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MARCH BREAK AT THE LIBRARY - Reading and relaxing was the order of the day at branch of the Caledon Public Library as the CPL hosted several March Break activities for the whole family, including crafting and drumming. For more, see Page 15.

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Caledon pledges to have 13,000 new residential units by 2031

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Peel and its three municipalities want to see more support from the province to meet required housing targets.

On March 21, Caledon Council gathered for a special meeting to discuss joint asks to the province created by staff from the Town of Caledon, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, and Region of Peel.

By March 22, each of these municipalities was required to sign a housing pledge to Premier

Doug Ford's government. The pledges outline how the municipalities will meet provincially-mandated housing growth targets brought in by Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act. In Caledon's case, the Town is expected to have 13,000 new residential units by 2031.

Caledon Council originally approved a housing pledge at its February 21 Planning and Development Committee Meeting. At its February 28 Council meeting, Council voted to defer approval of the housing pledge to allow the Region of Peel time to put forward requests

to the province, and give Town staff more time to work on the pledge.

The new requests and updated Caledon Housing Pledge were presented to Caledon Council at the March 21 Special Council meeting.

The first joint ask from Peel municipalities to the province is that "the development industry be required to sign pledges to demonstrate their commitment to building the units required to meet the Bill 23 housing targets."

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Eco-passage sees success ahead of salamander use

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Last spring, plans to help out endangered Jefferson salamanders in and around Caledon were set in motion.

On Mar. 25, 2022, Ontario Streams announced it had received a grant of \$81,807 to construct an eco-passage for Jefferson salamanders, as well as to do work restoring the salamanders' habitat.

Ontario Streams is a charity dedicated to the conservation and rehabilitation of Ontario stream, river and wetland habitats.

As of late September 2022, Ontario Streams' grant-funded work was complete. Now, local conservationists are looking forward to tracking Jefferson salamanders to see just how much the new eco-passage and habitat restoration will help the amphibians' population. Jefferson salamanders were deemed threatened when Ontario's Endangered Species Act came into effect in 2008.

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Artist, children’s author partners with Save the Whales

Robyn Gram-Barclay has written two books in “My Good Friend, Ted!” series

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Robyn Gram-Barclay’s passion is art. However, Gram-Barclay had a bucket list item she always wanted to complete: write and illustrate her own book. Being an artist, she’s had the opportunity to do the artwork for other authors’ children’s books. As an art teacher of 20 years, Gram-Barclay

has taught children as young as three-years-old, all the way up to adult students. Now, Gram-Barclay is officially an author too. In 2019, Gram-Barclay wrote a poem for her son, who loves sea creatures. She then took the poem to the school where she was working and read it to her students to get their feedback and see what ages it would suit. That poem would eventually become Gram-Barclay’s first children’s book: My Good Friend, Ted! It’s a fun story for kids in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2 about Ted, the blue whale who is red. However, it wasn’t until 2021 that Gram-Barclay illustrated the art for the book and really started to pursue publishing it. “In 2021, that summer, I ended up just going full speed ahead... [I said] ‘I’m going to try to make this into a book and see how I can



Robyn Gram-Barclay wrote and illustrated two children's books and has now partnered with Save the Whales to raise money to protect the ocean and its inhabitants. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, second from left, is pictured with members of the Davis Family, who were recently given Celiac Canada’s Change Maker Award. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Davis Family Farm selling sunflower seeds as fundraiser for Celiac Canada

Caledon East family farm enters third year of seed sales for charity

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local family farm known for its beautiful sunflower fields is once again selling sunflower seeds for charity. Davis Family Farm, located in Caledon East, has partnered with Celiac Canada for the third consecutive year to sell sunflower seed packets for charity. Five dollars from each seed packet goes to Celiac Canada, and seeds start at just \$7 per packet including shipping. Seeds can be purchased by visiting www.celiac.ca, or of course by visiting the Davis Family Farm at 15770 Mountainview Rd. The initiative this year was announced March 21 by Celiac Canada, where they also announced the Davis Family Farm had been awarded Celiac Canada’s Change Maker Award. They were given the award at an event held to celebrate Celiac Canada’s 50th anniversary. Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones

was at the event, where the Davis family was recognized for their sunflower seed sales and donations of proceeds from their annual sunflower festivals. To date, the Davis Family Farm has raised over \$90,000 for Celiac Canada and has increased awareness of the disease to the thousands who visit their farm. Sean Davis has celiac disease, as does his son. He said Celiac Canada has done much to support his family’s health, and that giving back is his way to help other families across Canada. According to Celiac Canada, Celiac disease is still widely under-diagnosed in Canada, despite one per cent of the population having it. It’s a genetic autoimmune condition for which there is not yet any cure — the only treatment for it is a strict gluten-free diet. The earlier the disease is diagnosed in a person, the more likely they are to avoid the disease’s long-term complications such as neurological disorders, cancers of the gut, anemia and bone loss. Celiac Canada is a national charity with a mission to advocate for people with Celiac disease, invest in research into the disease, and provide information and support to those living with the disease.

bring it to life’,” said Gram-Barclay, a mom of three who lives in Bolton. When she’d illustrated for other authors in the past, Gram-Barclay used acrylic paint. For her own book though, she wanted to challenge herself and use watercolours. It seemed fitting, since her book was set in the ocean and all its characters were marine life. “I outlined everything in different coloured (markers) first, to add a cartoonish kind of flair, and then just worked the watercolour in and tried to manipulate the colours and see how I could best achieve the techniques I wanted,” said Gram-Barclay. “I’ve been told it’s a neat effect... you can see the lights and the darks of the watercolour.” My Good Friend, Ted! was published in 2021 and Gram-Barclay was soon thinking about making a sequel thanks to its success. She began writing again in June of 2022, went full-speed ahead with painting, and published her second book in December 2022: My Good Friend, Ted! The Sea-quel in The Ocean of Colour. For her second book, she worked on the rhythm of her rhymes more extensively, editing it with her father who was an English specialist, teacher and principal. Gram-Barclay also expanded on her watercolour techniques to add more detail, create more vibrant colours, and fill in the water more efficiently. Despite water being the background for her paintings, Gram-Barclay has to fill it in last so it doesn’t impact the colour of the marine life she paints. During March Break, Gram-Barclay did a book share at the Albion-Bolton branch of the Caledon Public Library. During a book share event, Gram-Barclay reads both of her books to attendees, but also goes through the process of how she made them. She said children are often very curious about how books are made and have their own ideas for characters and stories. Gram-Barclay’s second book has an important message for children too. In it, Ted gets bullied by the other blue whales because he happens to be red. “I go through those important questions and discussions with the kids... they understand what the messages are,” said Gram-Barclay. “They say ‘why are the (blue whales) treating Ted like that... he’s so nice to everybody.’” In the end, the blue whales apologize to Ted and everyone is able to play together again, to the kids’ delight. Gram-Barclay said it fills her heart with a lot of warmth and joy to see children recognizing the message of her second book. “As Ted says, blue or red should not matter, it’s kindness and respect that makes me glad-

der,” said Gram-Barclay. “We’re all in this together, we’re in an ocean of colour.” Getting feedback from children is an important part of Gram-Barclay’s writing and illustrating process. Her first book is for children ages four to eight and her second is for children ages six to nine. “Children are the audience... I’ve had adults say, ‘Oh, it’s so cute’ and I find that wonderful and it’s an honour,” said Gram-Barclay. “But if the kids are not taken with it, then who am I writing for? This is a story for them.” The cover of Gram-Barclay’s first book features the title overlaid on Ted’s big red tail. A child once asked why Ted’s face wasn’t shown on the cover of the book, and it was a piece of advice that stuck with Gram-Barclay. The cover of Gram-Barclay’s second book features both Ted’s face and some of his sea creature friends. Gram-Barclay said she loves the fact that children have been inspired to write their own stories after hearing hers, and said she wants children to know they should express their creativity and be proud of it. Gram-Barclay’s son has always loved marine life and wants to be a marine biologist someday. Blue whales are one of his favourite mammals and this served as a big inspiration for Gram-Barclay when writing her books. Gram-Barclay has recently partnered with Save the Whales, a non-profit founded in 1977 that works to protect the ocean and all that inhabits it. One dollar from every My Good Friend, Ted! book sold now goes to Save the Whales, as well as two dollars from every crocheted sea creature — Gram-Barclay has partnered with local artists to make crocheted sea creatures that are available on her website, alittletouchofcolour.com. Gram-Barclay’s books and art prints are available on the site, and any item on the site with a Save the Whales logo next to it means a portion of the proceeds from that item’s sale will go to Save the Whales. Gram-Barclay’s books and art are also available at local bookstore Forster’s Book Garden. Gram-Barclay is already beginning to think about writing a third book to make the Ted series into a trilogy, and she has a great idea from her son that she really wants to turn into the next book. “I’ve had people ask, when’s the third one coming?” said Gram-Barclay. “We’ll see!” “Just start writing,” she adds. “Anyone, [at] any age that has a story they want to share, write it down. Follow your dream, whatever it might be... there’s no age restriction. You could be 10 or you could be 50... there’s no limit to what you can create and how you create it.”

