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Jim Boyd, President and CEO of the BCCF; Lori Robinson, Chair of the BCCF Board; Anne Thompson; and former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson. PHOTO BY GG COLE PHOTOGRAPHY

Thompsons establish endowment fund to further support community causes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A retired Caledon leader and his wife have given a lasting gift to local non-profits.

On August 14, the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation (BCCF) received \$17,273.77 from the Town of Caledon. The amount donated was the residual proceeds, after expenses, from a retirement

celebration for former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson in November 2022.

Thompson said when the celebration was being planned, he didn't want it to be a fundraising event, nor cost-prohibitive for guests to attend. However, he knew the team planning the celebration would need to secure sponsorships to offset costs.

"My wish was that any remaining proceeds after expenses be directed to charity," said Thompson in a media release. "The challenge was how to pick just one

from among all the many valuable charities doing important work and serving our community."

Thompson and his wife Anne decided to ensure shared support for Caledon charities by establishing the Allan and Anne Thompson Endowment Fund through the BCCF. The money from the celebration will now remain in perpetuity and yearly disbursements of it will support Caledon charities.

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Support pours in from many places for Kidz in Caledon campaign

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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As the school year approaches, the Caledon community is stepping up to ensure no child is left behind.

In an August 21 interview, Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer at Caledon Community Services (CCS), said kindness and generosity have been abundant in Town this summer.

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75-year-old Caledon man aims to win Ironman World Championships in France

Bob Knuckey hoping to set a record in the men’s 75-79 category

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Completing a full Ironman race — a 3.9-kilometre swim, 180.2-kilometre bike ride, and 42.2-kilometre run — would be an outstanding achievement for many.

For Caledon resident Bob Knuckey, it’s not enough unless he wins.

On September 10, 75-year-old Knuckey will compete in the Ironman World Championship race in Nice, France.

In the past year, Knuckey has swam 500 kilometres, biked 9,000 kilometres, and ran 1,500 kilometres to train for the event. He’s also thrown in 150 hours of functional strength training for good measure.

Here’s how that breaks down each week: On Mondays, Knuckey swims for an hour or two; and on Tuesdays, he swims in the morning and then goes for a run. Wednesdays are big days, as Knuckey will swim three kilometres, go for a 90 to 150-kilometre bike ride, then run six or seven kilometres. Thursdays are like Tuesdays for Knuckey, and Fridays include a swim, and maybe a bike or run if Knuckey feels like it. Saturdays are just as intense as Wednesdays, and Sundays are for a long run — 16 kilometres in the morning and eight in the evening, for example.

Knuckey trains with triathlon coach Barrie Shepley and swimming coach Miguel Vadillo of the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club at the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village.

“I sometimes have a tendency to do extra,” said Knuckey, noting that Shepley is great at giving him the right amount of training to do



Anne Marie Garipey and Bob Knuckey are pictured at the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

without getting hurt.

One time before a big race, Knuckey was doing some extra bike training beyond Shepley’s training plan for him. Knuckey recalls riding up a hill in Inglewood when Shepley happened to drive past on his way to a golf game.

“He caught me... he got out of his car and he scolded me,” said Knuckey with a laugh. “I listen to him now.”

Knuckey has been an athlete all his life, winning the 1976 Toronto Marathon with a time of two hours and 28 minutes. He competed in marathons for decades, all while teaching full-time and raising four kids with his wife Susan.

Knuckey first met Shepley around 20 years ago, and Shepley saw Knuckey’s potential in triathlon. Shepley said he didn’t want to see Knuckey stick to running exclusively, as older runners can become plagued with injuries because it’s a hard sport on the body.

It’s safe to say Knuckey has lived up to that potential thus far, as he has three World Ironman Championship wins under his belt. In 2018, he won the Hawaii Ironman World Championships in the men’s 70-74 category with a time of 11 hours and 55 minutes. It was 20 minutes ahead of his closest competition.

Knuckey and his coaches have long been preparing for this year’s race in France, where Knuckey will have the opportunity to break the men’s 75-79 category world record and win his fourth Ironman World Championship.

“It’s not easy doing this kind of training at any age, but by the time you’re 75... it takes a very unique, determined 75-year-old to be able to properly prepare for such an event,” said Shepley.

In addition to the support from his coaches, Knuckey has been receiving great support from his family and fellow athletes at the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club. C3 members participated in a fundraiser to help Knuckey with the expenses of his upcoming race, and over 10 Caledon residents are heading to France with Knuckey to cheer him on.

The entry fee alone for Knuckey to participate in this year’s Ironman World Championship was \$2,000. Once the cost of airfare, accommodations, equipment and more are factored in, it’s quite the costly endeavour.

Competing in the 2023 Ironman World Championships was almost impossible for Knuckey, as he recently avoided a scary bicycle crash.

“I hit a really bad section of road, and my rear wheel came right out and locked,” said Knuckey. “I was skidding, skipping... I just managed to unclick (from my pedal) in time to get my foot down before I fell.”

Knuckey explained all too often athletes can get hurt before a big race, as it’s when they’re most tired from training. That’s why after 49 weeks of rigorous training, Knuckey is right now in the midst of his taper. This means he is still training hard, but to a less-extreme extent so his body is able to better recover for the big race.

While Knuckey has a strong desire to keep pushing himself, Shepley said some of the best things Knuckey can do at this stage is get massages and take naps.

Knuckey joked that his diet is perhaps his weak point. He starts most days with a bowl of cereal, and stops by Tim Hortons or McDonalds for a bacon bagel or BLT after his morning training is done. He does eat one

good meal in the evening, thanks to his wife Susan.

During long runs and bike rides, Knuckey will bring along energy gels and heavily-salted mini potatoes. The fast-acting carbohydrates and sodium in these snacks help replenish what he sweats out. In an Ironman race, Knuckey can burn through as many as 8,000 calories, so it’s very important to replenish them along the way.

Knuckey said one of the main things that drives him to do such intense training is his competitive nature.

