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A POLLINATOR'S PARADISE — Caledon's pollinators got a helping hand on August 12 when the Albion Hills Community Farm hosted its first-ever Pollinator Festival at the Albion Hills Conservation Area. The event featured farm tours, presentations about bees and monarch butterflies, and a chance to see a monarch butterfly hatchery. For more, see Page 6. .

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“It’s a beautiful thing”

Caledon Challenger Baseball is building an inclusive community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local volunteers are stepping up to the plate to make baseball accessible to all. The 2023 Caledon Challenger Baseball season is soon coming to a close, with a celebratory barbeque planned for August 19. Challenger Baseball is a division of the Caledon Minor Baseball Association (CMBA) for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities. It’s just like any other

baseball league only no score is kept: Challenger Baseball’s philosophy is “play, just for fun!” On Saturday mornings, Challenger Baseball participants meet at the accessible baseball diamond at Bolton Camp to play ball. Challenger Baseball is run entirely by volunteers, from the behind-the-scenes administrative work to the coaches and “buddies” who ensure the baseball games are fun for everyone. Each Challenger Baseball participant is assigned a buddy who pro-

vides help with the game as needed — such as by assisting in the swinging of the baseball bat. The first Challenger Baseball season in Caledon took place in 2017, and in 2018 the CMBA applied for a grant from the Jays Care Foundation — the Toronto Blue Jays’ charitable organization. The application was a success and the subsequent \$150,000 grant CMBA received enabled the construction of the accessible baseball diamond.

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Attendance at Bolton Midnight Madness nears 20,000-mark

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The annual Midnight Madness Street Festival in Bolton was a success, despite what police are calling “a disturbance” at the end of the night. Midnight Madness ran from 6 to 11 p.m. on August 11 and featured live music from local artists, 60-plus vendors, 11 food trucks, a kids’ zone and more.

Sarah Leslie, part of the Bolton Community Crew (BCC), the all-volunteer group that puts together the event each year, said this year’s event was her favourite ever. “From what I’ve heard, this has been the best Midnight Madness in years,” said Leslie. “We had a huge attendance, I’d say close to 20,000 people came to Downtown Bolton.”

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Rob Payne, Lily Mior and Amalia Spiga celebrated the grand opening of their new Edward Jones branch on August 9. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Caledon financial advisors celebrate opening of their new Edward Jones branch

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There’s a new location to go to for financial planning services in Caledon.

On August 9, financial advisors Rob Payne and Amalia Spiga hosted a grand opening event for their Edward Jones branch at 22 Simona Drive in Bolton.

“We’re expanding and growing, so we needed additional space,” said Payne. “We thought it was a good time for a change, to freshen things up a bit.”

Edward Jones is a full-service investment firm with Canadian headquarters in Mississauga. The company’s model involves setting up branches in the communities their clients live in, so as to provide a more personal approach to financial planning.

Payne said he and his team specialize in helping clients save for retirement, their children’s post-secondary education, estate planning and more. He said anything to do with financial planning, his team can handle. Payne noted Edward Jones is also licensed to help people with insurance,

too.

In total, Payne said Edward Jones as a company manages nearly \$2 trillion in assets.

“We’re a very large company, but very community focused,” said Payne. “It’s client satisfaction that drives our success.”

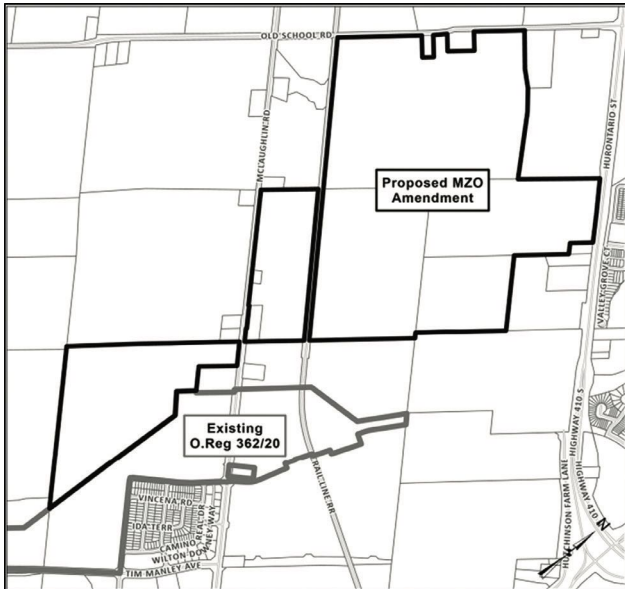
Payne said Edward Jones is independent and doesn’t own any proprietary product. What this means, said Payne, is they can go to the market and purchase any mutual fund — whichever is best for their clients.

“Client satisfaction and the fact we’re independent… make us different from the banks,” said Payne.

Payne said he loves doing business in Bolton and being a part of the Caledon community.

“We like to be active in the community,” said Payne. “I think that helps us be successful because we’re not only business owners, but your neighbours, too.”

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves attended the grand opening of Payne and Spiga’s new branch alongside Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli, and Regional Councillor Mario Russo.



The Ford Government has proposed an amendment of an existing Minister’s Zoning Order to include more land in the south of Caledon. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Province looks to expand Minister’s Zoning Order in south Caledon

Town says amendment to MZO includes lands in Greenbelt Plan

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province is looking to open more land in the south of Caledon for development.

On August 3, the Town of Caledon announced it had received notice from Ontario’s Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of a proposed amendment to a Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO).

“The proposed amendment, as received for comment, proposes that lands within the Greenbelt Plan be included in the MZO,” reads the Town’s announcement.

The MZO in question was originally issued on July 10, 2020, for lands primarily north of Mayfield Road between McLaughlin and Chinguacousy roads, making them available for low and medium-density housing.

The proposed amendment to the MZO now adds lands primarily located north of Mayfield Road (up to Old School Road) between Highway 10 and McLaughlin Road. These lands would also be used for low and medium-density housing, with a stretch of land

bordering Highway 10 allowing for commercial uses.

The Town of Caledon specifically noted in its announcement that it did not request the MZO from the Province.

On July 15, 2022, Brookvalley Project Management submitted an Official Plan amendment request to the Town for the lands in the MZO issued in 2020. The request detailed plans to build 4,550 dwelling units.

On February 21, 2023 Town of Caledon staff brought a report to Council recommending refusal of the Official Plan Amendment request. Council instead referred the matter back to staff, with the purpose of waiting until Caledon’s growth management and phasing plan is complete. It is expected to be finished later this year.

In the February 21 report, Stephanie McVittie, Manager of Development in Caledon’s Planning Department, said the lands have numerous issues. She said they are bisected by the GTA West Corridor (proposed Highway 413 route), partially located in the Greenbelt Plan, and have servicing constraints.

The Town is hosting a public meeting at 7 p.m. on August 24 where residents can share their thoughts on the proposed MZO amendment. Those interested in attending can do so in person at Caledon’s Town Hall in Caledon East or online at caledon.ca. Written comments can also be added to the public record on the Town’s website.

