It’s easy to imagine Vladimir Putin coming into the shop marked “Sweden”, breaking some fine china accidentally on purpose, and growling: “Nice little shop you’ve got here. It would be a pity if something happened to it.” But Sweden is not a pottery shop, Putin is not a Mafia capo, and what’s going on in the Baltic now is not a protection racket.

The Russian president has stampeded both Finland and Sweden, two neutral countries of long standing (almost eighty years for Finland, over two hundred for Sweden), into joining the NATO alliance, the very “threat” that Putin claimed he was trying to drive away from Russia’s borders. Finland has a 1,300-km. border with northern Russia.

The Swedish and Finnish response to his invasion of Ukraine would have surprised Putin. He would see no connection between his invasion of Ukraine, a former Russian imperial possession that needed to be whipped back into line, and two independent countries that have not been in Russia’s sphere of influence for over a century.

They, on the other hand, did see a connection. A neighbour they previously rated as dangerous but ra-

tional had suddenly revealed himself to be an aggressive and probably irrational gambler. No fully sane and competent Russian ruler would have attacked Ukraine with the inadequate forces and haphazard, overconfident strategy that Putin employed.

You might think that Putin’s sheer incompetence would be reassuring to the Swedes and the Finns, but it was not. On the contrary, it frightens them, because they are very much in the same position as Ukraine militarily: relatively small countries (Sweden has ten million people, Finland five million) with very good military forces.

They might even be able to stop the Russians dead (and nobody else is in a position to invade them). That’s why the Swedes chose neutrality: they reckoned they were safer that way. If there were a general war, they were not a strategically vital place and they would be very costly to invade, so maybe the major combatants would just leave them alone.

The Finns had neutrality thrust upon them by the Soviet Union after the Second World War. They lost a lot of territory to the Russians, but they fought hard enough that Moscow let them be neutral rather than

reducing them to satellite status.

So, why have both countries now decided to join NATO? They are still such tough nuts to crack that they could probably stop the Russians by themselves if Moscow was also engaged in a war with NATO. And why would the Russians attack only them alone? Stay neutral, and even in the worst case the Russians will probably pass you by.

That remained a valid assessment until 24 February 2022, and then it suddenly wasn’t. Putin invaded Ukraine, probably to the astonishment even of his own entourage, and from the start began issuing veiled warnings about resorting to nuclear weapons if he was thwarted.

The Russian attack in Ukraine bogged down almost at once, as it was bound to do unless the Ukrainian army was utterly useless. Too few Russian troops, too many lines of attack. And the hints from Moscow about resorting to nuclear weapons to compensate for a conventional defeat multiplied.

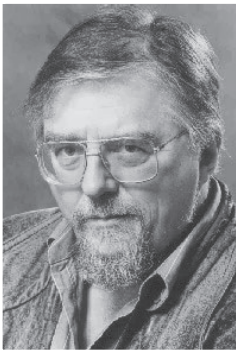
This is crazy stuff, and all military skills and hardware the Baltic countries could bring to bear in a conventional war would be irrelevant if they were faced

with similar Russian nuclear threats themselves.

The only effective counter to a nuclear threat is a credible promise of nuclear retaliation. Sweden and Finland have no nuclear weapons, and the only way they can have their security guaranteed by a nuclear deterrent is to join NATO. So that is what they are doing.

The Swedes still don’t like nuclear weapons, and Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson emphasised that Sweden will not allow foreign troops or nuclear weapons to be based in the country, but the deal is done.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is demanding that the two Baltic countries expel some anti-Turkish Kurdish activists as a reward for not vetoing this NATO expansion, but this problem will be finessed. It will take months to do the legal work, but in practice the two Baltic countries are already covered by NATO’s nuclear guarantee.



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(LEFT) Christine Sevigny, Executive Director of Caledon Meals on Wheels, said events like Happy Days are great for finding new volunteers. (RIGHT) Anna Tortorici (third from left) of the Caledon Cruisers was helping sell raffle tickets in support of Caledon Meals on Wheels.



PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Huge crowd attends Happy Days event in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The music was loud, the cars were cool

and the Bolton Canadian Tire parking lot was packed on Saturday night, May 14. From 6 to 10 p.m. that night, the Return to

Happy Days event was held by the Caledon Cruisers and Bolton Village Residents Association. Caledon Councillor Annette Groves also helped plan the event.