“I like to win, so I like to do the work,” said Knuckey. “It’s my life: eat, sleep, train. If I didn’t do this, I’d be sitting in front of the TV... my lifestyle is to keep moving.”

Knuckey said he’ll be competing as an athlete for as long as his body lets him. He currently sees a chiropractor and gets a massage once per week as a means of making sure everything is in tip-top shape.

“I go in there and I say, bring me back to life,” said Knuckey. “When you do all that exercise, you get little knots in your muscles. It really helps to get rid of them.”

By being a member of C3, Knuckey finds that he always has someone to train with. It especially helps with running, as when he’s with other runners Knuckey runs 15 to 20 seconds a kilometre faster than he does by himself.

The Ironman course in Nice involves a very hilly biking section in the Alps. Knuckey said he’s learned to not push himself too hard on the bike so he has energy left for a consistent run. It’s a lesson he learned the hard way at previous Ironman races.

“If you go too hard, you’re burning a match,” said Knuckey. “If you burn too many matches, you’re going to have a crappy run because there’s nothing left in your legs.”

Knuckey shares this advice and more with his fellow athletes at C3.

“I try to help people get better on the bike and build their confidence,” said Knuckey.

Shepley said Ironman contests require absolute respect for an athlete’s fellow competitors, the race course, their equipment, and their body — as well as a bit of good luck.

“If Bob wins the 2023 Ironman World Championship and comes close to setting a world record, he will have to be considered one of the greatest masters of all time,” said Shepley, adding he’s very proud of Knuckey and the large team of people and sponsors supporting him.

COMMUNITY events

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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.

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Medals were handed out to all Challenger Baseball players and volunteer buddies after the final games of their season on August 19. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Over 100 people gather to celebrate successful Challenger Baseball season

Players, volunteers, family and friends attend game, medal ceremony at Bolton Camp

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Cheers and laughter could be heard all morning at Bolton Camp last Saturday. On August 19, Challenger Baseball held its final games of the season, a medal ceremony, and a celebratory barbeque at the accessible baseball diamond at Bolton Camp. Challenger Baseball is a division of the Caledon Minor Baseball Association (CMBA) for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities. In addition to baseball, fun activities for players included a visit from Caledon Firefighters — with an accompanying truck — and the CMBA mascot. There was face painting, giveaway swag bags and hats, and hot dogs and treats. Mike Brunetto, a volunteer coach with Challenger Baseball, said he had mixed emotions at the event because while it was so much fun, it was the last to be held until

the following season. “Once we’re together, it’s hard to split up for a while,” said Brunetto. “You don’t realize how many families like ours are out there until they actually come together.” Brunetto said it was great to see everyone socializing at the end-of-season barbeque. Chrisoula Lynch said Challenger Baseball got medals for both players and their volunteer buddies, who help players out during games, as without volunteers Challenger Baseball would not be possible. “It’s a great example of integration into our community,” said Lynch of the volunteer buddies. “There’s connection, understanding and acceptance — they want to be a part of this.” Brunetto said even though the Challenger Baseball season is finished for 2023, he wants the momentum gained from the season to keep going. He said volunteers are going to continue to meet to see what the next year will look like, as well as meet with Caledon Council to talk about the need for programming in the community. “It’s truly motivational,” said Brunetto of Challenger Baseball. “Whoever wins or loses, the fact that we’re together, we’re winning.” Regional Councillor Mario Russo stopped by the event with Mayor Annette Groves and Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli. Russo said seeing Challenger Baseball in action was a great example of inclusion in Caledon. He said the life experiences of

families with children with disabilities are important for the Town to be aware of. “The input from the community that ac-

tually lives it needs to be there,” said Russo. “Because we might be missing something.”

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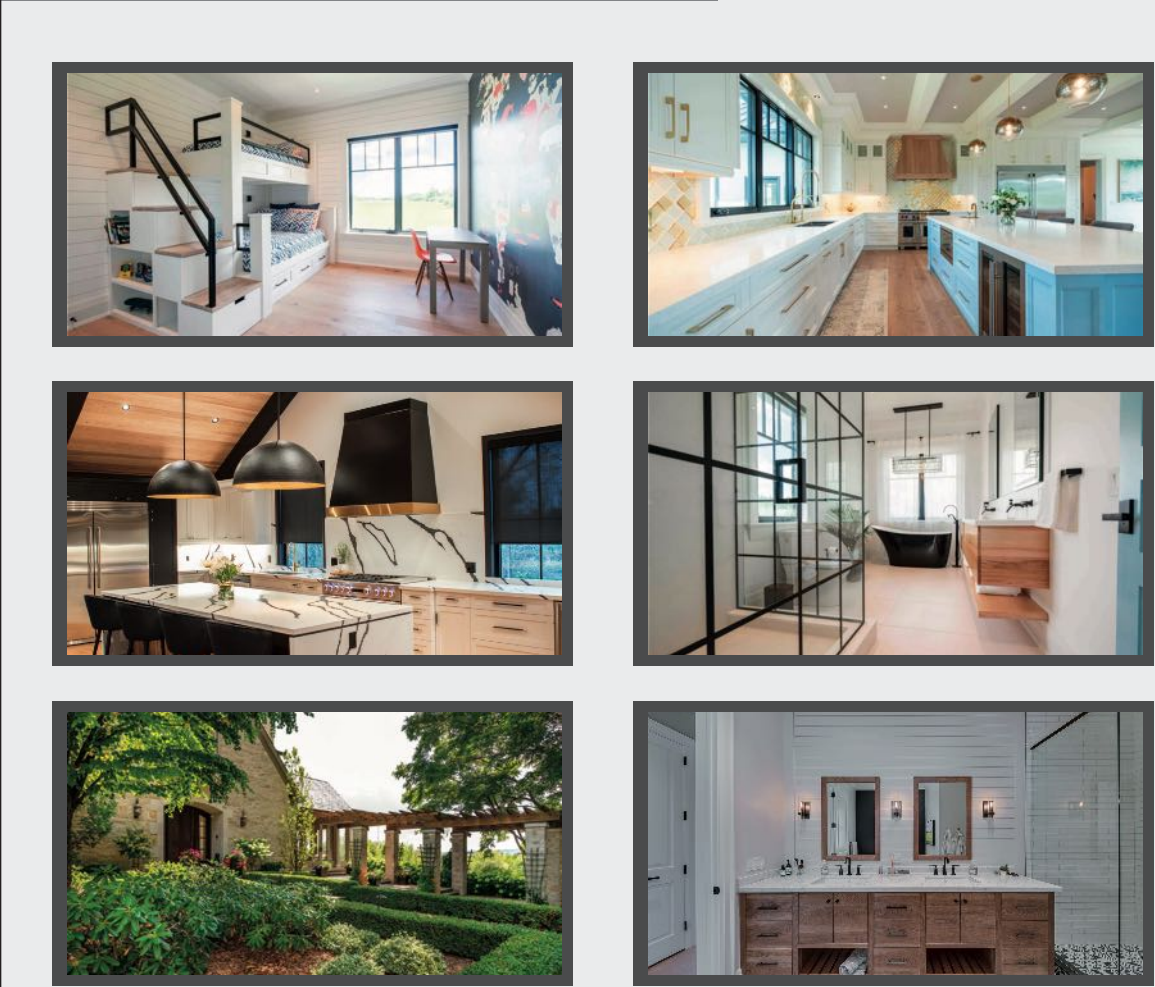
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DROWNING INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a drowning incident at a private residence.