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Town stepped in to build passage when contractor quotes were “too high”



Town of Caledon staff are pictured working on constructing an eco-passage for endangered salamanders in September 2022. The location of the passage is not being shared for the safety of the salamanders, as some people try to steal them for pets

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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In 2011, the salamanders were reassessed and determined to be endangered.

Mark Heaton, Senior Biologist with Ontario Streams, explained once required permits were received for the eco-passage, Ontario Streams and the Town of Caledon issued a request for proposals to build the eco-passage.

About \$30,000 was budgeted for the eco-passage, and two companies submitted their proposals. The only problem? Both companies wanted to charge over \$100,000. An eco-passage consists of fencing next to a road that smaller animals cannot get past. They're then forced to walk along the fencing until they find a culvert which allows them to pass under the road safely.

“When you look at the expense of the project in terms of materials, you kind of scratch your head,” said Heaton of the lofty quotes. “We had a nice chat with the Town of Caledon officials and agreed that we can do this together with their resources.”

So, the construction of the eco-passage ended up being done by an unlikely source: the Town of Caledon’s Roads and Operations staff.

“They were pretty amazing,” said Heaton, who credited former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson as well as Caledon’s engineering department for helping to move the project forward. “We were done within five working days. The Town brought in machines, dump trucks... four staff were out there every day. We worked together to build this and it turned out really good.”

The project came in a little under budget too, at around \$29,000. By the time the eco-passage was complete in 2022, it was too late in the season for salamanders to be using it. However, preliminary monitoring of the passage with wildlife cameras has shown rabbits, squirrels, mice, and ermines all using it, a nice bonus.

“These animals... can easily navigate overtop,” said Heaton. “But they choose to use the tunnel.”

The preliminary monitoring has shown that the design of the passage is working as intended, and the passage has also proven itself to be snow plow-proof as it was designed to be. Heaton expects to start seeing salamanders use the new eco-passage in mid-April.

“There won’t be much movement until the snow is off the ground and nighttime

temperatures are three or four degrees Celsius,” he explained.

Conservationists will use wildlife cameras and in-person studies to monitor the new passage.

The other part of Ontario Streams’ project was habitat restoration work, and five salamander breeding ponds were targeted last year for restoration. The first step was the addition of twig bundles with twigs no more than three millimetres in diameter. These twigs serve as egg-laying sites for Jefferson Salamanders.

“They grip the twig with their back feet like a bird perching on a branch... they use that to track along and lay the egg mass,” said Heaton. “We put in twig bundles in a number of these ponds last spring and lo and behold they were like magnets. The next day there were a bunch of egg masses on the twigs you’d put in the day before.”

Another example of work done was increasing depth of breeding ponds with hand tools. A breeding pond needs to have a depth of about a metre in the spring, otherwise it might dry out before a salamander enters the terrestrial stage of its life cycle in the summer.

One strategy to increase the viability of a breeding pond is to create a metre-deep micro-refuge so there’s always a deep spot in a pond for salamanders to go to.

Ontario Streams also planted over 600 wetland shrubs which provide shade for breeding ponds. The shrubs also generate more twigs of the correct size for egg-laying.

Conservationists will be checking in on the restored breeding ponds this year to see how they are doing. Heaton said conditions this spring should be better than last spring as more snow accumulated over the course of this past winter than the one prior.

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STOLEN CAR ARREST LEADS
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Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment were on proactive patrol when they located a stolen vehicle and suspects in the Town of Caledon.

“On Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:20pm, officers were conducting proactive patrol in Bolton when they located a reported stolen vehicle in a parking lot,” say Police. “There were two occupants in the vehicle at the time and officers took immediate steps to block the vehicle in preventing a pursuit.

“As officers were in the process of arresting the vehicle occupants one subject fled on foot but was quickly located and secured. A large amount of stolen property was recovered in the vehicle including various pieces of stolen identification, credit cards and break-in instruments.”

Manpreet Singh Dhillon, 39, from Brampton has been charged with:

- Fail to Comply with Release Order
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Possession of Property Obtained by



Crime Over \$5000

- Possession of Stolen Identity Document
- Possession of Stolen Credit Card
- Possession of Break-In Instruments
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possess Automobile Master Key
- Escape Lawful Custody
- Flight From Police

Ranbit Singh Toor, 39, from Mississauga has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000
- Possession of Stolen Identity Document
- Possession of Break-In Instruments
- Possess Automobile Master Key

The charges have not been proven.

Caledon residents are reminded not to leave wallets, credit cards or other pieces of banking or identification in their unattended vehicles.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 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 and never have to testify.

IMPAIRED DRIVING
CHARGES

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment have charged a driver with impaired driving following a collision on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon.

“On Saturday, March 18, 2023 at approximately 12:45 p.m. officers were called to a collision at the intersection of Highway 10 and King St.,” say Police. “Witnesses to the collision quickly removed the keys from one of the vehicles when they noticed signs of impairment from the driver. When officers arrived, they arrested one involved driver for impaired driving. There were no injuries in the collision.

Colin Rae, 55, from Hanover, has been charged with:

- Drive while Impaired by Alcohol
- Operate a Vehicle with Over 80mgs

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of Alcohol

- Drive with Liquor Readily Available.

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in April. The charges have not been proven.

CRASH INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment investigated a two-vehicle collision involving an impaired drivers overnight in the Town Caledon.

“On Friday, March 17, 2023 at approximately 11:03 p.m. officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10 north of Olde Baseline Road,” say Police. “There were no injuries in the collision. One driver showed signs of impairment and was arrested at the scene.”

Jagmeet Singh Chahal, 26, from Amaranth, has been charged with:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Operate a Vehicle with Over 80mgs of Alcohol

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in April. The charges have not been proven.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Influential American political family

5. __ Chantilly, __ de Menthe

11. Within

12. Pleasure seekers

16. Computer manufacturer

17. Home to college sports' Flyers

18. Fungal disease

19. Sleepwalk

24. Spielberg sci-fi film

25. Seasonable

26. Taxis

27. Radio direction finder (abbr.)

28. Thin, narrow piece of wood

29. "Mystic River" actor Sean

30. Ingenuous

31. Musical composition

33. Turkish surname

34. High or hilly area

38. Wilco frontman

39. Pour it on pasta

40. Electric car company

43. Sea eagle

44. Walk with difficulty

45. Sign of healing

49. Boy

50. Protein-rich liquid

51. Washington city

53. Individual portion of TV series (abbr.)

54. Thought over

56. Scads

58. News agency

59. Standard

60. Deadlock

63. Pre-Columbian empire

64. Removed

65. French commune

CLUES DOWN

1. Large, dangerous animals

2. Straighten out

3. Family tree

4. Large stinging paper wasp

5. European river fish

6. Cut down in size

7. Denotes past

8. Larry and Curly's partner

9. Samoyedic ethnic group

10. Male parent

13. Specific gravity

14. Demeaned oneself to

15. Rigidly

20. Yankovic is a "weird" one

21. Belonging to me

22. Path

23. Airborne (abbr.)

27. Level

29. Atomic #94

30. Born of

31. Midway between northeast and east

32. Northeastern bank

33. Defunct airline

34. Having no purpose

35. A low wall

36. Swedish city

37. Earn a perfect score

38. Atomic #81

40. Beginner

41. Give off

42. Incorrect letters

44. Telecommunication service provider (abbr.)

45. Idyllic

46. Popular beer

47. A way to fine

48. Evildoer

50. More withered

51. Seventh note of a major scale

52. Commercial

54. Abnormal breathing

55. Moved more quickly

57. City of Angels

61. Partner to Pa

62. Equally

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ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT



Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are asking for the public’s assistance in persons and vehicle involved in attempted theft in the Town of Caledon.

