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Julie Pomeroy, Sam Meandro, and Earl Smith are pictured inside the Great War Flying Museum in front of a replica Fokker Dr. 1 Triplane at the Brampton-Caledon Airport. Located in Cheltenham, the Brampton Flying Club and its associated museum have a lot to celebrate.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Local airport to be inducted into Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The history and success of the Brampton Flying Club is being recognized this year.

The Brampton Flying Club (BFC) is being inducted into Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame later this year, and receiving the Hall of Fame’s 2022 Belt of Orion Award for Excellence.

The Belt of Orion Award was founded by Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame to honour organizations, groups, societies or associations who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation in Canada.

It will be the first time a flying club is inducted to Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame,

which was founded in 1973. The Brampton Flying Club actually predates the hall of fame as it was founded on March 8, 1946.

The BFC is a not-for-profit corporation and operates the Brampton-Caledon Airport, which is located at 13691 McLaughlin Rd. in Cheltenham — and happens to be the largest privately-owned airport in Canada.

Back in 1946, the BFC’s flight school, which is now world-renowned, had just one instructor: Bud Young. He taught students how to fly in a de Havilland Tiger Moth CF-DHR which was purchased from the Oshawa Flying Club for \$250 in 1945.

These days, the BFC has a fleet of 24 air-

craft, and has restored the original Tiger Moth, too. The BFC also has two flight-training devices.

BFC Director of Community Relations Sam Meandro said thousands of pilots have earned their wings at BFC, from recreational to commercial. He explained the BFC is also home to maintenance and refuelling services, a pilot shop and restaurant, the Toronto Chapter of the Recreational Aircraft Association, the Great War Flying Museum, the 892 Snowy Owl Air Cadet Squadron, and many privately owned aircraft and hangars.

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**Alton bicentennial celebrations upcoming**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Village of Alton will be celebrating its bi-centennial this September.

The 200th anniversary celebration will be taking place on Saturday, Sept. 17 and will begin in the morning. From 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley golf facilities, residents can stop by for a free coffee and muffin. Osprey Valley will be hosting an open house at that time, to showcase what they have planned for the future. Alton’s Osprey Valley is soon to become the home of Canadian golf as Golf

Canada and related organizations are moving their headquarters there. Events in the Village of Alton will kick off around 10:30 when Steve Turner, also known as The Wedding Piper, will play the bagpipes before a grand opening with Caledon’s Town Crier, Andrew Welch. A well-known musician from Alton, Ryan Masters, will be leading those in attendance in the singing of Canada’s national anthem. After speeches from attending dignitaries, businesses in the Village of Alton will be open for all to enjoy.

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# Great War Flying Museum seeking new members, excited to welcome back visitors



The replica planes at the Great War Flying Museum are all able to be flown, and are flown regularly.

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A museum in Caledon is working to ensure the sights and sounds of World War 1 aviation are never lost.

That museum is the Great War Flying Museum, and it's located at the Brampton-Caledon Airport in Cheltenham.

Museum President Earl Smith explained the museum didn't actually start as a museum.

In 1970, the Ontario Aviation Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit. Soon after, those involved decided they really wanted to focus on World War 1 aviation, and the Great War Flying Museum was born.

In a hangar at the Brampton-Caledon Airport, museum members have built five flyable replica World War 1 aircraft and are currently working on the sixth and seventh. One of those replicas is a Fokker Dr. 1 Triplane, painted in the signature red of German World War 1 ace pilot Manfred von Richthofen, who secured 80 aerial combat victories throughout the war. The Dr. 1 was known to climb fast and be extremely maneuverable, thanks to its shorter wingspan.

"[The replicas] all fly, which is the part that makes us unique relative to most other museums that have static aircraft," said Smith.

While the replicas are for the most part accurate, a few minor changes have had to be made to accommodate modern airports.

"We fly them off of runways and taxiways at airports, which they never had in the First World War, they flew off of square grass fields... and whatever way the wind was blowing, that's the direction they took off today," said Smith. "One of the changes we make is that we have tail wheels on these airplanes."

Airplanes in World War 1 would not have had tail wheels, rather just a wooden skid at the tail that acted as a brake on the ground. Tail wheels are needed these days so the replica planes can get around the runways at airports. Another thing the replica planes have that the originals didn't is brakes. The brakes are added since the wooden skid brake has been replaced by the tail wheels.

"The other thing is that none of these engines are from the First World War. They're relatively modern, mostly from the 1930s — I like to joke that they're modern," said Smith.

He explained plane engines in the First World War would have spun around with the propeller.

But in the replica planes with the "modern" engines, only the propeller spins.

All the planes at the Great War Flying Museum are painted in the actual paint scheme of a real World War 1 ace pilot. An ace pilot is a military aviator who is credited with shooting down five or more enemy aircraft in aerial combat.

The only two-seater aircraft at the museum also happens to be the replica of the oldest aircraft in

the museum.

The Sopwith 1 ½ Strutter is a British aircraft first introduced in 1915. While not as nimble as its single-seated counterparts, the Strutter made up for it with a tail gunner armed with a Lewis .303 Machine Gun and backup drum magazines. The Strutter was also the first British aircraft to have a machine gun synchronized to fire through its propeller arc. The pilot's machine gun would only fire when the propeller would not get hit, thanks to intelligent camshaft engineering that stopped the gun from firing while the propeller crossed the path of its barrel.

"This concept of firing through the propeller made it very, very easy, because your pilot only had to point his aircraft at the enemy," said Smith. An important thing for pilots and mechanics to remember about the Strutter was that if they took its propeller off, they needed to put it back on in the exact same place so the camshaft synchronization would remain correct.

At the beginning of the First World War, planes didn't have machine guns. In fact, they didn't have weapons at all.

Their original purpose was for scouting, and guiding artillery fire.

Each side of the war was doing the same thing with their aircraft, and pilots would sometimes wave at each other as they crossed paths. But as the war dragged on and animosity grew, eventually pilots began bringing up pistols and shooting at enemy aircraft as they passed by. While Smith said this was largely ineffective, it was the predecessor to machine guns being added to aircraft. By weaponizing aircraft and engaging in aerial combat, each side of the war sought to deny their enemies the ability to scout and direct artillery fire. Smith said that's how single-seat scout aircraft, the fighter planes of the era, came to be. Their sole purpose was to take out enemy observation aircraft.

Smith is a pilot himself, and got his private flying license in 1971. He also got his commercial license, just for proficiency rather than for career purposes. Smith joined the museum in 1989 and he's been flying planes there ever since, and said each one has its own unique characteristics. He said the first time he flew one of the First World War-replica open-cockpit planes, he experienced an increased sensation of flight.

"I was used to flying airplanes that were enclosed. I never felt the wind on my face. I wasn't prepared for the extra noise... there was an element of noise that isn't present in modern closed airplanes," said Smith. "The airplanes basically handle the same as other airplanes in that their control system is exactly the same."

With that increased sensation of flight came an increased sensation of fun — "Once the terror wore off," said Smith with a laugh. When Smith was a child, his father was interested in building

model airplanes, and built several World War 1 model aircraft. This, combined with Smith's reading of books about legendary World War 1 pilots, sparked Smith's lifelong interest in First World War aviation history.

Members of the Great War Flying Museum try to take the planes out to fly every weekend, as well as to special events like air shows. Unfortunately, they weren't able to do much flying during the pandemic and are trying to make up for it now that

things are back open again.

Smith said he's finding people have an increased desire to get out and do things post-pandemic, and that it has benefited the museum as more people have been coming to check it out. The museum is open on weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; however, there's usually people at the museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays maintaining the aircraft and Smith said if someone showed up then, everyone would be happy to show them around.

Everyone involved with the Great War Flying Museum is a volunteer, and the museum is partially sustained through the membership fees its members pay. Smith said the museum is lucky to have many retired pilots and aircraft maintenance professionals involved, and views his role as President of the museum as a job that has to be done.