“On August 20, 2023, shortly after 6:30 p.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a report of a drowning in a private residence’s pool on Briarwood Drive, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “A four-year-old child was transported to hospital and later pronounced deceased.”

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

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) removed and charged five drivers with impaired operation related charges.

“On August 21, 2023, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP received the report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of Highway 10 in the Town of Mono,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle and driver a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Damion Rego, 29, from Brampton has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs.

The charges have not been proven.

“On August 20, 2023, at approximately 12:45 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop on Main Street in the Town of Grand Valley. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Diandra Bissoondath-Ramdeen, 38, from Grand Valley has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven.

“On August 20, 2023, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP received the report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of County Road 10 in the Township of Amaranth. Officers located the vehicle and driver a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Angus Wiebe, 32, from Caledon has been charged with:

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



The charge has not been proven.

“On August 19, 2023, at approximately 10:30 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop on Ojibway Road in the Town of Shelburne,” say Police. “The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, a 17-year-old male from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The charge has not been proven.

“On August 17, 2023, at approximately 9:15 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop on Broadway in the Town of Orangeville. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.”

As a result, Darshan Sandhu, 61, from Mono has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

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 September 2023. Their driver’s licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for 7 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.crimestopperssdm.com.

FATAL COLLISION

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with Dufferin County EMS, and Fire Services attended a serious multi-vehicle collision in the Township of Melancthon.

“On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at approximately 3:10 p.m., officers attended County Road 124 and south of 20th Sideroad in Melancthon for the report of a serious collision in-

volving seven vehicles, one being a transport truck,” say Police. “The collision resulted in several injuries including one fatality. The initial investigation revealed that multiple passenger vehicles were stopped northbound County Road 124 in a construction zone. A tractor trailer entered the construction zone and collided into the rear of the line-up of vehicles.

“Sadly, as a result of the collision, a 31-year-old, female from Barrie was pronounced deceased at the scene. The female was traveling with her infant child who was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. The infant was later transported by ambulance to a children’s hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

“A 67-year-old male was extricated from his vehicle by Fire Services and transported to local hospital with serious injuries. The male was later air-lifted by Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre. A 45-year-old female, and a 28-year-old male were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.”

County Road 124 remained closed for approximately ten hours. The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

VEHICLE THEFT

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

“On August 22, 2023, shortly before 11:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service at a residence on Meek Avenue in the Town of Mono for the theft of a vehicle,” say Police. “The complainant advised that their 2021 black Acura TLX, four door, turbo charged, licence plate CTSY 730, was stolen from their private driveway. The theft occurred sometime between 4:00 a.m., to 5:00 a.m., on August 22, 2023.

“The vehicle is valued at \$71,000.”

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/>.

“Dufferin OPP is committed to enforcement initiatives targeting this issue and will continue

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to educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.”

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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;
- Pocket your keys;
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Russian painter
6. Very fast jet
9. Phillipine municipality
13. Intestinal
14. Small freshwater fish
15. Algerian coastal city
16. Vomit
17. Famed astronomer
18. Ghanaian currency
19. Improved the condition of
21. Int'l association of interpreters
22. Infections
23. Dish made with lentils
24. Thou
25. Former CIA
28. Unit used to compare power levels
29. Members of Pueblo people
31. Myanmar monetary units
33. Polished
36. Signed a contract

38. Nothing
39. Once-ubiquitous department store
41. Neural structures
44. Thick piece of something
45. Slang for trucks with trailers
46. Longing
48. Senior officer
49. Levels of frequency
51. Bird's beak
52. Move rapidly downwards
54. Koran chapters
56. Stretches out
60. Top of the human body
61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
62. Fertility god
63. Sea eagle
64. Dry
65. Zodiac sign
66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
67. Have the ability to
68. Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie
2. Wings
3. Adjust the spacing
4. They're usually locked
5. Atomic #43
6. Wise individuals
7. Horse mackerel
8. Pearl Jam's debut album
9. Confines
10. Colorless crystalline compound
11. Unsatisfactorily
12. Plant of the parsley family
14. Determines time
17. Causes the birth of
20. Small ornament on a watch chain
21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
23. Vito Corleone was one
25. Igbo musical instrument
26. Put in harmony
27. Japanese alcoholic drinks

29. Tinseltown
30. Closes tightly
32. Songs sung to one's lover
34. One thousandth of an inch
35. Small drink of whiskey
37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
40. Helps little firms
42. Baby's eating accessory
43. Very long periods of time
47. Small block of wood
49. Town in Surrey, England
50. Enquiry
52. Murdered
53. Bura-__: Chadic language
55. Crater on Mars
56. Mammal genus
57. Sock
58. Make
59. Stony waste matter
61. Partner to cheese
65. Pound

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Caledon Community Services seeking back-to-school donations

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Downey’s Farm donated money from their Strawberry Festival, Rock Garden Farms donated money from their strawberry sales, local Scotiabank branches did a back-to-school drive, and a 65-year-old Caledon resident asked for donations to CCS for her birthday. This Sunday, a local soccer tournament will raise funds for Kidz in Caledon too.