“Caledon OPP officers were called to the area of St. Michaels Court in Bolton regarding a suspicious vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle,” say Police. “Surveillance footage was captured of the suspects in this attempted theft and the public’s assistance is requested to identify the persons and vehicles involved.

“On February 26, 2023 a white delivery van driver was observed taking photos of a pick-up truck motor vehicle. On March 3, 2023 at approximately 2:00 a.m. individuals attended the residence and attempted to enter the motor vehicle but was scared off by a car alarm.”

If you have any information in relation these thefts, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment 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.peel-crimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

SUSPENDED DRIVER

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment charged a driver with a suspended license after they drove to police office to make report.

“On Friday, March 17, 2023 at approximately 11:00

p.m. officers took the report of stolen license plates from a driver who came to the Caledon OPP Detachment,” say Police. “Officers learned that the plates were not stolen but had in fact been seized by another police service because of a traffic stop.

“The complainant was found to be a prohibited driver under the Criminal Code and had driven to the Caledon Detachment to make the report.”

Gianpaolo Salvatore, 30, Woodbridge, has been charged with:

- Drive while Prohibited

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in April.

The charges have not been proven.

ENSURE PLATES ARE VALID: POLICE

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has now installed and activated the Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) and In-Car Camera (ICC) systems in all patrol vehicles.

“As a result of investments made by government in the OPP and municipal police services in the province, the OPP is introducing in-car video recording equipment with an integrated ALPR functionality to all its frontline police vehicles at detachments across Ontario,” say Police. “This is an example of the OPP’s commitment to increasing transparency and accountability in the policing of our communities, and to leverage technologies that will enhance community and officer safety. These technologies will be used to gather enhanced evidence to be used in the prosecution of offences and will also highlight the professionalism our members display every day as they work to ensure safe communities.

“In addition to the benefits that will come with having an objective video recording of an interaction between an officer and member of the public, the integrated ALPR functionality will dramatically enhance the ability of an officer to detect licence plates that are linked with criminal or traffic offences. Examples would include plates associated with wanted or missing people, stolen vehicles, stolen or unattached licences plates, suspended and prohibited drivers and with other emergent situations like Amber Alerts.”

The Nottawasaga Detachment continues to see drivers operating vehicles that do not have valid, registered plates.

“Although vehicle owners are not required to purchase a validation sticker for their vehicle, licence plates are still required to be renewed annually or bi-annually. There is a charge under the Highway Traffic Act.

For those who are unaware, the renewal itself is free of charge and can easily be done online: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-your-licence-plate>

Please be aware that you can sign up for digital renewal reminders as well: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-service-ontario-digital-reminders>

Rotary Orangeville Highland Club’s Community Choice Grants program enters final days of voting

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Voting is well underway for the Rotary Orangeville Highland Club’s Community Choice Grants, with tomorrow, March 24, being the final day to cast a ballot online.

Voting commenced on St. Patrick’s Day between 13 not-for-profit organizations that have been nominated to secure a \$2,000 Community Choice Grant from the Rotary Club.

Visit www.rcoh.ca to vote online for your favourite charity.

The grant program is in its third year and is a fun way for non-profits to compete with each other, trying to secure the most votes to win.

The top three organizations that receive the most votes will each get a \$2,000 grant, and the Rotary Orangeville Highlands grants committee will select the final two from the list of nominees. The committee will make its decision with the view of helping smaller non-profits that might not have a social media following.

Here are this year’s nominees:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin
- Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services
- Celebrate Your Awesome
- Dufferin Arts Council
- Dufferin Parent Support Network
- Family Transition Place
- Headwaters Health Care Foundation
- Hospice Dufferin
- Orangeville and District Horticultural Society
- Orangeville Food Bank
- Theatre Orangeville
- The Lighthouse Community Meal Program
- The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre

“Every non-profit on the voting list was nominated by community members,” said Len Meyer, the Rotary Grants Committee chair. “We have doubled the money this year to help out local charities that much more.”

The public can vote for up to three choices at www.rcoh.ca until the end of the day March 24.

New this year, people will need to register on the Rotary site to vote. This is to keep a level playing field, ensuring one person per vote.

Last year’s grant recipients were Diabetes Canada – D-Camp, The Josh Project Foundation, Achill Choral Society, Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation and District Animal Centre, and Branching Out Support Services.

The successful Rotary Community Choice Grants recipients will be announced by March 31.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

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.

Caledon Church of Canada. Every Sunday morning @ 10 am. Monday prayer meeting @ 7 pm. Resources: Prayer counselling, Baby/child dedication, Visit the sick, Wedding Services, Food bank and more! For all your pastoral services: Call – 647-891-9400 Email: caledoncoc@gmail.com Location: 34 Nixon Rd., Bolton

The Peel Regional Aquarium Club (PRAC) welcomes new members! Do you have a fish tank or are interested in keeping fish, shrimp, snails or live plants? Join us monthly to learn more about the hobby, get tips from other hobbyists and participate in our mini monthly auctions! We meet in person on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please see our website for more details on speakers and location. www.peelaquariumclub.org

We encourage those attending to bring items to sell in our mini monthly auctions and a fish/plant or other aquatic species to show in our monthly bowl shows. This is great practise in learning how to show fish and practise judging as is done in the larger competitions. Join us in person!

CALEDON REDUCES/ECOCALEDON will be holding their next Repair Café on Saturday April 22nd, 10am -2pm, at the Caledon Seniors Centre - 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton. WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFÉ? It is a FREE opportunity to give your broken or damaged household items and clothing a second life, support a circular economy, have a coffee and connect with good community members! Want more info? Go to <https://justsayincaledon.com/what-you-need-to-know-to-be-ready-for-caledons-next-repair-cafe/> or contact info@ecoCaledon.org

CALEDON CHAMBER CONCERTS: Our next concert will take place on Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East and will feature the guitar duo Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan. The program will include works by Debussy, Ravel, Mompou and Talleferre as well as some contemporary composers. Single tickets for adults are \$40 and can be purchased from our website. Children 16 years of age or younger are now FREE! <http://caledonchamberconcerts.com/event/adam-cicchillitti-steve-cowan/>

Friday March 24, 2023
Let’s Talk ... Global Food Security
Online via zoom – see website for link
6:30 pm Dinner via Zoom
7 pm Guest speaker Paul Hagerman via Zoom Followed by discussion.
Bolton United Church
8 Nancy Street, Bolton, L7E 1C7
For more information call 905-857-2615 or e-mail office@boltonunitedchurch.com, www.boltonunitedchurch.com



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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER!

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents have a chance to build understanding and empathy this weekend.

On Saturday, March 25, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) will host a virtual Kairos Blanket Exercise (KBE) at 1 p.m.

According to the CPL, it's going to be an "intense, interactive virtual three-hour workshop that demonstrates the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

The KBE is based on Indigenous methodologies, and its goal is to build understanding about the shared history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, and resistance.

According to the CPL, participants in the KBE will be actively involved

as they will have to “step” onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. The CPL said that by engaging participants on an emotional and intellectual level, the KBE educates and increases empathy.

Amandip Dhami, Information Services Coordinator at the CPL, helped to organize the KBE. She found out about the exercise after she heard it was being done at other libraries and then began to organize one in Caledon.