Caledon Creative Arts Festival is coming soon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon is home to many talented artists.

On September 23, the Town of Caledon and Caledon Public Library (CPL) are collaborating to celebrate these artists by hosting the second annual Caledon Creative Arts Festival. The festival was first held last year and was called the Caledon Art Crawl.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Caledon East Park (6101 Old Church Road). It will feature live music, interactive workshops for people of all ages, local artisan vendors, a visual art showcase and more.

Jason Schildroth, Caledon’s Manager of Community and Cultural Development, said the art crawl was very well-received last year and the Town is very excited for this year’s festival.

Schildroth explained this year’s festival is expanding on last year’s. In addition to partnering with the CPL, the Town has also made the festival a part of Ontario’s Culture Days.

Culture Days is a Province-wide tourism initiative that happens each Fall.

“Our creative arts festival is our signature moment for our participation in that initiative,” said Schildroth. “It’s a way for us to elevate our tourism identity by using an event we’re

already looking to grow.”

Laura Nolloth, a Coordinator of Communications and Community Development for the CPL, said this year, the festival is a great chance for the library to showcase artists who are a part of the library’s Artful Caledon platform.

Nolloth explained the CPL is using a donation from the Friends of the Caledon Public Library to rent a 20 by 40 foot tent to use at the festival. Under the tent, authors, artists, musicians and studios that are a part of Artful Caledon will be showcased. Any local artist is welcome to be a part of the platform and can learn more about it at artfulcaledon.ca.

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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.

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The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has

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Fair ambassador from Caledon Village to compete at Canadian National Exhibition



Kaitlyn Dornhoff, a resident of Caledon Village, will be competing at the CNE's Ambassador of the Fairs competition this weekend. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kaitlyn Dornhoff is the reigning senior fair ambassador for the Erin Agricultural Society

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Leadership skills, public speaking ability, and knowledge of Canadian agriculture are some of the qualities fair ambassadors must possess.

Kaitlyn Dornhoff, who was born and raised in Caledon Village, will be putting these qualities and more to the test against fair ambassadors from across Ontario at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) this weekend. Dornhoff is currently the reigning senior ambassador of the Erin Agricultural Society, an honour earned by winning the 2022 Erin Fall Fair's ambassador competition. That win secured her a spot in the 2023 CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition. This year is the 50th anniversary of the competition, a big milestone. Natalia Perri, Media Relations for the CNE, said the CNE's Ambassador of the Fairs competition is a longstanding tradition that's goal is to educate and celebrate Canada's rich his-

tory in agriculture. "(Competitors) will be interviewed and judged on a wide range of criteria including: knowledge of the CNE, Canadian agriculture, poise, self-confidence, public speaking and overall passion/impression," said Perri. Dornhoff will be competing against over 60 other fair ambassadors to win the crown and represent the CNE for its run in 2023. She said the Erin Agricultural Society's ambassador program is like a youth leadership program. Budding ambassadors attend workshops to hone their public speaking skills and confidence, as well as work on projects together. "There's lots of different skills you develop," said Dornhoff. When she first found out she'd be competing at the CNE, Dornhoff said she was nervous but excited and ready for a new challenge. She said the crowd at the CNE Ambassador

of the Fairs competition will definitely be the biggest she's ever spoken in front of. Promoting agriculture and environmental sustainability is a big part of the competition. Dornhoff said being outdoors has always been an important part of her life, and she loves canoeing and swimming. She and her family keep a few different vegetable gardens at their house in Caledon and harvest fresh vegetables whenever they can. "I've always had a love for nature and a respect for it," said Dornhoff. "I want to make change where I can... every voice counts." Dornhoff said fairs are important for bringing rural and urban populations together, and added they mix fun with education. As she prepares for the competition, Dornhoff said she's focusing on the fact that it will be a learning experience and a fun weekend. "I'm really looking forward to it," said Dornhoff.


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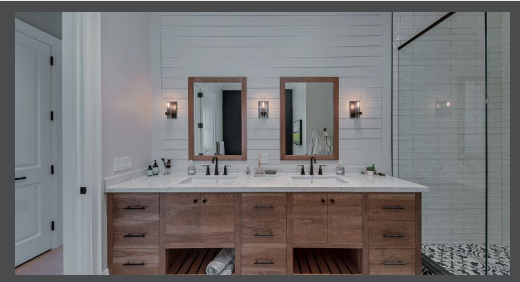
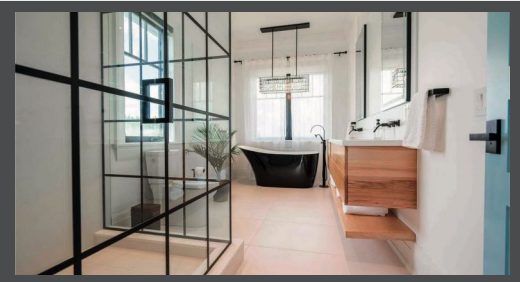
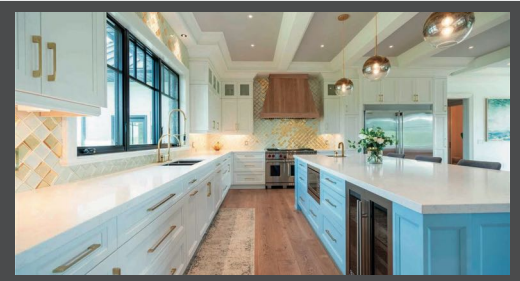
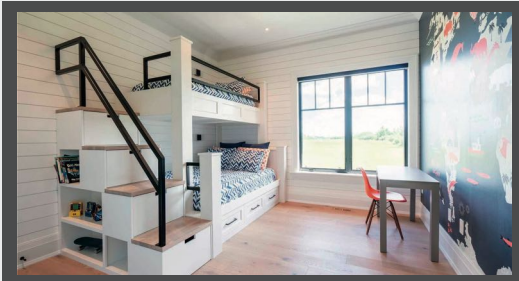
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SERIOUS COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision that occurred on Charleston Sideroad.

“On August 13, 2023, just before 12:00 p.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Charleston Sideroad near Horseshoe Hill Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Three individuals were transported to hospital, including a 76-year-old from Erin who was airlifted to a Toronto-area trauma centre for life-threatening injuries.”

Charleston Sideroad between Highway 10 and Airport Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the



Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) removed and charged two drivers with impaired operation.

“On August 10, 2023, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP received the report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of Broadway in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle and driver a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Marilyn Hayward, 53, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

“On August 11, 2023, at approximately 12:30 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop on C-Line in the Town of Orangeville for a traffic violation. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Rene Moneus, 45, from Toronto has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada;
- Identity Theft - obtain or possess another person’s identity information;
- Possession of an identity document

The charges have not been proven.

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges in August

and September 2023. Their driver’s licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for seven days.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.”

THEFT OF VEHICLES FROM DEALERSHIP

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a theft of three vehicles from a Dealership in the Town of Mono.