“These donations fuel brighter futures and learning journeys,” said Kupriianova. “They give kids a chance to be kids. You only get one shot at growing up and we want to make sure their one shot is successful.”

Kupriianova said one day she met a mom of three picking up back-to-school kits for her children, and said she shared the excitement and joy her kids were feeling to be going back to school with their friends.

Amid soaring costs of living, Kupriianova said backpacks, lunchboxes, and healthy snacks are more expensive than ever and being able to help kids out with these essentials makes a big difference.

A \$50 donation to Kidz in Caledon funds one week of healthy school lunches; a \$100 donation funds a full back-to-school kit; and

a \$250 donation funds a recreation subsidy for a child to participate in a program of their choosing.

Kupriianova said everyone has big dreams for their future, and helping a child attend a recreational program they may not have been able to otherwise helps fuel those dreams.

“We want to make sure no child is left out,” said Kupriianova. “This is why we are here.”

Donna Cragg, Director of Communications for CCS, said her favourite part of Kidz in Caledon is it lets kids be kids and allows them to participate in activities with their peers in a way that doesn’t make them feel singled-out.

CCS currently provides support for over 900 Caledon residents, the highest amount in the non-profit’s history. Over 440 of those Caledon residents served are children.

Kidz in Caledon is a CCS initiative that does not receive any government funding and relies entirely on community support.

“Every single donation, no matter how big or small, will change the life of a child,” said Cragg.

Those interested in learning more about Kids in Caledon can visit ccs4u.org/donate/kidz-in-caledon.

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:

WHICH IS BETTER:
BREEDER OR RESCUE?

It goes without saying that dogs are amazing companions. They’re always happy to see you, they greet you enthusiastically even if you just went out to get the mail, and they seem to have a sixth sense that makes them comfort you when you’re having a bad day. It’s no wonder that more and more people are choosing to add a dog to their household.

One of the most common questions I’m asked is whether it’s better to adopt from a shelter or buy from a breeder. It’s a complex question... but having spent many years working with all kinds of dogs and owning dozens, here is my take on the subject.

There is no simple answer. Let’s take a look at both options to help you decide.

Dogs from breeders are expensive. However, you’re getting the breed you want with the characteristics you want. If you have allergies, hate to vacuum, lead a sedentary or active lifestyle or would like a specific temperament, a little research can help you determine which breed of dog would work for you. Also, dogs coming from a reputable dealer will have guarantees on their health and are often returnable if, for whatever reason, it doesn’t work out.

You’re also getting a blank slate in term of behaviour – sure you’ll have a lot of training ahead of you but you won’t have to deal with pre-existing behaviour issues such as fear or aggression that can come with a rescue dog. Remember, though, that your blank slate is a puppy... which means that your dog will likely have lots of energy, a penchant for slippers due to teething, and will, like a human baby, require you to get up at antisocial hours until they are trained.

If you do choose to buy a puppy, it is imperative that you go to a reputable and ethical breeder. Sadly, puppy mills still abound. Ask questions. Tour the facility. Meet the other dogs. Interview previous clients. If you’re met with anything other than openness and honesty, just walk away. A reputable breeder will be very open and will have nothing to hide.

On the other hand, if you opt for a rescue dog you’re saving the life of an animal that has been given away. You’re giving a dog a second chance to lead a life full of love, and the dog will reward you for that by returning it in spades. You might not be able to choose the breed you want, and you’re adopting any behaviour issues that a previously neglected or abused dog could have. Today’s rescues and shelters are generally open about any issues a dog might have in terms of behaviour, and in my experience love and patience can resolve almost any issue. Another advantage is that you miss the puppy stage which, while irrefutably cute, can be taxing on your family and your home. There are so many dogs available for adoption that I have no doubt that, if you choose this path, you’ll find a dog that

connects with you on a deep level. Adopting a dog is much less costly than buying a purebred puppy, and shelters often provide the first set of vaccines, spaying/neutering and even micro-chipping as part of the adoption fee.

Whatever your choice, I have no doubt that the experience will be immensely rewarding and that you’ll end up with a family member

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Anthony Tzakas had an accurate shot with the soccer ball as he played a target practice game at last year's Valleywood Block Party.

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Community preparing for second annual Valleywood Block Party

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Valleywood residents are getting ready for a big party.

On August 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second annual Valleywood Block Party will be happening at Lina Marino Park in Valleywood.

It's going to feature a DJ, dance performances, a magic show, a dog trick show, a bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course, soccer activities, kids crafts, kids yoga, dunk tank fundraising for Cassie's Place and more.

Food trucks and vendors attending the event include Briskit Gourmet Slow-Cooked Sandwiches, Beyond the Knife, Crumb Bakery & Co., Rhett's Donuts & Lemonade, Hippie Pops, and SM Original Ice Cream Truck.

There will also be a curated vendor market with over 40 local vendors.

Sonia D'Alimonte, a member of the volunteer team organizing the event, said this year's block party will be double the size of

last year's event.

"It's going to be a really fun day, I think everybody's really excited for it," said D'Alimonte.

Dunk tank fundraising was done for Cassie's Place — which provides programming and a home away from home for individuals with disabilities — at last year's block party and it was a huge success.

D'Alimonte said Cassie's Place is a great organization that does so much for the community. She said she's happy to be partnering with them again. There's already a long list of people signed up to go into the dunk tank for a good cause, including some Cassie's Place participants.

