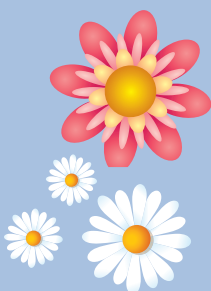




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BUDGET 2023

On March 28, 2023, the Trudeau government tabled Budget 2023 to Canadians which included the following measures:

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Can you afford losing \$305 from your earnings?

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DEBT SERVICING

- The cost to service Canada's debt this year (2023-24) is projected to be \$43.9 billion.
- This is nearly double the costs in 2021-22, when debt servicing costs were \$24.5 billion.

Do you think that after this spending, your life is better or worse?

☐ BETTER☐ WORSE

You can complete this survey on my website at kyleseeback.ca/budget2023

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EASTER ON THE FARM - Natalie and her son Liam were excited to meet the Easter Bunny at Downey's Farm on April 2. The Farm's Easterfest is underway now through this weekend's celebration. For more, see Page 5.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

“It’s a monster”: Community meeting being held about proposed quarry

Forks of the Credit Preservation Group meeting will address CBM application

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A meeting will be held later this month to discuss the largest quarry application ever

submitted to the Town of Caledon.

On April 18, the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FOTCPG) is hosting a community meeting at 7 p.m. at the Alton Legion. The group is a non-profit coalition of Caledon residents dedicated to protecting Caledon’s environment and the Credit River.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, local Councillors, the Town’s chief planner Antoinetta Minichillo, and the FOTCPG’s lawyer David Donnelly will be among those in attendance at the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting is being called as on March 23, planning firm Glen Schnarr and Associates submitted Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment requests to the Town on behalf of CBM Aggregates for a below-water table limestone blasting quarry north of Alton.

CBM Aggregates is owned by the Brazilian company Votorantim Cimentos, which is the eighth-largest cement company in the world.

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Annual Bolton Rotary Charity Golf Tournament coming soon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Golf season is upon us.

The Bolton Rotary Club is excited to be hosting one of the first golf tournaments of the year: its annual Charity Golf Tournament.

This year, it’s taking place on Thursday, May 18 at the Woodington Lake Golf Club in Tottenham.

Tickets for the tournament are \$175 per person and can be purchased online at bolton-rotarygolf.ca. Tickets include a round of golf,

a cart, box lunch, on-course food sampling, closing reception, and more.

Karen Fast of Bolton Rotary said golfers are always eager to get out on the course for the Rotary tournament and that most years there is great weather for the event.

“It’s a great day to get out on the golf course and do some good for the community,” said Fast. “The golf tournament is one of our major fundraisers.”

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Dufferin–Caledon MP critical of deficit spending in 2023 Budget

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Government of Canada tabled its 2023 Budget last Tuesday, projecting a deficit that’s roughly \$10 billion larger than initially expected.

Federal spending this year will total \$497 billion, with a deficit of \$40.1 billion, up from the forecasted \$30.6 billion last fall. Overall, there’s a \$43 billion spending increase.

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, a shadow minister with the Conservative Party of Canada, recently spoke with The Citizen about the federal budget and expressed concerns about certain expenses.

“Budget 2023 was another missed opportunity for the Trudeau government to deliver much-needed relief for hard-working Canadians who continue to struggle with the cost-of-living crisis, created by this government with their out-of-control spending,” said Seeback. “What Canadians received instead was higher taxes and inflationary deficits.”

To address inflationary cost of living increases, Seeback said his party would create better paycheques for Canadians by lowering payroll taxes and scrapping the Carbon Tax. Deficit spending that drives up inflation and interest rates would be reined in, and affordable homes will be created by removing government gatekeepers, freeing up land, and speeding up building permit approvals.

“Budget 2023 amounts to a \$43 billion bonanza of new inflation, debt, and taxes for Canadians. It failed to meet any of the priorities we outlined, leaving Canadians saddled with even more debt and inflation, worsening the cost-of-living crisis,” said Seeback.

“I hear from constituents every day telling me how they are struggling to make ends meet, whether it’s skipping meals to pay for their home heating bills because of the punitive Carbon Tax or being forced to live in their parents’ basement because they cannot afford to rent or buy a home. The Liberal government’s Budget 2023 only serves to compound those pressures for my constituents and Canadians across the country, making it that much harder to move ahead.

Canada’s finance minister Chrystia Freeland said the 2023 Budget would “exercise financial restraint,” but Seeback said the deficit does not reflect this.

Debt to GDP is going up because of deficit spending, and the \$314 billion deficit from

the 2020-21 fiscal year isn’t being paid off, resulting in inflation and higher debt servicing costs.

And Seeback says none of this spending is making life measurably better for Canadians.

“Life’s tougher for most people than it has ever been, after more than doubling the national debt,” he said. “To me, it’s a big problem.”

The average mortgage payment and rent has more than doubled over the last year, while wages haven’t kept pace.

“No one’s income has more than doubled, and that’s just that’s just part of the equation,” said Seeback. “Canadians are in dire financial straits after eight years of the Justin Trudeau Liberal government, and this budget really does nothing to fix that.”

A part of the budget Seeback agrees with is free dental care for low-income families, although he says he needs more details on how it’s designed and implemented.

“I have concerns about that, but I think there’s some good news there,” Seeback said.

He told the Citizen his main concerns with the budget are payroll deductions and Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) contributions going up.

“What we need to do actually, is get more money back in the pockets of Canadians. We need to create good paying jobs. We want Canadians to have bigger paychecks, so that they can afford what they need to afford to live and have economic prosperity,” he noted.

“Governments don’t give people economic prosperity, people create economic prosperity, when they have the financial ability to do so, and that’s the big problem with this government, it’s making it harder and harder to do that.”

Seeback noted that the federal government is now paying \$45 billion a year on interest payments for its debt, while it paid \$24 billion last year.

“Imagine what we could do with that extra \$20 billion that is just paying interest, and that’s \$20 billion every single year,” he said. “We’re spending more money on interest on the debt than we spend on our armed forces, and our armed forces are in a terrible state. After eight years of this government, health care is struggling, what would \$20 billion a year do for health care across this country?”

Seeback added, “There’s a consequence to

all this spending, higher inflation, higher interest rates, higher government debt payments, all of which is impoverishing Canadians.”

When looking at the agricultural community, Seeback said the funding included in the 2023 budget to support the adoption of nitrogen management practices to diversify Eastern Canadian farmers away from Russian fertilizers does little to directly compensate farmers in Dufferin-Caledon who paid higher prices for fertilizer last year.



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Forks of the Credit Preservation Group meeting will address CBM application

Continued from FRONT

David Sylvester, president of FOTCPG, said the quarry is the biggest to ever be applied for in Caledon. He expects to see over 100 residents at the meeting, many of whom he said will be angry, astonished, or confused.

“This is the biggest development application in the history of Caledon, both in terms of its size, 800 acres, and the massive environmental and social impacts,” said Sylvester. “This land will be permanently devastated... the actual act of blasting and extraction will go on for 40-plus years.”

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.

In order for a quarry to be built and operated there, the area would need to be changed in Caledon’s Official Plan from “general agricultural area, rural lands, and environmental policy area” to “extractive industrial area and environmental policy area”. The zoning of the area would have to be changed from “agricultural and environmental policy area” to “extractive industrial with an exception.”

Sylvester said aggregate companies will do everything they can to get their applications approved. However, he’s confident the Town of Caledon will respond to the application forcefully and effectively; that it’s in the process of doing its due diligence and getting legal opinions. He said Caledon is going to hire a planner and project manager with aggregate experience to help deal with CBM’s application.

“It’s a monster,” said Sylvester of CBM’s proposal. “This is a billion-dollar proposal from one of the biggest mining companies in the world.”

He also noted that small businesses barely received a mention in the federal budget, which amounted to “commitments from Visa and Mastercard to lower fees for small businesses.”

“Budget 2023 is not about exercising fiscal restraint, as the finance minister claims. This inflationary budget only adds to the mounting pressures and crushing costs Canadians are already buried under by the Trudeau government’s reckless spending,” said Seeback.

Sylvester said the application came as a shock since Caledon Council passed an interim control bylaw (ICBL) last October to temporarily prohibit new gravel pits or quarries for a year. It was Sylvester who delegated to Council on behalf of the FOTCPG in October about the need for the ICBL.

“As I understand it, an ICBL does pause the approval... of any aggregate application,” said Sylvester. “But I’ve since learned that applicants can still dump their documents on the desk of the Planning Department and submit an application.”