“I learned about the blanket exercise and I knew that it was a very interactive way to learn about the history of Indigenous people in Canada,” said Dhami. “There is an onus on everybody that signs up to participate in this workshop for it to be successful. You can’t really just sit and have a backseat to the program... you have to be there and be aware of (what you’re) learning.”

Dhami explained the facilitator of the KBE will be Marian Paul, a Métis woman from Manitoba.

Those interested in participating in the KBE can sign up online on the CPL’s website, caledon.library.on.ca.

The KBE was made possible thanks to a grant from the Brampton Caledon Community Foundation.

Weekly prizes for top fundraisers being given out this year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

It's almost time to lace up in support of Bethell Hospice.

The 2023 Hike for Bethell Hospice is set to be held on May 7 this year and fundraising has already begun. Bethell Hospice, located in Inglewood, is a not-for-profit hospice care home that provides award-winning care at no charge to those it serves.

Early bird registration for the hike is complete, and Caledon resident Ken was the winner of the \$250 Tim Hortons gift card that was the early bird raffle prize.

So far, 18 teams and a total of 100 hikers have registered to participate in this year's hike.

Bethell Hospice is hoping to raise \$255,000 from this year's event, and over \$63,000 has been raised already. In 2022, over \$220,000 was raised through that year's hike.

In the last four years alone, \$675,000 has been raised for Bethell Hospice through the yearly hikes, which are one of the non-profit's largest fundraising events.

This year's hike begins at 8 a.m. on May 7 at Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena in Inglewood. There's also the option to complete your own hike anytime in the month of May, with donations being accepted all the way until May 31.

This year, prizes are being given out to top fundraisers within a given time period.

od. For example, the person who raises the most money between March 20 and April 2 will receive a \$60 dollar gift card for Airport Pizza in Caledon East.

Kelly Stronach, Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications for the Bethell Hospice Foundation, said the new initiative will entice people to participate and get the message about the hike out to the community. There's going to be different gift cards from local business sponsors available in the weeks leading up to the hike.

Stronach said this year's fundraising goal is high but can absolutely be beaten, given the growth of the Hike for Bethell Hospice each year.

"You get the same teams participating which is really nice because they get there and then they recognize other people and they start chatting... that's what the community part of it is," said Stronach.

Anita Schenk, whose late husband Dave was a resident at Bethell Hospice, is once again participating in this year's hike with her Parade of Perseverance team.

"Five years ago, my husband was a Bethell Hospice resident. It was the first time I had ever heard of the hike and our first hike was an emotional event with lots of family and friends attending," said Schenk. "The hike is now an important annual event in my life and I am most grateful to see my husband's former workmates, family and our local friends come together to share special memories and honour Dave. There is a connectedness that is difficult to describe but one that I wish for all who have lost a special person!"

To register for the hike or donate to a team, those interested can visit hikeforbethellhospice.ca and learn more.



Notice of Application

Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2022-0001

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application to amend the Official Plan. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

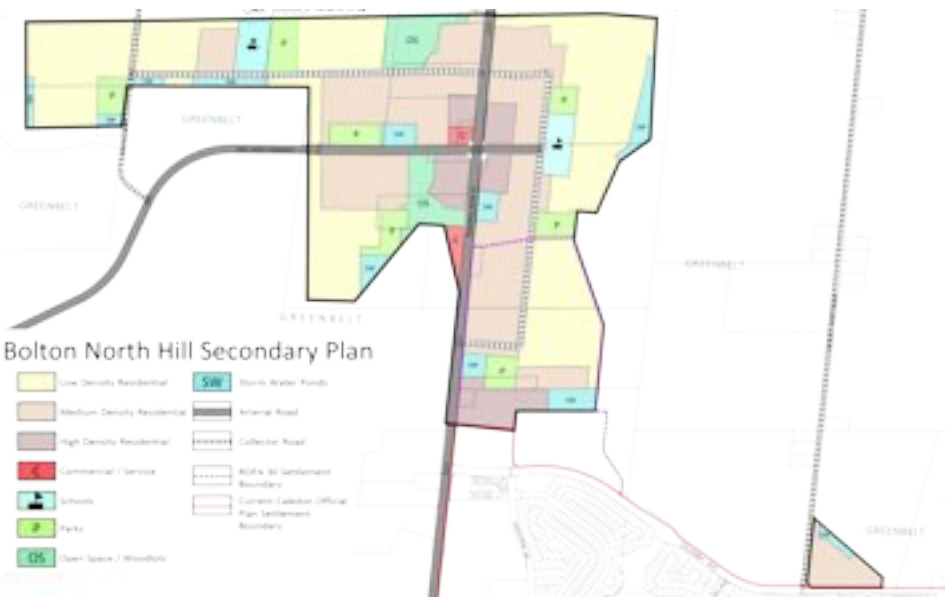
APPLICANT: Bousfields Inc. on behalf of Bolton North Hill Landowners Group

LOCATION: 0, 14289, 14291, 14337, 14442, 14445, 14475, 14530, 14600, 14616, 14684, 14685, 14687, 14700, 14766 Highway 50, 0, 14674, 14691 Duffys Lane and 0 Mount Hope Road
Ward 6

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant submitted an application to amend the Official Plan to develop a comprehensive land-use and development strategy for approximately 178 hectares in the vicinity of Highway 50 and Emil Kolb Parkway.

The applicant is proposing to establish a new Secondary Plan Area by re-designating lands in the Town of Caledon Official Plan from *Prime Agricultural Area* and *Environmental Policy Area* to permit a range of residential, commercial, institutional, open space/woodlot, park and stormwater pond land-uses



*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and is subject to change.
The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.*

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY:
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Notice of Application

Official Plan Amendment and Zoning

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2022-0005 AND RZ 2022-0010

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape the plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates on behalf of CBM - Caledon

LOCATION: Multiple Address including 18667 Mississauga Road, 18722 Main Street, 0 Main Street, 18501 Mississauga Road, 1055 Charleston Sideroad, 18221 Mississauga Road, 0 Charleston Side Road, 1455 Charleston Sideroad, and 1420 Charleston Sideroad
Part Lot 17 Concession 4 WHS, Part Lot 16 Concession 4 WHS, Part Lot 16 Concession 3 WHS, Part Lot 16 Concession 4 WHS, being Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-24507,
Part Lot 16 Concession 4 WHS, PCL 14-8, Section 43-Caledon 4 (W.H.S.),
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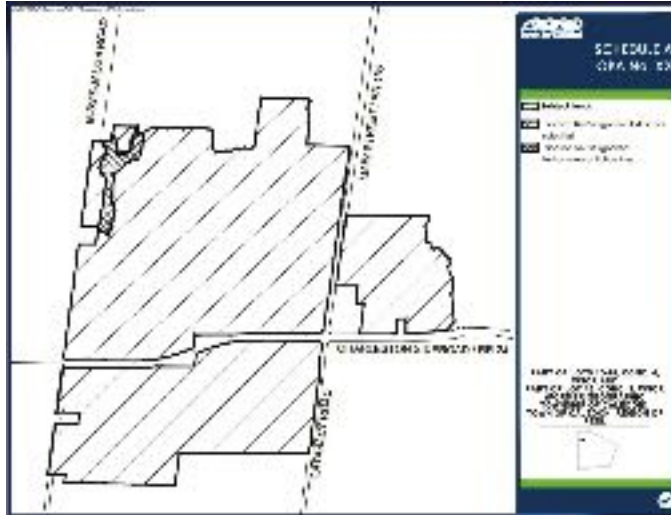
Ward 1

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a below water limestone quarry.

- The proposed Official Plan Amendment would re-designate the properties from General Agricultural Area, Rural Lands and Environmental Policy Area to “Extractive Industrial Area- B” and “Environmental Policy Area”
- The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment would rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 (EPA2) to Extractive Industrial with an exception (MX-XXX)

The proposal is needed to facilitate a license under the Aggregate Resources Act for a Class A, Category 2 quarry (below water table) for a limestone bedrock extraction.