"As a long-time Valleywood resident, I love seeing everyone come together, hang out with each other, see their neighbours and participate in events," said D'Alimonte. She said the Block Party is a great mix of fun and supporting local charities and businesses.

"It's really important for me... I want to see everybody be able to connect," said D'Alimonte. "I tried to make sure that there's something for everybody."

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“How rude!”

Donny Osmond and his fellow musical brothers once waxed lyrically – quite literally – about one bad apple spoiling the whole bunch.

Bunch, bushel, or basket – the favourites of the 60s and 70s weren’t wholly original with their musings, but I think we’ve all encountered a bad apple or two (or six or seven) in our lives. Yet do they really spoil the whole quart or peck? Well, only if you let them.

I’m sure you all have your stories. One that always sticks out in my mind was Canada Day 2010.

It was particularly hot that July, the heat generated by the G20 Conference in Toronto earlier that week notwithstanding, and doing our best to prepare for the conditions, my mother and I set out for our nation’s capital for the Parliament Hill festivities.

This wasn’t an ordinary year over which the ceremonies would be presided by then-Governor General David Johnston and Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Rather, it was led by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on what turned out to be their last visit in Ottawa.

Finding our place along the crowd barriers around 4.30 a.m., we thought we had a prime spot.

But, as the hours rolled on, and the moment of our monarch and her consort’s arrival grew closer, it felt gradually less “primo.”

The crowds closed in and there was barely enough room to shrug a shoulder, but we acclimated to this temporary “new normal” and enjoyed the pomp and circumstance of the royal arrival.

The departure, however, was a slightly different story.

After Queen Elizabeth shook hands with a group as disparate as The Barenaked Ladies and Christopher Plummer and made her way down from the stage to ground level, I felt a strange rustling along the side of my leg. I looked down and found the source of the rustling was another leg.

Dressed in athletic wear and sneakers, the leg belonging to a woman behind us crept further and further up the crowd barrier until she wedged her ankle into a niche in the gate and stood there, leg aloft, not unlike Molly Shannon’s iconic Saturday Night Live character, Sally O’Malley, just waiting for her moment.

Having stood our ground for the better part of six hours, I didn’t think it was unreasonable to hold our position, but this woman had other ideas as, by the time the Queen and Prince Philip prepared to pass us, she attempted to use the leverage from her ankle to quite literally vault herself between us, presumably stopping short of going straight overtop the royal couple.

“I want to see the Queen,” she said in exasperated tones as if the rest of the 500,000 people there didn’t have the same objective, and became increasingly objectionable.

In other circumstances, the woman’s rudeness may have spoiled the experience. But, as luck would have it, it did not – and it added an extra-colourful element to the story.

Last week, the Canadian brand of rudeness came into the fore when tutoring outfit Preply published a survey of 15,000 Canadian residents “across 44 cities” to find out which Canadian community is “the rudest and whether the stereotype of apologizing too much is true.”

“According to our findings, the three rudest

Canadian cities are Vaughan, Coquitlam and Brampton,” said pollsters in their report of the results, perhaps eliciting a sigh of relief that our community didn’t make the cut – for better or worse.

We weren’t exactly found to be bastions of politeness either, not cracking the Top 10 in either direction. But let’s not get too far ahead of ourselves; it was a survey of only Canada’s largest centres.

“Vaughan holds the unwelcome title of Canada’s rudest city,” they concluded. “It turns out the residents of the home to Canada’s Wonderland might not be so wonderful. People here were almost three times as rude as people in the least rude city, Markham, despite only 20 km between them. Home to many commuters, Vaughan has become somewhat of a hub for traffic. This may be part of the reason why residents have become frustrated and why you’re more likely to encounter people who won’t wave a thank you if you let them merge here than anywhere else. Vaughan’s neighbouring city, Brampton, likely makes it into the top three for similar reasons.

“On the other end of the country, Coquitlam comes in as the second rudest city. Coquitlam is known for being damp and having some of the steepest hills...which may leave residents feeling moody and less inclined to fulfill the polite stereotype.”

What made Markham rise to the top of civility, according to the poll? “It’s cultural richness and varied residents may contribute to them being the most tolerable and polite, unlike some of the other cities in the GTA,” they say, but I don’t necessarily think Markham has the monopoly on cultural richness and variety of residents.

Shedding a bit more light onto the results of this innocuous poll was a top five list of behaviours considered rude. These included “being absorbed by phone in public; being noisy in public; not letting people merge in traffic; not slowing down when driving near pedestrians; and not picking up dog faeces.” Other behaviours meriting special mention were closed off body language, not waving thank you when a car lets you merge into their lane, not saying thanks to your bus driver and other operators when leaving their vehicle, and not respecting personal space.

As far as studies go, it was an effective way for the company to advertise their services, but I couldn’t help but think how smaller communities like ours would fare.

Our leaders often extol our “small town charm” when the reality is our Town, as charming as it might be, is not a “small town” anymore. But how far does “charm” extend? Is it in our people, whether we measure it by character, diversity, or a mix of both? Is it in our remaining spaces of natural beauty? Some of the quaint or more modern examples of local architecture?

I don’t think being absorbed by the phone, being noisy in gathering spots, closed off body language or not being courteous in public are the exclusive province of city slickers.

But, what do you think? How would we fare in a poll of mid-sized Canadian towns and cities?

Would there be anything that sets us apart as far as rudeness goes? Any ways we go above and beyond to be welcoming and courteous that’s simply not found in the bigger, perhaps more impersonal cities?

Send your thoughts to brock@lpcmedia.ca.



Those born in 1963 marking
a milestone this year

by Mark Pavilons



When people ask me what year I was born in, I’m quick to reply – 1963. Great year for the Corvette, no so much for JFK.

I was born on a Monday, September 2, and as the saying goes “Monday’s child is fair of face.” Well, maybe as a baby, but as I aged, I looked more like a well-aged hunk of cheese than a movie star.

