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Thomas Pigeon is the proud owner of Old School Sap Co.

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Labour of love: Caledon man making maple syrup the old-school way

Old School Sap Co. was founded in 2019 by Thomas Pigeon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Thomas Pigeon first began making his own maple syrup 20 years ago.

Now, he has his own maple syrup brand: Old

School Sap Co.

The old school in the company's name has two meanings. The first is that Pigeon makes his syrup in a sugar shack outside of his old school-house-turned-home at the corner of Old School and Creditview roads in Caledon. The second is that Pigeon makes maple syrup the old-school way.

He began tapping trees at the "Old School" in 2019, and since then he's gone from tapping around 30 trees a season to about 450. Pigeon said it was a great thing to start doing right before the pandemic as it gave him something to do

during lockdowns.

Maple syrup isn't Pigeon's main job, it's a passion project. Pigeon is semi-retired from a career as the CEO of his own package design and branding business. He's worked on designs for clients such as Tim Hortons and Kraft, as examples.

March is a quiet time of year and the perfect time to be out in the bush, according to Pigeon.

"It's a miracle of nature... you put a hole in a tree and you can get a litre of syrup," he said. "It takes 50 litres of sap to make one litre of syrup."

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Plan, zoning amendments requested for below-water table limestone quarry

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

CBM Aggregates, owned by Votorantim Cimentos, wants to build a below-water table limestone quarry north of Alton.

Votorantim Cimentos is the largest cement company in Brazil and the eighth-largest in the world.

On March 23, planning firm Glen Schnarr and Associates submitted official plan and zoning bylaw amendment requests to the Town of Caledon on behalf of CBM for the quarry.

The proposed quarry would be located between Mississauga Road and Main Street north of Charleston Sideroad (Regional Road 24). It would also include portions of land south of Charleston Sideroad, and east of Main Street north of Charleston Sideroad.

CBM wants to change Caledon's official plan to re-designate the subject lands from "General Agricultural Area, Rural Lands and Environmental Policy Area to Extractive Industrial Area B and Environmental Policy Area."

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Caledon artists bloom at spring exhibition: Artists proud to display work at Wild & Free opening reception on March 25

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Local artists were recently tasked with expressing their interpretation of the words wild and free.

This resulted in many interesting pieces on display at Headwaters Arts’ spring exhibition, which is aptly named Wild & Free.

An opening reception for the exhibition was held on March 25 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, where the non-profit Headwaters Arts maintains a gallery year-round to promote and support local artists.

Iris Ranieri, an artist and photographer who lives just north of Bolton, has a piece on display called “Summer Pools” and it was created with acrylic paint on a canvas.

“I paint a lot from photos,” said Ranieri. “This was based on a photo that I took in Yosemite National Park of the waters... and then it became abstracted.”

Ranieri visited Yosemite National Park, which is in California, in 2019 before the pandemic. She said she often goes through old photographs she has taken for inspiration, and the photo she based her latest painting on caught her eye because of the colour of the water in it.

“The funny thing about this painting is I painted it the opposite way... this is actually upside down,” said Ranieri as she showed her painting to the Citizen. “I flipped it upside down and thought, ‘OK, this works better’.”

Ranieri has been involved in Headwaters Arts for two-and-a-half years. She has a second piece on display at the Wild & Free as well called “Afternoon Light,” a beautiful representation of sunlight shining through a forest.

Ranieri explained she doesn’t like to paint in a truly representational or realistic style, adding with a laugh that she doesn’t have the patience for it.

“I paint intuitively... it’s all in the moment,” she said. Due to this, Ranieri finds painting to be a relaxing and meditative activity where she can block everything else out.

Pat Hertzberg, a fibre artist who’s also from Caledon, has a work of art on display at Wild & Free called “Fast Fashion/After the Party”. Hertzberg was trained in fine art but decided to pursue a career in the fashion industry. She was a fashion designer for a while before she decided she wanted to return to the world of fine art. She had a ton of fabric lying around, and decided to begin creating art with it.

“I realized... (fabric) has so many more qualities than paint, the texture is something that is



Pat Hertzberg poses next to her fibre/mixed media art entitled “Fast Fashion/After the Party”.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

huge,” said Hertzberg. “I’ve been doing (this) for about 15 years and what I’ve noticed is people always want to touch (my art).”

Hertzberg said she loves going to art exhibitions because it’s so fun and inspiring to chat with other artists. Creating art with fabric for so many years has led Hertzberg to develop some of her own techniques which she now teaches to others. One such technique is the creation of a “thread web.”

“I take a number of different fabrics and I do some hand-dyeing and sometimes painting... I rip them up, cut them up, fray them, and then put them back together,” said Hertzberg. “But when I put them back together, I always like to leave empty spaces, negative space, so that... it looks fragile. But in fact, [it’s] very sturdy.”

As its name implies, Hertzberg’s piece has two angles to it. The first is an expression of how the fast fashion industry is leading to large quantities of unnecessary waste heading to landfills.

“It’s a problem and the fashion industry is not dealing with it,” said Hertzberg. “I’m not against people having lots of clothes... it’s [a

problem when] they’re worn four or five times then thrown out. “

She said people need to think about recycling their clothes, donating them to those in need, giving them to a friend, or selling them to a thrift store instead of throwing them out. Hertzberg often bases her art on topics she feels strongly about; she recently finished a piece which represents her desire to protect the greenbelt.

The second angle to Hertzberg’s piece is “After the Party” which is her unique take on the Wild & Free theme. While many artists chose to represent plants and animals in the beauty of spring, Hertzberg imagined Wild & Free as clothes on the floor at the end of a party.

It takes Hertzberg a very long time to make each of her pieces, and she completes them at her home studio. It’s a big studio, as Hertzberg said a lot of space is needed when creating art with fabric.

Tanya Fenkell, a Toronto artist who made the trip to Alton to participate in the Wild & Free opening reception, has a watercolour piece on display titled “Sing, Morning.”

Fenkell said she spends a lot of time in north-

east Ontario, and she draws inspiration from the beautiful lakes and nature found there.

A new member with Headwaters Arts, Wild & Free is the first Headwaters exhibition in which Fenkell has had a piece exhibited. She said everyone was very welcoming and nice, and that she enjoyed the beauty of the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Fenkell said watercolour has always appealed to her because it’s a very portable medium and she can bring her art supplies with her wherever she goes. She also likes that watercolour paints are less toxic.

As someone who looks to nature for moments of quiet and comfort, Fenkell said she feels so lucky when other people feel that way as a result of her art. She said it’s so important to protect nature because it gives us so much.

Wild & Free features seven Caledon artists and 35 artists in total. Those interested are 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.



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Rock Garden Farms in Caledon East is opening for the 2023 season on March 31 and will remain open all Easter weekend too.

General manager of Rock Garden Farms, Margaret Galati, said preparations for the year have been going great and that she and her team are excited to get back out and see their customers.

“It’ll be very spring-like once we open our doors... we’ll have hydran-

geas and tulips and pansies,” said Galati. “Things to make us all feel good.”

Galati is excited for the growing season in Ontario, and said it’s been a long winter buying expensive produce from out of the country.

“It’ll be nice to support our local farmers, and prices should adjust accordingly,” said Galati. “That’s one exciting thing about seeing a local farmers market like mine open for the spring.”

Galati said gardeners are getting excited to start the growing season and that she’ll have starter plants available beginning in mid-April. In May, the greenhouse at Rock Garden Farms will be open and in June, Strawberry picking will begin on the twentieth.

“We’re just excited,” said Galati. “Hopeful to see everyone slowly trickling back.”



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Teen aims to get student pilot permit the day he turns 14 at Brampton-Caledon Airport



Lucien Distler is training to get his student pilot permit the day he turns 14.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Permit would allow Lucien Distler to do solo training flights

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Aviation has always been a passion for Marco and Lucien Distler.

Lucien is 13 years old and has been visiting air shows with his dad, Marco, since he was a young boy. Marco has always wanted to get his pilot's license, and after the pair visited the massive Oshkosh air show in Wisconsin, Lucien became sold on the idea too. He wanted to take his passion for aviation to the next level.

"I really, really started to pick up with aviation, read all about it, and had a huge interest," said Lucien.

The father and son duo began taking ground school at the Brampton Flying Club, which is located at the Brampton-Caledon Airport in Caledon. Ground school is where prospective pilots begin their training, studying a wide variety of aviation topics such as aerodynamics and airport rules.

Lucien's first flight was an "Intro Flight" with the Brampton Flying Club, where anyone can go up in the air with an instructor and try flying for \$140.

"From that point on, that's when I really began," said Lucien.

The Distlers visit the airport every Saturday for ground school, and are beginning their in-flight training as well. Lucien has been flying three times so far, and he's set to ramp up his flight time this spring as the weather gets better. He's hoping to get flights in on both weekend days every weekend, and maybe take a few days off of school to fly, too. Lucien has already passed one of the required written exams needed for his student pilot permit, and is now studying for the next one.