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The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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BROCK'S BANTER

Cost of apparent time-savers

Once upon a time in a land not all that far removed from today, I was on the hunt for a new couch – nothing fancy, just something comfortable that would fit in the room and, most importantly, something that had springs which hadn’t given up quite yet.

You know, the small luxuries. I was not lacking for options as I shopped, nor was I lacking in sales people, many of whom were probably working on commission, eager to seal the deal.

In one such store, the salespeople far outnumbered the customers and it was almost hard to browse without at least one of them approaching to tell me why this was the one couch my butt simply couldn’t live without, all without the luxury of a free moment to think.

Nowadays, I find myself looking back on that somewhat negative experience with a slight degree of nostalgia

I’ve always had a love-hate relationship with shopping for the essentials.

Readers who may have accompanied me to, or seen me at, a used book store, antiques shop, flea market or, when they were prevalent, a good old fashioned video store, may have read that last paragraph with a spit-take, but those stores are and were the exceptions.

By and large, when something’s needed, I like to have a game plan before heading out. This can include my due diligence on the best brand and product that fits my needs at the best price and, if it’s a place with multiple stores, like a mall, I also like to have a plan in mind that will get me in and out as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In some respects, I’ve always been like this. One of the few occasions I remember as a child getting up and throwing an undisputed temper tantrum involved a trip to a now-defunct department store that, for whatever reason, drew my ire. I don’t know what my aversion to this chain was at that precocious age, but three-or-four-year-old me was having none of their shenanigans – and my resistance took the form of throwing myself onto the ground refusing to move.

Thankfully, my aversion to retail therapy no longer takes such dramatic turns, but it still manifests itself in the odd way, particularly when it comes to customer service.

Customer service. At this point, I feel some of you may feel compelled to stop reading; after all, anyone who has fished in their pocket for a loonie or swiped a piece of plastic all has their own tale to tell. But it’s a relatively new trend in the grand scheme of things that’s particularly frustrating.

In contrast to my experience at the furniture store little more than a decade ago, the pendulum, in my experience, has swung in a drastically different direction.

In some larger stores where customer service and sales representatives do not rely on commission, many of our more frequented retail stores are, in many respects, becoming ghost towns. That is, ghost towns when it comes to employees; customers are still coming in unabated.

While I don’t dispute that there is a labour shortage in some areas of commerce these days – and the arguments on why that might be is fodder for another column in a different week – it’s hard for larger retail employers to argue that nobody wants

to work when you’re walking through stores where robots, rather than employees, are cleaning the floors, and you have to self-check-out from your choice of more than 20 bleak kiosks when just one of 12 full-serve face-to-face checkout aisles is actually open and being operated by a human.

Recently, I was at one such establishment that had no less than 26 self-checkout kiosks in two separate clusters, apparently overseen by just one harried human.

While my preference is to always, as much as possible, support my fellow humans and the jobs they hold by spending an extra few minutes in line waiting my turn, time on this particular day did not allow me to join a line of approximately 17 people to pay for my pack of AAA batteries, bag of grapes, four bottles of sparkling water and jar of peanut butter.

The water scanned just fine, but things took a turn with the peanut butter, which somehow scanned three times. The employee, already at his wit’s end dealing with four other kiosks that were experiencing problems, got to me within two or three minutes, so that was fine. Then, it was time for the batteries... which, on the screen, came out as a 10kg bag of soil that was considerably more expensive and woefully less able to power my voice recorder and remote control.

But the employee was nowhere to be found – and it was a good 10 minutes before the issue was solved, all as I wistfully watched the 17 people in the other line glide gracefully through and out towards the parking lot.

A few days later, late into the evening when most things had closed, I headed to the only retailer that happened to be open to get a carton of milk for the next morning. A simple enough task, but, as far as I could see, there wasn’t a single employee available in the store. Self-checkout was the order of the evening, until it wasn’t, and the item wouldn’t scan. With nobody else around, there was little other option to put the milk back in the dairy case and go on my way.

But, last weekend, another experience buoyed my spirits – looking for a few things for dinner, I went into a chain grocery store in Vaughan and took in a rare and remarkable sight: a full-size grocery store with not a single solitary self-checkout to be had.

While one had to exercise a small degree of patience in line, I have to say that the gratitude I felt as I put my groceries on the belt, being able to exchange a smile and have a brief conversation with an actual person, face-to-face, was well worth the wait.

It was a very human experience, and one that seems, sadly, on trend to be slowly but surely phased out, all in the name of argued efficiency and a quick dollar.

Yet, the experience was such a positive one, I think I’m going to seek them out here on out, while we still can, and before the sure and anything-but-slow march of A.I. makes these experiences, interactions, and even employment opportunities obsolete.

Human interaction was what the majority of us missed the most during the height of the pandemic. Now that we have it back in so many ways, let’s cherish it before we’re in danger of losing it.



There’s a time to just “let it be”



by Mark Pavilons

My to-do lists have grown exponentially over the years and I’m still saddled with more than I care to address. Household chores and errands aside, the kids (okay, adults that we allow to live at home for free), keep us hopping.

They always have somewhere to go and something that needs “doing.” And they never seem to have enough time, so it always becomes the parents’ responsibility.

Okay, I get picking up after our young, even feeding them on occasion. But driving them to a friend’s house at 10 p.m. for a 3 a.m. retrieval is a bit much. Grabbing take-out because “there’s nothing to eat” at home is another constant burden.

When I was a young man, any time I asked the rhetorical question, “What’s to eat?” I was met with “Look in the fridge.”

The beauty of my youth was there was always a can of Beefaroni around to crack open. That and a loaf of dreamy, soft, squishy Wonderbread.

Want a quick, cheap and easy way to relive your youth? Get these and make yourself a snack! There are five of us under one roof, with five different tastes and meal requirements. Okay, my son and I will eat almost anything. The girls, on the other hand, have specific tastes. If this were medieval Europe, they’d each have handmaidens to fetch them what they desired.

But this butler-server-servant-pack mule is getting a bit long in the tooth.

And dishes? Don’t get me started.

When I was young, we lived in rural Caledon and were on septic and wells. We didn’t have a dishwasher and used water sparingly.

Today, mon dieu, my kids take full advantage of the generous supply of water by having daily showers and baths.

When I look at the sink every day when I come home, it looks like 10 people live in our house. Heck, in my formative years, I used the same fork for all my meals. I never used a spoon and had one glass I toted around for days.

Our upstairs hallway looks like a hotel corridor, with doors closed and many “goodies” left outside for the “staff” to remove.

I think my kids have quite a different take on the term “let it be” than I do!

Is it any wonder I often look perplexed or mildly disgruntled?

No, I don’t get it. And to help maintain order, peace and tranquility, I must not upset the youngins for fireworks are sure to ensue should I point out any of their shortcomings.

That’s funny, but not in a Stooges sort of way. My dad would bark orders at me and then smack me in the back in the head for not responding fast enough. Questioning dad was out of the question and “resistance was futile.”

Oh, the good, old days.

But, in the early evenings, stretching our legs in front of our house as the sun set was our remedy. This is how we “let it be.”

In the summer, I still try to make it a point to snag some rays in our Bolton backyard. As the sun clips the rooftops, I position a lawn chair to soak up every last ray.

To me, that’s the ultimate end to a perfect, or hectic, day.

Washing the stress away with some carbonated beverages, my breaths deepen and I just let all be. How about you?

Our Readers Write

Public healthcare “starved of much-needed funds”

Our MPP Sylvia Jones as Ontario Minister of Health recently announced that her Progressive Conservative government is “boldly breaking the status quo (regarding health in Ontario) that has stifled innovation and struggled to respond to growing challenges and changing needs.”

This, from an MPP whose government has been in power for the last four-plus years.

Unfortunately, on their watch we have seen PSWs overworked, a tragic number of seniors in private for-profit nursing homes dying in abject conditions, waiting times in emergency wards and surgeries ballooning up, emergency room closures, nurses being driven out of work in droves and doctors struggling to meet the needs of their patients and sometimes close to burn out.