I also quip that I was born on “labour day,” get it?

Because it typically falls on the last long weekend of summer, I rarely had any parties or gatherings. Alas, my 60th seems destined to be a small, family affair. But that shouldn’t deter you, my faithful readers, from sending gifts!

Apparently, people turning 60 this year have reached record numbers. Maybe we should start a club!

We ‘60s children were a tough lot. My mother smoked and drank while she carried me. I was a bit of a premie. We didn’t have any “childproof” anything and no one used a helmet when doing stunts on their bikes.

We rode in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this. We ate anything and everything – the more sugar the better. But we weren’t overweight because we were always outside playing.

We left home in the morning and played all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach you all day. And we were OK. We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth, ate worms, played games with sticks.

For everyone born in the 1960s, take a bow! You earned it!

At first glance, I thought 1963 was a tad boring, but I was wrong. There were actually many milestones, landmark events and happenings around the globe that year.

On June 16, 1963, Vostok 6 carried Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman into space.

Zip codes were introduced by the United States Postal Service. Wow. What the heck did they do before zip codes?

On August 28, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic “I Have a Dream” speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to an audience of at least 250,000, during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This was the single largest protest in American history.

Lamborghini is founded in Italy. Also, the classic Porsche 911 is first produced.

Sadness spread across the U.S. and the world, on

November 22 when John F. Kennedy was assassinated while travelling in a motorcade in Dallas. Subsequently, two days later, Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy, was shot dead by Jack Ruby in Dallas, an event seen on live national television.

For sports fans, December 7, 1963 saw the very first instant replay system using videotape. It was during the live televised Army-Navy Game of college football played in Philadelphia.

Let’s not forget the fond memory for Canadian hockey fans. April 18, the Toronto Maple Leafs won their 11th Stanley Cup by defeating the Detroit Red Wings. The deciding Game 5 is played at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. Oh, how sweet it was. Fans are still longing for a repeat.

The smiley face symbol made its first appearance and for superhero fans, Marvel creates The Avengers.

The average house cost roughly \$13,000 a new car would ding you for just over \$3,000. Of course, people only made a little over \$5,000 per year. By comparison, \$5 in my birth year would be equivalent to \$50 today.

Don’t get me started on the cost of consumer staples today.

The Beatles released their first album, “Please Please Me.”

People watched Coronation Street, The Andy Griffith Show, The Flintstones, Mister Ed and The Dick Van Dyke Show.

Canada had a freshly elected prime minister in Lester Pearson, who defeated incumbent, John Diefenbaker. Pearson campaigned on creating a new Canadian flag, reforming health care, and creating what would become the Canada Pension Plan.

Notable Canadians born in 1963 included Mike Myers, Doug Gilmour, Norm Macdonald, former astronaut Julie Payette. Stars that share my birth year include Michael Jordan, Conan O’Brien, Johnny Depp, Whitney Houston and Brad Pitt.

Push-button phones became available to consumers in the United States in November 1963. It took a few more months before they’re offered by Bell in Canada.

The UK saw the world’s first home video recorder, and James Hardy performed the first successful lung transplant.

Six years roaming this planet. I still can’t believe it. I still feel like maybe 40 or so inside.

Despite some aches and pains, and my recent battle with prostate cancer, I feel pretty good.

I don’t think anyone has accurately predicted where they would be at a given age.

When I graduated college, I never envisioned being married with children. Decades later, I am still surprised at seeing my kids graduate, have relationships, travel the world and grow into adults.

Yes, I had something to do with my terrific brood.

They may not understand my childhood shows like Davey and Goliath or The Point, but that’s okay.

Each generation has its interesting aspects, milestones, achievements and social aspects.

Considering where we ‘60s kids came from, it’s surprising we slid, almost effortlessly, into the world of smart phones, texting, Facetime, and online banking.

It almost puts the smiley face to shame. Almost!

Our Readers Write

Government needs to “find courage to do what needs to be done” on

The Doug Ford Government agreed to adopt 14 of the 15 recommendations in the Auditor General’s report. That is, everything except returning the 7,400 acres that were removed from the Greenbelt using a deeply flawed and biased process that over 80% of Ontarians agree should not have been used. Doug Ford agrees the process needs to, and will be, fixed but the wrong decision reached by it will be allowed to stand. This does not make sense.

The Greenbelt was created in 2005 to permanently protect agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands. It provides essential services such as flood control, biodiversity, climate change attenuation, and green spaces for our recreation and health. 83% of the area removed from the Greenbelt is classified as prime agricultural land, a precious commodity in these times of climate instability. Many factors were taken into account in its creation, and you can’t ar-

bitrarily take one piece out from here and replace it with another piece somewhere else.

We all agree that there is a dire need for more homes. However, according to a report commissioned by the Ford Government, as well as the Auditor General’s report, there is enough space within cities and towns where the infrastructure already exists, making it cheaper to build. It will save time and money for the residents because they will be closer to jobs and essential services. And it will not add to sprawl, pollution and climate change.

The Doug Ford Government needs to find the integrity and courage to do what most Ontarians know needs to be done. Return the 7400 acres to the Greenbelt to keep it intact and safe from further losses.