“On August 8, 2023, shortly after 10:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service to a Dealership on Monora Park Drive in Mono for a report of three stolen vehicles,” say Police. “The complainant who is an employee at the dealership advised that sometime in the overnight hours from August 7 - August 8, three Chevrolet Tahoes were stolen.”

The stolen vehicles are described as:

- 2022 White Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2023 Black Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2021 Black Chevrolet Tahoe – Recovered

“On August 8, 2023, a Dufferin OPP officer while conducting general patrol observed an abandoned 2021 black Tahoe on Broadway in the Town of Orangeville. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen from the dealership at an earlier time. It was confirmed that the suspects added gasoline to a diesel engine rendering the vehicle inoperable.”

The investigation is continuing.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/.

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initiatives targeting this issue and will continue to educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.

Auto theft crime prevention tips:

Today’s auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term “relay thefts” involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle’s legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows;
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers or metallic material;
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions);
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves;
- Consider a secondary audible car alarm - which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle;
- Park in the garage (if possible);
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen.

Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended;
- Lock your doors;
- Roll up your windows;
- Keep valuables out of sight;
- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box;
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1. Civil rights organization
5. Calendar month (abbr.)
8. Monetary unit of Burma
11. Twyla __, US dancer
13. Everything included
14. “Antman” actor
15. Italian city
16. Nowhere to be found
17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
18. Turkish officer
20. Perform on stage
21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
22. Canadian coastal provinces
25. Furnishes anew
30. Edible mollusk
31. No seats available
32. Garden figurine
33. Two-legged support
38. Rest here please (abbr.)
41. In a silly way
43. One from the Golden State
45. Photographers
48. Native religion in parts of China
49. Dickens character
50. Broadway actress
Daisy
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Undivided
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
60. Rusty
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Patti Hearst’s captors
63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender plant

CLUES DOWN
1. Defunct US energy company
2. Fellow
3. It’s issued from volcanoes
4. Type of acid
5. Winged nut
6. Arouses
7. Things are served on it
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
10. __ mater, one’s school
12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
14. Hairstyle
19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
23. They __
24. Connecting line on a map
25. Mock
26. One point north of due east
27. Chinese philosophical principle
28. Type of tree
29. Persuade to do something
34. A place for travelers to rest
35. National Gallery of Art designer
36. Panamanian province
37. Field force unit (abbr.)
39. Whalers’ tool
40. Simply
41. Nigerian City
42. Not one
44. Obstruct
45. Political plot
46. Manila hemp plant
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of

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

Police seeking witnesses to “disturbance” at event

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Leslie said the night was a boon for the vendors and food trucks in attendance, as well as the businesses in Downtown Bolton. One food truck even sold out of its entire stock of food.

“A lot of vendors, they’re wanting to come back each year,” said Leslie. “I couldn’t have asked for a better event.”

Leslie said Reptilia, which had all kinds of reptiles on display for kids, was a huge hit. She said the magician in the kids’ zone was great, and the Caledon Parent Child Centre (CPCC) had all kinds of games and crafts for younger kids.

“It was so much fun, there was something for everyone,” said Leslie. “The music was awesome, everyone loved the Abba Revisited band.”

Leslie said she wanted to thank all the volun-

teers and sponsors that made the event a success.

According to the OPP, shortly before 11 p.m. at Midnight Madness “a disturbance took place.”

No additional information on the disturbance has been officially released by Police as of press time.

Caledon OPP are investigating the “disturbance” and are asking any witnesses to call 1-888-310-1122 or Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

In an August 16 Facebook post, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said she was saddened to hear of what happened.

“Midnight Madness is a fun family event that continues to grow in popularity and was cut short by violence which has no place in Caledon,” wrote Groves. “I’d like to thank our emergency services who helped on scene and to the Caledon OPP who are continuing to investigate.”



(ABOVE) Caledon East musician Sylvia Kay performed to the Midnight Madness crowd with her ensemble. **PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
(RIGHT) Estimated attendance for the 2023 Midnight Madness event in Bolton was 20,000 **PHOTO BY BRIGHTPIXL STUDIOS**

Theatre Orangeville’s Drama Young Company does PUFFS for August

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Early on in the days of rehearsals of the high comedy PUFFS, Drama Young Company’s production this year, the 15 youngsters involved were excited to talk about this tremendous show.

The Citizen had the opportunity to interview the cast, and a good time it was too.

Essentially, PUFFS is about Wayne getting accepted at a well-known magic school, he finds himself put to one side, in the shadow of another, more famous student wizard, who is considered more powerful, more exciting.

How is the problem of being overshadowed handled?

You just meet a bunch of friendly people who don’t understand that they are less. They may be told they are nothing, but they do their bit.

The narrator tells us all this time the Dark Lord is influencing their lives. Still, they are getting better and better in this big shadow.

Then comes a massive battle and they are growing from the worst to much better than expected. This boy is super talented.

If they are the underdogs and they know that everyone else thinks so, the only reason is because they’re not given the opportunities; they are viewed as students with no abilities and they show that isn’t true.

One cast member commented, “Maybe for someone who hasn’t seen this, we are, a lot of us, are socially inept. We know about this and this makes us have a new perspective.”

Several of the cast play multiple roles; one of them plays eight characters. The trick about multiple character acting, it was explained, is to pick out their differences and built on the traits of each character.

You need to walk and talk differently.

One actor’s two characters are a world apart. It is important to make sure their differences show. You need to just push those narratives hard, he explained. Hats and costumes make a difference as well.

At the two-week point rehearsing they were almost done blocking the entire show, freeing them to concentrate on the details and nuances over the final two weeks. Pleased with their progress, they commented they could put together a show in a month, an impressive pace.

They praised Director, Chandra Pepper, who has kept the energy going, building on characters and really focusing on how their characters will deliver their stories.

Best of all is how she has cast this production. She asked each of them who could you be the best at if you go beyond what you think are your limits. Flexing your muscles.

This is their first time performing PUFFS for everyone.

PUFFS is a theatre experience that is so much fun, maybe perfect for this cast.

“People on stage are having a lot of fun and the energy is infectious.

“You can’t get that from going to movies.”

Come with your family and see this live theatre production, the cast of PUFFS declared, the entire family can enjoy it.

Running at Theatre Orangeville over the weekend of August 25 to 27. Details and tickets at www.theatreorangeville.ca, or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423



The 15 cast members of Theatre Orangeville’s Drama Young Company are very excited to be performing PUFFS over the weekend of August 25 to 27, at Theatre Orangeville.

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Summer fun at the Albion Hills Community Farm’s Pollinator Festival

AHCF has been working to support pollinators since 2019

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bees and butterflies are hard workers. As pollinators, they play an important part in our ecosystem — and one local non-profit is making sure these incredible insects get the attention they deserve.

On August 12, the Albion Hills Community Farm (ACHF) hosted its first-ever Pollinator Festival at its farm in Bolton in the Albion Hills Conservation Area.