"I'm passionate about seeing this museum continue into the future. You know, we've been around for over 50 years now. There are a lot of other museums that have come and gone in a much shorter timeframe than that," said Smith. "The work has to be put in, and the work has to be done in order to sustain us. I'm not a mechanic, so there's not a lot I can do to actually physically keep these airplanes flying. But from an organizational point of view, I can contribute."

The single biggest potential threat to the museum's future is not having enough young people joining the museum, said Smith.

People interested in joining don't have to have a pilot's license or be a mechanic, all they have to have is an interest in the Great War Flying Museum and a desire to help it succeed in any way they can. Those interested in learning more about the museum can visit its website at [greatwarflyingmuseum.org](http://greatwarflyingmuseum.org).

## Flying Club to receive Belt of Orion Award for Excellence

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"Since its beginnings, the Club has promoted the growth of Canada's aviation industry and has contributed to the local and broader economy," said Meandro in a statement. "It is also an active citizen within the greater Caledon area through numerous initiatives such as the annual Airport Day fly-in and 'Light Up the Runway' in support of the Bethell Hospice in Inglewood."

Julie Pomeroy was the General Manager of the BFC from 2005 to 2019, and learned to fly at the BFC in 1972. She said flying is a lot more fun when you're the one doing the flying.

She said even people who are scared of flying will feel better when they do an introductory flight and really learn how an aircraft operates.

In an interview with the Citizen, she explained she first nominated the BFC for induction in Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) in 2019. She said during her time as general manager, she was always in awe of what the BFC was able to accomplish, its high number of members, and its active volunteer base. It's why she decided to nominate the BFC for the Belt of Orion Award for Excellence, and an official CAHF induction ceremony and award presentation is planned for late October of this year.

"It's a real honour, not only for the flying club but for the Town of Caledon," said Pomeroy. Even Canadians not familiar with the aviation world may recognize some of the other distinguished Belt of Orion recipients the BFC will soon be alongside, such as The Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Squadron), Canadian Forces — Search and Rescue, and the Royal Canadian Air Force Golden Hawks.

While the BFC is not the only successful

flight club in Canada, Pomeroy said it stands out as a model of success due to its good governance and sustainability.

She said it provides the aviation community, and community at large, with many benefits.

Running the Brampton-Caledon Airport is no easy task and there's many regulations that need to be upheld. At any given time, the BFC has as many as 80 to 100 employees. Membership to the BFC has been increasing — Pomeroy said in her experience there's usually 1,100 to 1,200 members per year — but for 2022, there's around 1,300 members.

Pomeroy said in the case of many certified airports, taxpayer money will go towards supporting them as they're an important service. In the case of the BFC, Pomeroy said it's always been self-sufficient.

"It's very expensive to replace runways and manage the airport and all the different things that are done there. So that's a big contribution to the community... the Flying Club has paid millions in taxes over the past 10 years, for example, to the Town of Caledon," said Pomeroy. "[We're] huge contributors as far as jobs... for example, the grass cutting is done by contractors."

Those interested in learning more about the BFC, its history, and the programs and services it offers can visit [bramptonflightcentre.com](http://bramptonflightcentre.com).

"The thread that weaves the success story of the Brampton Flying Club is not about one great individual or one outstanding airplane, it is about the determination and collective effort of a large group of volunteers, members and staff to achieve a mission and build a home, a grassroots community where Canadian aviators and visitors from around the world can come to be educated, supported and inspired to achieve their dreams in aviation," said Pomeroy.



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# Village of Alton’s history to be commemorated September 17

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The Alton Grange Association is planning a guided hike, “One Step at a Time,” as well as a “Critters in the Creek” event. The Paul Moran Gallery in Alton will be showcasing Alton’s history, and the Alton Mill Arts Centre will be open as well.

Lunch will be available at Rays 3rd Generation Bistro Bakery, Gather Cafe, and the Alton Legion. Those looking for a cold beverage can make the short journey to GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co. for a pint.

There’s going to be three “help desks” set up in Alton for the bicentennial: at the Old School/ New School, the 4 Corners, and at the Alton Village Square. The help desks will help guide people through the day’s celebrations, and souvenir postcards will be handed out.

Heritage Caledon has three different heritage walking tours people can enjoy, and maps of these walks can be found online at [visitcaledon.ca/pages/walking-tours](http://visitcaledon.ca/pages/walking-tours). While the Village of Alton is celebrating its 200th anniversary, the Alton Legion will be hosting events to celebrate its 75th as well.

Eric Wood, who is the event director for the bicentennial, explained Alton has a varied history and is much more than just four corners. Alton is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat. Plans for settling Alton began in 1816, when Martin Middaugh Jr., a United Empire Loyalist, received 200 acres of land there from the crown. A settlement grew on the banks of Shaw’s Creek and Alton became an industrial centre. However, the Village was not yet named Alton.

In 1852, it was decided the settlement needed a post office and an official name. A town hall meeting was held to come up with one, and a resident, John Meek, suggested Alton as he held in hand a newspaper from Alton, Illinois. Wood explained everyone agreed that the name would

be easy to spell and be a great choice for the community.

The Alton post office opened two years later in 1854, and soon after that, Meek opened the first hotel in Alton. The Village was very prosperous due to the mills that powered industry, and Alton was largely built up from the 1850s to early 1900s. Wood said Alton has a remarkable number of its historic homes and landmarks still intact, and that it provides people the opportunity to step back in time and see what it was like to live in a small Ontario hamlet in the 1800s.

Wood said he and other Alton residents value the Village’s unique history and numerous historical buildings. The landscape of Alton is beautiful, too: Shaw’s Creek runs through the Village and to Alton’s north is a hill known to locals as “The Pinnacle.” Wood said numerous generations of Alton residents have enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing and tobogganing on the hill.

“We are fortunate to be able to walk through the past, enjoy the present and look forward to the future,” wrote Wood in a message to the Citizen. “In the past, Alton villagers have banded together to witness and fight a number of fires, two major floods, and the closing and opening of numerous businesses. Our residents, both past and present, protect and value this wonderful community ... we are fortunate to have numerous historical buildings, unique historical pictures, (and) recorded documents and stories, some of which will be on display during our celebration.”

For more information on Alton and its upcoming celebration, those interested can visit The Alton Village Association and Alton Grange Association websites. There’s also the Alton Bicentennial Facebook Page, and Wood said the community has been using the hashtag #Alton200 to track and tie postings about the bicentennial together.



According to the Toronto Railway Historical Association, the Alton Railway Station came into service in 1879. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## 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](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

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Event Website: [www.rotarywow.com](http://www.rotarywow.com)

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The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have been responding to numerous complaints of vandalism to local parks in New Tecumseth.

Police began an investigation into the on-going incidents.

As a result of the investigation, three youth of New Tecumseth have been charged with:

- Mischief under \$5,000


They are scheduled to attend youth court in September.

The charges have not been proven.

“All three youth are protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, therefore, no names will be released,” say Police.

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of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has laid additional charges in relation to thefts from motor vehicles.

“In April 2022, Caledon OPP began an investigation into thefts from multiple vehicles,” say Police. “They occurred in Caledon and surrounding areas, including the Southfields Village community within the Town of Caledon. On May 6, 2022, the Caledon CSCU located the vehicle involved in the offences and were successful in making an arrest.”

As a result of the investigation, break and enter tools, as well as identification from other individuals were seized.

At that time, Udhambir Singh, 23, of Brampton was charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Possession of break and enter tools
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Fail to comply with release order (two

counts)

The charges have not been proven.

As the investigation continues, the Caledon CSCU made an additional arrest on July 19, 2022. Ravi Mehmi, 37, of Brampton, was charged for the following offences:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Use of Credit Card
- Failure to comply with release order
- Fail to comply with probation order

The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on September 30, 2022 to answer to the charges.