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A burst of joy

There is a well-known Pulitzer Prize winning photograph titled “Burst of Joy” that shows a family running to meet their husband and father on the tarmac of an air force base in California. The man was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and had been shot down over Vietnam and spent five years as a P.O.W. He had been released in 1973, and this was his first time back on American soil. The photograph itself, is spectacular. It shows the Lieutenant Colonel from behind as his wife and four children run to meet him. In the lead, is his 15-year-old daughter, her arms outstretched, both feet off the ground as she runs to meet him, and a look of pure joy on her face after seeing the father she hasn’t spoken to in five years. The photograph in many ways was a milestone in American history as it marked a turning point in a long and expensive war that had become a national nightmare. Now the troops were returning home. However, that split second in time is deceiving. The Lieutenant Colonel received a copy of the photographer but instead of hanging it

proudly on a wall in his home, he put it in a place where he would never see it. For him, the photograph is just a bad memory. While I’m sure his children were happy to see him, he had learned his wife had multiple affairs with several men while he was away. She had sent him a letter, on the day he was released from captivity, announcing her intent to divorce him. That is what he had to think about on the long flight across the Pacific to freedom. There’s a saying that “a picture is with 1,000 words.” In many cases that is true, but at the same time those 1,000 words may not be the truth. A photograph represents maybe 1/1000 of second in time. It stops a whirling propeller in flight, and freezes a basketball player in the air making a dunk. It can also turn the tide of public opinion based on a split second. When Rob Ford was the Mayor of Toronto, one national newspaper continually ran the same photo of him whenever they did a story on the mayor’s office. The newspaper was obviously not a fan of the mayor. The photo they

ran was a horrible photo and any photo editor with self-respect would have rejected the photo as unacceptable. However, they continued to use the photo in an attempt to make the mayor look bad. The same was true about a federal politician who had found herself in some, later to be proved unfounded, trouble. The politician was an attractive woman, and yet newspapers kept running the same photo of her that caught her with her mouth hanging open, and half-closed eyes. It was just another cheap attempt to discredit her. A well-timed photo can make a person look like an intellectual, or a half-wit in the blink of an eye. You can take a photo of a person in thought, just before making a speech to the United Nations, and make them look good, or you can wait, and snap a photo at the start of a sneeze a few seconds later, and run a caption implying the person with this goofy face is in no way qualified to speak to such an assembly. Several years ago, I was doing a team photo of a Bantam football team. As always, there

was four or five guys doing faces, or turning their heads, or some other movement to stand out. Finally, I yelled out, “Okay guys, you’re a football team, let’s look like skilled athletes.” Most of them got it, and squared their shoulders and looked into the camera. All except one guy who kept up the act. When I was going over the final proofs, there was one photo where everyone was looking at the camera, and all had their eyes open at the same time – except for this one kid. I could have gone to the extra work and photoshopped his face from another photo, but decided to give this kid what he wanted. Out there somewhere, stuck to a fridge, or hanging on the wall in some guy’s trophy room, is a photo of a Bantam football team with the kid right in the middle of the picture – doing a duck face. A photo may be worth 1,000 words, but those words don’t always speak the truth.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

It’s About Access

News and our ability to access it, whether that’s through social media; an actual news website, through Instagram, or through the printed page, is absolutely fundamental to democracy. Sources of news may not always be perfect and depending on the publication, may even sometimes skew a little to the left or a little to the right, but unfettered access is key. In a perfect world news is unbiased and delivered to your front door, your inbox or your facebook/twitter page, as frequently as you are willing to pay for its delivery (or to refresh your news feed!). What’s happening now however, is that access to your favourite news source is being restricted. It seems that those who have a great deal of money to pay for the delivery of the news, actually don’t want to pay for it at all and the end result is being felt by Canadians across the country. Without unfettered access to news – however you choose to access it – misinformation will fester in its place and that’s not just problematic but could be downright dangerous. Bill C-18 passed after a final vote in the

Senate just last week. The Bill “compels certain tech companies to pay for news content” shared on their platforms. In prompt reaction to the passing of the legislation, Meta (formerly facebook) immediately blocked news sharing options for Canadians across both facebook and Instagram platforms. The consequences of these actions range from the innocuous – blocking my ability to share the columns I personally have written on my own facebook page with my own followers – to the ridiculous, where residents of regions under evacuation orders who were trying to escape raging wildfires were unable to access life-saving instructions about where to go and safe routes to get there. Such consequences might have been unintended but should not have been unanticipated when statistics tell us that an average of 60 per cent or more of adults are getting their news almost exclusively from social media platforms. Perhaps predictably, rather than focussing on the Zuckerbergs of the world, rich people who COULD pay for access but refuse to, right now Canadians are fighting amongst themselves about who is at fault and why. The

convoy crowd immediately blamed Trudeau with Pierre Poilievre himself tweeting out messaging about how Trudeau is “deliberately getting in the way of what people can see and share online,” followed by a personal promise to “repeal Trudeau’s censorship laws and bring home free speech” if he’s elected Prime Minister. Yes, this is about free speech but that shouldn’t be confused with the rights of news creators to not have their work distributed free of charge. News has value and Canadian journalists have a right to be paid for their work as do the publishers who provide a platform for that work. If big tech makes money from sharing news content then so too should the news platforms who not only originally created it but bore the costs of that creation too. What Poilievre and others like him refuse to acknowledge is that this Bill is about preserving access to reliable local news, to Canadian content that might otherwise disappear into the ether, and that according to Jamie Irving, chair of News Media Canada, levels the “playing field,” as it seeks to “address a signifi-

cant market power imbalance between publishers and platforms, and to restore fairness and ensure the sustainability of the Canadian news media ecosystem.” Without it, it’s entirely possible our local news sources slowly become extinct and the already slippery slope of the “Americanization” of Canada becomes complete. Social media is, in and of itself, already a slippery slope but since it does play such a significant role in our lives, ensuring the credibility of the content we consume is paramount. Providing unfettered access to Canadian content is crucial and if it takes the passage of law to make sure that happens, so be it. We need to stop arguing about whether Trudeau is to blame and turn our attention to the real problem – why a wealthy American has blocked your ability to consume the news of your choice on the platform you prefer. That’s not just undemocratic – it’s downright dangerous. Freedom of the press? Hardly.



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Dufferin Men’s Shelter to close in September without immediate boost in funding

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Orangeville’s only homeless shelter for men could close soon due to a lack of funding.

Erin Goodyear, Executive Director of the Dufferin Men’s Shelter, told Orangeville Council on August 14 that the shelter will shut down next month unless it gets an immediate boost in funding.

The Dufferin Men’s Shelter opened in March, and the annual cost to run it is \$509,100, but the County of Dufferin only provides \$163,000. This leaves a \$346,000 yearly

County Council’s Health and Human Services Committee today (August 24) to plead with them for funding to keep the shelter open.