Peter Weltman at the Financial Accountability Office recently projected Ontario would be short 33,000 nurses and PSWs by 2028 and that current shortages will continue for the

next six years. The government, the financial accountability report added, will be \$21 billion short to cover its commitment over the next six years to expand hospitals, long term care and home care.

Our public health has been starved of much needed funds. Restore the funds to it rather than siphon them off in a new private health system. Unlike private for-profit health services, public health care responds to the needs of the community rather than fill the coffers of private companies or shareholders.

I share the dread many people have expressed at the possibility of losing the soul of our health system: it can be rendered second class by a for-profit system that would pluck the best health practitioners out of it and in undue time add unforeseen costs to its services and products.

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Build it right

For several years I used to travel to a nearby city to pay some bills.

I made the trip once or sometimes twice per month.

At the time they were undergoing some major work on the transit line consisting of building fancy new bus stops and new bus-only lanes. It was an interesting concept that would improve transit in the city.

During the construction phase, travel in the area was a nightmare. Two lanes were reduced to one in all directions right at one of the main intersections in town.

You would come to a stop with maybe 30 cars ahead of you at the red light. It was frustrating, but I thought at the time, that's what progress is, and sooner or later they will complete the project and the traffic should improve.

However, the situation went on for years. I started wondering exactly what they were doing.

Over the course of the year, I watched the progress on the project. I noted I never actually saw anyone working there. Never.

There were traffic pylons in place, piles of rubble where the sidewalks and curbs were removed, and big machines sitting at the side of the road.

But I never saw anyone actually on the site doing work. I never saw any of the machines in action.

Where they working at night only?

This project took several years to complete.

I had a discussion with a local business owner about the situation. He saw the construction was costing him business due to lack of parking, and as a local resident it was frustrating because the project was taking years. He also observed he never saw anyone actually working on the project.

He complained to city hall, to no avail.

The same municipality started another project but it was outside of Town in a more rural area.

The big signs went up showing how they were widening and improving the intersection for better traffic flow. It took at least a year, and once again, I passed idle machines and an empty workplace.

By chance, I was working on another project and was speaking to someone in the town administration and asked what the deal was on the transit project.

I was told that since they have other projects on the go at the same time, sometimes they have to be off-site. That wasn't a good answer, and the person was very vague.

Why would you hire a contractor to do a project knowing they are doing other projects at the same

time that would be taking them away from your construction?

That seems to be the way municipal governments operate.

Down the street from where I live, a home owner is building, apparently an entire house, in his back yard. How he got a permit for that, I don't know, because his neighbours will never see the sun shine in their yard again because of this giant monolith that is being erected.

However, I was impressed how fast this new house was going up. The home owner is a friend of a friend, so I met him one day, and asked how it was being built so fast.

He explained he had contracted a company that has a dedicated team for the project. Very simple. Here's the plan – build it.

During the course of my work at another newspaper, CFB Borden was part of the coverage area.

I spent considerable time there and always enjoyed interacting with the military personnel and seeing their equipment.

The one thing I noticed, is the military does things quickly, and they do it right – the first time. In their business, if you don't do it right,

people get killed.

That attention to detail and planning and following through means success.

I don't think municipalities need to adopt military strategies when planning, however taking a cue from military planning and execution wouldn't be a bad thing.

I attended the opening of a new arena once. The mayor of the town proudly proclaimed that the building was completed "on time, and on budget." That's seems to be a rarity when it comes to any level of government projects.

Canada in general is still well ahead of most other countries when it comes to planning and execution of projects with public money. Just ask someone in a town in Russia when the last time they successfully had a road paved, because the money for the project has already been stolen by one of the oligarchs who control the public purse.

At least our system provides accountability for those public funds.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

“Hope Springs Eternal”

As is tradition this time of year, the clocks spring forward and Canadians - easily duped - begin to believe that spring has in fact sprung, even when there is copious evidence to the contrary. One has only to attempt to make their way around Town right now, navigating mountains of snow, and to gaze in a mixture of awe and disgust at the amount of snow plowed into various parking lot corners, gathering debris, salt and other detritus, to know that spring is very much NOT around the corner. In fact, even the hint of spring is but a whisper in the wind.

That said, by the time you read this column, a scheduled, and massive, amount of rain is scheduled to have fallen and temperatures were set to rise to as high as 13 degrees celsius (or for you old folks like me, about 56F) meaning it's high time to break out the shorts! Yes, that's another thing Canadians do. At the merest hint of warmer weather we begin to see a plethora of pasty white legs poking out from beneath last summer's rumpled up shorts, even if on top we are still wearing a parka and toque! It has got to be a uniquely Canadian phenomenon that I suppose we happily lay claim to - interpreting it to mean that we are a "hardy" bunch. If by "hardy" we also mean kinda dumb,

then yes I guess that's us.

I know many of you welcome spring. You see it as a sure sign of what's to come; summer and pool parties, patios and plenty of sunshine. You are unaffected by the time change and breeze through the slush in your sandals with nary a frozen toe. Me? Not so much. I hate spring. I used to tell my kids that "hate" is a very strong word and not one we should regularly use but for me, there is no better word to describe how I feel about spring. You leave for work in the morning (for some of us, that's now back in the dark again) scraping snow and ice off your car, dressed in a turtleneck and knee-high winter boots and a scarf and return home in the evening looking like a transplanted, inappropriately dressed tourist in Miami because the temperature has climbed to 20C (again for you old folks that's about 70F) in just a few short hours. If you thought navigating through the snow was challenging, in spring, every curb has you practicing the long jumping skills you haven't used since elementary school phys-ed class as you attempt to hurdle over the giant, melting mess. In spring, you have to dodge cars whose drivers seem to get a particular joy out of driving too close to those melting puddles of sludge looking to saturate un-

suspecting pedestrians with an enormous spray of puddle guts. It's not just water after all but all that road salt, trash and leftover ice chips that make it feel not just like a shower but a pelting.

Perhaps you think to yourself, "Well the Town looks dirty and gross so I'll embrace this brief amount of sunshine between rain showers and go for a hike instead." I hope you have a great pair of rain boots because – MUD. Not just mud, either, but other brown stuff too. Yes, I'm talking about all those folks who took their dogs for a walk over the winter, and who seem to think that poo just magically disappears in nature. It doesn't and it means you had better watch your step every step of the way. That goes for folks in neighbourhoods too by the way. Is there anything more disgusting than the spring melt making your local park look like a big, giant dog toilet? C'mon folks we can do better. I know winter is freezing and maybe you think poo freezes too (can you actually say "poo" in a family newspaper?) but let's be clear, it doesn't disappear!

In my own backyard spring means the annual return of our pond. We don't actually have a pond, of course, but a certain lower lying section of my backyard turns into a quagmire of fairly epic proportions. This is to the delight of the two rescue dogs in our

home who must have come from the wild originally because they think the pond has manifested into being for the express purpose of playing in it, drinking from it and even attempting to swim in it. It's all so "cute" and fun to watch until they try to come back into your recently cleaned house, or (as has happened) you get a hefty vet bill from having to treat whatever intestinal disorder they picked up while slurping up said pond water despite your best efforts to block them from doing so.

What else can I say about spring? Honestly not much. Sure, maybe there's that brief delight in noticing the first shoots of my peony bushes poke through the ground but it doesn't last long. After all, no sooner do I notice them and briefly get my hopes up when along comes an "unexpected" spring snowfall burying them once again and a foot and a half of snow. I wonder if the onset of spring is where the expression "hope springs eternal" comes from? Spring gives us false hope for better days ahead. Sure, they eventually come in the form of summer but meanwhile...sludge.



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Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week

Cross Country, Track and Field, and Half-Marathon: Kaitlyn Stevens is Hall’s versatile long-distance Runner

BY JIM STEWART

Kaitlyn Stevens is a versatile long distance runner – a dynamic triple-sport athlete who also goes the distance in the classroom as her 90% Honor Roll Student status at Robert F. Hall CSS would attest.