The investigation is continuing. 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.peelcrimestoppers.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.

Here is a list of the top 10 things crime prevention experts suggest thieves look for when looking for opportunities involving vehicles:

- Vehicle left running
- Unlocked doors or trunk
- Bags of any sort (especially shopping bags around the holiday season)
- Visible electronics
- Phone chargers showing
- Loose change in view
- Sunglasses
- Tools
- Watch or other jewellery
- Easy access to the trunk from the vehicle cab

**Simple steps to decrease the risk of being victimized:**

- Never leave a running vehicle unat-

- tended
- Lock your doors
  - Roll up your windows
  - Keep valuables out of sight
  - Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
  - Pocket your keys
  - At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.


### “MOVE OVER” CAMPAIGN

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“Despite the law being enacted almost 20 years ago, the OPP laid close to 900 charges in 2021 against motorists who showed a complete disregard for the safety of emergency personnel and tow truck drivers, and the cushion of space they need to safely carry out their jobs.”




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7. American state  
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9. Boxing's GOAT  
10. Made less severe  
11. A group of countries in special alliance  
12. God of fire (Hindu)  
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group  
21. Anchor ropes  
23. They \_\_  
25. Apprehend  
26. Autonomic nervous system  
27. A theatrical performer  
28. 2-door car  
29. Partner to flowed  
32. Pair of small hand

**CLUES ACROSS**  
42. Oil organization  
43. Predecessor to the EU  
44. "Hotel California" rockers  
45. Color at the end of the spectrum  
46. Actress Ryan  
47. Digital audiotape  
48. Expression of creative skill  
49. Scientific instrument  
52. Dog-\_\_: marked for later  
55. Israeli city \_\_  
56. Fencing sword  
60. Turkish title  
61. Wise individuals  
63. Cold wind  
64. Popular type of shoe  
65. The territory occupied by a nation  
66. Tattle  
67. Chop up  
68. Actress Zellweger  
69. Romanian city

**CLUES DOWN**  
drums  
33 Former Houston footballer  
34. Discharge  
36. Former women's branch of the military  
37. Partner to cheese  
38. Witch  
40. Live in a dull way  
41. Satisfies  
43. Snakelike fish  
44. Consume  
46. Type of student  
47. Erase  
49. Instruct  
50. Girl's given name  
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation  
52. Every one of two or more things  
53. Indian city  
54. Greek letters  
57. Weapon  
58. Geological times  
59. Cycle in physics  
61. Soviet Socialist Republic  
62. Witness

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



# Ward 2 Area Councillor Christina Early running for Regional Councillor position

Early says her experience will help her continue to solve problems in the community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Christina Early says the reason she got into municipal politics was because she wanted to be in the community, meet more people, and deal with issues they may be having.

She's now nearing the end of her first term on Caledon Council, where she has served as Ward 2 Area Councillor, and Alternate Regional Councillor, for the past four years.

In this October's elections, she's running for Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 — and said, at their simplest, her reasons for running for office again are the same reasons she got into politics in the first place.

Early has lived in Caledon for 27 years, and her husband was a “dairy farmer kid” who is now an engineer. They live on the farmland he was raised on, and Early said it's been cool to see all of the changes to Caledon over the years — and as a Councillor these past four years, Early has been able to be a part of it.

Before getting into politics, Early had a career in the retail pharmacy industry, where she ended up in a senior executive position. She said the independently-owned cooperative she worked for had about 400 stores in Ontario, and a very strong service model.

Company-wide, there was a policy to return emails or calls in 24 hours, said Early. She explained she's taken that same people-first approach to politics and now always tries to get back to people in the community within 24 hours, or if she's unable to, at least let them know why.

“That's worked well for me, and I've gotten a lot of support for that over the years,” said Early. “That's the most enjoyable part, the people... you meet people from all walks of life. Caledon is so large geographically and we have very distinct communities throughout Caledon. You really get to meet a varied group of individuals.”

The Regional Councillor elected for Wards 1, 2 and 3 will be responsible for the largest geographic area of any Caledon councillor. Early said this means the Councillor will need to be able to understand a diverse range of issues, from rural to urban.

“One of the things I bring to the table is... four years of significant learning that I just went through,” said Early. “The amount of planning

issues, and the legislation and the acts that you got to be familiar with. Those are all going to really help me in this new role, and it'll help me as we start building out Caledon.”

When it comes to building Caledon, Early emphasized the work that needs to be done to understand each step of the planning process. It's work she said she has put in and will continue to put in if elected as Regional Councillor. She said every Councillor has a huge responsibility to understand planning legislation, help Caledon grow responsibly and protect green space, and ensure Caledon's communities are safe for everyone.

Attracting the right businesses that fit into Caledon's community and culture is an important priority for Early. In addition to this, she emphasized the importance of supporting businesses that are already in Caledon, such as those in the growing agri-tourism industry.

“We've got so many individuals and farmers that are starting businesses from the ground up and have seen tremendous success,” said Early. “We've got to get behind them from the development perspective and continue to promote those businesses as they develop.”

Caledon has many logistics and warehousing businesses already, said Early, and she hopes to see businesses in the science and technology sectors coming to Caledon in the future. She said zoning of employment lands will play an important role in getting the right mix of businesses established within Caledon's boundaries. The next term of Council, she added, is critical as the planning decisions made in it will impact Caledon for the next decade or two.

While business is important, Early said it is always critical to remember that 80 per cent of Caledon is protected as green and should remain that way.

“Council have to be very responsible in ensuring that 80 per cent remains green,” said Early. She wants to see Caledon remain as a desirable place to call home in the ever-expanding Greater Toronto Area. She said Caledon's diversity, alongside its natural beauty, is what makes it so special.

“We have so many different cultures. We have the Italian culture, the Portuguese culture, we have the South Asian culture, the Irish... we just have a beautiful, diversified community and we need to celebrate that and we need to recognize that,” said Early.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Early said she was proud of how well she and other Councillors pivoted to a Council environment that now required the internet. She's proud of the work that was completed on Caledon's new Official Plan during her term, and how the Town kept up with infrastructure maintenance during the pandemic.

Still, she saw room for improvement in Caledon's Council. She said because of the shift to hybrid on-line/in person meetings, collaboration and teamwork may not have been as good as it could have been, something she'd like to improve upon for next term



Ward 2 Area Councillor Christina Early is running for Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 in this October's municipal election. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

if elected.

“I'm not saying that everybody shouldn't have their own opinion... but you do have to make sure that you're working together to ensure that we're doing the right thing,” said Early. “It was a good council term. I don't think there were any major issues. I just think it was lacking a bit of teamwork and collaboration and next term, we can correct that.”

Early said if elected, she sees a ton of opportunity for herself to communicate and work as a team with the three Councillors who will be elected in Wards 1, 2 and 3. She said she's going to make sure they know everything that's pertinent to them at Region of Peel Council meetings.

“You can't over-communicate,” said Early. “More communication gives people the knowledge and power base to do their job more effectively.”

Early describes her leadership style as inclusive, and said the strongest leader is one who helps individuals achieve their goals. “It's not about you,” said Early. “It's about enabling others so they can achieve what they want to achieve in their individual area... I have always had that style.”

Early said there are leaders everywhere in Caledon, putting on community events and doing great charitable acts. She said it's a Councillor's role to help those leaders in doing what they're already doing so they can deliver the best results. To Early, doing that is one of the most fun parts about being a councillor.

Early wants to bring a more business-oriented style of leadership and decision making to Caledon's next term of Council. She said it's critical because, at the end of the day, it's taxpayer's money that's being used for Town initiatives, and it needs to be used intelligently in the right ways.

Early wants to see business principles being applied to everything the Town of Caledon spends money on.

Caledon is only going to have two Regional Councillors at the Region of Peel next term, compared to the four it has now. Early said this means it's going to be important for Caledon's Regional Councillors to develop good relationships with regional councillors from Brampton and Mississauga, Peel's other two municipalities.