He also said he was astonished that Council and residents weren’t immediately aware CBM Aggregates’ application documents were submitted when they were in December 2022.

Examples of the documents submitted by CBM are a traffic study, water table report, and noise assessment. The application from CBM included an extremely large amount of documentation — thousands of pages — and the FOTCPG is still going through it and developing an action plan.

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

Sylvester said a rather discouraging sentiment he’s hearing lately is that “Caledon is going to the pits.” He said development pressure is so overwhelming these days, and while aggregate is of course needed, the question shouldn’t be “where can we put an aggregate pit?” but instead “where shouldn’t we put an aggregate pit?”

The area where CBM’s proposed quarry would be is in an area that’s so rich with natural heritage features, said Sylvester, adding it’s “mind-boggling” to think of a quarry operating there.

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Caledon Community Services celebrating success of 2022 Home for the Holidays Gala



Members of the Caledon Community Services Board of Directors at the 2022 Home for the Holidays Gala.

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More than \$513,000 was raised at the annual event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The generosity of Caledon residents and businesses resulted in another successful Home for the Holidays Gala last December.

On March 28, Caledon Community Services (CCS) announced the final fundraising results from its Home for the Holidays Gala, which was held on December 2 at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

It was the 25th anniversary of the gala and over 400 people were in attendance. It was the most successful gala ever as over \$363,000 was raised. However, the event's platinum sponsor, Tribal Partners Inc., made an extra donation of \$150,000 which brought the final total to over half a million dollars: \$513,000.

The gala was the first to be held in-person in two years, since the pandemic required the gala to run virtually in 2020 and 2021. Monty Laskin, CEO of CCS, said he was so grateful for everyone who came together to make the gala a success.

"The life-changing care provided to our neighbours every day by CCS is a testament to our community's powerful support throughout a quarter century of our Gala's history," said Laskin.

There was a silent auction at the event, as well as a live auction hosted by local auctioneer Frances Fripp. Buyers bid on items knowing their bids would help feed families, keep homes warm and provide rides for seniors.

Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer for CCS, said the 2022 gala was a big milestone for CCS. She said it's amazing to see that Home for the Holidays has grown from an event that started in people's homes to a huge gala that can raise over \$500,000.

"It was a beautiful celebration of our community's generosity," said Kupriianova of the gifts from residents and businesses.

She said neighbours helping neighbours is the spirit of Caledon. With increasing inflation and continued high demand for support at CCS, Kupriianova said the support at the gala was more needed than ever.

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ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are looking for information that may assist with a robbery investigation.

“On February 16, 2023, at approximately 1:00 a.m., a robbery took place at a trucking yard on Mayfield Road, near Humber Station Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The victim reports being robbed by a group of males. The group operated various vehicles including a white SUV, a black Ford Explorer, a red Peterbilt transport truck, and a black Hyundai Elantra.

“The victim left the yard in a black transport truck and was followed by the black Elantra, who attempted to have the victim stop by waving a flashlight and a handgun. The victim continued westbound onto Mayfield Road, to Highway 410, and drove to the nearest police station.”

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have information that might assist with this ongoing investigation is asked to contact 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, and you never have to testify.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have stopped a vehicle for speeding and charged the driver with impaired operation.

“On April 4, 2023, shortly after midnight while conducting proactive speed enforcement on Highway 50 near George Bolton Parkway, a vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed,” say Police. “The vehicle was stopped, and the officer met with the driver.

“During the course of the investigation, the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Justin Berwick, 42, of Bolton, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear

at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 27, 2023, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for 14.

The charges have not been proven.

“Some drivers continue to take unnecessary chances and engaging in dangerous driving behaviors such as mixing impaired driving with speeding,” Police continue. “Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

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 you never have to testify.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

Additionally, on March 29, 2023, at approximately 9:49 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Horseshoe Hill Road, near The Grange Side Road, in the Town of Caledon.

“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,” say Police. “Only minor injuries were sustained as a result of the collision.

As a result, Ryan Faria, 20, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Young driver - B.A.C. above zero

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 20, 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.

“If you are 21 and under or have a G1, G2, M1 or M2 licence, you cannot have any drugs or alcohol in your system. You will face additional penalties in addition to consequences as any other fully licenced driver.”

CYBER CRIME INVESTIGATION

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Cybercrime Investigations Team (CIT), Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Waterloo Regional Police Service, York Regional Police, London Police Service and Woodstock Police Service have been part of an FBI-led cybercrime investigation.

“Operation Cookie Monster is the culmination of a four-year investigation involving an illicit online criminal market known as the Genesis Market,” say Police. “The FBI estimates that by April 2022, 1.5 million devices connected to financial sectors, critical infrastructure, and various governments worldwide had been infected by malware. Through that malware, Genesis Market compiled stolen data such as email addresses, usernames and passwords and packaged this data for sale.

“The potential number of victims in Ontario is not known.

“In February 2023, the FBI shared information with the National Cybercrime Co-ordination Centre (NC3), as well as other Ontario police services, identifying several individuals, in their respective jurisdictions, who were believed to have purchased illicitly obtained information through this illicit platform.

“On April 4, 2023, officers conducted enforcement action, including three search warrants at various locations in Ontario. Electronic devices have been seized and will undergo detailed examinations. The investigations are ongoing. The OPP CIT, NC3 and our municipal partners are committed to combatting cybercrime and ensuring public safety in Ontario.”

ARRESTS IN RELATION TO STOLEN VEHICLE

The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested and charged three individuals in relation to a stolen motor vehicle investigation.

“On Monday, April 3, 2023, around 4:10 p.m., Huronia West OPP received information about a stolen motor vehicle from the area of Sunnidale Road and Wilson Drive, in Springwater Township,” say Police.

“Officers attended the location and spoke with the victim, who advised that the mo-

tor vehicle was advertised as for sale online and arrangements were made for a test drive. During the test drive, while in the area of Sunnidale Road and Wilson Drive, the suspects forced the victim out of the vehicle and drove away. Although shaken up, the victim did not sustain any injuries during the incident.”

As a result of multi-jurisdictional police efforts, around 11:45 p.m., the stolen vehicle was observed by members of the Nottawasaga OPP being operated in Beeton. Subsequently, Police recovered the motor vehicle and located three people inside.

As a result of the investigation, three people have been arrested and charged.

Kaur Sukpreet, a 21-year-old female from Mississauga, has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear in the Bradford Ontario Court of Justice in May 2023. The charge has not been proven.

Naresh Kumar, a 24-year-old male from Brampton has been charged with:

- Robbery with violence
- Theft Over \$5,000 of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000

The accused is being held pending a bail hearing. The charges have not been proven.

Shivam Miglani, a 23-year-old male from Brampton has been charged with:

- Robbery with violence
- Theft Over \$5,000 of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000
- Flight from a peace officer
- Disobeying Order of Court
- Dangerous Operation

The accused is being held pending a bail hearing. The charges have not been proven.

“If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122,” say Police. “To report minor occurrences online please visit www.opp.ca/reporting. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.”

The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Colas

7. Single-celled animals

13. The rear car of a train

14. Endangered

16. It cools your home

17. Helper

19. “The First State”

20. More aged

22. Partner to cheese

23. Type of wrap

25. From a distance

26. Satisfies

28. “Dallas Buyers’ Club” actor Jared

29. God of battle (Scandinavian)

30. Cooking utensil

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

33. Able to perform

34. Big man on campus

36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period

38. Porticos

40. Alban and Peter are two

41. Gets up

43. Humble request for help

44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)

45. Unhappy

47. Hint or indication

48. A way to plead

51. Digits

53. Broadway actress Daisy

55. Jewish calendar month

56. Author Gore __ Club” actor Jared

58. Peacock network

59. White poplar

60. Promotional material

61. A period of calm

64. Take too much

65. Emit energy

67. Something you can take

69. Mended with yarn

70. Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

1. Calm down

2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

3. One who pretends

4. Hang glide

5. Distinctive practice

6. Mariner

7. Peaks

8. Queens ballplayer

9. Geological times

10. Twofold

11. Atomic #13

12. Tranquillizing

13. Metric weight unit

15. Indicates

18. Unwanted rodent

21. Partly cooked with hot water

24. One who can be recommended

26. Resembles a bag or pouch

27. Midway between south and southeast

30. Sets up for a photo

32. California white oak

35. More (Spanish)

37. After B

38. Decorated tea urn

39. Island

42. Car mechanics group

43. Wordplay joke

46. Cut a rug

47. Prickly plant

49. Speech in praise of a deceased person

50. European buzzard

52. Influential linguist

54. West African languages

55. Siskel’s partner

57. Skinny

59. Oblong pulpit

62. Consumed

63. Small, mischievous sprite

66. Powerful lawyer

68. Indicates position

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

Downey’s Farm excited to welcome residents for Easterfest

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents were already out celebrating spring last weekend.