The event featured farm tours, presentations about bees and monarch butterflies, a “Caledon Butterflyway” workshop, fresh farm market, and a chance to see a monarch butterfly hatchery.

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(TRCA) employees Sarah Kinoshita, an Education Interpreter, and Chris Bialek, a Community Outreach Coordinator, attended the Pollinator Festival to teach attendees about bees.

Kinoshita said people know the most about honey bees because they’re more directly involved in our lives. However, she explained there are actually over 300 species of bees in the Greater Toronto Area alone.

Bialek and Kinoshita said they often visit the AHCF for various programs, and helped at a planting of native trees at the farm in June. The planting was done to provide food for birds and pollinators.

Kinoshita said native plants are extremely important.

“Our native pollinators have spent millions of years co-evolving with our native plants,” said Kinoshita. “They interact with them a lot better... there are some native plants that are only pollinated by a specific type of bee because they co-evolved so closely.”

Just as planting native plants is important, so is removing invasive species of plants as they can negatively affect the work of pollinators.



A monarch butterfly in its caterpillar stage at the AHCF.

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Kinoshita said invasive plants are very tenacious and it requires dedication to remove them from a garden.

Bialek explained that some plants are host plants.

“Monarch butterflies, they’ll only lay their eggs on milkweed plants,” said Bialek. “If you don’t have milkweed, you don’t have monarch butterflies... if we plant those, it will support those butterflies but also other species that need pollen and nectar.”

Karen Hutchinson of the ACHF said the Pol-

linator Festival was invented to give people a chance to see and celebrate the unsung pollinator heroes.

“We’re in love with pollinators at the farm,” said Hutchinson. “It’s good for gardeners to attract pollinators, we know our food depends on pollinators... if we feed them, they’ll help us.”

Hutchinson said many people with garden plots at the AHCF are starting to plant native plant species to encourage pollinators to visit their gardens. She added the more you can help the ecosystem, the better your crop is going to be.

Alton artist’s work on exhibition at local library

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A longtime Alton resident has her art on exhibition close to home.

Kasia Charko’s art was recently put on display at the Alton branch of the Caledon Public Library (CPL) as part of the Artful Caledon initiative, which aims to promote local artists.

Charko was born in England and has been drawing since she was a child.

“I can never remember not drawing,” said Charko. “In school, I’d get told off for always drawing.”

She attended art college in Leicester in the late 1960s and in 1970, she went to work as a graphic designer in London.

“At that time, there was plenty of work,” said Charko. “It was an amazing place.”

Charko illustrated for fashion magazines and in 1977, she moved to Montreal with her husband to work in a studio. One year later, they moved to Toronto as there were many opportunities there in the advertising industry. Charko put her skills to use, and while the pay was great, it wasn’t fulfilling.

So, Charko put together a portfolio and pursued a dream she’d always had in the back of her mind: illustrating children’s books. She showed her portfolio around, got some work, and hasn’t looked back.

“It’s hard work... but it’s the most rewarding,” said Charko, noting that self-discipline is key as an illustrator since it’s a solitary job.

In creating a portfolio, Charko said it’s important to include a lot of different styles of art. She recommends looking at the types of drawings that are already getting published, then seeing how you can fit into the industry



Kasia Charko’s illustrations are currently on display at the Alton branch of the Caledon Public Library.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

while still maintaining your own style.

Charko has a realistic but friendly style to her illustrations, and uses lots of watercolour and pencils. She has an interest in history and that plays into her style as well.

Charko said it was her husband’s idea to blow up some of her children’s book drawings. He believed they would look great as prints, and it’s safe to say the CPL shares his opinion — Charko’s illustrations will be on display at the Alton branch of the CPL until December.

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Best of Canada Showcase

Earlier this month, the Prime Minister made an important announcement that barely caused a ripple in our collective conversation.

The announcement in question was made on Thursday, August 3.

Maybe it didn't really register because it came on the heels of a personal announcement made jointly by he and his wife the day before, one which seems to have sent politicians across the country disproportionately agog about something that really has nothing to do with the rest of us.

As this transpired, the Prime Minister's Office announced the appointment of Edith Dumont as the incoming Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, set to succeed long-serving LG Elizabeth Dowdeswell sometime this fall.

"A passionate educator, Ms. Dumont is a special education teacher, a school principal, and an executive," said the PMO in its announcement. "She was the first woman to lead the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario. Most recently, she served as Vice-President of Partnerships, Communities, and International Relations at the Université de l'Ontario français, in Toronto.

"Ms. Dumont is a proud Franco-Ontarian who has devoted the last three decades of her career to supporting Francophone communities in the province, across Canada and beyond. Her lifelong commitment to education, leadership, and community service, along with her dedication to ensuring quality education in French, have had a long-lasting impact on Ontario's Francophone communities and the vitality of the French language in the Province.

"When she assumes office, Ms. Dumont will be the first Franco-Ontarian Lieutenant Governor in the province's history. The Prime Minister thanked the outgoing Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, for her dedication and service to the people of Ontario. Her many years of public service and commitment to community engagement have made a lasting impact for Ontarians."

You might ask, "So what?" The work of Ontario's Lieutenant-Governors, or any of the other nine Provincial Lieutenant Governors for that matter, is not something that often catches front page headlines, hits the top story on the evening news, or rises to the top of your newsfeeds on your social media channel of choice – although, it seems, very little Canadian news rises to the top on social media these days, but that's the subject of another, potentially far lengthier column!

Well, in my view, the, "So what?" is more than evident if we take the time to scratch just beyond the surface.

Lieutenant Governors represent The King at the Provincial level, similar to how the Governor-General of Canada represents the Monarch at the Federal level.

According to the Government of Canada, the duties of the Lieutenant Governor, who are appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, include swearing in the Provincial government's Executive Council (Premier & Cabinet), opening each session of the Provincial Legislature, and providing Royal Assent to Provincial bills.

Those are the nuts and bolts of the job, but there are other duties that have been added along the way, "soft powers," as they are called in some quarters as they're not delineated formally but have become part of the gig.

These include "promoting a sense of identity," "acting as the Province's official host, supporting social causes, and recognizing outstanding citizens."

While these are the "essentials" of the office, it is these soft powers, in my view, that are at the heart of the office.

In promoting a sense of identity, acting as the Province's official host, supporting social causes and recognizing outstanding citizens, they do so without the political baggage that can often come

when these duties are taken on by an elected official, regardless of which political stripe such an official might represent.

They can promote elements of what might be considered Ontario's "identity" without getting bogged down in the prevailing political ideology of the day; they can act as the Province's official host, showcasing the "Best of Ontario" to dignitaries from around the country, around the world, and other bodies, without the political heft that might make things awkward; support social causes in a fulsome way, regardless of how the fortunes of such causes can hinge on the political winds of the day, and recognize outstanding citizens in a way that keeps it removed from any semblance of political patronage.

Stepping back to look at Lieutenant Governors nation-wide, the King really is represented by a bevy of outstanding citizens that truly represent a cross-section of Canadian excellence, as well.