Rows and rows of classic cars lined the parking lot and a large stage was set up for live bands to play to the crowd. There were loud cheers for Caledon East-based pop-country artist Sylvia Kay who performed covers and original music. Also in the parking lot were a variety of local food trucks and food vendors serving up food and drinks to the crowd.

Anna Tortorici, a volunteer with the Caledon Cruisers, took a minute to talk to the Citizen in between busily selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the Cruisers' tent. The Caledon Cruisers meet at the Bolton Canadian Tire parking lot every Thursday, she explained. The club has a long history and has been meeting for over 30 years.

The Cruisers raise money for charity when they meet. At the May 14 event, their first of the year, they were raising money for Caledon Meals on Wheels through their 50/50 raffle.

"It's like a big comeback from COVID," said Tortorici. "It's a lot of work, a lot of preparation. This one was the most we've done, but it's so rewarding to see everyone out and enjoying (the event)."

Tortorici said Bolton business Music 21 helped out with sound equipment and services for the event, and even brought a projector to play the Toronto Maple Leafs

game. On May 14, it was Game 7 of the Leafs' playoff series against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Councillor Groves attended the event and said she was feeling great about the large turnout and perfect weather. She said she believes strongly in the importance of community events and was happy to see so many people out at one of the first big outdoor events since pandemic restrictions were lifted.

Christine Sevigny, Executive Director of Caledon Meals on Wheels, attended the event in Caledon Meals on Wheels' official vehicle, which was donated by Fines Ford Lincoln in Bolton. She said it was an honour to be chosen by the Caledon Cruisers as the charity to be supported by the Happy Days event.

"We have such a supportive community here in Caledon. The Caledon Cruisers and Annette Groves and the Town (of Caledon) have always been so supportive of us," said Sevigny. "This is like one of the biggest main events since COVID... and for us to be picked and chosen is truly an honour."

Sevigny said people had been waiting for such a long time to get out and do something positive, have a good time and enjoy some nice weather. She said people passing by her had been in a great mood, and that she had seen some clients and volunteers. Sevigny said she'd even had people ask her about becoming a volunteer for Caledon Meals on Wheels.

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Special screening of film will be held as a fundraiser for the Caledon Public Library

Continued from FRONT

Cisterna and Leite both went to Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East and the pair were first introduced to each other by their former drama teacher.

Leite began his ride on July 8, 2012 when he left from the Calgary Stampede for his hometown in Brazil. His journey concluded in 2020 when he arrived back at the Stampede. About five of those years were spent riding; the rest, planning.

Leite said he was inspired by a book called Tschiffely’s Ride, the story of Swiss school teacher Aimé Tschiffely. In 1925, he rode two horses from Buenos Aires, Argentina to New York.

“My dad used to read the book to me when I was a little kid, and it just became my life’s dream,” said Leite, who was born in a small town in the interior of São Paulo, Brazil. Leite and his family moved to Canada when Leite was 9 years old, in the mid-1990s.

When they moved to Canada, Leite’s family didn’t have the financial means to keep horses in their lives. But a few years later, Leite was able to begin competing in rodeo events and from that time forward, horses have remained in his life.

Caledon being an equestrian community wasn’t the main reason Leite’s family moved here, but it certainly helped. They had some friends in Caledon and liked the fact it was a rural community that had ranches and farms.

Cisterna said he followed Leite’s journey online and knew it would be an amazing story someday. He commended Leite’s foresight to record the whole thing, and when the pair linked up, it became their COVID project to produce a documentary about the journey. Cisterna conducted his own interviews with Leite to help tell the story of the journey to the audience.

“It was really remarkable, being a firsthand witness to everything that (Leite) went through and watching all the footage on this journey. I felt like it’s hard for the audience not to feel that they’re invested in the story... when you have such compelling material, it just makes for a really, truly compelling film,” said Cisterna.

Horses have always been a constant in Leite’s life. In fact, the reason his name is Felipe is because it means “friend of horses.” Leite said he was riding horses before he could walk and that his dad was an epic cowboy.

“He was my first hero,” said Leite.

Leite is indeed a friend of horses, and said the most important thing on his journey was the well-being of the horses he was with. He said you have to walk at the horses’ natural walking pace, take the appropriate amount of rest days, and make sure they’re not losing weight.