“We're going to have to make sure that we find ways to push our agenda forward and make sure that, whatever our issue is, that we get it on the table and get some support,” said Early. “That was the saddest thing that happened last term of Council... losing those two seats. That was an absolute disaster.”

Being a Councillor is not an easy job, said Early, but it's a very rewarding one that she wants to continue to do. Those interested in learning more about Early's platform can reach out to her by email at [early4caledon@gmail.com](mailto:early4caledon@gmail.com) or by phone at 905-867-1565.

“I really hope for the support and I'm going to continue to try to do a really good job for Caledon, its residents, and for future residents of Caledon,” said Early. “I'm very excited, actually, and I'm going to knock on a lot of doors this summer — I mean non-stop knocking — and, you know, I'm going to work really hard to ensure that I'm at that table.”

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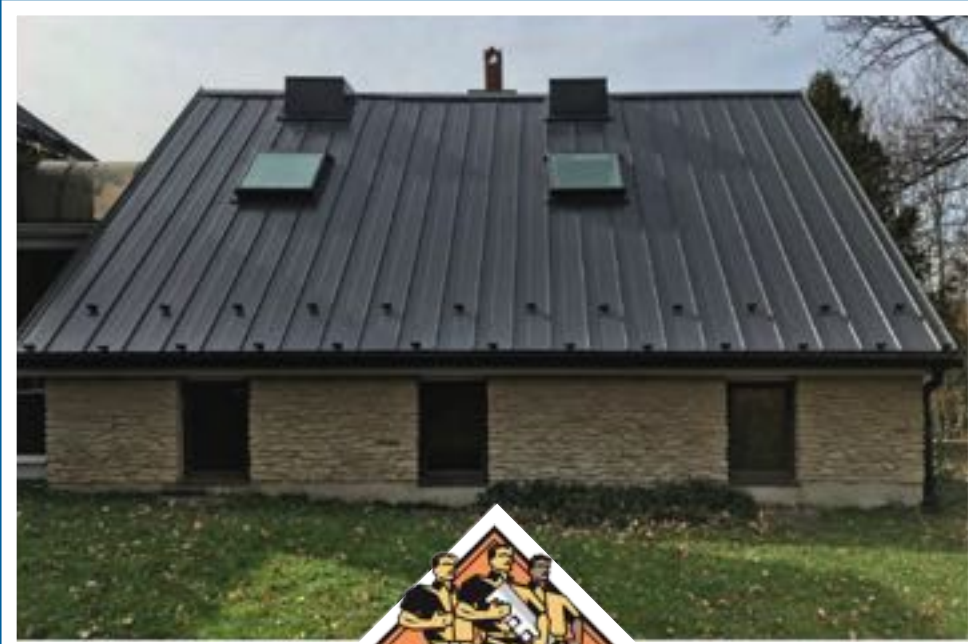


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Tom Sweeney is running for Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 in this October's municipal election.  
**PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

## Tom Sweeney looking to serve the community as Regional Councillor

Sweeney is running for Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 in this October's election

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Being of service to Caledon is very important to Tom Sweeney.

Sweeney's mom was a teacher for over 30 years in Caledon, and he said through her job she became involved in a lot of volunteer work. Growing up and seeing that inspired Sweeney and it was one of the reasons he decided to start doing some volunteering of his own in Caledon.

Now, Sweeney has been involved with the Caledon Lions Club for 12 years; currently as secretary, though he's served as president in the past. When Sweeney's kids were in scouts, he volunteered there for years too.

Sweeney is running for Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 in this October's municipal election. He said running for councillor feels like the next natural step for him as it will be a way for him to increase the service he provides to the community.

Sweeney said he wants to work to help his Caledon neighbours through any issues and problems they may be having.

Sweeney has lived in Caledon for his entire life, and his two sons are the sixth generation of his family to live on the Sweeney property near Caledon Village. The Sweeney family moved to Caledon from Ireland in the 1840s, and farmed their property until Sweeney's father retired from farming. Sweeney began his professional career in the logistics industry and enjoyed it, rising to a managerial position. About 20 years ago, he decided he'd like to work a job that let him be outside, and started his own masonry business in Caledon, which he has been running successfully ever since.

Describing himself as fact-based, Sweeney said big changes are coming to Caledon whether we want them or not, referencing the Region of Peel's estimate that Caledon will grow to a population of 300,000 by 2051.

He said Caledon's small communities, villages, and hamlets need to have their way of life and rural feel, protected from this growth. Still, Sweeney said he can see opportunities for change that would benefit quality of life for people in those communities.

"I'd like to see the community get ahead of it; we know there are changes coming. While I appreciate that we want to combat some of the negative aspects of growth, at the same time I want to be at the table, I want the community to be at the table in order to help negotiate changes that are acceptable and that fit the community," said Sweeney. "I don't want to see Caledon become something that is so different that we... don't feel like we live in the same place."

Sweeney said Caledon to him is the place where he feels the happiest. Having lived here his whole life, he thinks the Town's rolling hills and forests are what makes Caledon feel like Caledon.

"Caledon in my mind is just a good place to be," said Sweeney. "Even when I go away and enjoy vacations, I really like it when I come back and [I'm] on home turf."

It's not just the landscape, however, as Sweeney said Caledon's character comes from the community itself. Over the years, he said he's been so impressed seeing all the great things small non-profits, charities, and community groups have been able to accomplish in Caledon.

Sweeney said in the age of social media, there can be a lot of talk and not a lot of action in politics.

"I want to see some change to that, in that we don't just talk about it, that we actually try to take some action. It doesn't always work. We know that it can't always work. But we have to do our best to make the attempt anyway," said Sweeney. He describes his leadership style as hands-on, and said in his working life as a manager he never asks someone to do something that he wouldn't be comfortable doing himself.

Sweeney said one of his skills as a leader is the ability to identify the right people who have the right ideas to fix a given issue. In doing this, Sweeney said he is able to save resources and

time, and make the best possible decisions.

He gave a simple example of this from his career in logistics.

"What I learned, as I went through and got into management, if I wanted to know the best course of action to get these trucks loaded, or to do a specific task, I wasn't going to go and ask a guy that sat at a desk all day," said Sweeney. "I was going to ask the players on the floor, the men and women that worked there and say, 'Look, I need your help, I need your advice. I need your skills to help me make the right decision'."

If elected, Sweeney said he would want people to think of him as a facilitator or representative. When representing constituents at Town or Regional council, Sweeney said he wants to bring peoples' issues to light and work within realistic parameters to get things done. Sweeney said he is a realist, that he's not going to tell someone "he can get green cheese off the moon."

"I don't want to mislead people into believing that something can happen that can't... I really want to just represent and come out and be strong in that leadership," said Sweeney.

He added he doesn't want to see well-meaning community members spending valuable time and resources for nothing. In those types of situations, Sweeney said he'd do his best to find another path that could come to a similar result, by going to the right leaders in the community for the job.

Sweeney commended Caledon's current Town council for their work addressing problems during the difficult times of the pandemic. Something he'd like to see more advocacy for in the future is getting high-speed internet to all parts of the community.

"The one thing I'd probably like to see the most... is tightening up the interaction between the councillors within the wards to ensure that each little community... they get the attention that they require," said Sweeney.

When talking about communities such as Inglewood, Belfountain, Terra Cotta, Cheltenham, Caledon Village, and Alton, Sweeney said it's important for them to find common ground. While each individual village or hamlet may not have a large population base to bring issues to Council, if they can all band together on common goals, real changes they want to see can be achieved, said Sweeney.

If elected as Regional Councillor, Sweeney said he'd want to unite with the councillors of Wards 1, 2 and 3 and become a strong team to tackle issues across the wards. An example of a shared issue Sweeney sees across Wards 1, 2 and 3 in Caledon is traffic congestion and speeding.