If all goes according to plan, Lucien should be able to get his student pilot permit the day he turns 14, June 9. This would enable him to do solo training flights taking off and landing at the Brampton-Caledon Airport. However, safety is always Lucien's priority so he won't rush the process if it ends up needing to take a little longer. He said it's interesting that in Canada you can fly solo before you can drive solo.

When Lucien was researching aviation, he found it shocking how few young aviators there are, and even more so how few women aviators there are. He said becoming a pilot is much more doable than one might think.

"I feel like people think that it might just be too difficult for them to do," said Lucien. "If you try at it, it's really just a very feasible thing."

Lucien and Marco do their flights in planes they rent from the Brampton Flying Club. The club has a large fleet of planes ready to go at any time, and

have many aircraft that are great for beginner pilots.

Looking ahead to the future, becoming a commercial pilot is definitely a career Lucien is considering pursuing. However, he wants to go to university first as he's currently in an accelerated program and getting great grades.

In the future, Lucien and Marco want to be able to fly together. Marco said the journey of learning to be a pilot has been amazing for him. He's working towards getting his private pilot license.

"It's not about how fast you can get a license because it's a fun activity, it's a passion project," said Marco. "The biggest fun is the fun of learning."

Lucien noted learning to fly is often when a recreational pilot does their most flying. While aviation is more accessible than some might think, it's ultimately not a cheap pastime.

Being in the sky is an unbeatable feeling for Lucien.

"It's just wonderful... it's a fully different perspective. [The aircraft] is so small, it's nothing like being in a large commercial aircraft," said Lucien. "I feel very free up there."

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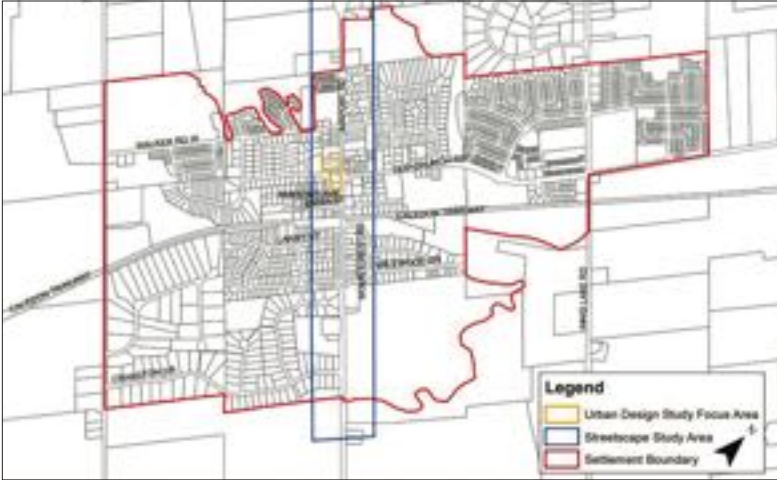
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The Town is hosting site walks beginning at the corner of Airport and Old Church roads to plan for Caledon East’s future streetscape.
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Town plans walks in Caledon East for residents to provide feedback on streetscape

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon East residents are invited to share their ideas for how to improve the streetscape of their community.

The Town of Caledon is currently conducting a streetscape and urban design study of the Airport Road corridor through Caledon East, between Crans-ton and Huntsmill Drives.

As part of the study, the Town has planned site walks beginning at the intersection of Airport and Old Church roads. They’ll be taking place from 10 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. on April 12 and 13.

The Town’s project is part of a larger Region of Peel Airport Road reconstruction project. According to the Town, the Region’s project will improve

transportation and safety, while the Town’s will provide direc-tion for streetscape design, as well as a long-term vision for Caledon East’s downtown.

The site walks will be the first held by the Town for any project, and serve to provide a more casual way for residents to share their thoughts with the Town.

Jonn Barton, a landscape archi-tect with the Town, is leading the study and site walks along-side other staff.

He explained that streetscape design means a lot of different things to people, but that in terms of this project streetscape design refers to above-ground elements such as benches, bike lockups, public art and trees — as well as anything below ground needed to support them.

“I’m trying to focus on the

public... and build up wherever possible, those areas, those little stopping points where commu-nity happens,” said Barton.

The Town wants to collect as much resident feedback as it can so it can bring it to the Region of Peel and centre residents’ ideas as much as possible in the re-construction project.

“The residents [who use] that corridor in Caledon East are the ones who are going to be most affected by it. Hearing what works for them and what doesn’t is most important,” said Barton. “The idea behind the walking tours was to get out there and actually experience what the people who are going through these spaces every day [experience].”





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CARJACKING INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a carjacking incident.

“On March 21, 2023, at approxi-mately 11:45 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a robbery of a motor vehicle on Chinguacousy Road, north of King Street,” Police say. “The victim was operating their vehicle and reported being passed by a black sedan, possibly a BMW or similar and forced to stop. Two male suspects exited the vehicle, one of which brandished a weapon and forced the victim to exit their vehicle at which time the victim’s vehicle was stolen.

“The stolen vehicle is a black 2018 BMW 300. Both suspects were described as black, wearing dark-colored clothing, and over 6 feet tall. One suspect had a mid-length beard, while the other had a small amount of facial hair, a moustache, and a goatee. The suspects were heard speaking a different language which was unknown to the victim.”

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit. Anyone with information that might assist the investigation or have dashcam footage of the area during that timeframe should contact the Caledon OPP 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, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

- The following are tips in the case of a car-jacking:
- Always remain cognizant of your surroundings;
 - Lock doors and close windows while in your vehicle;
 - If approached by a person with a weapon or mention of a weapon, give your vehicle up without resistance;
 - If you feel as though you are being followed, drive directly to the nearest police station;
 - Use an audible alarm that can easily be activated to draw attention to your location;
 - Reverse into parking spots as this allows you to drive away if you notice someone approaching your vehicle;
 - If possible, always park in a well-lit area at night;
 - Equip your vehicle with a GPS tracker to assist police with their investigation.
- Use heightened awareness when in these vulnerable areas:
- Gas Stations: Keep doors locked while

- pumping gas;
 - ATMs: Extra vigilance should be exercised at night and while using machines not enclosed in a structure;
 - Home Garages: Close your garage door at the earliest opportunity;
 - Parking Garages and Lots: Continue to be aware of surroundings and look for well-lit and populated areas to park;
 - Intersections and when stopped in traffic;
 - Parked in your vehicle: When stopped or parked in your vehicle, keep the doors locked. Avoid distraction such as a mobile phone that prevents you from being aware of your surroundings.
- Safety tips for a parked vehicle:**
- As you approach your car, look around. Additionally, don’t use the key fob to locate your car as it may help carjackers verify their target;
 - Walk from behind your car and try to look into it;
 - Lock your door as soon as you are in your seat (this is the single-most effective countermeasure to carjackings);
 - Start your engine right away.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired operation.

“On March 25, 2023, at approximately 9:35 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a vehicle into the ditch on Highway 9, near Mountain-view Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During the investigation, an arrest was made since officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. No injuries were reported.”

As a result, Arthur Cruise, 61, of Barrie, was charged with:

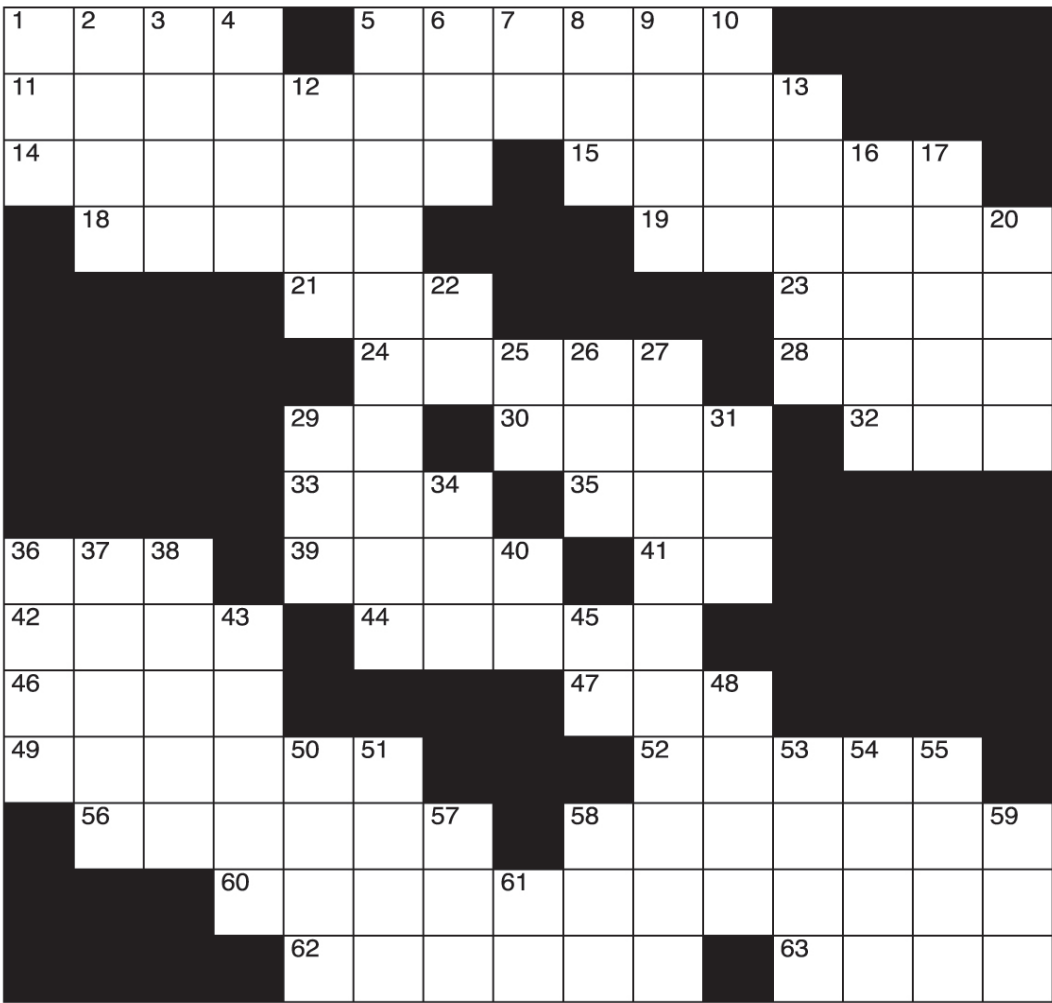
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 13, 2023, to answer to the charges. The vehicle was impounded for seven days, and the driver’s licence suspended for 90 days.