Downey’s Farm, located on Heart Lake Road in Caledon, was open for the first weekend of its annual Easterfest event on April 1 and 2. It’s also going to be open all Easter weekend too, from Friday, April 7 to Sunday, April 9. The farm will then close until May 19, when it will be open daily.

The event, which is geared for families with younger children, features the following special attractions and more: an Easter egg hunt, Easter story wagon ride, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, baby farm animals, magic shows, a puppet show, and a colouring station.

Darlene Downey of Downey’s Farm said in an April 2 interview that the first weekend of Easterfest had been great and that she was glad the rain held off.

“We have all the baby farm animals being born right now, it’s really sweet and everyone’s loving that,” said Downey. “The sun is shining and people are excited to be outside after winter.”

Downey expects the Easter weekend will be very busy so she suggests that everyone interested in attending purchases their tickets in advance.

Downey’s Farm has moved to an all-online ticketing system to better manage visitor flow and parking. For more information and to purchase tickets, those interested can visit downeysfarm.com/downeys-farm-market-easterfest.htm.



Nate and Vanessa had a great time at Easterfest with their daughter Braelyn.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Auditions happening soon for first show put on by new local theatre company

Over the Footlight Productions was founded in March

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There’s a new player in the local theatre scene.

On March 31, the non-profit theatre company, Over the Footlight Productions, was launched by long-time Caledon residents Lucy Todish and John Thomas.

Over the Footlight Productions also announced its inaugural production, “Something Rotten”, which it will produce alongside the Stage Academy Theatre Association.

Something Rotten is described as a hilarious musical and it’s set in the 1590s. It follows the lives of two brothers who are struggling playwrights trying their utmost to compete with the great William Shakespeare.

The Stage Academy Theatre Association is a non-profit drama and musical theatre school in Bolton that’s been serving the

community for 14 years. According to its website, the association’s goal is to “work toward fostering an appreciation of theatre as a means to build self-confidence and success in public speaking situations.”

Performances of Something Rotten are planned from October 26 to 29 at the Vaughan Playhouse.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa has a passion for arts and culture and he’s going to be the executive director of Something Rotten. He’s super excited to bring the production to the stage with local talent.

According to Over the Footlight Productions, Something Rotten is “filled with witty dialogue, catchy tunes, and plenty of laughs, making it a must-see for anyone who loves musical theatre.”

As executive producer, Rosa is in charge of things like marketing, booking rehearsal spaces, and theatre bookings. He noted the play has to be held in Vaughan as there’s not yet a theatre in Caledon that could handle the magnitude of the production planned.

“We continue to advocate for a performing arts centre (in Caledon), but we’re not going to let that stop us,” said Rosa.

Todish said she’s excited to partner with the Stage Academy Theatre Association to

bring the production to life.

“Our goal is to provide top-quality entertainment that is accessible to everyone, and we believe that Something Rotten is the perfect show to launch our company,” said Todish.

Thomas, who is Over the Footlight’s Artistic Director, said the new theatre company is dedicated to “producing high-quality shows that showcase the talents of local actors and creatives.”

Rosa echoed this sentiment, and said there needs to be more ways for Caledon residents to showcase their talents. He said a musical

will be a great way to do this as it incorporates acting, music, and dance into one big show. People with all kinds of talents will be needed.

Auditions for Something Rotten are coming soon, and will be taking place at two different times (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.) on April 15 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre. Call-backs will take place the following day, April 16, from 2 to 6 p.m.

To request an audition or to inquire about volunteering for the theatre company, interested parties can email overthefootlight@gmail.com.

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/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

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A potent pause

My imagination would sometimes get the better of me as a child.

When bored, the mind would race to more exciting places and times, the day’s math lesson be damned. Outside of the classroom, if bored at home, I’d rip out a large swath of paper from our fax machine, back in the days when paper unspooled from a roll within, to map out exotic but non-existent worlds.

Sometimes my “imaginarium” would take me to different parts of history in an effort to walk a metaphorical mile in the shoes of a historical figure. Heck, I even tried to imagine myself within some of my favourite “television universes.”

Such was my rep at such a young age, along with my apparent willingness to share some of the fancier flights of fancy with my family, that when I spotted a very real intruder in our Newmarket home, it was chalked up as just another example of a fertile mild.

Maybe that’s what made me such an easy mark whenever April 1 rolled around.

Whether by my mom, dad, or brother, I was often awakened early on that first day of the new month to some unlikely bulletin. Once, I was shaken awake to run downstairs to see a non-existent pack of bears in the backyard (an occurrence, to be fair, which was more likely in that particular time and place ahead of significant development); that a family (of the human sort) had moved into our rickety, and wholly unsafe treehouse overnight; that someone in the family had won the lottery; and once, which still makes me shudder, the news that a close family member had re-married to someone I couldn’t be less close to.

As such, I’ve always dreaded the dawn of April 1, particularly in the newsroom. We’ve heard and seen more than our fair share about fake news over the last few years, but the First of April, when it falls on a weekday, is usually one where I screen my office calls to first try and get a handle on whether or not the caller is just having a laugh.

While I was thankful I could relax a little bit this year with April 1 mercifully falling on a Saturday, it didn’t mean that the day wasn’t littered with pitfalls. We had stories of fast food chains launching unlikely – but not necessarily awful-sounding – sandwiches; of zoos tinkering with their DNA kits to recreate long-since-extinct megafauna; of a dating app banning the siren songs of photos of people with fishing rods posing with their catches of the day; and even an endearing story from Sarah Polley, a recent Academy Award winner for her screenplay to Women Talking, of her son mocking up a letter from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences telling her the Oscar was given to her in error and she had to return it.

Close to home, the Central York Fire Services even got into the act:

“Welcome to the fleet, E412,” posted the fire department on its social media channels, complete with a mock-up of the blue and white apparatus both on the ice and out front of the newest station with a more traditional red and white counterpart. “CYFS is the first fire department to have a Zamboni firetruck in service. We are proud to be able to further protect our residents on and off the ice.”

A worthy effort, but, in the end, all wet!

Helping in all these endeavours this year were any number of new Artificial Intelligence (AI) apps and programs which allow users to input all sorts of fanciful criteria that is then processed into a cohesive and sometimes convincing image.

Take, for instance, the image of Pope Francis that

went viral over the last couple of weeks.

Perhaps taking inspiration from the Prada-designed Papal slippers that were revived by the late Benedict XVI before being ditched once again by his successor in favour of more traditional footwear, the image wouldn’t have been out-of-step with some of the more famous fashion runways.

The “photo” depicted the Pontiff wearing a snazzy white puffer jacket and holding a cup of take-out coffee. As far as images go, it was pretty convincing – but less so when you take a closer look and see the crucifix he’s “wearing” is missing a full necklace to hold it in place and he’s holding the cup with the edge of his fingernail, a miraculous turn of events even if you are the Pope!

Following the roll-out of the ChatGPT program, which sparked further interest in AI amongst us laymen, and a recent update which expanded how it can be used – including, according to the CBC, from “engaging users in human-like conversation to composing songs and summarizing lengthy legal documents” – tech leaders like Steve Wozniak and Elon Musk co-signed a letter calling for a pause in the development of AI systems for six months to address growing concerns.

“Contemporary AI systems are now becoming human-competitive at general tasks, and we must ask ourselves: Should we let machines flood our information channels with propaganda and untruth?” they wrote, apparently leaving it to the rest of us to point out that particular dam has already broken. “Should we automate away all the jobs, including the fulfilling ones? Should we develop non-human minds that might eventually outnumber, outsmart, obsolete, and replace us? Should we risk loss of control over our civilization? Such decisions must not be delegated to unelected tech leaders.

“Powerful AI systems should be developed only once we are confident that their effects will be positive and their risks will be manageable.”

Laudable points all, but UBC Professor Wendy Wong recently told the CBC that a six-month pause wasn’t enough.

“If you look at the statement...it’s almost as though robots will take over and eclipse humanity, and I just don’t believe that the technology has that potential,” said Wong. “But between that point of eclipsing our civilization and this point, there are a lot of things that can be done. This is where governance really matters, and this is where actually of us really matter.

“To date, we’re often treated as data subjects, but we should be data stakeholders. We can actually put a claim on how these technologies develop and affect us.”

But, in however long it takes to have a full analysis of all these concerns, most likely a window that will have to remain open longer than just a half-year, other actions can take place.