At the regional level, Sweeney said Caledon needs to make it very clear that it's part of the Region of Peel and willing to come to the table and help, since the number of regional councillors Caledon will have in the next term of Council compared to this one is decreasing by two.

During his life in Caledon, Sweeney said he's often seen people using their own personal resources to try and get things done in their communities. While he commends their effort, he said the Town's resources should be used for community improvement and that it's up to councillors to work with those community members and let them know they're there to help.

Sweeney said he wants to see Caledon's small businesses continue to thrive, noting Caledon's independent coffee shops and restaurants are great places for people to gather and be part of their community.

Throughout his life, Sweeney said he's been able to act as a facilitator between people, find common ground, and get things done. Those interested in learning more about Sweeney's platform can reach out to him by email at [sweeney4caledon@gmail.com](mailto:sweeney4caledon@gmail.com) or by phone at 519-278-0678.

"Any sort of connection that I can make with the population would be fantastic, because I've got to get out there and be able to speak to people," said Sweeney. "I'd like to speak to people because I want to hear from them... we've had a real hard time over the last couple of years, and I think as a community, we need to grab on to what we like... and use those things going forward."



# Fundraising event for Ukraine being held at Bolton bookstore

Former Caledon man, now living in Ukraine, is visiting to give a talk

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A former Caledon resident who’s now living in Ukraine is fundraising to get critical medical supplies to the country’s troops.

As Russia continues its illegal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, Kevin Leach is leading Project Volya, a mission to get Ukrainian soldiers life-saving resources to survive their fight against Russia. Leach is collaborating with other Canadians for his project.

Leach noted allied governments are doing a good job of providing heavy equipment, but small organizations like his are valuable for addressing the needs of individual soldiers on a smaller scale. Project Volya is bringing Ukrainian soldiers things like hemostatic gauze, which is used to pack into a wound left by projectiles or shrapnel. The gauze helps absorb blood and prevent lethal internal bleeding.

Leach moved to Kyiv, Ukraine in May 2018. Since the February 2022 Russian invasion, Leach has been working on the ground with local friends to connect incoming medical non-governmental organizations with the resources they need to get established in Ukraine.

Leach said he believes Ukrainians won’t accept anything but total victory (restoration of all territory according to internationally recognized borders).

“Prior to the full scale invasion, I think many would have been happy to part with the territory Russia held, but after the horrific crimes Russia has committed, Ukrainians want Russia to be punished and a full restoration of territory,” he said.

He describes Western aid as “incredible.”

One example is military support and HIMARS artillery. Its capable of pinpoint precision and outranges anything comparable the Russians have.

“Using those, our guys have blown up dozens of ammo and supply depots and made it virtually impossible for the Russians to keep up their push into Ukraine... Russia has the advantage in numbers, but using superior Western weapons will give

Ukraine the edge overall. I think having these better weapons will save a lot of Ukrainian lives in the long run.”

This war has given Leach a clear purpose and he plans to stay in Ukraine, along with his wife.

In his talk, Leach will give people a quick rundown of the situation as it is on the ground, and impress on them the fact that the war is still far from over.

“We need to keep up our support until victory.”

He will also discuss why organizations like his and those he works with are necessary even when Ukraine is receiving billions in aid from other governments

The talk is happening on August 11 at 7 p.m., when Forster’s Book Garden in Bolton is hosting Leach while he is on a visit to Canada.

Donna Forster of Forster’s Book Garden said Leach hopes to not only spread the word about the work his organization is doing, but fundraise for it as well.

Forster said what Leach is doing is incredibly important and worthy of support.

“I think it’s an incredibly important story, and we all know they need help. And here we have our own (former) resident... who’s out there, doing what needs to be done. So really, all the help they can get would be brilliant,” said Forster. “That’s why we agreed to help.”

On the night of Leach’s presentation, Forster’s Book Garden arranged for the Little Grey Workhorse trailer to be at the bookstore for the evening.

The workhorse is run by Harold and Wanda Janes, who collect no-longer-wanted electronics and sell them, with the proceeds going to charity — in this case, Project Volya.

Those interested in learning more about Project Volya can attend the presentation on the eleventh, visit [projectvolya.ca](http://projectvolya.ca), or search “Project Volya” on the crowdfunding website GoFundMe.



Kevin Leach, leader of Project Volya.  
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# The hammock between after and next

From a young age, I was always called an “old soul.”

I don’t know precisely where it came from, but there are more than a few suspect routes.

There was the love of classic films and television. Sure, I can see the connection – but quality is quality.

There was the love of history, including smaller historical events that happened not all that long ago in the grand scheme of things. Interesting is interesting.

Of course, there was grandparent factor to whom my connection may have been little bit stronger than average. But family is family.

As I’ve raced ever closer to the age of my grandparents, while time has widened the gap between the events of yore and today, and as the inevitable march forward has bumped at least some of my favourite classics just a little bit further from the public consciousness, I realize that it isn’t really a matter of being an old soul; rather, it’s the realization I have a lot to learn.

We all have a lot to learn.

Brushing up on classic films and television can give you a great primer on the evolution of humour and the kinds of things that entertain us, not to mention a snapshot on the lives of trailblazing persons whose impact is still being felt today. Even the most seemingly mundane parts of our more recent history can influence where we are and where we’re going.

Knowing, as they say, is half the battle.

The same can be said of my grandparents. That love of history gave me a passion for dredging up the past. No, not in a bad way, but in asking to hear certain stories more than once to get a handle on the persons that shaped them, took them by the shoulders and pointed them in a certain direction, helped them see things through a difference lens, not to mention the formative experiences like the Depression, the Second World War, and many more.

When you get down to it, all these factors played a hand in developing not only who they were, but who my parents are, and even who I am.

There is so much we can learn if we just listen to the people around us. It doesn’t have to be the people who feature in these pages week after week, the prominent figures on our evening newscasts, or the ones who take up the most space on our social media feeds. It can be the person on the street, the person sitting across from you on the bus, or even on the other end of a cold call.

Knowing when to listen is also an important skill to have.

Last Wednesday, for instance, marked the 100th birthday of television pioneer Norman Lear.

The man who changed the face of the medium with such programs as All in the Family, Maude, The Jeffersons and Good Times, and most recently a revival of One Day at a Time on Netflix and other streaming services, is still in tip-top shape, still producing television, most recently alongside Jimmy Kimmel, and still engaging with people through media that hadn’t even been contemplated when he was born in 1922.

As such, in the lead-up to his special day, he issued a series of thoughts over Facebook through videos shot by his daughter.

“Holding this infinitely brilliant cellphone camera that is photographing me,” said Lear, on the eve of his milestone, introducing his daughter. “My God, the miracle of being alive

with everything that is available to us. Tomorrow, I turn 100 [and] that’s as believable to me as today being 99! I have been doing ‘Breakfast Thoughts’ [the name of his video messages] and I guess my breakfast thought at the moment is THE MOMENT. Every person who is seeing me now, some are seeing me within months of my saying this, some years after I said this, but whenever all of you are seeing it, that will be the moment you’re seeing it as this is the moment I am saying it. What it means to me is living in the moment: the moment between past and present, of present and past, the moments between after and next – the hammock between the middle of after and next. Treasure it [and] use it with love.”

Although these words were brief, I think we can all, regardless of age, take away a lot from this sentiment.

Despite his grand old age, Norman Lear strikes me as a “young soul” and is very much living in the here and now – or, as he put it, “in the moment.”

He didn’t pack up and shuffle off into retirement after Archie Bunker downed his last beer or pointed his final raspberry in a character’s general direction. He didn’t hang up his iconic sailor hat when Bea Arthur uttered Maude’s last, “God’ll get you for that, Walter.” Nor did he take the elevator down to the parking garage and drive off into the sunset after one ultimate trip to the Jeffersons’ “de-luxe apartment in the sky.”