In British Columbia, for instance, Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin came to the position after 15 years as CEO of YWCA Metro Vancouver, a position which allowed her to come into the job with her finger on the pulse of the community, particularly young women and girls.

Moving east, Alberta Lieutenant Governor Salma Lakhani is the first South Asian and Muslim person to hold viceregal office in the country, came into office following a lengthy career with community-building and work with youth. Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor, Russell Mirasty, the Province's first Indigenous representative, was appointed to the position after a lengthy career with the RCMP.

Anita Neville, who represents the King in Manitoba, came into the position after 10 years representing the Province in the House of Commons, and after stints in business and nearly 15 years as a school trustee.

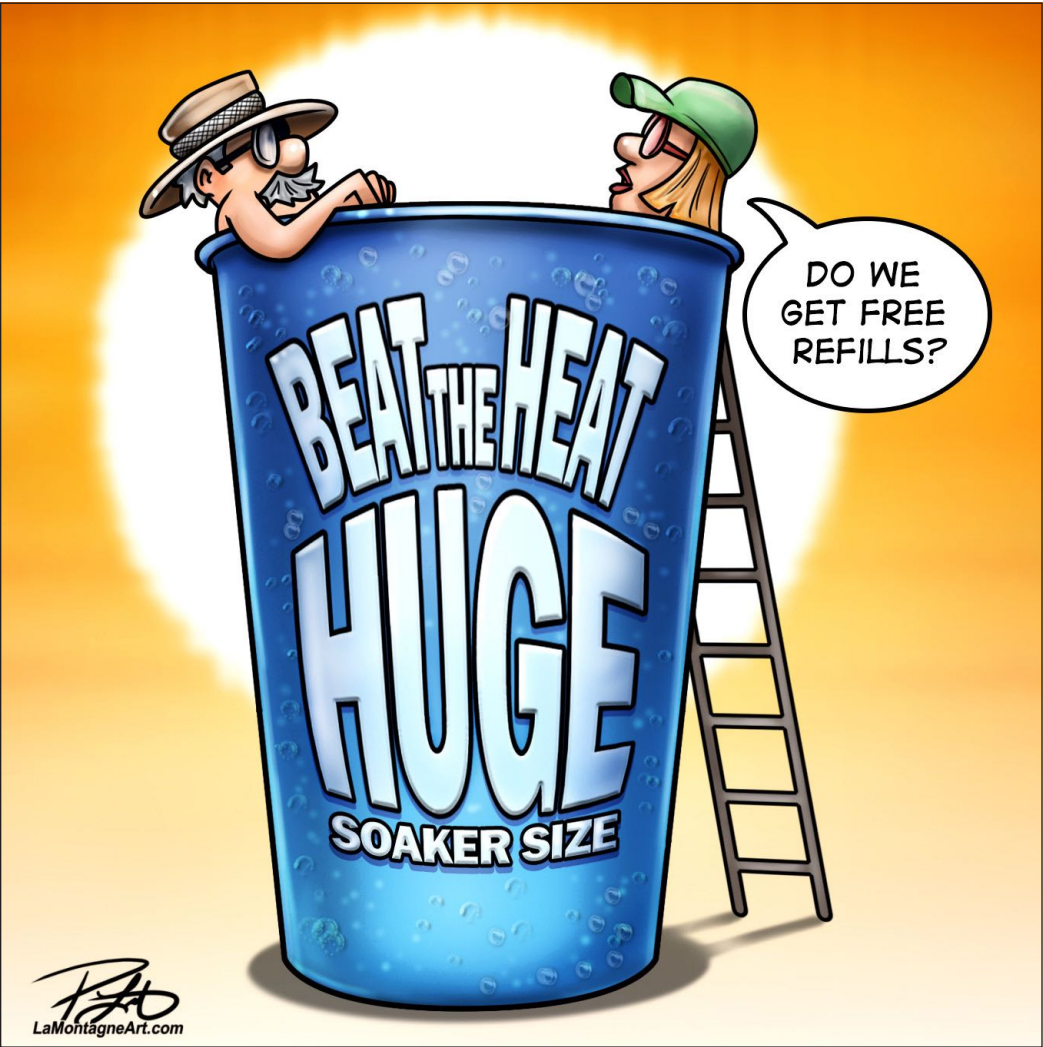
Here in Ontario, Dowdeswell came into office following a lengthy career in public service, including helping draft the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading the United Nations Environmental Programme, and serving as an educator. In Quebec, J. Michel Doyon, a lawyer, writer and historian, serves with a background that is perfect for an office with such deep historical roots; while former municipal councillor and advocate Brenda Murphy, holds the position of Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and the distinction of being the first openly 2SLGBTQIA+ person to represent the monarch in our country's history.

Continuing our trip, Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor Arthur LeBlanc joined the vice regal team after nearly 20 years of service as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, while Antoinette Perry, a former school teacher of Acadian heritage performs the role in Prince Edward Island. Rounding out the Provincial vice-regals in Newfoundland and Labrador is Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote, previously a member of the Federal Government who served as Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Receiver General of Canada.

Shortly after her appointment seven years ago, outgoing Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, in an interview, summed up how she saw her position. She saw it as her duty to "ensure the integrity of the crown in Canada, but a real opportunity to serve Ontarians in a variety of ways."

"I said I wanted to spend a couple of months listening to Ontarians to find out what they were really concerned about and what they wanted me to focus on," she said. "I have talked to literally hundreds of Ontarians over the past few months and I am starting to understand how proud they are of this Province and what they want to do to show this Province to the rest of the world."

In Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Ontario found just the right person to do that, and I'm sure this will continue with Ms. Dumont.



A cancer journey changes you

by Mark Pavilons



It's been said when you experience two things – love and grief – it changes you and you are never the same.

I would add cancer to that list. Cancer changes you forever, mentally and physically.

It's like you're constantly running away from danger and always looking over your shoulder for something that could harm you.

It's like you're being stalked by a mysterious shadow that's stuck to you like glue and you just can't shake it. But there's really nothing mysterious about it. It's yours.

It's dark and part of you. But it's something you'd rather not acknowledge.

Like a stickiness of sadness, it's tacky and something only you can feel.

And I know something about sadness, suffering from depression for many years. So, you can imagine my despair during my emotional, gut-churning roller coaster ride.

I never shared the ideas of Jean-Paul Sartre or his existential friends about the futility of life. But life is somewhat fatalistic since we grow old, get sick and die.

I never thought I would get cancer. A heart attack, sure, given my high blood pressure, poor diet and lack of regular exercise. But cancer? Not me, that's for "other people."

Well, the other people are us, in ever growing numbers. And during my visits to Princess Margaret I wasn't filled with hope, but with profound sadness at the countless souls being tested and treated.

I remember being told that at least prostate cancer was treatable and wasn't a "big deal." Oh, really? Any cancer is a big deal, no matter its severity.

For the longest time over the past year, I defined myself as a "sick person," even though I had no visible symptoms or changes in my appearance. At times I still doubted the diagnosis.