In my view, one of the most important is to put an increased emphasis on technological and media literacy.

As students are now being equipped, finally, with the practical math skills they need for day-to-day life, it’s time for increased importance to be placed on media literacy; to spot the tell-tale signs of when something might not be real, reflect the full scope of the issue, or manufactured from whatever our electronic equivalent of whole cloth might be these days.

Imaginations might still be as fertile as they’ve ever been, but awareness and discretion must keep pace along with them.



What kids and grown men have in common



It’s no secret that most men are kids at heart. In fact, I believe we have more in common with youngsters than we care to admit.

“Boys will be boys – and we have all been boys and recollect the thoughtlessness of our youth.”

That was one of the first references to the term from the Vermont newspaper, the Federal Galaxy, in February 1799.

Not much has changed.

The boys in us are alive and well. When we look at something new, we don’t ask what it is, we wonder what we can do with it!

Kenny Rogers made the observation that you have to keep boys busy, always. “You let ‘em get bored, they’ll dismantle your house board by board.”

And yet Charles Dickens believed that “a boy’s story is the best that is ever told.”

Prior to the recent “Kids Yes Day,” Scouts Canada surveyed a focus group of 145 youth (between the ages of 5 and 14) and 368 parent members to determine what activities Canadian kids wish their parents would say yes to.

Their answers were funny and creative. And every man feels the exact same way.

Of the respondents, 55% want to blow stuff up! Ya! Who doesn’t?

That’s all I literally wanted to do as a kid. From tossing firecrackers around to blowing up models and making toy cars crash and explode in a ball of flames, we wanted action. I melted so much plastic I likely have brain damage!

Some 44% of kids questioned want to light fireworks. Who doesn’t have fond memories of Canada Day, Victoria Day, back in the day when the entire neighbourhood got together to celebrate? Fireworks were cheap and while they did require some caution, the bigger the better.

We all wanted the best bang for our buck. Yes, when I was young, firecrackers were still legal and I even remember those tiny red ones that came in long sleeves. Oh, what fun.

Of course, they were used to dispense of model tanks and planes in the pit behind our house.

I’m not sure where this comes from, but our penchant for making things go boom must be in our DNA. From bb guns to playing with matches, we like it hot, smoky, busted and trashed.

In the survey, another 50% want to do extreme outdoor activities, like winter camping, paddling to remote sites or staying a night in the woods alone.

Yes, camping appeals to many of us.

I will never forget, to this very day, when my parents and I visited friends up north for a weekend. They had a guest cabin for us and I was on the top bunk. From the ceiling hung several model air-

by Mark Pavilons

planes. I thought this was the greatest place on earth.

We’re not all born to be great fishermen, but my dad was pretty decent. He and my mom actually went to weekend tournaments back in the day. His best catch was a 20-pound pickerel and I remember looking at the small trophy for years.

I think a love of the outdoors is natural and everyone should share in what God gave us.

My father-in-law loved to take his girls camping and the more remote the better. Killbear Provincial Park was one of their favourites.

It’s funny because today, I actually long for the wilderness, a place where I can literally get away from it all. The farther the better. A log cabin or tiny home by the lake would be just what the doctor ordered.

Another 44% of kids want to fly an airplane, or spaceship! Right in my wheelhouse!

I’ve always loved the magic of flight, whether it’s in the clouds or beyond the stars.

I managed to get an introductory lesson in a Cessna 172 many years ago at Brampton Flying Club and it was an amazing, albeit short adventure. With an interior smaller than a VW Beetle, the Cessna took off at roughly 70 mph and we flew, effortlessly. I remember it was a gorgeous sunny day.

Flying it was a thrill. A helicopter ride from the Bolton-based National Helicopters a few years back was equally fun.

I admire those “magnificent men in their flying machines.”

I vividly remember the creation of the very first space shuttle, aptly named Enterprise, after a ship from my favourite sci-fi Star Trek.

There’s something appealing to leaving the ground behind, despite the danger.

Another 42% of kids want to do “wacky science experiments.” Who hasn’t made a mess of mom’s kitchen trying something like this as a kid? And all the dads out there jumped at the chance of helping their kids with a volcano project, even if it didn’t go as planned.

In my books, you can’t have enough goo.

Another 41% want to ride a dirt bike. When I was a kid, it was the cool kids who got a dirt bike. They may have been beaten up and dented, but we didn’t care. Just getting a chance to ride one was a thrill. I had a chance to ride with my friend on his larger bike in my 20s and cruising was fun. We didn’t wear helmets or had any licence, we just drove down the gravel roads of Caledon until the sun set.

In the survey, 40% want to get close to a lion or other animal. Again, what kid doesn’t love lions, tigers, bears, giraffes, elephants, rhinos and more?

We’ve never been to the African Lion Safari – the closest we came was the Toronto Zoo.

On a similar note, some kids say they wanted to “follow a bear to its lair.” And snuggle right next to one, I dare say.

I’ve watched countless videos on the internet and I’m amazed at just how curious, intelligent and even loving wild animals can be.

Some kids wanted to “juggle daggers.” As kids, we always had a knife, or borrowed one from dad’s shelf or tool box. Anything sharp and pointy did the trick! Sure, there were mishaps, but no one ever lost an eye.

Cesare Pavese once wrote that a man is never completely alone. He has the company of a boy, the one he used to be!

Long live our inner children!

Our Readers Write

We must keep the momentum going on TB file

Last week, on March 24, 2023, was World Tuberculosis Day – a day to honour the millions of people affected by tuberculosis and to raise awareness about the suffering caused by this disease.

This year’s World TB Day was a success, with over 45 Canadian landmarks lit red nationwide, multiple published letters to the editors, and an uproar of recognition on social media. The Canadian public and parliamentarians heard the voices of tuberculosis advocates from across the country, holding the Canadian government accountable for its domestic and international tuberculosis elimination commitments.

As we move past World Tuberculosis Day, we must keep this momentum going. We must continue to hold the Canadian government accountable and demand that Canada upscale its efforts substantially to make progress toward tuberculosis elimination and

achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Our most urgent needs include developing a national tuberculosis elimination strategy, increasing investments in grassroots organizations, and addressing the specific needs of the most at-risk populations in Canada.

Canada must take a stand to lead the global tuberculosis elimination movement. Such an opportunity for renewed commitment and global leadership is available at the second United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB this September 2023. We hope to see Canada engage with world leaders and advocate to end the global tuberculosis epidemic.

It is time for Canada to make tuberculosis a top priority.

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“Proud of Valleywood”: Organizers happy with success of spring market

\$600 raised for Caledon Community Services through sale of raffle tickets

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Valleywood neighbours got together for some spring shopping — and a good cause — last weekend.

On April 1, the Hop Into Spring market was held in the community room at the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch of the Caledon Public Library (CPL).

The market brought together entrepreneurs from Valleywood, Mayfield West and the surrounding areas so they could showcase their handmade goods to their neighbours.

The market also featured face painting and glitter tattoos for kids and a visit from the Easter bunny. All in attendance could enjoy complimentary coffee and baked goods.

Sonia D’Alimonte, who runs the @valleywoodcommunityevents Instagram page, organized the event alongside presenting sponsors Abhiraj Kumar and Prashant Upreti of AP Real Estate.

The market was also a fundraiser for Caledon Community Services’ (CCS) Kidz in Caledon program, which helps Caledon families enroll their kids in various recreational sports and activities.

Raffle tickets were sold with proceeds going to CCS, and in total \$600 dollars was raised.

“It’s really, really good because I wasn’t expecting that much,” said D’Alimonte. “I’m super proud of Valleywood for supporting the bottle drive and support-

ing the raffle fundraising... we look forward to coming together as a community and continuing that support throughout the year.”

As D’Alimonte mentioned, there was also a bottle drive at the market being held in support of Cassie’s Place, which is a home away from home for people with differing abilities. Cassie’s Place provides day programs and summer camps among other offerings.

It’s not known yet how much was raised from the bottle drive, but many truck beds full of empty bottles were collected and D’Alimonte said it’s safe to say the bottle drive was a success too.

D’Alimonte was at the market with her daughter Mikaela, who runs her own business creating and selling buttons made of recycled materials. There were many interesting vendors at the market selling items like wooden lawn ornaments, laser-engraved decorations, cute crocheted animals, and beautiful jewelry.

The spring market is going to be made into an annual event, as D’Alimonte said after its success this year it would be silly not to make happen every year. She estimates over the course of the market’s run time, over 300 people passed through. As a bonus on market day, attendees could get a sneak peek of the extensive upgrades to the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch of the CPL, which is not yet open to the public.