In addition to earning three academic subject awards last year, the Grade 11 student-athlete finished Top 20 in all her races in a Hall Wolf-pack singlet during the Cross Country season.

This admirable mix of academic and athletic prowess caught the eye of her coach, Linda Van, and Stevens was nominated for recognition by her teachers and coaches.

In addition to these school-based teams, Stevens has evolved into a masterful half-marathoner who competed in “The Chilly Half-Marathon” a few weeks ago – a huge race, with almost 3,000 participants.

According to Coach Van, Kaitlyn has run “two half marathon races recently where she placed Top 3 in her age group.” The Wolf-pack’s Cross Country and Track coach is also impressed with Stevens’s qualities as a student

who sees her as “hard-working, inside and outside of the classroom” as well as “humble and kind.”

In addition to these attributes, Coach Van is most impressed by Kaitlyn’s “genuine support for her teammates in other divisions. She ensured to stay with them during the start to help their nerves, made herself visible throughout the race course to cheer for them, and then would run to the finish line to congratulate each one of them when they crossed the finish line.”

This kind of supportive leadership and academic excellence is complemented by Stevens’s conspicuous and courageous performance at a cross country meet in Fall 2022.

“At one of our cross country meets, Kaitlyn had placed top 10 out of 137 athletes in her division. We noticed she had burrs and mud all over her when she had finished. We were all impressed by her grit, giving it her absolute all to finish strong regardless of taking a bad fall.”

With these demonstrations of athletic perseverance and academic excellence, The Caledon Citizen is pleased to name Kaitlyn Stevens



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country season, I placed ninth in the Heart Lake Invitational meet and 15th in the ROPS-SAA meet. These in particular make me proud because the senior girls division that I took part in had both Grade 11 and Grade 12 students, which made the competition a lot steeper, and I had gotten sick before the ROPSSAA meet. Regardless, I managed to place quite well and make myself proud. My most proud performance moment came from placing 3rd in my age group during the Chilly Half Marathon I ran a few weeks ago. It was a huge race, with about 3,000 people registered, and yet I managed to earn that top three spot in my age category. It was an exhausting 21.1 kilometer race, but I was so proud of myself when I finally crossed the finish line. I’ve learned a lot about myself and how much I am capable of during the training process, and it’s led to a successful season so far.

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Kaitlyn Stevens: Currently, my training has been entirely independent outside of school.

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

Kaitlyn Stevens: I would describe myself as a very busy, but hardworking student. I do take my academics very seriously, and despite the amount of time that I spend on my athletic training, I spend just as much doing homework and studying to maintain my Honour Roll average. I belong to the Cross Country Running team, the Ski and Snowboard club, and am in the midst of practicing for this year’s Track and Field team.

our Student-Athlete of the Week.

Kaitlyn took time from her long-distance training regime and “very busy” life at Hall CSS to be interviewed. Here are her responses to our questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports seasons to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Kaitlyn Stevens: Dedication and leadership. I love my sport, and I’ve been putting in hours and hours of training outside of any extracurricular program in order to train in even the worst conditions. I also always encourage anyone else pursuing any sort of running because I want to share my love for it with as many people as I can. I love cheering on my teammates and sharing what I know in order to make their experience with long distance running better and create a very positive environment for everyone.

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

Kaitlyn Stevens: This year during my cross

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Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Kaitlyn Stevens: Academically, I am hoping to pursue a career in forensic psychology and am working to apply to a university program for that interest. Athletically, I want to continue to run races, especially long distance. One of my major goals is to work my way up to a full marathon. Unfortunately for my joints, I’ve become obsessed with these long-distance races and I’m not planning on stopping that obsession anytime soon.

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Kaitlyn Stevens: My role model is my Cross Country and Track and Field Coach, Ms. Van. Ms. Van ran my first half-marathon with me last year and introduced me to how incredibly fulfilling long distance races are. She has an infectious passion for running and shares her knowledge of the sport to all of the players she coaches, and I always take her advice to heart. She is extremely encouraging and knows exactly how to push me in order to make me better. I am very glad that I’ve had the opportunity to be coached by her.

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week?

Kaitlyn Stevens: I feel very honoured, especially because there are so many talented athletes at my school. This is an incredible opportunity that I hope will show others what is possible if you set your mind to it, even if it’s really painful at times.

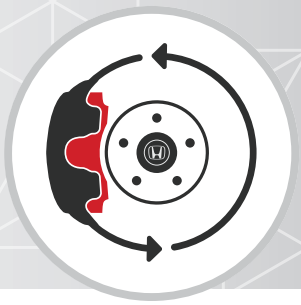

If you are a community or high school coach who would like to nominate a Caledon-based student-athlete for The Caledon Citizen’s Student Athlete of the Week, please email me at jim@lpcmedia.ca.


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Hello Gorgeous, a work of art made with pastels by Anita Pietras, is one of the many celebrations of Spring that are on display at the Wild & Free exhibition.

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Wild & Free: Spring art exhibition opens at Headwaters Arts Gallery

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Spring is a time to celebrate growth and new life.

That’s why Headwaters Arts has chosen Wild & Free as the theme for its third members’ exhibition of 2023. The beauty of nature has long been an inspiration for artists, and Headwaters Arts’ Chair of Communications Sue Powell said Wild & Free will get everyone excited for Spring.

Powell describes the exhibition as vibrant, colourful and explosive. It will feature expressions of flora and fauna from 35 artists in the Headwaters region, seven of whom are from Caledon.

The exhibition began on March 22 at the Headwaters Arts Gallery, which is located in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. On March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be an opening exhibition where attendees can meet the artists.

There will be a total of 47 selected pieces on display in a variety of mediums such as oil, watercolour and acrylic paintings, pastels, textiles, encaustic/mixed media, prints,

photogram, fine art photography, mixed media mosaic, clay, metal and acrylic/paper.

One of the artists to be featured in Wild & Free is Lynn Gilbank of Mono, who is showing her textile work entitled “Curious Kit”. She said it’s a symbol of a young and curious creature who “embodies the meaning of innocence and the ability to be free from fear and open to exploration.”

Another artist to be featured is Anita Pietras of Brampton, who will be displaying her pastel work that celebrates new blooms entitled “Hello Gorgeous.”

“Crocuses are some of the earliest blooming flowers of the new season, as are the beautiful blooms of a magnolia tree... a delight for any artist and person,” said Pietras. “The rays of the sun, that new and exciting splash of colour... our spirits seem to vibrate with a new sense of rebirth and creative energy.”

Those interested will be able to view the Wild & Free exhibition until April 23 by visiting the Headwaters Arts Gallery between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday.

OMHA announces non-body checking option for players

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has announced plans to revise its body-checking policy and will offer non-contact hockey to players U14 and older at the rep level.

“The OMHA continues to review, assess, and implement programming and programming models in order to meet the ongoing needs of our hockey families,” the OMHA said in a statement.

There has been an increase in interest for leagues that provide a non-body checking type of play. Currently, body checking is not permitted at any age division of recreation hockey, including house league, local league and minor development.

Body checking is introduced at the U14 rep level.

The demand to provide a non-body checking style of play at the rep level allows a player to continue to play in a non-body checking environment and still have access to rep hockey and to continue to play at a level according to their ability.

The size difference in players, previous injuries, and personal preference have all been raised as reasons to have this option available. In addition, this supports players at the recreational level, where players returning from rep hockey may create a skill gap that results in a lack of enjoyment for players.

The OMHA Representative Committee brought forward the recommendation that was presented and approved by the OMHA

board of directors to implement non-body checking hockey for U14 and above, classified as BB, beginning in the 2023-2024 season.

“The priorities of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association remain dedicated to player safety, providing young athletes with the opportunity to best develop and acquire skills, and keeping as many players playing the game as possible. We believe this new opportunity will satisfy all of the elements,” the OMHA said.

To support the implementation of the initiative, BB will be the only rep category with no body checking permitted. Associations are not required to provide a base category team to be able to offer BB non-body checking entry. Player movement to access non-body checking hockey is not permitted.