I didn't feel sick and continued on my regular routine as if nothing was out of the ordinary. Weird, huh?

I got used to it. I became accustomed to, even comfortable with, the regular hospital visits, blood work, medication refills, drive to the Vaughan station and subway rides to and from the Queen's Park station.

I almost miss it now. What I don't miss are the pre-dawn drives and cost of parking.

There's was never enough time to take in the sights and sounds of the city, street food vendors or even quaint coffee shops.

In all my visits to the Big Smoke, I never saw that proverbial, disheveled man holding "the end is near" sign. And yet I actually expected it. Weird, huh?

It was always a quick turnaround, getting things done and then back home to Bolton, to comfort and

"normalcy." And yet there was no "normal" anymore because I was still that sick person.

"Listen to your doctors," I was told by other sick people and those in the know.

I found that more often than not, my actions were robotic, routine, cold and mechanical.

I saw almost everything as meaningless or at least less meaningful – chores, paying bills, buying groceries, filling up the car. Many things seemed mundane, trivial, silly and even ridiculous. I did lose my patience for time-wasting discussions and became frustrated more often than I should have.

My GUNS trial involved a series of medication combos and I was thankful that I did not undergo chemo.

I cried late at night but it never made me feel any better. In the throes of things, there was no "better," at least not in the short-term. The culmination – radical prostate surgery – was a solution, a reprieve.

I had my surgery August 4 which I'm told went well. The timing was awful – August 5 was our wedding anniversary and our daughter's 18th birthday.

But is my surgery a "cure?" Those who've experienced cancer avoid that word.

There are treatments, therapies and surgeries that stave off the disease, even put it at bay and into remission.

The first few days at home were rough, feeling like a soccer goalie, taking penalty shots to the mid-section. I quickly began feeling "normal" with a typical routine, even getting back to work on my computer at home.

I am still working away because the King Weekly Sentinel is my passion and I'm damned if I'm gonna let a little thing like cancer stand in my way.

But what's it all mean? I fear there are no hard and fast answers when it comes to cancer.

But what of future recurrences? Once inflicted, there is a very real risk of recurrence in some form. Maybe not now or in a couple of years from now, but down the road, who knows?

And so, my journey is not over. It's just at a new juncture, a fork in the road. I'm nudged to take one of the forks, but won't know for sure where it will lead.

Maybe I should make sure my cell phone is always charged and my GPS is working!

Every doctor's visit, blood test and PSA test from here will come with trepidation, anxiety, fear and uncertainty.

I hope it hasn't permanently scarred my sense of joy and frivolity. But I can see it blanketing me with that threatening dark green shade of nasty storm clouds.

My wife mentioned part of the "old Mark" returned after surgery. Being in a constant state of apprehension was not a good look, I was told.

I am by no means, alone in this. The more people I mentioned it to, the more stories of other men suffering from prostate cancer emerged. Encouraging? Perhaps, but sad all the same.

The fact prostate cancer is affecting more men, at a younger age, is disheartening.

The fact is, I've been given a reprieve and will enjoy it as long as it lasts – hopefully well into my 70s.

But I will not trade in my sense of humour, smile and demeanor for anything in the world.

Be prepared, faithful readers. I will be my annoying, sarcastic, fun-loving self. You will just have to put up with it!

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Volunteers play key role in success of league for individuals with disabilities



Volunteer “buddies” are critical to the success of Caledon Challenger Baseball. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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This year, there are three teams in the Caledon Challenger Baseball league, each with around 14 kids on the roster. When factoring in buddies and coaches, each team can have as many as 25 people involved in each game.

Jackie Thornton, Director of Challenger Baseball in Caledon, said in addition to all the Caledon participants, some players come in from places like Brampton, Vaughan and Barrie.

Thornton has been involved in Challenger Baseball since it came to Caledon. She’s an educator by trade and her husband and child are involved in Caledon Minor Baseball. She

doesn’t have a child with special needs, but stepped into her role regardless when the need for volunteers arose.

Thornton works with children with special needs at multiple schools, and as such is able to find participants and volunteers for Challenger Baseball through her work. High school student volunteers are critical to the success of Challenger Baseball, said Thornton, as they make great buddies on the baseball diamond.

“Some of the kids, they’ve really become friends with their high school students... they really look forward to seeing them and palling around every Saturday,” said Thornton. “It’s so great when these players have buddies

to bring them out because the parents get to sit back and watch their kids play.”

Mike Brunetto of Caledon Area Families For Inclusion (CAFFI) is a coach for his son’s Challenger Baseball team. He also helps out Thornton in running the division, and said he’s dedicated to making the baseball diamond a safe and comfortable space for families to gather.

“It’s really nice to see people come together, you see the parents hanging out while their kids are playing,” said Brunetto. “They’re talking to each other when the baseball is finished — people are getting together outside of baseball too.”

Thornton said Challenger Baseball serves as a networking group for families and helps them learn about supports available to them in the community.

Chrisoula Lynch’s son is a Challenger Baseball participant currently in his second season. In the first season, Lynch saw how much work went on behind the scenes to make the games happen each week and decided to become a volunteer herself.

Lynch said everyone has their own struggles and coming out to baseball each week makes her feel like she’s not alone.

“It becomes like a little village,” said Lynch.

Brunetto said each year, he walks in an autism charity walk. This past June, he invited his friends from Challenger Baseball and was overwhelmed by the support he received — over 100 people came out. It’s a great example of the community the baseball league has built.

“It was incredible,” said Brunetto. “This sense of belonging, this family we’re a part of.”

Lynch said playing baseball is great for children’s mental and physical health, adding that it gives them, and parents, a sense of belonging.

Sometimes, the world wants to put individuals with disabilities in a box, said Lynch.

“Just because they do things a little differently doesn’t mean they’re incapable of doing it,” said Lynch. “With disability comes ability... it’s really amazing.”

Brunetto said the parents of all the high school volunteers for Challenger Baseball should be really proud of what their children

are doing. Thornton agreed and said it’s those high school volunteers that make players feel included and successful on the baseball diamond.

“They’re the people on the ground running bases with kids, helping them swing the bat, putting smiles on their faces,” said Thornton, who noted many high school volunteers keep coming back long after their mandatory volunteer hours for graduation have finished.

Lynch said she loves seeing her son’s face light up when he sees his buddy at the baseball diamond — and seeing the buddy’s face light up too.

“It’s a beautiful thing, it really is,” said Lynch.

Challenger Baseball is unique, said Thornton, because it combines the special needs community with the Caledon community at large by its very nature. She said Caledon needs to become a more inclusive place.

“People need to... see what the needs are and help others even if they’re not part of that group themselves,” said Thornton.

Thornton said all that’s required to become a buddy for a Challenger Baseball participant is reliability, willingness to learn and a desire to have fun.

Brunetto said there’s a lot of good that comes from doing good things for other people.

“At the end of the day, you can hold your head up high,” said Brunetto. “There’s many good things you can do in the community.”