“(The market) will be something really nice that the community will look forward to every spring,” said D’Alimonte. “We appreciate the community coming out and supporting it the way they did. It turned out to be a fantastic day... it exceeded everyone’s expectations.”



(ABOVE) Shellie Wong has been crocheting for over 20 years and was proud to show off her cuddly creations. (BELOW) Miranda McWatt and Samantha Harrington said they were really happy to see how busy the Hop Into Spring market was on April 1. PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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Caledon hires new chief of staff for Mayor Annette Groves

Hiring was announced alongside corporate realignment

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There’s a new leader working for the Town of Caledon.

On March 13, Nathan Grundy began working for the Town as Chief of Staff for Mayor Annette Groves.

The chief of staff is in charge of providing strategic advice and supporting Town relationships with external community groups and stakeholders. According to the Town, Grundy will work with various levels of government under Groves’ direction, and be in charge of staffing in the Mayor and Council’s office.

In an email to the Citizen, the Town’s communications staff said Grundy is an “accomplished government and stakeholder relations leader” and that he is “highly skilled in public policy and legislative affairs, with more than a decade of provincial and federal government experience.”

The email goes on to say that he’s looking forward to serving Council, Caledon residents, and working with other Town of Caledon staff.

The hiring of Grundy was announced in a March 8 Town of Caledon media release which also detailed changes to the Town’s corporate structure.

When Caledon’s 2023 Budget was approved, Caledon’s Chief Administrative Officer, Carey Herd realigned some Town staff to “enhance organizational excellence” and to “prepare for future growth, modernize services and better serve Caledon residents.”

The Town’s Community Services department now reports directly to Catherine McLean, Caledon’s Director of Community Services. The Town’s Community Services department has expanded to include the Town’s Customer Service, Communications, Recreation, Facilities, and Economic Development departments.



Nathan Grundy is the new chief of staff for Caledon Mayor Annette Groves.

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According to the Town, the realignment of these staff teams is a natural way to increase collaboration and focus on providing better service to Caledon residents and businesses.

Another change announced is that Caledon’s Parks Department will now report to Caledon’s Chief Planner, Antoinetta Minichillo. Caledon’s Planning Department has also expanded, and now includes strategic policy planning, development planning, and parks and natural heritage staff.

According to the Town, that change will “better position staff to support our growth management model, our community and manage the impacts of Bill 23.”

In the release, Herd said she’s confident in her team and believes the changes will raise the quality of service Caledon provides to its residents.

“Realigning these teams better positions the municipality to prepare for future growth,” said Herd.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of second Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2021-0002

Related File Number: POPA 2022-0004, Minister’s Zoning Order (O. Reg 171/21)

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering many ways for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Meeting Date: May 2, 2023
Location: Council Chambers
Town Hall
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East L7C 1J8

Public Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit caledon.ca/notice or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of BRES Option 3 Landowners Group

LOCATION: 0, 7816, 7640, 7844 King Street; 0, 14042, 14100, 14166, 14196, 14206, 14226, 14259, 14275, 14287, 14305, 14361, 14384, 14396, 14411 Humber Station Road; 0, 14211, 14275, 14389 The Gore Road
Ward 6

APPLICATION CONTEXT AND REVISIONS

The Town of Caledon received an application to amend the Town’s Official Plan in February 2021. In the original submission, the applicant proposed to expand the Bolton Rural Service Centre that went beyond the approved Urban Boundary (Rural Service Centre limits of Bolton) as defined at that time in the Regional Official Plan. In order to conform to the Regional Plan, in October 2021, the applicant revised the application by scoping it to only those lands within the established Urban Boundary. A Public Meeting for the scoped proposal was held on November 9, 2021.

On November 4, 2022, the Province approved the new Region of Peel Official Plan and all lands that were the subject of the original February 2021 proposal were included in the Urban Boundary. As a result, the applicant has again revised the application to encompass all lands in the original February 2021 submission. The purpose was to establish a mixed-use community on lands generally located north of King Street, between Humber Station Road and The Gore Road.

At the Statutory Public Meeting for the revised application held on January 10, 2023, Planning and Development Committee gave direction to hold a second Public Meeting so that additional information can be provided to the residents with respect to this file. The May 2, 2023 meeting is being held because of that request.

Public Meetings are held to provide information on the application, a decision to approve or refuse the application will not be made at the meeting.

The proposed land use plan has been included in this notice and is available online at caledon.ca/development.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant is proposing to amend the Official Plan to expand the boundaries of the (Bolton) Rural Service Centre as outlined in the Town’s Official Plan. This amendment is intended to establish the policy framework to create a mixed-use community by designating the subject lands to permit a range of residential, commercial, employment, institutional, open space, environmental and transit supportive mixed uses.

LEAD PLANNER:

Carmine Caruso
Senior Planner
Development and Design
Town of Caledon
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit 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:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials

related to this item in an alternate format please contact Records and Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted and/or before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of

Caledon before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted and/or before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the adoption or refusal of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6 or planning@caledon.ca.

Notice Date: April 6, 2023



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mill Street class environmental assessment study Mississauga Road to Creditview Road

Study Completion

The Town of Caledon has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for the reconstruction of Mill Street between Mississauga Road and Creditview Road. The project was completed in accordance with Schedule ‘B’ of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, 2023). The study considered the need to enhance safety, improve traffic operations and better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists on Mill Street, to serve the community for years to come.



Public Review

A Project File Report (PFR) documenting the planning process undertaken, details of the study recommendations as well as potential impacts and mitigation measures, has been completed and by this Notice is being placed in the public record for review. The PFR will be available for review for 30 days, until May 6, 2023, on the Town’s webs-ite at caledon.ca/en/news/mill-street-ea.aspx.

Contact Information

Interested persons may provide comments to the project team through your preferred means of communication. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the Project Managers listed below.

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Engineering Services
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R.V. Anderson Associates Limited

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Section 16 Order Requests

A request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an order imposing additional conditions or requiring an individual environmental assessment may be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include your full name and contact information.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (additional conditions or an individual environmental assessment), explain how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts, and can include any supporting information. The request should be sent to both:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Please visit the ministry’s website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order.

This notice was first issued April 6, 2023.



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Participate before April 20, 2023.

TELEPHONE SURVEY

Oraclepoll Research Ltd. will be conducting a telephone survey on behalf of the Town of Caledon.

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Dead geese in Caledon test positive for bird flu

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Test results have confirmed that dead geese found in a Bolton stormwater pond died of Avian Influenza.

On March 30, the Town of Caledon announced that the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) discovered the dead geese had avian influenza, which is commonly known as bird flu.

Caledon’s Municipal Law Enforcement division first followed up on reports of the dead geese on March 17.

Dr. Nicholas Brandon, Acting Medical Officer of Health at Peel Public Health, said the risk to humans from avian influenza remains very low. This is because most cases of human avian flu have been linked back to handling infected poultry or their droppings.

“Residents are asked to follow the recommended guidance to limit the spread of avian flu and protect the health and safety of residents and pets,” said Brandon.

Recommended guidance includes: Not handling sick or dead wildlife; keeping pets on leash and away from sick or dead wildlife; stopping the use of bird feeders and bird baths; and keeping cats indoors.

The Feather Board Command Centre, which represents Ontario’s poultry commodity boards, said there’s no risk to anyone from Canadian poultry products.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, it’s natural for wild birds to carry avian influenza viruses. 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. Anyone with questions about sick or dead wildlife found on their property can call the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781.



Pictured here are Matthew Murchie, Darren Sketchley, Jason Sketchley and Spencer Sketchley. Darren is a longstanding volunteer with BBBSPY and a Caledon resident. Darren was matched with Matthew and became his Big Brother 35 years ago and they are still best of friends.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tickets selling fast for “The BIG Tee Off” charity golf tournament

Day at Caledon Woods will support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A popular charity golf tournament is returning to Caledon Woods Golf & Country Club in Bolton.

On June 20, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York (BBBSPY) will host “The BIG Tee Off” at the club.

Those familiar with the BBBSPY will notice the name of the tournament has changed from “Golf for Kids’ Sake.”

Funds raised at the tournament will go to-

wards BBBSPY’s mentoring programs and services for youth in Peel and York Regions. Important to note is BBBSPY is always looking for volunteer mentors who want to make a difference.

BBBSPY’s 2022 golf tournament was a big success and tickets to it sold out quickly. This year, tickets have been selling fast as well and as of March 31, just 26 were left available.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start, where groups will start their game at each hole on the course, then play through and back to the hole before where they started. This way, everyone is able to start and finish their games at the same time.