The charges have not been proven.

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. Driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs is a criminal offence.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Millisecond
5. Narcotic drug
11. Accident
14. Formal submissions
15. Popular 70s rock band
18. Discourage from doing
19. More socially elite
21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
29. Potato state
30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
33. Have already done
35. Collegiate women’s fraternity
36. To the __ degree
39. Gasteyer and de

Armas are two
41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly
49. Part of your upper body
52. Large, stocky lizards
56. Lack of social or ethical standards
58. Congressman
60. Unofficial force
62. As a result of this utterance
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)

4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within
8. Consumed
9. Respectful
Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
22. 36 inches (abbr.)
25. Take too much
26. Allow
27. Individually
29. Journalist Tarbell
31. Bar bill
34. Hong Kong food stall; __ pai dong

36. Not messy
37. Species that includes reed-mace
38. Former MLB catcher Ed
40. Northern U.S. state
43. Wilt
45. Commercial
48. Bolivian river
50. Nursemaid
51. A car needs four
53. Guns (slang)
54. American state
55. Clusters of fern fronds
57. Body part
58. A person’s brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
61. Of I

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From left to right: Heather Ramore, Regional Police Superintendent; Colette King, Big Sister and Match of the Year; Joe Ciftci, Peel Regional Police Staff Sergeant; Nishan Duraiah, Peel Regional Police Chief; and Donee, Little Sister and Match of the Year. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Move for Kids’ Sake fundraising goal smashed, new \$100,000 target set

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York originally had \$50,000 goal, but \$81,000 raised already

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

It’s safe to say people have been excited to get together and get moving in support of local youth this year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York (BBBSPY) is in the midst of hosting its first in-person Move for Kids’ Sake event since the start of the pandemic. Each year for the event, people get together for events like bowling and rock climbing, while raising money for BBBSPY through pledges.

Money raised helps the non-profit BBBSPY provide life-changing mentoring to youth in Peel and York Regions. During the pandemic, gathering for events had to stop, so virtual Move for Kids’ Sake events were held where people could choose their own way to move.

Lori Plati, BBBSPY’s Public Relations Manager, said at first that the non-profit wasn’t sure what the response would be for the return of the in-person Move for Kids’ Sake events. So, a conservative goal of \$50,000 was set for 2023.

Soon, Plati was blown away.

As of March 24, \$81,000 had already been raised for BBBSPY through Move for Kids’ Sake 2023. Peel’s Police Chief, Nishan Duraiah, is the honorary chairperson of this

year’s event, and Peel Police alone have raised \$50,000 so far. York Regional Police have now planned their own event on April 6 in support of the charity.

“It’s been outstanding, the support we’ve received from the community,” said Plati.

While various events have happened already, such as bowling events in Mississauga and Newmarket, there’s still more to come.

People can register on BBBSPY’s website to do their own activity until March 31, or they can join the Bankers Challenge bowling event, being held on May 9 at Classic Bowl Mississauga. More details are available online at peel.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/event/move-for-kids-sake/.

The Bankers Challenge came to be as in the past banks like TD, CIBC, and Scotiabank had always participated in Move for Kids’ Sake. It was decided to make a special event for their teams to inspire some friendly competition.

“They challenge one another, which makes it really fun for them,” said Plati.

While it’s called the Bankers Challenge and many bank teams will be there, any team is welcome to join in the fun on May 9.

Plati wanted to emphasize that BBBSPY is still looking for mentor volunteers, as there’s over 300 local youth waiting to get matched with a mentor. Demand for mentor volunteers grew during the pandemic.

“Our fundraising events are great, but they’re to raise money so we can match kids into our programs,” said Plati. “That’s what it all comes back to.”

Anyone interested in volunteering with BBBSPY can visit the website link mentioned earlier in this story.

Residents asked to complete survey on Mayfield West dog park

Park at Kennedy Road and Abbotside Way to be complete by end of year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

South Caledon residents will soon have a place nearby to let their four-legged friends run free.

A fenced-in off-leash dog park is being planned at the corner of Kennedy Road and Abbotside Way. The Town of Caledon is currently hosting an online survey to gauge what residents would like to see at the dog park.

The survey, open until April 11, is available at the following link: tinyurl.com/mwoffleash

Eva Li, a landscape artist from the Town’s Development and Planning Division, said the dog park is estimated to be complete by the end of 2023. It will have a small parking lot and two off-leash areas — one for small dog breeds and one for big ones.

Li explained the dog park project was initiated in response to a request made by Caledon Council at its June 30, 2020 meeting.

“The community approached the Town expressing increased need to have this service provided in this community,” said Li in an email to the Citizen.

Town staff were directed to investigate possible sites for leash-free dog parks in both Caledon East and Mayfield West. A dog park has since been installed at Caledon East Park.

Li said the site for the Mayfield West dog park was chosen as it’s a Town-owned property that is not beside residential properties and has existing sidewalks and pathways that will connect residents to the park when it’s complete.

When preparing the conceptual design for the park, Li said Town staff based the design on community requests and example dog parks from other municipalities.

Li said staff are hoping to hear from “as many people as possible” with their thoughts on the plan and what they’d like to see in their new dog park.

Simply having a place in the community to enjoy the outdoors with their dogs is what Li thinks people will enjoy most about the new dog park.



The Town is seeking resident feedback on its conceptual design for a Mayfield West dog park that’s set to be complete by the end of the year. **PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

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 or emailing admin@caledoncitizen.com 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/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/>

FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, April 1st, 2023 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Rd. All are welcome!

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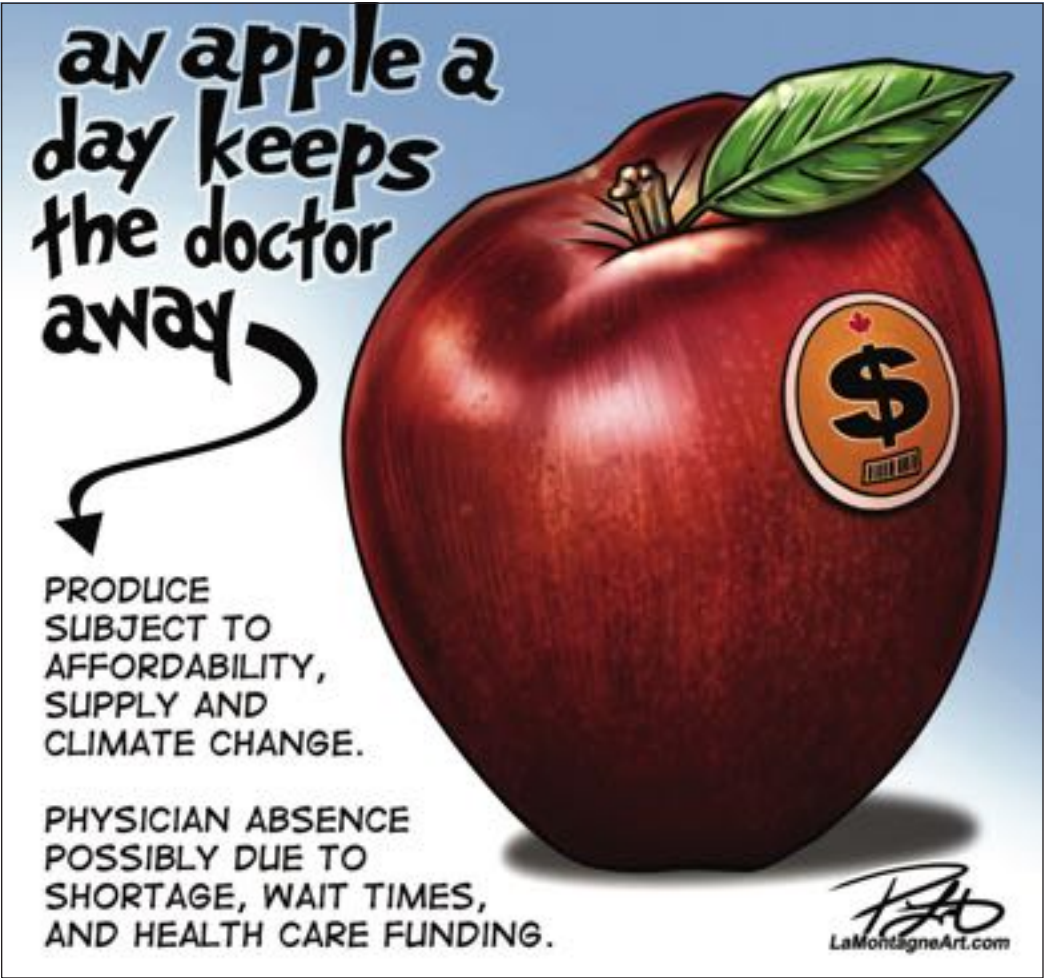
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Nostalgia with a Zed