For the first time this year, in the baseball off season, Thornton said Challenger Baseball is looking to rent a gym once a month so participants can play sports together. This will keep the tight-knit community together until baseball season comes along once again.

Brunetto is also currently looking to work with the Town of Caledon on programs for individuals with disabilities. He said the Town doesn’t need to hire consultants to figure out what the needs of the community are.

“We are your free consultants,” said Brunetto. “We’ll always be there to help support and design programs.”

Those looking to register a participant for Challenger Baseball can email jthorntonbaseball@gmail.com. Those interested in becoming a volunteer can send an email to the same address.

Town hiring plethora of part-time staff for expanded Caledon East Community Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Town of Caledon is in the midst of its largest hire in recent times.

That’s because the expanded Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) is set to open soon and offer a wide variety of programs to residents.

From aquatics to the arts, instructors are needed for all kinds of programming that will be offered at the CECC.

Workers are needed to operate and maintain the remodeled facility as well.

The Town has already hosted one hiring fair at the CECC on August 15. Another is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, August 21. Residents can bring their resumés with them and have an interview for a position on the spot if they so desire.

The CECC is located at 6215 Old Church Road and the job fair, for part-time and casual positions, is being held in halls A and B.

The CECC is having a soft opening on September 5 and an official grand opening ceremony on September 16. The expanded CECC is 52,000 square feet in size and fea-

tures two ice rinks, a swimming pool, full-size gymnasium with a walking track, fitness centre, community lounge and much more.

The Caledon Public Library and Caledon Parent Child Centre will also have spaces in the CECC.

Jessica Stovin, Caledon’s Manager of Community Recreation, said she’s really looking forward to the grand opening of the CECC.

“This building has a lot going on, it’s quite a large campus,” said Stovin. “We’re looking to open our largest recreation complex with a full team of dedicated staff.”

Stovin said the Town is hosting hiring fairs for the CECC since they worked well when hiring for the Southfields Community Centre.

Residents ages 14 and up are welcome to apply for jobs at the CECC and Stovin said there’s a wide range of positions available in the Town’s customer service, facilities, operations, and programs departments.

“There’s flexible schedules and hours. We’re looking for daytime, not just evenings and weekends,” said Stovin.

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Bolton Brewers lambaste the Lisle Astros 14-4 and 20-4 to open their NDBL Playoff Series



Brewers’ ace Victor Moguel threw a complete game in Bolton’s 14-4 Game 1 playoff win versus the Lisle Astros.
PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

BY JIM STEWART

The first-place Bolton Brewers took care of business on Thursday and Friday night with a pair of emphatic playoff wins over the eighth-seeded Lisle Astros.

Bolton beat Lisle 14-4 at North Hill Park and 20-4 at Ross Houston Memorial Park to take a commanding 2-0 lead in their best-of-five NDBL quarterfinal series.

In the lid-lifter on Thursday night, the Brewers jumped out to an emphatic 4-0 first-inning lead by sending nine batters to the plate against Astros’ left-handed starter Eric Jones.

Chris Fafalios pounded out a two-RBI double that plated Brett Chater and Drew Volkey.

Brewers’ Player-Head Coach Mike Wallace noted that his leftfielder’s two-base hit was a key to the team’s victory.

“Chris Fafalios’s first at-bat was big—his opening double brought in two runs and set the tone for the game.”

Carter Burnside’s RBI groundout plated Wallace to make it 3-0 and John Hutchinson’s timely two-out single scored Fafalios to put the Brew Crew up by four.

Bolton added a run in the second to make it 5-0 when Volkey tripled off the right-field fence—narrowly missing a home run by inches – and Wallace’s RBI single cashed the speedy centerfielder from third.

Lisle narrowed the margin to 5-2 when Evan Tuckett and Travis Hall scored on a costly overthrow by Brewers’ starter Victor Moguel at the top of the third, but the Brewers responded with three consecutive singles by Hutchinson, Amin Juarez, and Nathan Drury at the bottom of the inning to put Bolton up 6-2.

The teams exchanged runs in the fifth inning. Astros’ catcher Ryan Smith drilled a two-out RBI single to cut the Brewers’ lead to three, but Brett Chater’s two-out single at the bottom of the inning plated Juarez to restore Bolton’s four-run lead at 7-3.

The Astros provided an element of suspense at the top of the sixth when Hall’s fielder’s choice RBI cut Lisle’s deficit to three, but two dazzling defensive plays by Bolton centerfielder Drew Volkey and a key strikeout delivered by Brewers’ starter Victor Moguel shut the door on the visitors’ uprising.

Coach Wallace was impressed with the efforts of his centerfielder as well as his starter’s big strikeout with the game on the line:

“Drew has played great for us all season in cen-

ter. He’s a special player that made great plays for us tonight. Victor’s been a tremendous pitcher that gets it done and has done so all season. That’s what Victor does.”

The sparkling plays in centerfield by Volkey and the key strikeout by the Brewers’ ace seemed to lift Bolton out of its mid-game funk.

The pennant-winning club pounded out seven runs in the sixth inning to end the game on a decisive 14-4 note at North Hill Park. Amin Juarez drove in two runs and Carter Burnside, Greg Keenan, Volkey, and Fafalios each contributed RBI singles to lead the offensive explosion versus Astros relief pitcher Jake Luck who was chased after 2/3 of an inning and charged with 6 of the 7 Bolton runs.

Moguel finished what he started and threw all six innings to earn the win.

The Brewers’ ace pitched effectively to contact all night versus Lisle and induced eight ground ball outs, including a sparkling inning-ending 6-4-3 double play by Chater, Wallace, and Hutchinson at the top of the third to limit Lisle to two runs.

The Brewers also played errorless outfield defense behind Moguel and recorded six putouts at critical junctures in the game.

Coach Wallace credited his team’s defence on Friday night as a decisive factor: “In addition to nice catches by Drew and Chris in the outfield tonight, I thought Brett Chater played a great game at shortstop for us, too. Brett’s been steady all season and he’s been at the heart of our D. He’s a plus-defender.”

On Friday night at Lisle, the Brewers bats boomed for a second consecutive evening and it was Chater who did much of the damage in the 20-4 blowout.

The slick-fielding shortstop and leadoff man led the aerial attack versus the Astros with a grand slam and five RBIs.

Drew Volkey contributed four hits and a solo home run. Head Coach and second baseman Mike Wallace had a very productive night at the dish, too, to lead the troops by example.

The veteran Brewer drove in four runs and collected two hits in Game 2 at Ross Houston Memorial Park. Carter Burnside contributed two doubles and two RBIs to the onslaught.

Starter Trent Barwick went the distance in the mercy-shortened contest to earn the W for the high-flying Brewers. It was the second time this season that Bolton has recorded a 16-run win—the previous lop-sided contest being in late-July when they trounced the Clarksburg Blues 19-3.

Junior A Orangeville Northmen lose in Game 6 of championship series

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Burlington Blaze are the 2023 Ontario Junior Lacrosse League champions after a 9-6 win over the Orangeville Northmen in game six of their best-of-seven final series.