Current BB teams will have several options to proceed.

They can recategorize to the C category, including body checking at U14 and older. Enter as a second A team. Maintain BB designations without body checking. Associations must provide a second entry according to regulations.

Education on the skill of checking will remain a priority focusing on the four-step checking progression, which begins the first time a young player steps on the ice.

This progression emphasizes the practice of positioning, angling, and stick checks, followed by contact confidence and body contact, which are taught at the later stages of player development.



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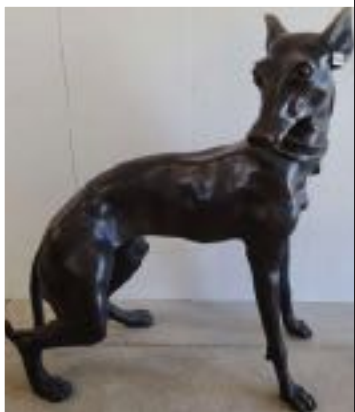
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CAMERON, SHIRLEY ETHEL

With great sadness we announce that Shirley Ethel Cameron, 92, of Agoura Hills, California, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on February 28, 2023. Shirley was born on May 5, 1930, to Rose Lowe (nee. Willoughby) and Francis (Frank) Palmer Lowe, in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized at St. Mark's Church (Church of England) in Orangeville, in February of 1943.

Shirley graduated from Orangeville High School in July of 1948, then attended St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing, in Toronto, in 1949 and 1950.

On June 7, 1952 she married Philip George Cameron, of Caledon, Ontario, a handsome devil who had just graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Electrical Engineering. They had been high school sweethearts since 1947.

Shirley and Philip enjoyed 70 years of marriage, devoted to each other and inseparable until Philip's death on January 24, 2022. They raised five children together: James (68), Michael (66), Valerie (62) Terri Lynn (60) and John David (deceased in 2020 at age 52).

Shirley is also predeceased by her sister Joan Herteiz and her brother Bill Lowe. She is lovingly remembered by 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Shirley was a true independent spirit, who marched to her own drum during an era when women's roles were more narrowly defined. She became a nurse, but drove stock cars in local races for fun. There is no record of her wins, but judging by her lead-foot later in life, we're certain she did.

The family moved to Niagara Falls, Ontario, in 1959, building their first house in the historic Village of Chippawa in 1960. During her years as a homemaker in Chippawa she was also an accomplished artist, painting in oils and watercolors, and served on the board of the Niagara Falls Art Association. Her curious nature led her to become an amateur geologist after taking night classes in Geology. Her restless spirit also caused her to join the Canadian Women's Army Reserve, in which she excelled at marksmanship. She joined the local kennel club and proudly showed her award winning Basenji dogs, Faro and Zozer. She was also a devoted cat person, and there were always cats underfoot wherever she lived.

The family then moved to Brea, California in 1971. Shirley adapted quickly to her new life there, making friends and becoming involved in the local art scene. She also served in numerous community organizations, including the movement to bring back American POW's held in Vietnam.

She believed in self improvement throughout her life, acquiring diplomas from the School of Floristry in San Bernardino, CA, from the Community College District, North Orange County, as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), from the Riverside Unified School District for Unit Secretary training, and even got a diploma for the Wilton Method of Cake Decorating.

Both Phil and Shirley became American citizens. They moved to Appleton, Wisconsin and lived there for 5 years before returning to California, this time to live in Placentia. They later moved to Agoura Hills, where they resided until their deaths.

Throughout her life Shirley read voraciously, especially science fiction, but she'd never turn down a good mystery or historical novel. Shirley provided a strong and independent role model for her five children, which has served them well in their lives. Her love of the arts, and reading, and her boundless curiosity, set an example to her children to live fully, and to follow their imagination wherever it might lead. She overcame two heart attacks and the amputation of her left arm to continue as a strong matriarch to her family.

In her last years, even though frail and lacking mobility, she inspired the young women who cared for her with her indomitable spirit. Everyone who knew her had their lives enriched by her kindness, her humor, her intelligence, and her strength of will. She will be deeply missed by all. Her ashes will be mixed with Philip's as they are gently scattered into the Pacific Ocean, where they will be together always.



ANNE ELIZABETH
 BAYES- NIXON

APRIL 5 1966 – JAN 10 2023

Anne passed away peacefully after a lengthy battle with cancer. She will be sadly missed but forever loved, by her partner Bill, her sons christopher, Peter, Shane, (Steph), Jesse (Amanda), Joshua (Jackie), grandchildren Will, Bella, Dylan, Lavana, Skyler, Loggan and Piper, sisters Barbara (Ugo), Donna (Dan), step sister Carolyn (Ray), step brothers Andrew and David.

A celebration of life will be held on April 1st 2023 at The Canadian Legion (Museum Room) 203 William Street Shelburne. Between 1-4pm



WHITE, DOREEN WOODLAND
 RN, ON (NEE HOLMES)

Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne on Tuesday March 14, 2023 in her 98th year. Beloved wife of the late Verylle White (1996). Dear mother of Brian, Donald (Rosemary), Wayne (Wanda) and Neil (Christine). Cherished grandmother of Heather (Mark), Trisha (AJ), Darryl (Danielle), Devin (Jesse), Shannon (Steve), Kelly, Aleksandra (Adam), Nathanael (Carly), Jarrod (Lisa), Craig (Stephanie), Adam (Laura). Greatly missed by her Great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her sister Muriel. Doreen will also be missed by other relatives and many friends.

Funeral service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church 5 First Ave. Orangeville on Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Reception to follow at *Dads & McNaair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St. Orangeville. Memorial donations to St. Marks Anglican Church or the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnaair.com

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 JAMES BINCE

It is with heavy hearts the family announces the passing of James Bince on Monday, February 20, 2023 at the age of 87, with family by his side.



James will be dearly missed by his spouse of 64 years, Claudia. Survived by his Children Jim Jr., Richard (Patty), and Robert (Melinda). Cherished Grandfather of Stephen (Virginia), Melissa (Tommy), Ashley, Kaitlyn, Dillon and Michael. Proud Great Grandfather of Tyson, Amelia, and Cailleigh. James also leaves behind his siblings Grace and Kathleen. James was the proud owner of J.B. Overhead Doors and serviced the Bolton community for over 40 years providing both business and residential door replace and repairs. James' proudest achievement and greatest pleasure was his family and his home. James will be fondly remembered and missed by all his family and friends.

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Town testing dead geese for Avian Flu

Birds found in Bolton stormwater pond

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town is testing some dead geese for Avian Flu, but there’s no need for the public to be concerned.

However, it is pertinent that residents take necessary cautions to prevent any possible spread of the disease.

On March 17, the Town of Caledon announced its municipal law enforcement division was following up on reports of dead geese in a Bolton stormwater pond. As a result of this, the Town is recommending that residents take some precautions while the birds are tested for Avian Flu at the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative.

According to the Town, there’s no indicators of increased risk of Avian Flu being spread to humans at this time, and the risk of it spreading to humans is extremely rare in the first place.

“It’s recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada that members of the public should not handle sick or dead wild birds or other wildlife, as they may be infected with diseases that can spread to humans,” said the Town in a statement. “Pets should also be kept away from sick or dead wildlife and be kept on leashes.”

At this time, to stop any potential spread of Avian Flu, Caledon’s Animal Services Division is recommending the use of bird feeders be discontinued. Animal services also recommends that birdbaths be temporarily removed from Caledon properties and that cats be kept inside.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, it’s natural for wild birds to carry avian influenza viruses, in Canada and around the world. Some birds can be infected and still appear healthy, while others may succumb to their illness. Avian Flu has the potential to spread to domestic poultry and mammals such as foxes who may eat infected birds.

Caledon residents are being asked to report any sick or dead wildlife by calling 311, and the Town emphasized again that residents should not touch any sick or dead wildlife.

Anyone with questions about sick or dead wildlife found on their property can call the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781.

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Staff are pictured interacting with visitors at the Tool Shoppe station at Terra Cotta’s Maple Syrup in the Park.
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