There's something to be said about nostalgia. Regular readers of this column will know I have mixed feelings on the subject, but with each passing year I feel (and fear) I'm becoming more and more nostalgic in spite of myself. Well, maybe in spite of something else. And I don't think I'm alone. I've never been one to yearn for a return to the so-called "good ol' days" because the reality is the "good ol' days" never really existed; however bucolic your childhood or those of your parents and grandparents might seem in your mind's eye, there was always something simmering in the background, even if you weren't conscious of it, to tarnish what you might see as the gold-standard of living. If you look back wistfully of your mother taking a page out of the June Cleaver style book, doing her daily dusting, sweeping, and cooking in an uncomfortably starched dress, heels, and an elegant pair of pearls, that's fine, but then as now different women of different means and circumstances had very different situations and stories to tell. If you have a framed photo of your parents, perhaps with your father's arm around your mother, in a luxuriously appointed restaurant or night club booth that looks the epitome of glamour, there were certain groups of people who were quite literally barred from having the same experience in the same environment. Yet, the past never really loses its allure. For example, we have a widely distributed television station in Southern Ontario that, after a number of rebrands over the last decade-or-so has found a winning formula as a "retro" network, re-airing such classics as I Love Lucy, Hawaii Five-0, The Love Boat, and the like, with a welcome regularity. This weekend, fans the world-over will be gathering in Chicago for the second annual Golden Con, a celebration of all things Golden Girls and of stars Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan, and Estelle Getty. The first year attracted thousands and this year is shaping up into an even bigger extravaganza of the 80s sitcom, which White described as being about "four old broads" yet has a surprisingly young following. There was even talk last week about a Hollywood studio securing the rights to remake Alfred Hitchcock's classic, Vertigo, with Robert Downey, Jr., in the role made so famous by James Stewart in 1958. Speaking as someone who thinks the original flick is pretty damned-near perfect, this is a step too far, but I digress. . . . Closer to home, last week saw a tentative reboot of the Zellers brand in select Hudson's Bay Company stores in the Greater Toronto Area and across the country. Although they have yet to hit our community, the announcement, and the subsequent branding, fuelled a wave of unlikely yearning among swaths of Canadians, particularly Canadians who grew up in the 1990s, even if Zeddy is yet to take their rightful place at the centre of it all. "2023 has arrived, and with it, Zellers on the horizon," said HBC in a press release back in January. "Opening in communities across the country, the brick-and-mortar locations will complement the first-ever Zellers.ca ecommerce site, ultimately bringing Zellers to nearly every community in Canada. "Customers will be greeted with a thoughtful se-

lection of design-led products across home décor, toys, baby, apparel, and pets, housed within Zellers' signature red and white that will guide customers along in their retail journey. One of HBC's most beloved brands, Zellers holds a special place in Canada's maple leaf-shaped heart. [Customers] can expect a helpful, playful shopping experience packed full of low prices day in, day out. With a core focus on design and value – and a hint of the nostalgia that Canadians know and love – Zellers is gearing up to become the go-to, from lifestyle to home and almost everything in between." While Zellers was, like so many of us, a part of my childhood, maybe I'm lucky in that it's never really been that far away; my regular pharmacist became so while they worked at one of Zellers' red-and-white-spangled in-store drug stores; at their independent location today one of the first things you see on the counter is a figure of Zeddy presiding over continued commerce. But I realize others haven't had as ready access to this particular landmark along Memory Lane! Maybe there's hope yet for a resurgence for other Canadian brands like Bi-Way, which is often mooted for a reboot, Bargain Harold's, Sam, the Record Man, and Hy and Zell's. And yet, as much as I've harped on in this space over the years with my concerns about people yearning for a time that exists and existed only in hindsight, I feel with each passing year I'm succumbing more and more to the sentiment. A simpler time? No. A more "genteel" time? Maybe. A more respectful time? Hmm, I think we're getting warmer. It's no shock to say we're living in a time that is, for many of us, more divided than ever before in living memory. The times when opposing politicians, for example, could leave their polarized views behind in the House of Commons, Senate, Legislature or Chamber to go out and raise a pint together in fellowship, even friendship, sure in the belief they have done their best for their respective constituents, feels in so many respects an increasingly faded memory. As do the times when elections Provincial and Federal, and particularly the elections south of the border, were NOT always "the most important election of our lifetimes" and instead focused on substantive issues and a healthy exchange of fair viewpoints...rather than why a vote for the opponent would bring certain calamity for generations to come. As are the times when being curious, compassionate, embracing and empathetic were accepted as or called what they are without being re-branded as "woke" in quarters with little knowledge for that particular quartet of attributes; not to mention ads, commercials, and other forms of media representing the diverse makeup of this country facing accusations of "becoming too political" rather than being reflective of our everyday reality. Okay, I'm getting it this whole nostalgia thing. As we don't seem to be turning a page on any of that in the near future, maybe one of Zellers' new food trucks will hit our community soon so I can have a mental vacation and tuck into a Big Z burger while checking in with those "four old broads" from Miami.



Automobile innovations a reflection of society

by Mark Pavilons



The automobile has become one of our most important tools of the modern era. It's hard to believe just how far we've come in the last 100 years or so. Credit for early automobiles goes to German designers Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler. The 1901 Mercedes, designed by Wilhelm Maybach, is considered to be the first modern motorcar. Henry Ford's Model T and the introduction of the assembly line changed history forever. It's also hard to believe that early automobiles didn't have breaks, seatbelts, or horns. Like the early days of flight, you had be very brave to get behind the wheel or stick of one of these newfangled machines. Today, we take things like ABS, back-up cameras and power seats for granted. Heck, when I started driving, we only had lap belts and crank windows. One of my cars, a 1973 Dodge Dart, had standard steering and brakes. But it also had nice large chrome bumpers. Muscle cars of the late 1960s and 1970s have had a huge following in recent years. But today, totally restored beauties command huge price tags. I had a 1970 1/2 Camaro RS with split bumpers. I bought it from someone in Brampton for \$900 while I was in high school. It needed a bit of TLC, but I loved it. I got rid of it when I went to college and have been regretting it ever since. Now, all I do is look at photos online of beautiful versions of this, and other models. And I weep, silently, to myself. My son asked why I got rid of it in the first place. I said at the time, these weren't particularly rare or sought-after muscle cars. They were merely cars of the day. If everyone who had a Camaro, Corvette, Mustang or Challenger growing up put it away in a barn, we'd all be rich. When I discussed finding an older model car with my mechanic a few years back, he suggested just getting the brand-new version – they're safer, have all the bells and whistles and even cost less! Can't argue with that logic, but since when did logic dictate a person's taste in classic automobiles? Automotive innovation is a tell-tale sign of society's progress. The Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) awarded a trio of technologies with its Automotive Innovation Awards for 2023. The winner for Best Safety Innovation was Subaru's EyeSight Wide-Angle Mono Camera and pre-collision braking system. I believe that any visual assistance the driver can have is great. Rear, back-up cameras are pretty