The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. and players will receive a breakfast they can take with them onto the course. After the day’s playing has finished, there will be a lunch and re-

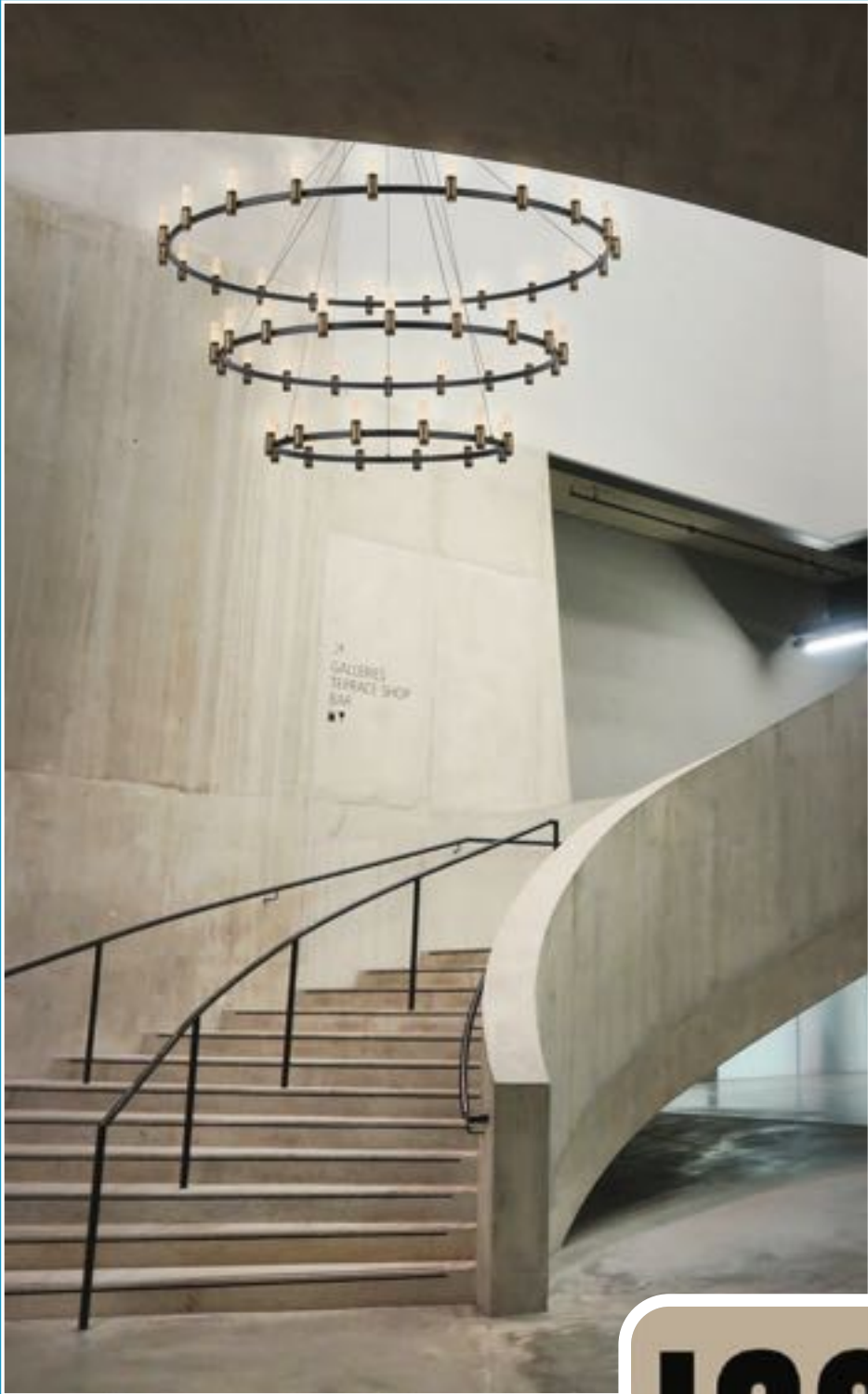
ception at the Country Club, as well as a silent auction.

Lori Plati, Public Relations Manager for BBBSPY, said the golf tournament is one of the non-profit’s signature fundraisers. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, from hole sponsorships all the way up to higher-tier sponsorships.

Plati said the shotgun start and reception will be a lot of fun for golfers as this was not possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’ll be really fun to have everyone together and it just makes a nicer experience,” said Plati. “We have our regular people that are supportive of our golf tournament, and we also have some new people coming in this year as well.”

To register for The BIG Tee Off or to sponsor it, those interested can visit peel.bigbrothers-bigsisters.ca/event/golf-classic.



Upcoming drag show supports Celebrate Your Awesome

BY SAM ODROWSKI

In support of Celebrate Your Awesome, a unique event is coming to Orangeville’s Opera House on April 15.

The Spring-Fling Draganza, hosted by TroyBoy Parks, is taking over the theatre’s main stage at 87 Broadway for a series of song and dance style performances from several drag queens and kings, kicking off at 7 p.m.

“If you’ve never been to a drag show and you’re wondering what that’s all about, a drag show is really just a celebration of a fun,” said Beckie Morris. “It is big costumes, big hair, big makeup and big attitude.”

The songs performed are generally chosen from contemporary pop culture with a particular meaning to the performer, and the show is very interactive with the audience.

“The energy you give to the performer comes right back at you... these performers are looking to engage with people specifically, and that brings a really interesting kind of dynamic and energy to the performance,” Morris explained.

The Spring-Fling Draganza lineup includes Troy-Boy Entertainment, Victoria Parks, Rachael Temptation, Sapphire Poison, Violet Seductions Parks, Ivory Towers and Heaven Lee Hytes.

Tickets are \$30 each, available at orangevilletix.ca, and Lavender Blue is catering the event.

Spring Fling Draganza is for all ages, as no alcohol will be sold, but organizers suggest individuals who are 14 and older attend.

“We had decided to make this one a dry event and to open it to all ages just to be more inclusive because there is an underserved LGBTQ+ population in Dufferin County that are under the age of 19,” said Morris. “So, we really wanted people to be able to have a chance to come and see it, especially like the high school grades.”

She told the Citizen Troyboy and his performers, who are hosting the Spring Fling Draganza, will dial back the language, innuendo, and suggestive content you’d typically hear at a regular show to make it suited for a 14+ crowd.

“If you feel it’s appropriate, you can bring kids, but we really do leave that to each person’s interpretation of what’s best for them,” said Morris. “What do you let your kids watch on TV? Use that as your guide.”

With drag shows becoming more mainstream over the last few years, there has been a rise in protests against them and people expressing “concerns” about their appropriateness for younger audiences.

Morris stressed that no part of drag should make anybody feel uncomfortable. It is a celebration of being unique.

“This is not a political event, it’s a celebration,” she said. “This is a song and dance show that’s meant to make people feel accepted and to celebrate people’s individuality. Nothing more than that.”

And if anyone would like to have a conversation about its appropriateness, Morris said the Celebrate Your Awesome team is happy to chat.

“If you don’t understand, let’s have a conversation about it,” Morris said. “That’s something that we hope we can develop within the community – people’s willingness to just have a conversation.”

Meanwhile, a unique component of the event that will enhance attendees’ overall experience is that it’s happening at the Opera House.

“Drag has become a lot more mainstream over the last couple of years, which is wonderful, and there’s frequent drag events in town, but what makes this one a little bit different is being able to support it in a theater. It’s kind of the difference between watching a movie at home on Netflix and going to the cinema,” Morris explained. “Being able to give a big stage presence, make the bass of the music so you feel it and doing a little light show – it’s a ramped-up experience.”

The Spring Fling Draganza is Celebrate Your Awesome’s only fundraiser of the year, and all the money raised will go towards supporting the group’s annual summertime event in downtown Orangeville.

Up to 273 tickets can be sold for the event, so act fast. It is already more than halfway sold out.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. on April 15 inside the Opera House.

“Bathroom Humor” Bubbles with Laughter at Blackhorse

A REVIEW BY BRADEN WRIGHT

If you’re looking for a party atmosphere, there’s one already started – and getting wilder all the way to the final shower curtain – in the Blackhorse Village Player’s current production of the “very naughty comedy,” Bathroom Humor, on stage now through April 23.

The winning combination of a talented and committed cast including perennial audience favorites with natural chemistry, the deft direction of Cheryl Phillips. and a saucy script by the prolific comedy duo of Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, makes this an invitation for a fun time, with lots of laughs.