He always had two or three horses with him: one to carry his packs, one to carry him, and one extra horse carrying nothing. The horses would switch roles each day so they all got turns carrying nothing.

Leite said there absolutely were some peaceful, serene moments on the journey, such as when he was in Yellowstone’s backcountry. But more often than not, there were stressful situations, be it because of the weather, a bear, or a speeding transport truck.

Leite would have departed on his journey from Ontario, but the route down the western United States was much less populated and therefore better for a journey by horseback.

Planning for the journey took two years and was very hard, said Leite, as he had to find funding, draw his route, talk to long riders from around the world, find horses, and more. He went to a clinic in northern British Columbia to learn how to pack and travel with horses in the mountains.

“The universe found the horses for me: two ranches in Montana donated the animals... a production company in the U.S. funded the trip, that’s where the money came from,” said Leite.

“The actual planning was in some ways harder than the journey itself because I needed to acquire everything I needed, from the know-how, to the equipment, to the money in order to take that first step.”

Leite said a huge part of the documentary, and the long ride itself, was to shake people up and show them nothing is impossible.

“We all have excuses. And we all have problems and limitations and fears. But you know, when you’re willing to just write it down, plan it, and pour your entire life and heart and soul into anything, nothing is impossible, which is what people told me before I took that first step — that it would be impossible to even leave, impossible to get there,” said Leite. He hopes people leave seeing the documentary thinking about their own dreams and goals, and how they’re going to make them happen.



Filipe Leite grew up volunteering with the Caledon Public Library. Now, he’s hosting a screening of the documentary about his epic long ride as a fundraiser for the library.

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Cisterna said, at first, nobody wanted to pick up the documentary, but as soon as he started cutting scenes together people started to come on board. Now, the documentary is touring film festivals and will be shown on national television on Super Channel in early 2023.

The documentary is the first that Cisterna has produced, and it’s already won some awards. He comes from a narrative movie background, which helped him produce the documentary. He also said Leite’s background as a journalist and documentarian helped and the movie was truly a team effort.

Cisterna said “The Long Rider” screened on the east coast at the Sunscreen Film Festival in Florida where it took home

the best documentary award, as well as the Beaufort International Film Festival, where it won audience choice. He added it will be screening at the upcoming 17th Annual Mumbai International Film Festival in India; and, in California at the 25th Dances with Films Festival.

There will be a special screening of the documentary in Caledon as a fundraiser for the Caledon Public Library, something Cisterna and Leite are both incredibly excited about. The screening will take place on Wednesday, July 27 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Caledon Inn on Airport Road. Leite and Cisterna will be in attendance to host a question-and-answer session after the documentary is shown

Tickets are \$35 if bought before June 27,

and \$40 if bought after. They can be purchased online on the Caledon Public Library’s website. There will be a cash bar at the screening, and attendees are welcome to come to the Inn early for dinner — reservations can be made by calling 905-584-0033.

Leite said growing up, he volunteered at the Caledon Public Library and went to its events. It’s always been a part of his life and that’s one of the reasons the upcoming special screening of his documentary is so special to him.

“We’re excited to help raise funds for them... everything they do for the community, it’s such important work, so we’re just happy to be a very small part,” said Leite.

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Bolton Brewers earn two wins, one loss this week



PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI

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The Bolton Brewers defeated the Clearview Orioles 6-5 last Thursday, before earning another win and a loss in a double-header against the Owen Sound Baysox last Saturday. The Brewers, who fell in their season opener 6-5 against the Creemore Padres on the road, came to play in their home opener.

The Orioles came out swinging at the top of the first. Adam Hendy’s lead-off triple made it easy for his teammate, Daniel Morningstar, to bring him home for the first run of the game. At the bottom of the opening inning, Adam Hutchinson brought home Brett Chater for the Brewers to tie it up. In the bottom of the third inning, tied up at two, the Brewers blew the game open.