much standard today, and enhanced rear-view mirrors, warnings and lane correction options can all be life-saving. The award for Best Technical Innovation went to Range Rover and its Adaptive Off-Road Cruise Control. This new technology helps drivers to navigate tricky terrain by maintaining steady progress according to the ground conditions. When one of four comfort settings is selected using a steering-wheel switch, the system will intelligently adjust the vehicle speed, allowing the driver to focus on steering. Sensors monitor every aspect of the vehicle and its movement to understand the terrain, whether it's on a gradient, ice, uneven rocks or in deep snow. The system then modulates the speed accordingly. Yes, our cars have come a long way since the bare bones sedans and coupes of the days of chrome and carbs. And that's a good thing. I thought ABS and skid correction were amazing when they came out. But I'm a simple guy. Sticking my arm out the window in the summer for that driver's tan makes me smile. That, and some cool tunes from the 1970s and 1980s and I'm in my happy place. As we bid farewell to the fossil fuel burning vehicles and say hello to our newfound electric buddies, more will change. Almost daily, I see internet posts about the newest concept car and most modern technology. I suppose that when you remove the engine and transmission, designers can spend more time and apply creativity to the interiors and exteriors of the vehicle. What we're seeing are futuristic cars with more technology than the space shuttles. That's all well and good, but what's not so appealing is the \$100,000-plus sticker price on these modern marvels. Hopefully, when all the major manufacturers settle in and complete the transition, consumers will be able to choose from some reasonably priced EV cars and vans. And yes, before too long, they will drive themselves, park themselves, even take themselves in for a check-up. It will be weird. I do agree that life's too short to be driving boring cars. But alas, I have turned into that guy that my kids admit, with head down, "yes, that is my dad's Buick." I don't need to monitor the galaxy through my sunroof or flip on the infrared to see if any Sasquatches are roaming the woods. Hey, I loved James Bond's vehicles as much as the next man, but at some point we have to apply the brakes. If our engineers and designers could only apply such marvels to other aspects of society, we'd be in much better shape. An ejector-type lawn chair, now that's something I could use. Or a robot that paints the house and re-finishes the kitchen cabinets, now that's worth its weight in gold. They already have intelligent mowers that roam the back yard, cut the grass and even pick up dog poop. That's cool. I'm also hoping that our tech prowess filters its way into modern medicine. We need that more than ever. Heck, I'd gladly pay \$100,000 for a "sick bay bed" at home that monitors, diagnoses and treats all illnesses. Enjoy the automotive eye-candy folks, but keep it all in perspective.

Our Readers Write

Government “underspending”?

I am having trouble giving any credit to the people who are using the term “Government Underspending.” Did they not take Economics 101 in school? If a homeowner wanted to put in a pool and cabana and budgeted \$100,000 to do this and then was able to do exactly what they planned for \$85,000, did they underspend or save money? In the case of our Provincial government, which is currently one of the most indebted governments of all time as a result

of decades of mismanagement of our money, are now spending in the red (more and more debt). So, when they do what they said they were going to do and are able to do it for less money than budgeted for, and not putting us any further in dept, why are we calling this “underspending” rather than “fiscal accountability”?

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Closing loopholes

There’s a knock on the door one afternoon, and upon answering, you find a couple of guys standing on your porch.

“We don’t have a place to stay, and we know you have an extra room, so we’re going to use it until we get back on our feet,” they tell you.

Before you know it, they have walked into your house, up to the second floor and are unpacking their bags. They make their way to the kitchen, open the fridge, and start making themselves dinner from the food you bought.

Do you stand idly by and watch this happen, and allow strangers into your house?

Not likely.

Even if you think helping people in need is an honourable thing to do, you don’t know these guys. You don’t know who they are, where they are from, or what they are capable of.

Mostly likely, any guests you have in your home are people you know very well, and you are sure you won’t find your valuables missing in the morning.

Asylum seekers arriving at the Roxham Road crossing in Quebec suddenly found they were not longer able to freely walk across the border and be entitled to free housing, food, and whatever else they need.

The U.S. and Canada renegotiated the Safe Third

Country Agreement and the border was suddenly closed as many people found themselves unable to cross at will.

In Quebec they are celebrating the closure because they were footing the majority of the bill to house people and their resources were stretched to the limit.

While some advocates say it is inhumane to close the border, they aren’t looking at the bigger picture.

Human trafficking is illegal. Yet busloads of people have been arriving in Plattsburgh, New York, the town on the other side of the border where the asylum seekers arrive to make the walk across the border. Over 50,000 people have crossed that border entry over the past year.

That’s busloads of people who are being driven to Plattsburgh. Who is driving the bus, who is organizing all these people, and who is getting paid to bring them there?

These aren’t convoys of people volunteering to pay for the driver and the fuel to transport people across the country. These are obviously organized groups who are being paid to transport people to this destination for a profit.

If someone asked me for a ride to a border crossing where you can just walk across without passing through customs, I would have no idea where to go,

and I’m sure most other Canadians wouldn’t either. But criminal elements do know where to go and are making a profit from this and government agencies are doing nothing to stop it.

Some people have been arriving with very young children in tow. This is never a good situation, especially when you are already in what is considered a safe country.

A five-year-old child should not be “on the road” and travelling to an uncertain future, especially when they already have a place to stay.

Children are vulnerable. This type of situation can lead to separation, abuse, or worse.

We have an immigration and refugee system for a reason. It stops undesirable people from entering the country.

What many people find frustrating is the huge amount of money being spent to house asylum seekers while in their own backyard, people are camping out in tents because they are homeless. The list goes on from there.

While someone can cross the border, undocumented, and receive housing, clothing, and food at the public expense, Canadian citizens who were born here and paid taxes, are still being denied many basic fundamental things needed to survive.

There are many groups across the country who are frustrated by lack of government support while complaining tax dollars are spent elsewhere, and they have a valid argument.

Meanwhile, officials in Plattsburgh, New York, are now saying all the refugees who have arrived but denied entry, are suddenly in town putting a strain on their resources, and now they are looking for help to deal with that situation.

That could have been avoided of authorities had already stepped up and put a stop to the human trafficking that ended the route at that town.

The fact that refugees were claiming asylum after “escaping” from the United States, a safe country, was absurd in the first place.

These asylum seekers aren’t fleeing a war in upstate New York and need immediate assistance – that would be an entirely different story.

Just like you wouldn’t allow a stranger to occupy your house uninvited, allowing people to simply walk into the country and take residence, unvetted, is never a good idea.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Striking a Balance

It’s a topic that frequently comes up in conversation amongst the citizens of our fair town, I think it may even be one I’ve addressed at some point in the past and it’s this: Caledon is truly at a crossroads at the moment. With some new growth already completed – and significantly more to come – striking a balance between the Caledon we know and love and the Caledon of the future, has never been more important. So far, I’m not entirely sure we’re getting it right.

I’ve heard our political leaders talking about the importance of no development without infrastructure. I believe Mayor Groves made a point of saying this repeatedly on her campaign trail and I hope it is the lens through which all future development will be considered.

As it stands right now, I have only to go for a very short drive southwest of my current address to find massive growth and next to no infrastructure, at least certainly nowhere near what’s required. As a result of poor planning and lack of infrastructure there are now massive traffic jams taking place every single day and some Caledon residents are currently living in virtually inaccessible subdivisions. This issue is about to be compounded significantly as Caledon attempts to rectify (or at least begins to address the situation) by building access roads that may eventually help but which will make living in communities like Valleywood an absolute

nightmare while bridge and road construction takes place. I’m not naive and I know we can’t build every road, park or school in advance of new home construction but surely there has to be a way to strike a balance.

The arrival of thousands of homes will also mean the arrival of thousands of cars, and thousands of people, all requiring such services as roads, libraries and recreation centres. You know, infrastructure things, the kinds of things development money is supposed to pay for, or was anyway, until Doug Ford gave developers a free ride.

Caledon East is an example of trying to expand its community centre and library alongside housing development but I’m pretty sure Southfields residents, who can only get out of their subdivision via one of the worst intersections on earth when heading south or when heading north, via a single lane road and roundabout would no doubt say the Town got it wrong.

Speaking of exits, I can’t wait to see how the entrance and exit will be handled at the top of a hill on a snowy day on Airport Rd. in Caledon East when all those new homes are completed! Housing pledges are nice - and asking the provincial government to “provide local and regional municipalities with any funding shortfalls as a result of Bill 23,” to address our infrastructure crisis is a fair ask but will the money materialize? It’s doubtful and we still

have a responsibility to plan appropriately.

Speaking of new homes, communities and the “striking a balance” theme, in my mind the concept must also refer to finding ways in which to appropriately welcome the diversity of citizens calling Caledon home, thus ensuring they don’t just “feel” but are a part of the community. The voices of equity deserving groups, the LGBTQ2S community, racialized and Indigenous persons must be seated at community tables and certainly also within the Town’s offices. Yet, it’s only recently (March 16, 2023) that the Town of Caledon even posted a position for a “Coordinator, Culture and Engagement,” whose focus it will be “to lead corporate culture change and community outreach initiatives and ensure that diversity and inclusion strategies and programs are embedded within core processes and day-to-day operations across the Town of Caledon.”

The individual will be “responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Town’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and Framework and Indigenous Engagement Protocol (IEP).”