It’s the 80s. There’s a party. Everyone knows everyone, for better or worse. And they all gravitate to the hub of the hosts’ home – the spacious bathroom – for every conceivable reason.

Kicking things off with some primping and gossip are the trio of Julie Kovach as Laura, the boss’ wife who projects a façade of near perfection which Kovach delightfully allows to crack and crumble in time; Melanie Burgess as Babette, the boss’ assistant who harbours – and eventually unleashes with comic intensity – a volcanic passion for powerful men including her boss, Arthur; and Sarah Simpson, the relatable and lovelorn misfit, Peg, who captures our hearts and then delights with some sterling, side-splitting physical comedy as she wrestles with wardrobe mishaps.

Julian Bachlow plays the perpetually agreeable and increasingly frustrated Old Man (also Peg’s father) who is the only one wanting to access the bathroom for a legitimate reason – a daring and charming leap for the young Bachlow who masterfully keeps the running joke fresh throughout.

Robert Redden indulges everyone with a full-throated flashback to the decade of decadence mentality with his portrayal of Stu, making his ultimate moment of clarity as surprisingly poignant as it is funny.

Morris Durante is a gem on any stage, wielding

his innate and hilarious timing, and here again it’s heightened in his reunion on the Blackhorse stage with Vincent Ursini, who imbues an earnest and lovable innocence into his characters’ struggle, trying to balance morals and ambition, delivering straight-laced lines and impressively athletic comedy with equal aplomb. While Durante’s Sandy is seeking a raise from his boss (Ursini’s Arthur), the two are dealing with romantic exploits with women they did not necessarily come to the party with. Mark Hayward, who does double duty here behind the scenes as Lighting Designer, heightens the action as he brings The Big El to life, ironically making this E-list Elvis Impersonator endearing with his own admirable and affable humility and stealthy subtlety.

It’s the wonderful way these actors bring this bounty of characters into comic collision that makes this production so fun and memorable. It’s also a perfect example of what we’ve missed about community theatre during our streaming-focused timeouts – large cast plays that are fun, affordable and nearby, where we’re close enough to the action to feel a part of it – and a cast and crew that reflect the breadth of talent amongst us, here for our enjoyment.

Stage Manager Rachel Whipple keeps the busy traffic moving through tight timing. Michelle Lanoue-Williams’ costume design along with the bursts of 80s anthems heard each time the bathroom door opens to the home’s hallway reminds us when we are, as much as director Cheryl Phillips’ Set Design makes us feel we’re actually present... at a very fun party with some loveable and crazy friends. A date you don’t want to miss.

Bathroom Humor was previously mounted by BVP in April 2001 and is one of four audience favourites selected to celebrate its 50th Anniversary, with Don’t Dress For Dinner in June completing the season.

Bathroom Humor currently on stage at Blackhorse Village Players, continues after the Easter weekend, April 14-16, 21-23. Call 905-880-5002 or visit www.blackhorsetheatre.ca for ticket information.

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Happy Easter!



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Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week

Rookie sensation Tyra Reginald’s stellar 37-point performance for the Wolfpack sets a high standard on the hardcourt

BY JIM STEWART

Tyra Reginald’s basketball coach at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School can only find superlatives to describe the Grade 9 student’s work on and off the hardcourt in 2022-23.

Reginald led the Wolfpack to an impressive 7-1 regular season record and Coach Jaelin Kangas believes that the Grade 9 student-athlete “embodies the qualities of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork.”

He describes her as a “natural leader who sets an excellent example for her team by consistently working hard and striving for excellence in everything she does. Tyra always has a positive attitude, which allows her to support and encourage her teammates to do the best that they can. Tyra’s ability on the basketball court was just as impressive as her leadership and attitude. No matter the situation, you can always count on Tyra to make an impactful play to help the team win.”

Coach Kangas is also impressed with his star player’s qualities as a student at Robert F. Hall.

“Tyra is a sociable, confident, and hard-working student who excels both academically and socially. She has a natural ability to connect with others, and her sociable nature allows her to build positive relationships with her peers and teachers. Her confidence is evident in her approach to schoolwork, where she approaches challenging tasks with a positive attitude and a determination to succeed. Tyra’s hard-working attitude ensures that she consistently performs well in her courses, putting in the time and effort required to achieve at a high level academically.”

The most memorable performance by the first-year high schooler – who aspires to play for the UCLA Bruins after her four years at Hall – was difficult to pin down by Coach Kangas.

“It’s hard to choose one key performance for Tyra as she consistently led our team in almost every aspect of every game. The key performance I would choose is when she scored a season-best 37 points in a game and led our team to a victory.”

Tyra took time from her academic tasks and challenging U19 AAU basketball schedule to answer our questions:

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

Tyra Reginald: There are many quali-

ties I demonstrated during my basketball season. I was ambitious, hard-working, determined, and I always pushed myself and my teammates to achieve their maximum potential as athletes.

Caledon Citizen: What was your key performance moment from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

Tyra Reginald: My key performance moment of this season was when I beat my all-time scoring record. The most points I scored in a game was 35 and I beat it by 2 by scoring 37 points against St. Mike’s. The feeling was unexplainable and the experience motivated me to continue to try to beat my record in order to be the best player I can be.

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

Tyra Reginald: I am a part of United Elite Women’s Basketball and it is a Rep/AAU team where I play U19 level basketball and also travel sometimes.

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

Tyra Reginald: I am a very hard-working and athletic student. I love playing sports, but I know in order to do that, I need to maintain a certain average. I am responsible and I always put my best effort in everything I do, even when it can be stressful or challenging.

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

Tyra Reginald: My post-secondary academic goal is to become a physiotherapist or chiropractor and I want to focus on treating and assisting injured athletes. In addition, I would like to go to UCLA and continue my basketball dreams at a university level.

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

Tyra Reginald: My role models and the people I admire the most are my parents. My mom and dad both have gone through a lot in their life, and their determination to live a successful life has motivated me to do the same. They are always there sup-

porting me and always looking out for me no matter how tired or stressed they are. Furthermore, my parents taught me many valuable lessons that I wish to carry forth and implement into my life in order to achieve my goals and be successful. Other than my parents, a celebrity who has always been my role model is Steph Curry. He has always been my favourite player and someone I look up to. I love his passion, determination, and the way he plays the game of basketball.

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon

Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week?

Tyra Reginald: I feel very proud and excited to be nominated as the Caledon Citizen student athlete of the week because it is an accomplishment especially for just coming to the school. I am a Grade 9 student and being able to be recognized for the way I play the game of basketball is very exciting.

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Seniors learn about local opportunities at health and wellness fair

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

An event hosted by the Orangeville & District Seniors Centre educated seniors about services in the community and shared tips to help them stay safe from things like elder abuse and targeted scams.

The Seniors Health & Wellness Fair was held at the Seniors Centre on Wednesday, March 22, and was sold out.

Several speakers from various organizations provided information on topics such as aging well, audiobooks, book delivery, and paramedic services.

Representatives from the OPP talked about ways to avoid being scammed and prevent elder abuse in society.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post addressed the audience regarding programs for seniors as well as other town issues that may affect a senior’s lifestyle

“One thing I promised during the campaign was that I was going to try to engage more people to the issues of the town,” Post told the audience. “We’re working on setting up the town hall, which will be kind of like a Council meeting but not so formal. We want it to be really open where everybody can feel free to contribute. We’re planning the first one in May. It’s

going to be an open forum. We’re going to talk about a lot of different topics. I’m also working on planning one for fall which will be completely geared to seniors. We’re going to invite seniors to come and talk about seniors’ issues.”

A Seniors’ Committee will also be organized through Orangeville Town Hall to address senior issues.

“It’s a way for seniors to communicate with council,” Orangeville Councillor Andy Macintosh explained. “We’re hoping to take suggestions and ideas, and kind of run with them if we can. Obviously there’s some we can’t accommodate. What I find is that sometimes people don’t understand why we can’t do something, this way it can be explained to them and why we do some things. This way it can be explained and nine times out of ten they’re very happy with the answer. The Senior’s Committee is hoping to bridge the gap between the seniors and the politicians. The first meeting is April 18. That will be an introductory meeting. After that we’ll set up a regular schedule.”

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OBITUARIES



KATHERINE LOUISE STANTON
 "Kay"

It is with great sadness that our family announces the death of Katherine (Kay) Louise Stanton on March 25, 2023, at the age of 86 years. Daughter of Harland and Eileen Merry, she was one of four Merry children who grew up on Merrybrook Farm in Milton. Kay was predeceased by her husband, Cliff Stanton. She leaves behind her three sons, Dr. Tom and Julie (Rennie), Ray and Stacie (Moffatt), and Bill and Traci (Buchinski). Kay was exceptionally proud of her eight incredible grandchildren: Will, Madeline, Meg, Charlie, Jane, Matthew, Allie, and Keally.