Mike Bonsignore ripped a three-run shot to left-field to give the Brewers a 5-2 lead. Moving into the top of the sixth inning, the Orioles brought the game within one. Steve Bartlett went deep for a solo home run and T.J. Parker brought home another run to make it 5-4. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Carter Burnside recorded his second hit of the game and his second RBI to bring another run home giving the Brewers a two-run lead heading into the final inning of the game. Nick Pettinaro, who relieved starting pitcher Nick Hodgson for the Brewers in the sixth inning, only gave up one run, saving the game. Hodgson earned his first win of the season on the mound, putting in seven innings of work and striking out two batters. “We kind of go through these hills and valleys. You see, we got off to a 5-2 lead and then we let them crawl back. I think we have got to

get the rust off and get that going,” said head coach, Mike Wallace. “I think hitting-wise, it was night and day from Game One. In Game One, we left a small city on base. I think today, we were drawing the ball a lot better today. The fielding, I think, will come with a few more reps.” Up against the Baysox on Saturday, 6-3 in the first game and won 23-8 in the second game of the day. The Brewers took on the Orillia Majors on the road this past Tuesday. Tonight, the Brewers are on the road against the Ivy Rangers. First pitch is at 6:40 p.m. at Victoria Park. To keep track of the Brewers, and even the Bolton Dodgers, please head to the North Dufferin Baseball League website. Click on schedule and filter the tab to Senior Division. To keep an eye on the Caledon Jr. Nationals, click schedule and make sure the filter is set on junior division.

Aurora Tigers Make CJHL History, hire first female GM

BY ROBERT BELARDI

There’s always something that comes with setting a new standard. It’s replete with joy and with the sense of purpose. To know you’re making a concrete difference in your field and paving the way for others is what anyone in any profession sets out to do. When Team Governor of the Ontario Junior Hockey League club Aurora Tigers Jim Thomson was looking out for a new General Manager of his team, he was interested in finding a woman.

“It was a conversation about a year ago between Jim and myself and we were talking about looking at other options for the position. He said we’re going to look at females, and I said absolutely,” said OJHL commissioner Marty Savoy. In his search, he came across a young woman working with Paramount Sports Management. A 24-year-old named Sierra Costa was completing her co-op while studying Sports Management at Humber College. What caught Thomson’s eye was her attention to detail and her affinity for taking over the set-up and operations of her events. That’s when it clicked. It was her. She was going to make history. And when she found out she had been named the next General Manager of the Aurora Tigers, Costa couldn’t believe it. “When I found out Jim had offered me the position, I was floored. I couldn’t believe that this was the opportunity that I was getting. I hadn’t even finished school yet when this opportunity was given to me. So, it was great being able to work towards that and having my dreams become a reality,” Costa said. “The goal has always been to work in hockey...but there was just an abundance of emotions. At first, I didn’t think it was real.” Costa, who was a late bloomer to the sport, gained an interest in the game after watching hockey with her uncle. Motivated by fun times with her family watching the sport, she joined the team at St. Joseph’s College in Toronto to play competitively in high school. Unfortunately, due to too many concussions she had to step away from playing. But that didn’t stop her from getting involved. She knew she couldn’t live without the game, so she got involved in the managerial side of things. Last Friday, at Aurora Town Hall, Costa was unveiled to the public as the first female

general manager in CJHL history, and the hope is, this will show girls out there that this is something they can do one day. “I hope it will show little girls out there that this isn’t just a men’s game. It doesn’t matter if it is the male side of the sport or the female side of the sport, it’s hockey,” said Savoy, who has coached female hockey for over 12 years. In recent shifts in the spectrum of women in sport, there have been ground-breaking moments in the professional game to have women involved, not just in hockey, but everywhere. But between the grassroots level and the professional game, there is a large area to bridge between the two gaps. How can women get to the professional game if there is no opportunity past grassroots levels? That’s where this opportunity poses as a more than suitable outlet into achieving that. And, for Costa, she hopes this will be the start of something incredible. “Everyone wants to take the elevator up and get to the penthouse, the penthouse being into the NHL. But you have to start somewhere. I think this is the greatest opportunity to start somewhere. You still have that level of competitiveness. You’re dealing with trades, you have deadlines, you’re dealing with financials,” Costa explained. “It would be great to see, maybe next season or even seasons down the line to see another female – not necessarily GM – but coaching staff. I think women bring just as much knowledge to the sport as men do.”

Costa will be predominantly dealing with majority of the business side of the team. She hopes she will be able to involve the Aurora Minor Tigers and even the Central York Panthers as part of her plans moving forward with the team. She has many aspirations and she can’t wait to get started with helping out with plans. “We’re all equal. If a female can do the job, she deserves the job,” Thomson said. “That’s what my wife and I looked at. We got a person that is going to help in so many areas, make our life easier and make our organization better. This is a great day for women in sports and I couldn’t be prouder to have Marty here and the Mayor here to be part of this and announce this.” Simultaneously as Costa was announced to all of Canada, the Aurora Tigers also announced Serpa Automotive Boutique as the team’s new sponsor for this upcoming season and Connor Van Weelie as the team’s new captain heading into the 2022-2023 campaign.