Instead, he’s kept on creating, embraced new innovations as they’ve come along, had the wherewithal to see how they could be used to his advantage, and continued to find the energy to fight for the causes that are still as near and dear to his heart as ever before.

The key to staying in the moment, age be damned, I think, is simply maintaining interest – and, in my observation, that seems to be a prime factor in Lear bucking what sometimes appears to be a trend amongst his generation.

My grandparents were in this category and, in many ways, for them there came a point in time where they hit an arbitrary age and decided they were suddenly “too old” to stay up to date, that their need for technology and new channels for their interests and passions was set in aspic, that they absolutely HAD to slow down in order to smell the proverbial roses, and that was that.

On more than one occasion, when the subject of technology of any sort came up, my grandmother’s oft-repeated refrain was, “I was born 30 years too early.”

That wasn’t a fact, it was a concerted choice – to everybody’s detriment.

With advances we have made in medicine, care, and simply how interconnected we all are now, everyone, regardless of the date on as something as ephemeral as a birth certificate, has the potential to be a “young soul” or at least embrace the young soul within.

In fact, it’s imperative.

In a recent chat I had with 98-year-old actress Carole Cook, who is now setting out to retool her one-woman cabaret show in time for her 100th birthday, she said to me, “The key is being ready when you’re lucky.”

Both she and Norman Lear are prime examples of this outlook on life. Lucky enough to have good health and a fine mind that defies age, they have been ready to embrace what luckily has come their way.

We all can learn from that.



## We 50-somethings are the real deal!



Being older and wiser can have its advantages. While I still feel young at heart, I am closing in on the final few chapters of my life.

It’s funny that when we Boomers think back about our youth we feel old.

I remember our first microwave and colour TV. I remember dial phones in that weird beige colour. I remember heading to the dump on weekends with my dad. I recall our first office fax machine and dial up internet. I remember when email became “a thing.”

To the millennials of today, a lot of this is foreign. Fortunately, many young ones are starting to appreciate “our music” – the rock of the 1970s and ‘80s. It’s no longer “old people music.”

And who doesn’t love a classic muscle car?

When we talk about our early days as kids, our children tend to tune out, or turn to something more interesting on their smart phones. Okay, our youthful days weren’t especially exciting or action-packed, but they were fun, stress-free and easy going.

I think most of us can look back with a certain fondness. And, truth be told, we were a strong, independent lot, capable of things way beyond our years.

We were the masters of our domain, the free spirits who joined with other free spirits to explore, push boundaries, engage, discover and well, enjoy our youth to the fullest. You could say we were made differently from other generations. We were built tough.

Many of us were referred to as “latchkey kids” and I recall having a house key around my neck at an early age. Walking to and from school on my own was my daily routine. Ok, I got lost in a snow storm once, but made it home, frozen and covered in icicles.

We were pretty self-sufficient by around 9 or 10, making meals for ourselves, doing our homework and staying active. We always cleaned up after ourselves.

Yes, there were days we left the house bright and early, returning when the streetlights came on. Once in a while we heard a distant cry from our moms, calling our name. We all looked at each other, hoping it wasn’t our mom!

We survived all day long on bits of candy and a maybe a swig from someone’s garden hose. If we were lucky, we’d head into the local mom and pop store and grab a bag of Sweet Tarts or a bottle of Coke, those small curvy glass ones that were just the right size!

We learned, quite early on, how to “fib” and convince our parents we were just hanging out.

We were no angels, but we knew our limits. We respected adults and it was okay for a stranger

by Mark Pavilons

to grab us by the arm and give us a good talking to. We wanted to avoid someone telling our parents, at all costs.

At the end of most fun-filled summer’s days, we had to learn to clean ourselves up and look presentable. We found new and innovative ways to remove mud, hide rips and clean blood from our clothes.

We had extremely good coordination and could handle food, a squirt gun, baseball bat and another person, all while riding our bikes. When we crashed – and we always did – we all laughed. If we drew blood, we closely investigated one another’s wounds, offering words of comfort.

During our high school years, we formed bonds, many that have lasted until this very day. I think this longevity is due to the fact we had few expectations and demands on our friends. We just shared. We had each other’s backs.

Oh, there were fights, arguments and verbal exchanges and insults to be sure. But the next day we were back at it, often as if nothing ever happened. We weren’t emotionally scarred. When our parents caught us in mid-headlock, it required some quick thinking for a plausible explanation. That was a skill, let me tell you.

When we “matured” we took turns driving, when our parents let us borrow the car. We didn’t care what we rode in, as long as it had four wheels and a radio.

We were lucky because for \$5 we could get gas that lasted us the weekend. Another \$5 and we had money for fast food. And \$4 more would get us into the movies, less if it was a Sunday. We always lied about our age to get into the AA flicks.

We had friends who opened beer bottles with their teeth, and we could spin beer caps with the snap of our fingers and hit a squirrel at 20 yards!

We were the unsung Evil Knievels of our day – we didn’t wear seatbelts, helmets, eye protection or anything safety related. No one lost an eye though!

If we couldn’t buy it, we made it! Okay, often it looked like something from The Beverly Hillbillies, but hey.

And here we are today. I wear my belly flab like a badge of honour. It’s not easy getting this round on a budget, another skill we Boomers picked up. Waste not want not.

Sure, I have trouble finding 3 XL shirts in a world of tiny bodies. Is there a Sasquatch size? Also, I have to find that perfect shade of Hawaiian sunset that accentuates my skin tone. “Do I look fat in this?” I ask myself in the mirror. No, because my age group never asks such rhetorical questions. Go big or go home is the battle cry of 50-somethings.

We mature adults love our food, reminiscent of mom’s home-cooked meals and kitchen parties. We drink beer and whiskey, not those fruity coolers and low-carb seltzers. Okay, I admit to trying some of the new low-calorie drinks to maintain my figure!

We complain about the cost of food, gas, cars, houses, clothes, haircuts, shoes, suits, car batteries, and Big Macs. That because when we were young, \$10 went a long way.

Those who had tattoos or piercings were the rule-breakers. They were tough as nails. So, to my young friends out there, we are the bomb! We were the trendsetters, the trailblazers and tellers of tales.

Bend our ears and we’re happy to share some of our well-earned wisdom!

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# Someone Call 911

It's been a while since I went on a rant but I'm not sure how much longer we can avoid talking about the elephant in the room. Make that not one but rather, two excessively large beasts who, despite their size, have somehow managed to retain a complete cloak of invisibility throughout these lazy, hazy days of summer – except while out on the golf course that is. While the world grapples with the upsetting news that our Prime Minister takes a two week vacation to Costa Rica (insert sarcasm emoji) in Ontario no one seems to know, or care, where our Premier is currently hiding out OR what has happened to our new Minister of Health Sylvia Jones? Perhaps she's currently in a 20-hour long triage wait at Headwaters Hospital experiencing first-hand the disaster that is our health care system? Someone call 911 because we are in deep, deep trouble.

I'm not opposed to anyone taking a holiday. We all need a break from the reality of life once in a while and why should a Premier, a Prime Minister or even a Health Minister be denied? These past few years have been excessively trying times. However, no larger fact than this remains: When you sign up for public office, you sign up for "better or worse." You assume a mantle of responsibility to the general public who elected you (or in Ontario's case, the 40% of the 40% who actually voted) and that means when the health care system is literally collapsing around you – you come back from the cottage, or

the golf course fundraising event for your friends and you DEAL with the crisis. Enough is enough. Our hospitals, nurses, doctors, everyone has reached the absolute limit of their capacity and emergency rooms are closing, ICUs are closing (ICUs!) and now even several Obstetrics and Delivery units were forced to "redirect" which means, if you need clarity, they are closing. This is madness and if you don't recognize it as such you are clearly a remarkably healthy, non-birthing person who has also never been in any kind of accident requiring emergency care. Lucky you.