It’s good news - yes, but at least 5 -10 years overdue. As well, what is the Town doing specifically to ensure a diversity of representation across the many committees, boards and organizations that serve our community directly? How are we reaching out and/or making specific efforts to engage with our fellow Caledon residents? Organizations

that I have had the honor of serving with in the past have all begun the process of seeking to expand the diversity of voices at their board tables but many of those organizations require that Council supports and approves candidates and that they in turn will recognize the opportunity to recruit and appoint citizens that mirror the Caledon community. In at least one instance, even maintaining the existing diversity of perspectives at the table was not manageable and that’s disappointing. I and several others attempted to raise this issue more than three years ago and a number of community members rallied to form an ad hoc Equity Task Force of sorts. Despite our best intentions, we weren’t necessarily the right people for the job and when we tried to solicit support from the Town there was none to be had. Three years later, I have to ask – does Caledon even have an EDI Committee? Orangeville does. Shelburne does. Dufferin County does too. Without one, I’m not sure we are anywhere close to striking a balance of representation yet. Let’s hope a Coordinator of Culture and Engagement has some influence.



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“Unlocking the Potential of Food in Caledon”

by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead



Did you know March is Nutrition Month in Canada? The Dietitians of Canada have shone a spotlight on the importance of nutrition since 1986 and this year’s theme of ‘Unlocking the Potential of Food’ focuses on the benefits of healthy eating and proper nutrition.

In Caledon, Nutrition Month is a reminder that not everyone in our community has a full plate every day. At Caledon Community Services (CCS) we know this very well. Your neighbours - children, adults and seniors, people you know - are lacking the nutrition they need to live healthy lives.

Food costs have increased 10.8 per cent, the fastest pace since August 1981.* Combined with other increasing costs of essentials like transportation and housing, it’s an imperfect storm. Individuals and families are struggling more and more to meet their basic needs and the long-term impacts of poor nutrition are immense.

Additionally, a recent survey of 140 food banks shared that 2 out of 3 have noticed a decrease in food donations and 1 out of 5 food banks have not been able to purchase the same volume of food due to the increasing food costs.*

“The need is greater than ever before,” says Mariia Kupriianova, CCS Chief Development Officer. “Underneath the beauty and abundance of our community, it’s not always obvious how many are struggling. Having to make the impossible choice between food and a warm home is a reality for many.”

Despite these alarming statistics, Caledon continues to step up in times of need to ensure that no one is left behind. From individuals to businesses, service clubs, faith groups, sporting teams and everyone in between, the passion for supporting one another shines bright in Caledon and we are grateful.

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Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week

Elyssa Camilleri’s love of lacrosse permeates her present and future plans as a student-athlete at St. Michael S.S.

BY JIM STEWART

Elyssa Camilleri is only in her second semester of high school at St. Michael Secondary School in Caledon, but it’s evident that she has already garnered great travel experiences playing the sport she loves: Lacrosse.

The gold medal-winning member of the Toronto Rock Stars and Team Ontario has travelled far and wide—specifically, to Arizona and British Columbia in the last 12 months—to play Canada’s official summer sport at its highest levels.

Travelling to these international and national lacrosse tournaments has evidently widened Camilleri’s frame of reference. While Elyssa is focused on the present regarding her studies and sports, she also has very laudable post-secondary goals.

“My future aspirations include getting a university education. I aspire to become a Physiotherapist specializing in Sports Medicine. While playing lacrosse in post-secondary is also my aspiration, academics always come first. I would love to represent my country in some way on the lacrosse floor, whether in the Olympics or on an international level.”

Although she has an eye on the future, Camilleri has certainly seized the present and competes as a multi-sport athlete on four SMSS varsity girls’ teams: Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Hockey.

Her Grade Nine Drama teacher, Sean Raposo, sees a bright future for Elyssa on these squads due to her impressive “work ethic,” and her “hard-working mindset” that will create “a hard-working culture” for any team or group that she joins

Raposo added that, “Elyssa is ready to take on any challenges that are asked of her in the classroom – a born leader and very mature for her age. You can often find Elyssa working with her peers and engaging the class with a positive attitude, working toward our classroom goals.”

In addition to Elyssa’s capacity to lead, Raposo was also impressed with her “confidence in the classroom. As a Grade 9 student, many will struggle to communicate their needs or express what they need with their teacher or classmates. This is not the case with Elyssa who takes on any challenge with a confidence that some Grade 12 students do not possess.”

Raposo encapsulated Camilleri’s maturity by noting a performance moment in his Grade 9 classroom. Elyssa was asked to “lead her own exercise with the class. While many students struggle with the ability to get the whole class under control, Elyssa had the experience to understand that her peers were not ready. She really engaged the group to make sure they were all focused, attentive, and ready to receive her instruction - once again, a skill that most 14-year-olds do not possess.”

In addition to impressing her teachers at SMSS, Elyssa’s talents as an Elite lacrosse player have caught the eye of many high-level

coaches including Patrick McCready who was effusive in his praise of the high-scoring Toronto Rock Stars forward.

McCready, son of the legendary lacrosse goaltender Bob “Buff” McCready who led the Brantford Warriors to a Mann Cup National Lacrosse Championship in the early 70s, assessed Elyssa’s talents on the turf.

“Elyssa has exceptional skill as a lacrosse player. She is a very gifted offensive player. She has an underhand shot that is dead-ly accurate. A lot of the goalies didn’t even move when she is shooting the ball. She is very smart and is very good on the power play.” What impressed Coach McCready the most about Camilleri is her “ability to adapt to what the other team was doing and to remain calm while doing it. That is an elite skill that only high-end athletes possess.” McCready also cited her impressive statistical performances versus “teams from California, Minnesota, and British Columbia. Elyssa led the tournament in scoring with 11 goals. This propelled us to the finals where we lost in overtime to a group a year older. Elyssa and the team won silver medals which was a huge accomplishment for us.”

Amid these athletic and academic accolades, Elyssa Camilleri took time from her rigorous training schedule and her homework to reply to our interview questions:

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

Elyssa Camilleri: “In order to earn this title, the qualities include being ‘coachable’, taking critiques, and accepting feedback from coaches, trainers, and teammates; as well, my determination and perseverance to improve myself and be the best addition to my teammates. Along with helping friends and teammates of my own age, I also take the time to volunteer with Brampton Minor Lacrosse to help the younger kids learn to love the game of lacrosse just as much as I do. Setting small goals will lead me to big achievements.”

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

Elyssa Camilleri: “In early 2022, I was named Assistant Captain of the Toronto Rock Stars Elite Lacrosse team and this February, for the second consecutive year, traveled with them to Arizona to play in the USBOXLA winter nationals formerly known as the USBOXLA western invitational. In 2022, our team battled through an amazing tournament and came back to Canada with a Gold medal. After the tournament this year, I was named to the USBOXLA winter national All Tournament Team, where the tournament scouts selected just a few players from each age group to form this team. Along with making this team, I played some of my best lacrosse, scoring 11 goals in just five games, and was named player of the game twice. I



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had three hat tricks and two shootout goals. Another memorable experience and opportunity of a lifetime this year was being named to Team Ontario 14u box lacrosse team, where I got to represent Ontario with the top female box lacrosse players in my age bracket. Not only did I get to experience traveling to British Columbia, but it was my first opportunity to compete on a National Stage! I am proud to say that I came home with a national championship under my belt!”

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your community lacrosse team(s), what sports do you play and at what level?

Elyssa Camilleri: “While lacrosse consumes the majority of my time, I make it my goal to be involved with my school in playing other sports such as varsity girls Flag football, basketball, volleyball, and hockey. Along with playing sports for school and with my local lacrosse club, I also enjoy working out with some of my favorite people at APC (Athletic Performance Centre) in Bolton. Not only does this keep me in shape, but is an overall great environment to be in. I also love to keep up with spreading the game of lacrosse to younger generations so I’ve recently acquired my refereeing certification.”

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at St. Michael SS? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong?

Elyssa Camilleri: “I am almost fluent in French – determined and diligent. While I do take my academics fairly seriously, my love for people and outgoing personality allows me to create a more fun environment with my classmates and teachers. This especially shines in drama class where I am able to express myself and take dramatic risks. My goal is to continue to maintain an average of above 80% throughout high school while taking part in the Sports SHSM program.”

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

Elyssa Camilleri: “My role model is my mom. My mom is such a hardworking and admirable person. She was a nurse and enjoys helping people just as I aspire to do one day. Not only is she the person that I want to become, but she helps me become the person I am. She drives me to all of my practices and games and she is just as dedicated to making me the best student- athlete that I can be by pushing me to exceed my limits and maintain my nutritional goals.”

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

Elyssa Camilleri: “I feel honoured to have this awesome opportunity. I hope that this publicity will bring joy to lacrosse and help more people recognize the amazing game that I love.”

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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U9 Caledon Hawks fly high to close their season with marvelous March momentum

BY JIM STEWART

All coaches want their teams playing their best when the season matters most and U9 Caledon Hawks Head Coach Jason Hayes got his wish in March.

His young squad finished the season with four wins in its final five games, including a four-game winning streak versus Guelph, Halton Hills, and Milton before being eliminated by Oakville to end their 2022-23 season.