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Walk For Alzheimer's returning to Island Lake May 28

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County is bringing back an in-person event for their 2022 IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer at Island Lake Conversation Area on May 28.

Registration opens at 8 a.m., with a fee of \$25 that includes a free Walk For Alzheimer's t-shirt, and opening ceremonies start at 9 a.m.

The walk is estimated to wrap up around 9:20 a.m.

Online registration for the in-person walk is now closed, so those who want to participate will have to show up to Island Lake before 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

To date, \$7,869 has been raised out of the \$60,000 goal that Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County (ASDC) has set for the walk this year.

The last two years the event has been held in a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so people are excited to gather again as a community, said Carmelina Cicuto, Executive Director of ASDC.

"I think people are itching to get out," she said. "I understand in the past the weather has been fantastic on walk day. So overall, I think people are excited to just get back out."

Social distancing and safety of walkers will be the focus, Cicuto noted, but she said there's definitely an excitement in the air to get back to a community walk at Island Lake.

"Ideally, our goal was to have at least 100 plus people there. We're kind of almost halfway there," said Cicuto, who added that they're anticipating a bit smaller of a group for their first year back in-person.

Dementia affects the lives of roughly 21,000 people in Dufferin County, according to ASDC.

Fundraisers such as the Walk for Alzheimer's helps ASDC raise money for vital pro-

grams and services that support local families who face the disease, while helping them live life to the fullest.

"By supporting the [Alzheimer's] Society, your supporting individuals and families that live in Dufferin County, that are affected by Alzheimer's and Dementia," Cicuto noted. "We provide a lot of resources and education to caregivers, and one-on-one behavioral support for clients as well."

One example of how the fundraiser helps ASDC support the community is by providing a behavioural support worker to clients' homes, which gives relief to their primary caregiver.

Cicuto spoke to a couple other examples of programs the fundraiser supports.

"It could be something as simple as offering a music program or we have what we call Montessori kits, where staff grab a specific box or make a specific Montessori kit for a client they deal with. It's based on what their likes are and their needs in terms of the development – the progression of the disease," said Cicuto.

"The money goes to restocking those kits and making sure there's different resources and tools that the staff can use when visiting."

Cicuto said she'd encourage everyone to come out to Island Lake on the morning of May 28 and participate in the walk.

"It's going to be a fun day," she said. "What's better on a Saturday morning to come out for a walk, hopefully on a beautiful day, and just meet the team and support what we do."

To learn more about the event or donate, visit: tinyurl.com/2p84je3r

"If someone can't make the walk and still wants to make a donation, no amount of money is small. It will go towards good things for people living with Alzheimer's in Dufferin County," Cicuto noted.



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Celebration of John's Life will be held at the Col. Fitzgerald Branch 233 of the Royal Canadian Legion, 7 John St., Orangeville on Sunday, May 29, 2022 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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“We try to, every season, pair up with the Brampton Library and pick a book that kind of relates to either an art exhibition or a museum exhibition... they really wanted to do something about architecture and the history of Peel. And so the book that was selected, I believe, ties into the architectural side,” said Fernandes. “It’s usually like a nice group of

about 10 people that come in and it’s been going on for quite a few years.”
There’s also a competition upcoming at PAMA for artists. Called “Expressions”, PAMA is calling artists in the Region of Peel to submit artwork that reflects their feelings about living through the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be an adult category for artists ages 18 and up, and a youth category for artists ages 12

to 17. Winners of the competition, which is being held in partnership with Peel Public Health, can win cash prizes and gift cards.
“We’re excited and we know that we’re going to get the good, bad and the ugly (feelings about the pandemic) but I mean, that’s what art is all about. Really, it’s being able to just tell your truth in any way.... we’ll have two weeks for people to submit their artwork, and then we’re going

to do a little bit of judging... select 10 from each category, and then those 10 will be open to the public for voting for another two weeks. And then we’ll announce the winners,” said Fernandes.
The top three art pieces from each category will be put on display at PAMA as well. For more information about the contest and all things PAMA, those interested can visit PAMA’s website at pama.peelregion.ca.



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