Socialized medicine has long served our country, and many other progressive nations around the world who recognize that the common good is upheld by the common good of the people. In other words, healthy people who are able to work, not worry about their health, access treatment in a timely manner and also not have to worry about going broke in the process, are ultimately healthier, happier citizens who help to maintain the common good of all. You might think that even a Progressive Conservative would recognize that investing in health care is actually an investment in the economy, this being the only thing they really care about (other than highways, of course). But, no, it seems the "drive to privatize" has taken priority, for how else are we to explain the complete lack of appropriate funding to hospitals, the egregious refusal to pay nurses appropriately or

why hospitals must continually fundraise and seek donations to obtain needed equipment like MRI machines, or incubators or even, at one point, PPE!

Ms. Jones, you absolutely MUST come to the table to address this crisis in healthcare. Call your boss back from the cottage if you need formal permission to do so. It's time to repeal Bill 124 which not only governs nursing salaries, by the way, but also disproportionately impacts income capacity in a variety of female dominated professions. Bill 124 is specifically designed as a "wage-suppression" measure to cap wage increases at 1%, which is below the current rate of inflation and the bill limits bargaining ability. As well, it's not just nurses who are impacted but teachers too, although the disaster that is education is enough for a whole separate column.

The bill also applies to agencies in the non-profit sector who receive a minimum of \$1 million in funding from the government, including Children's Aid Societies. If you're sensing a pattern here it's because there is one. These professions and/or agencies are often female-led, female dominated and serve the marginalized, the sick, the homeless, the disabled, our CHILDREN and our seniors. One can't help but draw several conclusions from such a piece of legislation.

One, that people who are disadvantaged and potentially less able to contribute to the economy as a result simply don't matter to the PCs and two, that

female-dominated professions often serving these communities also don't matter. Retention of workers (or lack thereof) has reached epidemic proportions with nurses leaving the profession in droves. There is only so long being called a "hero" but being treated like someone who is greedy and ungrateful, will sustain you. It doesn't after all, put food on the table what with current food costs rising astronomically and all this is happening while you struggle daily to care for patients in an environment that no longer even respects your right to protect yourself with a simple mask from a potentially life-altering virus. ("Yes Virginia – COVID still exists.")

The elephants are actually hiding in plain sight. We can see daily what's happening. Hospitals closing, surgeries cancelled, nurses quitting and turning to literally any other job than nursing. It's the Premier and our Minister of Health who are missing and it's their unwillingness to treat the people doing the hard work every, single day, with dignity and respect, that's on full display. If ever there was truly a time for a mass protest in the streets, it's now. Every person in this province will, at some point either directly or indirectly be impacted by the Conservative government's choice to decimate our health care system.



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# How to read a road map

I was watching a DVD movie the other day from 2008.

That's not really that long ago. In the movie, the character enters a restaurant and asks if he can borrow a copy of their Yellow Pages. The guy behind the counter handed him an actual book made from real paper, and, yes, it had a yellow cover.

When was the last time you saw a Yellow Pages book unless you've got a hold-over from over a decade ago?

I used to get various versions of the Yellow Pages tossed on my porch every year, but I haven't seen one in a long time. Why waste the paper when it's all on-line?

There are a lot of things and occupations that have simply disappeared over the years. They quietly go away and you don't think about it until something or someone jogs your memory.

At one, there used to be ads in magazines stating "You Can Be a TV Repair Man!"

Being a TV repairman was a stable and lucrative job at one time. Solid state technology rendered that profession obsolete almost overnight.

With LED TVs now the norm, I don't think anyone even knows how to repair one. If your television set runs into trouble and starts giving you a squiggly picture, it's easier and cheaper just to go out and buy a new one.

I have a fairly large collection of DVD movies, and, yes, I have received considerable ribbing for this. "Get Netflix!" people tell me. However, Netflix doesn't come with the special features, interviews, deleted scenes or outtakes I like to watch. Also, I just like the fact that I have an actual copy of The Maltese Falcon and Casablanca on my shelf.

I went into a local store to take a look in the \$5 bargain bins, from which I have found some pretty good and rare DVDs over the years.

The rows and rows of DVDs were now down to one half-row, and it was mostly TV shows by season.

I asked the sales person, and she told me they no longer had a video DVD department because no one buys them.

I guess Netflix won the battle.

Have you tried printing photos recently? It's getting hard to find a place to print a simple photograph.

# BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



The store I dealt with for years suddenly pulled the plug and removed all their printing machines.

"Not enough business," they told me.

I have said in the past there will be an entire generation of people who won't have any childhood or family photos. If you keep everything on-line, all it will take is a glitch on your computer to erase everything. On top of that, people forget, and don't realize until a few years later that old computer they dropped off at the recycling place also had most of the photos on the hard drive.

When was the last time you saw a motorist parked at the side of the road with a road map spread out over the steering wheel as they tried to figure out their route?

About five years ago I was heading to a town out by Lake Huron to film an internet commercial for a local business. I thought I had the route mapped out in my head, but somewhere along the line and a V in the road, I ended up in Listowell, and no idea how to get to this other town.

Do they even make road maps anyone? I wondered. I went to a gas station convenience store and

asked the clerk if they had maps. He was quite excited to take me over to the store's map shelf.

Judging from his eagerness, I was probably the first person to buy an actual paper map in several years.

I bought a GPS unit the next week.

When was the last time you used a pay phone? They are still out there, there's one in my local mall, but rarely do I see anyone using it, and when I do, I wonder why?

The most recent data I could find, from 2015, said that Bell Canada had 636 pay phones that hadn't been used in over a year, and 10,501 pay phones that made less than .50 cents per day. That's a losing investment.

In our current germaphobe society, I would be surprised if anyone wanted to use a device a total stranger had just handled and breathed on.

A lot of things have gone away over the past few years. I wonder what's next?



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## Caledon Kings heading to national championships next year

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Kings defeated the Oakville Rangers 7-0 in the third-place game of the U14 minor provincial ball hockey championships in Kitchener-Waterloo last month.

With this win, the Kings have qualified for the national championships next year, set to take place in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The program, which has only been running for the past five years, will see their first ever age group attend the national championships.

“To accomplish this in such a short period of time, for Caledon to represent a team in the nationals, is impressive,” said head coach Gus Kourousis.

“In my opinion, there will be a little bit more hunger for kids to come out and see that there is an opportunity to get to the national level. At this age group, the U14s, it doesn’t happen for the U12s or the U8s. For them to continue in the program, knowing there is an opportunity, it will drive interest.”

Kourousis is no stranger to ball hockey. He has represented Team Canada in world championships in the past.

When ball hockey came to Caledon, the Bolton resident immediately jumped on board as a coach. He wanted to give back to the game in the best way he knew how.

He slotted in immediately, behind the bench of a very talented roster. Without a whole lot of time for the coaching staff to prepare for this tournament, the Kings came into these provincial championships with a certain mindset.

“From the beginning of the tournament, we established as coaches that we wanted to make them understand they have a lot of skill on this team. But, in order to go deep into this tournament, you have to have the will to win. That was our motto at the beginning. I told them before we left the will to win beats the skill to win.”



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In their first game of the tournament against Vaughan, the Kings came out flying. On their first shift, the boys opened the scoring. They would cruise to an easy 7-0 victory.

The same can be said against Mississauga in their second game. The Kings took care of business yet again, with another 7-0 win.

In this 14-team tournament, the winner of each division advanced to the semi-finals. With the division on the line against Etobicoke, it was the toughest test yet for the Kings.

Down 2-0 in the second period, the Kings, were simply not catching a break. With 0:01 seconds left to go, a shot found its way into the back of the net to give the boys life.

The Kings went on to win 4-3, setting up a tough semi-final bout against the host team Kitchener-Waterloo.

In the semi-finals, the boys lost a gruelling

1-0 game.