Coach Hayes’s “highlight was finishing the ‘March Season’ tied for third after finishing the regular season in sixth place. It was a great accomplishment from our players.”

The Hawks’ rapid improvement from a 4-8 record in the regular season to 3-3 for the March playoff season was a pleasing development for Coach Hayes. He noted that the most satisfying part of coaching this U9 rep hockey team was “seeing the kids grow throughout the season. Watching the team become a close-knit group, and really play as a team instead of individuals. This was a very satisfying part of the role as coach.”

Hayes attributed his team’s success in March to the U9 Hawks’ growth on the ice, but also off the ice.

“The players really started to trust one another and play together as a team. Instead of trying to do everything alone, they were feeding off each other and leaning on one another to compete as one.”

This was evident to Murray Townsend, a representative of the U9 Hawks, who encapsulated his team’s rapid improvement during the final month of the season. He noted that “The Caledon Hawks U9 Tier 1 team saved their best for last, closing out their season with a four-game winning streak in their final five games. It started with a 7-1 thrashing of Guelph. Cole Castator, earned the hat-trick, with help on two goals by Isaiah Sargent. Jake Law and Anthony Louro, added to the onslaught. Emmett Lee started in net and shared the victory with the acrobatic Emmett Donaldson, who kept Guelph off the scoresheet in the third period. The Cirque de Donaldson isn’t just a one man show. His twin, Wesley, kept the goals out on defence, and entertained with his coast-to-coast rushes.”

Townsend’s enthusiasm for the U9 Hawks is evident in his recollection of the team’s best streak of the season.

“Next up was a 2-1 victory over Halton Hills. Sargent added to his highlight reel by scoring the opening marker on a spectacular penalty shot and then added the winner. Helping to keep the opposition at bay was Alexandra McGrath, known for her perseverance. She never gives up... ever. Assistant captain Luke Francey is as good as it gets helping out his own goalies and he made life miserable for opposing forwards.”

In their next win—a 2-1 victory over Milton—Townsend noted that, “once again it was Sargent who came up big, scoring both goals against Milton. Helping out on offence was Liam Mayers who was the hardest worker. Emmett Lee went the distance in net and preserved the victory with some spectacular saves.”

Townsend continued his detailed delineation of the Hawks’ momentous movement through March and their fourth consecutive win.

“Milton was the victim again in a 4-1 win. Castator opened the scoring with help from smooth-skating Caleb Hayes, who then scored the second goal when he fired top shelf. Jack McClure, one of the team’s top scorers all season, pounced on a rebound off the end boards and tucked it into the open side of the net for the third marker. Assistant captain, Giordano Hinton, who wears the same No. 55 as Mark Giordano of the Maple Leafs, exhibited the same grit and determination as the NHLer when he caught up to a two-man breakaway from center ice and dove for the puck, knocking it out of harm’s way.”

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Family Transition Place raises \$50,000 at International Women’s Day Luncheon

Not even a food poisoning outbreak could waver support of attendees

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Family Transition Place (FTP) recently celebrated the accomplishments of women with the return of their International Women’s Day (IWD) Luncheon at the Orangeville Best Western on March 8.

The sold-out event had 240 attendees and spread the message of women’s empowerment while promoting tangible changes for women in need globally.

Thanks to contributions from local businesses and ticket sales, the event generated \$50,000 for FTP, which supports women fleeing domestic violence or homelessness.

While the luncheon successfully generated much-needed revenue for FTP, it had an unfortunate ending.

Almost 90 attendees became sick with food poisoning, and two people were hospitalized, according to a report from Wellington–Dufferin–Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) released on March 27.

“It was a very unfortunate thing to have happened at the first in-person event we have held since the IWD Luncheon in 2020, just prior to the pandemic closing everything down,” said Kennedy. “We feel so badly for

all those who were affected.”

She added, “Despite this occurrence, the event itself was a terrific gathering of wonderful women and some welcome male allies. The speaker, Linda Murphy, a.k.a. the Healthy Hiker, was very well received. She spoke of her 3,000 km hike of the Pacific Crest Trail in the U.S., and her hike last year of the entire 900 km Bruce Trail, to raise money to support women’s shelters, including Family Transition Place.”

Following the event, attendees were offered refunds by request. But to date, no one has made that request. This is indicative of the attendees’ generosity and understanding of the unfortunate situation, said Kennedy.

WDGPH’s investigation into the incident determined 264 people were associated with the outbreak (244 guests and 20 food handlers), and 193 answered a questionnaire from Public Health indicating if they had experienced symptoms. Of those, 88 or 45.6 per cent, said they did.

And six questionnaire respondents said they were unsure if they experienced symptoms following the luncheon, so the number of people impacted could be slightly higher.

Nausea was the most common symptom people experienced, followed by vomiting, which in some cases was severe and protracted. Over half of the people impacted had diarrhea.

Other symptoms include headache, fatigue, bloating, chills, cramps, muscle aches, fever and joint pain.

Family Transition Place board member Sheralyn Roman who attended the IWD Luncheon, said the event was an excellent

opportunity to celebrate women and their achievements. But shortly after eating lunch, she knew something was wrong.

“It was just a very sudden onset of ‘I think I better get up from the table right now,’” said Roman. “I became ill fairly rapidly, and eventually an ambulance was called so I could be taken to the hospital.”

Roman spent four days at Headwaters Health Care Centre, being discharged on March 11, but still has lingering effects from the food poisoning. She is currently receiving follow-up care from a doctor.

Public Health’s report shows 29.3 per cent of respondents were still experiencing symptoms more than three days after the event, while 70.7 per cent had recovered by that time.

She told the Citizen FTP has done an exemplary job of communicating relevant information to the event attendees and responding to the incident. They immediately contacted Public Health once it became evident something was wrong.

From testing of food samples at the luncheon, WDGPH conclusively determined the quinoa and sweet potato used in the meal served had several times the acceptable limit of *Bacillus cereus* per gram of food.

B. cereus is a foodborne pathogen that can produce toxins, causing vomiting and diarrhea. It grows on food stored at room temperature for extended periods of time.

B. cereus can produce spores resistant to heat, so it’s not uncommon to appear in both raw and cooked foods. The bacteria grows when in temperatures between 8°C and 55°C.

Lower levels of *B. cereus* were detected on food samples apart from the quinoa and sweet potato, which appear to be consistent with cross-contamination during the latter stages of food handling, according to Public Health.

WDGPH’s assessment of food handling of the quinoa revealed that it spent too much time in the “temperature danger zone” between 4 and 60°C, which is associated with bacteria growth.

The sweet potato also spent extended periods of time in the high-risk temperature zone, in addition to not being washed prior to being cut. This likely resulted in surface contamination, such as bacteria being introduced into the flesh of the sweet potato, increasing the likelihood of bacterial growth later in the food preparation process, according to WDGPH.

Public Health is developing specific recommendations to prevent similar outbreaks to this from occurring.

“Recommendations will focus on the elevated risks associated with mass catering (preparing and serving food for large groups at the same time). Mass catering requires specific skill sets, knowledge, processes and equipment in order to adequately manage the risks and challenges associated with preparing and serving food to large groups of people,” WDGPH’s report states. “These recommendations will be operator practice-based (for example, practices related to chilling or portioning / serving at mass catering events) but will also be system-based (for example, public health communication and training strategies with respect to food safety at mass catering events).”

Labour of love: Caledon man making maple syrup the old-school way



Pigeon uses this evaporator pan to boil sap as part of his maple-syrup making process.
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Pigeon is proud to make his maple syrup the old-school way. He doesn’t use anything mechanical; his syrup is never run through lines or pumps. Pigeon’s evaporator/boiling pans are fire-heated with wood gathered and split on his property.

“We just have buckets on trees. Every bucket gets dumped into a white 20-litre pail, [and] when that’s full while you walk it out into the truck,” said Pigeon. “That truck has big totes on it... then we bring it back and we boil it and it takes 12 to 15 hours to convert sap into syrup.”

On a good day, Pigeon can harvest 1,000 to 1,500 litres of sap. Once it’s boiling, it’s all about time, evaporation, and taking the syrup off when it’s at the right sugar level — 66 per cent (that’s the minimum, but Pigeon prefers 67). Pigeon said sap straight from the tree usually is around two to 2.5 per cent sugar.

When Pigeon began making maple syrup, he just had one evaporator pan and made syrup over an open fire in his field. Over time his neighbours came over to see what he was up to and became interested in it. Some offered to let him tap their trees, while others wanted to tap their own trees and Pigeon shared his knowledge with them. The majority of trees that Pigeon now taps are his neighbours, though he still taps the trees on his property too.

It’s been a great way to get to know his neighbours and make friends and build a community of people interested in making maple syrup. Pigeon says his process isn’t some secret and that he likes to share it. He has a friend that lives up the road who makes his own wine, and the two often trade bottles and meet up to chat about their respective crafts.

“I love Caledon and the sense of community in this Town,” said Pigeon.

While it costs essentially nothing to tap a tree for sap, making syrup does involve a lot of labour. Pigeon, who is now 70, does

employ some local kids each spring to help collect the sap.