The win took place on Burlington’s home floor at Central Arena.

At the end of the regular season, the Northmen were in first place with a perfect 20-0 record, including one overtime win. Burlington finished in second place with a 14-6 record.

The final series got underway on August 2, in Orangeville. Game one ended with a 12-10 Burlington win.

Game 2, on August 4, saw the Northmen have a stellar third period where they scored five unanswered goals to win the game 10-6 and tie the series.

The Northmen pulled ahead in the series with a 12-11 in the third game, holding on in the third period after the Blaze put out a strong third-period effort and came within a goal of tying it up.

It was another close game in game four, and it all came down to the final period when the Burlington squad outscored the Northmen 5-4 for the period to win the game 8-7.

Tony Rose Arena saw a massive crowd in attendance when the series returned for Game 5 on August 10. The first period made all the difference

in this game when the Northmen could not score in the first period but gave up three goals to trail going into the second.

The final was a 10-8 Burlington win.

This put all the pressure on the Northmen to come out on top in Game 6 to tie the series and force game seven in a final battle to see who would be the 2023 champions.

Game 6 got underway in Burlington on August 12.

The Blaze came out strong, scoring three times before the first period was half over. The Northmen had one goal from Trey Deere late in the period.

The second period had a lot of scoring, with both teams hitting the back of the net four times.

Northmen goals came from Liam Matthews and Koleton Marquis for three.

Returning for the final frame, the Northmen had their work cut out for them. They were trailing by two goals with 20 minutes left to get back into the game.

The Blaze scored to make an 8-5 game.

Orangeville’s Liam Matthews got the only Northmen goal for the period.

Burlington capped off the game with a final late goal to win the game 9-6 and claim the 2023 OJLL title.

The Burlington Blaze will go on to compete for the national lacrosse Minto Cup.

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Roland Kirouac completed his journey to the far shore with nobility and grace, surrounded by family on Aug 7th, 2023, at his home in Orangeville Ontario. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sandra, his three sons Roland Jr (Jocelyn), Daniel (Denise) and Kevin (Parvaz), his grandchildren Alexandra, Lucas, Donovan, Mila, Naveed and Ava, his brother André, his sister Francois, his niece Anne-Marie (Martin), and many more extended family members across Quebec. He is pre-deceased by his brothers Hervé, Yves, Serge, and sister Rita.



Dancer, choreographer, artistic director, entertainer, and author, Roland Kirouac's body of work has spanned over six decades. Roland's dream to be the best at his craft led him to some of the world's biggest stages and Hollywood. From his early days at the Arthur Murray studio in Quebec City, to entertaining Canadian households on CTV's iconic Pig & Whistle show, to the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Winter Olympics and Toronto's Skydome. He co-founded the Roland & Romaine School of the Performing Arts where many future Canadian film, television, and theatre entertainers got their start. Known as one of "Canada's finest choreographers", Roland's vision and talent have earned him the respect and praise of industry icons, dancers, directors and fellow entertainers around the world.

A disciplined student of stoic philosophy, he perpetually strived to elevate his consciousness. A creative artist and performer, he lived a passionate and inspired life, and in turn inspired many others. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, friend and mentor to all who crossed his path.

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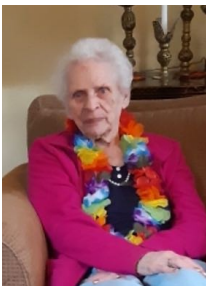
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Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne on August 8, 2023 at the age of 94. Beloved wife of Calvin Turner (2016). Dear mother of Michael (Bernice), Kerry, Judy Barratt, Rosemary Barratt, Margaret Neal (Rob 2014), Paul and Peter (Linda). Remembered by her stepchildren David (2021), Sheila Praught (Gary), Randy, Jim (1994), Karl, Marlene Jackson (Ken), Robert (Angie) and Lynda Ribeiro (Ric). Cherished grandmother of Nathan, Naomi, Noah (2015), Jocelyn, Megan, Sara, John, Laura, Kyle, Thomas, Andrew, Connor, Sean, Mike, Jennie, Andrew, Joshua, Stacy, Derek, Jason, Elizabeth, Krysta, Charles, Jordan, Jasmine. Great-grandmother of 20. Predeceased by her brother Benjamin (Nora) and her sister Mary (Leighton). Grace will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Funeral Service will be held on Monday August 14, 2023 at 2:30 pm. Visitation will begin at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to Sick Kids Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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

MELEN, ROBERT JAMES

(JIM)

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the age of 101. Beloved husband of Dora Melen (2016). Dear father of Reg (Rosemary), Pat (Sybil), Don (2021), Larry (Diane) and Elizabeth (Greg). Cherished grandfather of Sarah (Martin), Paul (Amber), Lynsey (Keith), Jimmy (Laura), Maggie (Sam), Brennen (2016), Jerilyn (Dave), Adam (Jasmine), Cameron (Ashley), Alysha (Kyle), Lauren (Josh) and Braeden (Alexa). Loving great-grandfather of Emmanuelle, Peyton, Sydney, Gracie, Cole, Ava, Georgia, Andie, Carson, Jack, Isla, Jaxon, Greyson, GemmaLee. Remembered by his brother Harold. Jim will be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Celebration of life will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First Street, Orangeville, on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Artists' showcase will be held in Caledon East on September 23

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The CPL is going to host an “old-fashioned selfie” contest during the festival with Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Councillors. They’ll be given a mirror, a canvas and a paintbrush and will compete to see who can paint the best representation of themselves.

Nolloth said it’s a show that’s sure to bring some laughs, and the audience will get to pick their favourite “selfie” and determine the winner.

Schildroth said Caledon’s Tourism and

Economic Development Strategies both talk about the Town taking a leadership role in promoting local arts and culture. He said co-hosting the Caledon Creative Arts Festival is a way for Caledon to do just that.

One of the main goals of the festival is to attract artists of all mediums. Last year’s festival featured authors, musicians, painters, sculptors, photographers and woodcarvers, to name a few. This year the Town and CPL would like to have representation from even more art disciplines.

“Caledon’s art scene... is a huge part of our tourism identity,” said Schildroth.

Nolloth echoed Schildroth in saying the festival is a way for the CPL to live up to its goal of promoting local artists.

“There’s just so much talent in our community,” said Nolloth. She added she hopes the event will give artists an opportunity to sell some of their work and receive commissions to make custom art for people.

The Caledon Creative Arts Festival is a pet-friendly event, and while there will be no food on-site, the Town and CPL are en-

couraging people to stop in Caledon East and grab some local eats after they’re finished at the festival.

Artists interested in participating in the festival or being a vendor can send an email to culture@caledon.ca. Artists are encouraged to indicate their interest in participating by September 1.

Updates on the Caledon Creative Arts Festival, such as a list of attending artists and vendors, and a schedule of workshops, will be posted to artfulcaledon.ca as they become available.

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