“They knew we dominated that game. But every now and then you come across a goalie that stands on his head. The message was, even though we lost our job...our mission wasn’t complete,” Kourousis said.

“Their heads were down in the dressing room. I said ‘who was the better team?’ They all agreed we were. We had one more game, the bronze medal game, to prove to everyone we’re a phenomenal team. The opportunity to qualify was still in front of us.”

Having qualified for the nationals for next year, Kourousis has expressed to his team there will be Canada scouts there next year.

The Kings will have a year to prepare for the competition.

Congratulations to coaches Gus Kourousis, Gary Borges, Steve Da Silva and Paul Ambtman on their latest achievement.

And of course, a huge congratulations to the players, Matthew Kourousis, Evan Borges, Gianluca Da Silva, Ben Ambtman, Christian Rotundo, Carson Dancy, Julio Ferri, Nathan Acocella

Joseph Ferlito, Dylan Di Cio, James Gregson, Liam Eels, Evan Martin, Rowan Hedges, Kevin Rivait, Riley Dawe and Anthony Lovisa on qualifying for the nationals next season.

## NDBL Junior division moves to second round of playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Junior Division of the North Dufferin Baseball has wrapped up the first round of playoffs and it came with a few surprises when the best-of-three series got underway.

The biggest shock came when the last place Creemore Padres knocked out the first place Caledon Nationals to advance.

The Nationals finished the regular season with an 11-3 season to claim the top spot.

The Padres managed to win only one game this season, but pulled off a win in the first round of playoffs.

After winning Game One, by a score of 7-4, the Padres pulled off an 8-2 win in the second game of a double header on Sunday, July 24.

The second big surprise of the playoffs came when the Midland Twins forfeited their second game of their series with the Orillia Royals. Orillia won the first game of that series, 13-8.

In the Mansfield Cubs / Barrie Baycats series, the Cubs came out on top in two games to advance.

They won the first game 9-6, then followed up with a 10-0 win in the second game.

The Cubs landed in third place in the standings with 18 points, compared to Barrie with a sixth place finish and ten points for the season.

The Orangeville Bengals and Georgina Bulldogs wrapped up their series on Monday, August 1, in Orangeville with a scheduled doubleheader.

The Bulldogs won game one of the series 8-1. The Bengals fought back and won Game Two 8-7 to set the series up with a winner take-all game.

The Bulldogs won Game Three by a score of 9-7 to take the series and earn the right to advance.

Playoff schedules for the next round have not yet been announced, but it is expected there will be a quick turnaround for scheduling to get the next set of games underway.





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Andrea Prieur.

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# Caledon resident chosen for second Commonwealth Games as part of Team Canada

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Co-owner of Core Solutions Physiotherapy and Wellness located in both Caledon East and Schomberg, Andrea Prieur is currently in England for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

For the second time, Prieur, a Certified Athletic Therapist, was chosen to be a part of the Canadian Health

Services Team.

“The way that it works for the medical side is we’re one of the only groups of volunteers within the Team Canada regiment that had to apply through our own associations,” Prieur said.

“It’s sort of like a point system where you get more points for having more experiences in the past, having worked with the amateur

athletes and high-performance sport. Anything you have done, all comes into play in your application. Then you’re shortlisted. So, amongst myself in athletic therapy, there are a few other athletic therapists, physiotherapists, massage therapists and doctors. It’s a small team that gets picked by the Canadian Olympic Committee.”

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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.  
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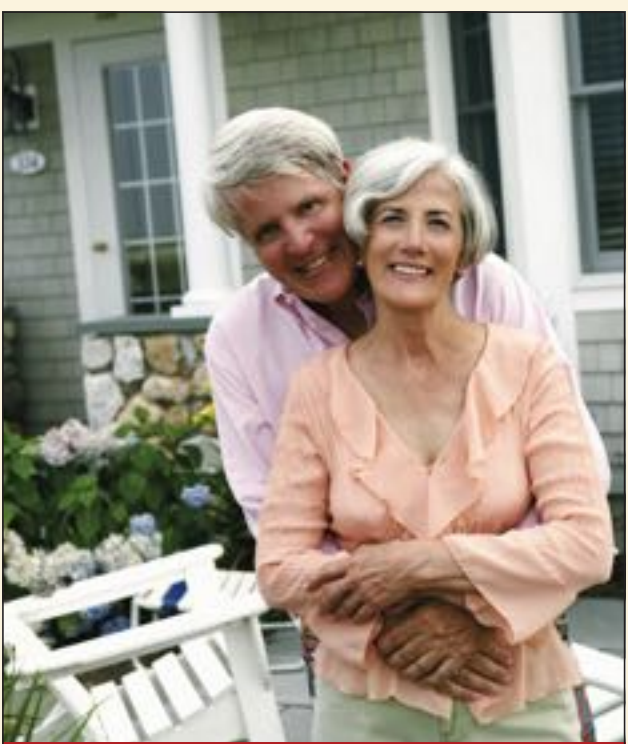
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Having been a part of the London Olympics in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in Scotland in 2014, when asked what her reaction was to being selected, Prieur said she was excited to be a part of it once again.

"I was pretty excited – especially finding out about who the other colleagues who are going. I call them my 'Games family.' I've done Games with them, I never see them outside of that. To be able to see some of my colleagues and definitely see the athletes that have grown up in just a year from Tokyo (I was in Tokyo with them last year) there is exciting change we get to see in one year of training," Prieur explained.

Prieur has been working with the basketball team and the diving team during her time in England. The Commonwealth Games, which is hosting 72 nations, runs until August 8.

In dealing in both of these sports, Prieur came into this without any experience in diving. She notices a lot of stress injuries from using the same muscles repetitively. It was a bit of a learning curve for her, but one that was not too difficult to get a handle on.

Team Canada, at press time, is currently in fourth place in the medal count. Australia is currently in the lead, with England and New Zealand behind them.

Commonwealth Games athletes were responsible for 80 per cent of Canada's medals in the 2020 Olympic Games. There might be more to come.



(LEFT) First responders came from all across Caledon to a barbecue held in their honour at Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton. (RIGHT) Live music kept guests entertained. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Positive response to first responders appreciation BBQ in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Bolton retirement residence showed thanks to Caledon's first responders last Friday.

Sorrento Retirement Residence, located at 10 Station Rd. in Bolton, hosted a first responders appreciation barbecue lunch on July 29. First responders from all across Caledon attended the event, and received a complimentary lunch and lemonade. Musical artists sang to entertain the guests, and there was a raffle as well.

Teresa Harrington, Sorrento's Director of Recreation, said at the event that the Sorrento team wanted to show their appreciation for everything first responders do for them and their residents.

"Each and every day, the police, the fire department, the paramedics especially... we'd like to thank the community and give back, so this is our way to give back," said Harrington.

Before the event, Sorrento had sent out flyers to all the police, fire, and paramedic stations in Caledon inviting them to come to the barbecue.

Ward 5 Regional Councillor Annette Groves also stopped by the barbecue, and said it was important for her to show her support for

Caledon's first responders. She said they have been amazing during the pandemic, but that they're really just amazing all the time.

"It's important to give them that moral support and to know that we're there for them and we're there with them. So, this is the reason I'm here...to give a big thank you and a shout out to all the... first responders. They do keep us safe. They save our lives. So, I absolutely, totally respect them and support them," said Groves.

Prior to the barbecue, Desiree Nicolini, Sorrento's Director of Sales and marketing, said since the residence opened in the middle of

the pandemic, Sorrento staff and residents very much appreciated the help of first responders during those unprecedented times.

"We really felt the effects of the first responders — the nurses who showed up to work every day when things were really scary back then, you know, the paramedics who came flying here if... something happened," said Nicolini. "In honour of that, last year we did our first appreciation barbecue to honour the [first responders] in the community."

The barbecue is now going to be an annual event at Sorrento Retirement Residence.

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