“It’s a lot of work, you’re lugging 20-litre pails 200 metres out of the bush... you have long days, starting at 5 a.m. in the morning and finishing at 8 or 10 p.m. at night,” said Pigeon. “If you’re not collecting sap you’re boiling sap, if you’re not boiling sap, you’re finishing off syrup... and then you have to market and sell.”

Pigeon ships his maple syrup to people all over the world, and many Canadian expats he knows through work often buy his syrup. Maple syrup feels like coming home to Canadians, said Pigeon.

Maple syrup is an amazingly diverse product, said Pigeon, noting some interesting uses for it other than as a pancake-topper.

“It’s great for your coffee... put a splash of maple syrup in the louisiest scotch and it makes it taste like a big single malt,” said Pigeon. “It’s great as a cooking and baking ingredient.”

Pigeon began tapping trees on February 10 this year and is now approaching the end of the sap season. He said for sap to come, there needs to be freezing temperatures at night and warmer temperatures in the day.

A tree can give sap for over 100 years if it’s treated with respect and tapping holes are spaced properly, explained Pigeon. He said you can never tap a tree that’s too young, meaning a tree that’s less than 10 inches in diameter. On an 18 to 24-inch diameter tree you can put two taps in, and on a 24 to 36-plus inch diameter tree you can put three — but never more than three, according to Pigeon.

“I think people think to make maple syrup, you have to have vast tracts of land. If you have a maple tree, and you have kids and you want to have some fun, put a tap in and hang a bucket off it and boil (the sap) off on your stove inside or over a little fire,” said Pigeon. “You can make maple syrup.”

Making maple syrup is a meditative process for Pigeon, despite the amount of work it takes. He said his business is a labour of

love.

“I have been building brands for clients for 47 years now... I decided to build my own brand and have some fun with it,” said Pigeon. “I’m the manufacturer, the distributor and the sales guy and the marketing guy... I’m that taste tester. I love it.”

While Old School Sap Co. has grown in the past few years, Pigeon doesn’t want to grow it more so he doesn’t stray from his core values. If he were to make any more syrup each year, he wouldn’t be able to do it the old-school way.

“I wanted to prove to myself that I could make exceptional syrup,” said Pigeon. “I can hold this quality at this level... I can keep true to my belief that syrup should be made over smoke fires in the traditional way, with no mechanical intervention. That to me gives the best product possible.”

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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, Logan and Piper, sisters Barbara (Ugo), Donna (Dan), step sister Carolyn (Ray), step brothers Andrew and David.

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FREDRICK, JAMES WALKER (SAM) 1931 – 2023

Peacefully on March 22, 2023 in his 92nd year. Predeceased by his wives Grace Proctor and Doris Woolner. Loving father of Fred (Pat), Marilyn, Terry (deceased 2017). Remembered by his extended family Brian (Wendy), Paul (Sharon), Barry, Ron (Beverly). Cherished grandfather of Sheila (Brian), Amanda (Luke), Shari (John), Jennifer (Chris), Lorrie (Mike), Nathan, Daniel, William, Brianna, Gary and Johnathan.



Dear great-grandfather of Malcolm, Ethan, Joel, Braden, Morgan, Aliyah, Zoey, Cinnamon, Christen, Cadence, Aleyea, Clayton, Gracie, Matthew and Liam. Sam will be greatly missed by other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 2:30 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to the Parkinson Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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OBITUARIES

DOLSON, THOMAS (BOYD)

The song has ended but the melody lingers on

Boyd Dolson 95, left all his pain and suffering behind on March 10. Loved and loving husband of Wilma (Chant) for over 70 years. Treasured father of Brent (1993) and Shelley Dolson. Adored grandpa of Nathan Athay (Heidi), Brooke Nagal (Charlie), Lauren Ernst (Tom). Special Great Grandpa (with the best hugs), of Rylan and Emrys Nagal and Senna Ernst. Predeceased by Louis, 12 children Jack, Karen, Cash (Steven), Diane LeMay (Pierre), Donald (Ruth), Donna Dolson, Gail Bolithy (Bruce), Cameron (Donna), David Dolson (Tracy), Cheryl Mills (Charles), Sister Margaret Lipsett, Steven Lipsett (Cindy), Tiffany. Survived by Helen Cowan (Gordon), Hugh Still (Peggy), David Still (Lenore), Connie Pearson. Bill and Bonnie, Ronald and Daniel. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Adopted family of the heart; Helena Cox (Bryan), Shelley Cox (Richard O'doesky), Sophia, Yolanda Cox (Stephen, Swasey, Jaidyn and Nadalia). Tina and Michael Nischk (with all the goodies). Boyd was so proud of the 10 years he worked on the Avro Arrow. Boyd and Wilma had a band for many years. Oh! those were the good times. Boyd would say, do a good deed when ever you can. Thank you, Rita his PSW and all the staff at Avalon. Gone but never forgotten.



A private family service will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday March 26, 2023.

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

HARRINGTON, HAROLD JAMES (JIM)

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Gail Harrington. Dear father of Denise Holloway (Paul), David (Terri). Precious Papa to Kayleigh, Taryn, Molly and Izzy. Brother of Lorna Graham (Paul). Jim will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations to High Country United Church or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Jim in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 21st Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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Proposed CBM Aggregates quarry site is north of Alton

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It also wants to change Caledon's zoning bylaw for the subject lands from "Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 (EPA2) to Extractive Industrial with an exception."

CBM needs the changes in order to be able to obtain a license under the Aggregate Resources Act for their planned limestone bedrock extraction. According to documents submitted to the Town by CBM, "controlled blasting" will be used to extract material in the proposed quarry.

The Forks of the Credit Preservation Group is a group of Caledon residents dedicated to protecting Caledon's environment and the Credit River by stopping this proposed quarry. It's hosting a community meeting at 7 p.m. on April 18 at the Alton Legion to discuss CBM's recent amendment requests.

CBM had to submit documents such as a transportation study, visual impact assessment, noise assessment, water table report and more. To view a full list of materials submitted by CBM, or to offer feedback on the proposed quarry, those

interested can visit the following link: caledon.ca/en/town-services/cbm-caledon.aspx#Material-Submitted

More information can be found, and feedback provided, by phone as well. Residents can contact Sean Kenney, senior planner at the Town, at 905-584-2272 ext. 4199 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kate Hepworth, a resident of Ward 1, who has been an advocate around aggregate issues in Caledon for years, said she was surprised to see the CBM application come through after Caledon passed an interim control bylaw (ICBL) for high potential aggregate resource lands in October 2022.

The bylaw was enacted to prohibit new gravel pits or quarries in Caledon for one year.

"The ICBL essentially isn't worth the paper it's written on," said Hepworth.

She says she's worried that even if Council doesn't support the quarry when it comes time for their decision, the Ontario Land Tribunal will, if CBM appeals Council's decision.

The Citizen will be covering this story in more detail in the weeks to come.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

U9 Caledon Hawks fly high to close their season with marvelous March momentum

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The Hawks' colourful "play-by-play man" concluded his commentary with a succinct summation of Caledon's final game of 2022-23 in which they were eliminated by Oakville.

"The Hawks closed out the season with a tough loss against Oakville, but not without an exceptional effort by Cameron Pearce, who earned points for the second straight game with good hustle and determination. The two Jacks were the goal scorers-- McClure and Vani-- who made the successful transition from defence earlier this year."

Townsend gave credit to the Hawks'

coaching staff and admin for creating a positive learning atmosphere for the U9 squad.

"Helping to make the season a successful and fun experience was head coach, Jason Hayes, and assistants Dan Hinton, Colin McGrath, and Chris Castator, along with the invaluable work of manager, Giulia Hinton." He also noted that the team was beset by a serious setback to one of its players midway through the season and rallied around their stricken teammate at a team-galvanizing event.

"Part way through the year, one of the team's best players, assistant captain Lucas Martin, was diagnosed with

a serious illness and was unable to play the rest of the season. His leadership off and on the ice was sorely missed. The outpouring of community support culminated in a special night at a packed Mayfield Arena for a Caledon Coaches' game."

The U9 Hawks not only learned how to play their best hockey of the year in March, but they also learned even more important values: how to overcome adversity, build community spirit, and care for teammates like family. That is the true value of team sports.

With files from Murray Townsend

Talk Caledon

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It remains to be seen whether Caledon will be able to strike a balance between progress and preservation, massive housing growth and protecting our green spaces and between standing up to Doug Ford or quietly acquiescing when he comes to mow down farmer's fields and pave over environmentally sensitive green spaces. It remains to be seen whether new home builds will first take care of ensuring the infrastructure required to support them is built prior to the hordes of people who'll want to use it arrive.

Finally, it remains to be seen if the Town of Caledon will find a way to ensure balance and equity exists in our Town offices, on our committees, and in the organizations that serve our citizenry. If they need guidance, a quick look at some of the work happening with our neighbours to the north might be a good place to start.

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