Romantically whisked away at the altar by her husband, Cliff, they settled in Caledon, Ontario, where she embraced her farming heritage and raised three boys on a hobby cattle farm. Once the boys left for university, she and Cliff returned to Old Oakville, where they lived for the remainder of their 56-year marriage. They became well-known advocates for heritage conservation and an exceptional collection of primitive Canadiana antiques.

Kay excelled in everything she did. As an athlete, she was a talented basketball player and a provincial track champion in the long jump, where she infamously broke her knee and broke the provincial record on the same jump. In 1954, she had the honour of becoming the first female winner of the Queen's Guineas cattle competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Her exceptional academic gifts led her to a degree at the University of Guelph and a job in bookkeeping at the Erin Advocate newspaper. Later, her skills and the family entrepreneurial spirit led her to open her own business, Stanton Accounting.

Her analytical skills and math prowess naturally matched her favourite pastime, Duplicate Bridge. Known for her leadership and fierce competitiveness, she most often presented the award for first place to herself. Kay played Bridge weekly into her early 80s.

Never sitting still and never without an opinion, Kay's sphere of influence spread from Oakville to her favourite places in Muskoka and Naples, Florida, where she was always heard and never forgotten. Her big voice, contagious laugh and belly-busting five-course family meals will never be forgotten and are a lasting legacy to her family.

Please join our family Memorial Service and reception on May 8, 2023, at St. Jude's Anglican Church, 160 William Street, Oakville, at 1:30 p.m., followed by a reception at the Oakville Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair: jtattersall@royalfair.org.

OBITUARIES

MILLAR, FRANCES
 (NEE WENZEL)
 MAY 21, 1941 – MARCH 22, 2023

Fran passed away after a swift illness on March 22, in the tranquil care of Bethell House Hospice of Inglewood. She was surrounded by her loving husband of 56 years, her three adoring children, her son and daughter in laws, and two of her nine grandchildren. Ella Fitzgerald was playing in the background, with her room full of flowers, and the signs of spring shining through bright windows. Fran was positive until the end, always polite, full of wonder and laughter and deeply appreciative of what life had provided her. Fran will be forever missed and cherished by her husband Jack, son Craig Millar & wife Kelly, daughter Lesley Brakel & husband Dan, son John Millar & wife Emily, her grandchildren, Lauren, Jack, Claire, Sophie, Kate, Miles, Megan, Mia and Remy, her brother Peter Wenzel of London, England, numerous relatives and friends in the UK and her many, many dear friends around the globe. Fran is predeceased by her mother Tryphena, father Frederick, sisters Julie and Dorothy, and brother Ernest.



Fran was born in Derbyshire, England during World War II, raised in London England after the War ended, and emigrated to Canada in 1968. Ultimately settling in Orangeville, Fran and Jack never looked back and called Orangeville home for over 50 years. Fran volunteered for numerous worthy causes, including TeleCheck, the Canadian Cancer Society, Women's Auxiliary at Orangeville Hospital, and others. A heartfelt thank you to Fran's family physician, Dr. Mercedes Rodriguez, the staff at Headwaters Healthcare Centre in Orangeville, Zehrs Pharmacists Mercy and Nitu, and the staff and volunteers at Bethell Hospice in Inglewood. Fran always greeted anyone she encountered with her infectious smile, respect, grace and kindness. A celebration of Fran's life will be held at Dods & McNair funeral home in Orangeville on May 7th, 2023 from 2:00 pm. - 4:00 pm

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made in the form of donations to Bethell Hospice Hospice. A tree will be planted in Fran's memory at Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

DYKES, EILEEN
 MARGARET
 B.A., M.ED., ED.D. (U OF T, OISE)

On Wednesday morning, March 29th, in her 81st year, Eileen passed away peacefully in Orangeville in the company of two best friends, Rev. Lynne Thackwray & Joan McWilliams at the merciful hands of a M.A.I.D Physician. Head injuries sustained in a series of falls beginning last August resulted in irreparable brain damage severely limiting her abilities in activities of daily life. Coupled with heart & kidney malfunction and significant mobility issues this severely limited quality of life.



Hired by the Board of Education for the City of Toronto, Eileen was a teacher, consultant and vice-principal and acting principal. Specialties were Early Childhood and Special Education. Retiring in 1996, she moved to a property in Caledon and spent 22 wonderful years 'just living', and meeting some wonderful new friends in the process.

Undeterred by warnings against having a hobby that 'eats', Eileen bred and showed Standard Smooth Dachshunds and was a life member of the Canadian Kennel Club, last Secretary of the former Dachshund Club of Canada, and life member of the Eastern Canada Dachshund Club, member Dachshund Club of Ontario, and the Dachshund club of America. One of her Lndenwood Dachshunds won Best in Show, with an entry of 76 other dachshunds at the 2007 Eastern Canada Dachshund Club's 2007 Specialty - handled by her rather than a handler!

Funeral Service will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, April 15 2023 at 2:30pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30pm.

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JAMES KENNETH
 (KEN) COFFEY

Peacefully at Woodhall Park Care Community, Brampton on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Ken Coffey, Brampton, at the age of 89 years. Beloved husband of Florian Frizza. Loving father of Anne and her husband Thom Sherwood, Jim and his wife Norma, David, and Joe Coffey and Tim Lillie. Proud grandfather of Rhiannon and Mariah Sherwood; Michael, Daniel and Christopher Coffey. Dear brother of Mary, Tom (deceased), and Maureen. Lovingly remembered by Michelle Frizza and her children, Romano and Emma Vitkovskiy and Sandra Frizza-Treleaven and her husband, Rusty. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, on Friday afternoon from 4 - 7 o'clock. Funeral Mass was held in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 16066 The Gore Road, Caledon on Saturday morning, April 1 at 10 o'clock. Followed by cremation. If desired, memorial donations may be made to ShareLife, 1155 Yonge Street, Toronto M4T 1W2. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



OBITUARIES

MCLEOD, STEPHEN
 CHARLES DAVID

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at the age of 53. Beloved partner of Catherine Allan. Dear father of Cody (Carley) and Chelsey (Clayton). Cherished grandfather of Grayger. Loving brother of Jo-Ann Bryant (Gordon), Uncle to David. Predeceased by his parents Charles & Patricia McLeod. Stephen will also be greatly missed by Tracey McLeod, other relatives and many friends.



Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 12:00 pm. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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

TEETER, KENNETH NELSON



Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 30, 2023 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of 65 years to Carol. Loving father of Lee (Susan), Cathy (Don), Ione, Blair (Janette), Dan and Lori-Anne (Robert). Proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He will be lovingly remembered by his extended family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. in the Warrior's Hall of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #220, 203 William Street, Shelburne. If desired, donations to the Diabetes Association or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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May 18 event will be one of the first charity tournaments of the year

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A putting contest will start the tournament off at 10 a.m. where contestants will try to get the highest score by putting a set number of golf balls through a target with different score values.

Those with a great short game will want to enter this contest, as the winner will receive a free round of golf for four at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Alton. Registration for the tournament itself also opens at 10 a.m.

For an extra \$20, golfers can participate in the putting contest as well as other fun challenges like closest to the keg, closest

to the line, hole-in-one, and longest drive. This extra donation to charity also gets you one free mulligan, which is sure to come in handy.

Fast said last year, a husband and wife duo tied for the win at the putting contest, which made for an exciting contest to watch. There was another year where two golfers tied and they decided to do a play-off, winner takes all. Fast said the putting contest is always entertaining.

There will be a boxed lunch served at 11 a.m., a shotgun start to the tournament at 12:30 p.m., and a reception at 5 p.m. will close out the day of fun on the links with drinks, appetizers and prizes.

Fast explained there will be a band playing at the reception and that she expects it to be a lively end to the day.

"The cocktail reception is going to be fantastic; I think it'll be even more fun than the dinner was (in previous years)," said Fast.

Over the 28 years it has run, the Bolton Rotary Charity Golf Tournament has raised over \$2 million for causes like Humberview Secondary School Robotics, Bethell Hospice, Girl Guides of Canada, the William Osler Health Foundation, and the Caledon Parent Child Centre.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available for the tournament, such as

the "Gold Sponsor" level. This will get the sponsor recognition at the golf tournament, signage at the registration desk, and one complimentary foursome.

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