“If we do not receive this support, however, a plan will be initialized by our shortfall or \$28,842 monthly.

“The shelter will no longer be financially viable by September 2023, so we are continuing to seek donations and grants. We need to find some stability, and we also need to have some sustainable operations for long term goals. Because now that we’ve opened this organization, of course, we don’t want to close it,” Goodyear told Orangeville council.

“The risk to the community is significant as men who are experiencing homelessness will no longer receive direct supports in this area, if our shelter does close.”

Goodyear requested ongoing funding and advocacy support from the council for the Dufferin Men’s Shelter.

“In order for us to continue to be able to support those who are most vulnerable, we need your support, and we know that together, we’ll be able to continue to keep the doors of our amazing shelter open,” said Goodyear.

She noted that the Dufferin Men’s Shelter board is also presenting to Dufferin board to cease the operations of the Dufferin men’s shelter,” Goodyear remarked.

Councillor Debbie Sherwood said the fact that the shelter could close in September just months after opening in March is very upsetting.

“We need to save this facility,” she said. “We were just cutting that ribbon yesterday, and this is breaking my heart.”

She said while the Town doesn’t have endless money it can give for the shelter, she asked if Mayor Lisa Post and Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, who sit on Dufferin County Council, could

attend the Health and Human Services Committee meeting to lobby the county for more funds.

“Can we not see if we can find a pot of money somewhere through the county to help save this?” Sherwood asked.

Mayor Post said she’s a member of the Health and Human Services Committee and will try to address the funding issue at the meeting.

“We will definitely be looking for solutions and asking lots of questions to figure out where additional funding can come from,” said Mayor Post.

She added that the County of Dufferin is looking at 2024 budget deliberations but is pretty tapped for 2023.

“There’s not a magical bucket of money sitting there unused somewhere at the county at this particular point in time,” Mayor Post remarked.

Councillor Andy Macintosh said the funding request should go to the county, as the \$346,000 requested by the Dufferin Men’s Shelter equates to an approximately one per cent property tax increase in Orangeville.

“You’re going to be getting awfully busy at the homeless shelter with Orangeville citizens if our taxes keep going up, and this is something we need to keep in mind. We’ve got to keep our taxes in line here,” said Councillor Macintosh.

“I think it’s a big ask, and I wish you the best of luck getting it. I could never support our council giving you that kind of money. But hopefully we can work something out somewhere, somehow.”

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor asked Goodyear how her organization got to the point where it’s only being funded \$163,000 per year when it costs \$509,000 to run.

Goodyear said Dufferin County never asked them how much was needed to run the shelter but offered what they could out of their budget.

“They told us what they were giving us. There’s never been a fluid conversation as to this is how we operate; this is what we need,” said Goodyear. “In any position that I’ve ever been in previous where we’ve had a system service manager, you present a budget and the system service manager comes back to you and says, ‘this is what we can allocate for A-B-C-D.’ That has not happened since I’ve been the director of this organization.”

Goodyear, who started as Executive Director of Choices Youth Shelter and the Dufferin

Men’s Shelter in March 2022, said when inquiring about the funding allocation, the county told her they never received a budget, and she was confused as to why.

“So as an organization, we chose to not operate during the daytime hours because we knew that financially, we wouldn’t be able to have the staff dollars for that,” Goodyear said.

Dufferin Men’s Shelter board member Keith Ward said the building the Dufferin Men’s Shelter resides in was donated, offsetting their costs. He also stressed that the shelter is “as cost-effective as anybody can be.”

The Dufferin Men’s Shelter first opened in August of 2021 but closed in October 2021 due to a lack of funding before reopening in March 2023.

“I’m just begging this community to come through so that we do not lose this facility,” said Coun. Sherwood.

Dufferin Men’s Shelter services

Choices Youth Shelter opened in January of 2000 to support youth 16-24 and operates the Dufferin Men’s Shelter,

Choices has supported thousands of youths over the years and is funded through donations, community grants and government funding. It saw the need for a men’s shelter and decided to address the issue head-on.

“After seeing a need, we felt that through the needs assessment and advocacy within the community, it was time to open up the Dufferin Men’s Shelter,” said Goodyear.

In March 2023, the Dufferin Men’s Shelter opened with eight beds, which has since increased to 20. It operates seven days a week from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.

“We provide two meals a day that are hot cooked meals. So, before the fellows leave in the morning, we provide them with breakfast,” Goodyear noted.

“We have on site services and referrals for substance abuse support and anger management. We also have employment searches, housing supports, life skills development, counseling, and many other things.”

Since opening, the shelter has had 23 unique visitors, who stay for an average of three months, and six men have been successfully housed.

Goodyear stressed that the Dufferin Men’s

Shelter’s services aren’t just for those residing there. The organization’s support services are available to everybody in the community.

Demand for shelter

A needs assessment conducted in 2021 by the University of Guelph, in conjunction with the Orangeville Mayor’s Homelessness Task Force, identified 23 people as homeless in Dufferin County.

The assessment determined the need for an adult men’s homeless shelter, as there was nothing for men in Dufferin County at the time. Family Transition Place provides emergency housing services to women, and Choices Youth Shelter provides services to youth 16-24. Without the Dufferin Men’s Shelter, homeless people in the region have to travel elsewhere to access services.

The County of Dufferin has a 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan that includes providing client-centred homelessness services through collaboration with local agencies, and Goodyear says the Dufferin Men’s Shelter is stepping up to meet this need.

Affordability issues

During Goodyear’s presentation to Orangeville council about the Dufferin Men’s Shelter, she also spoke about housing and affordability issues.

“We are in a housing crisis, the amount of affordable housing that we have, not only in Dufferin County, but across Canada is really something that has become tremendous,” said Goodyear.

She noted that it now takes 22 years for the average person to be able to afford the down payment on a home, but the many people who live paycheck to paycheck don’t have a path to home ownership.

“If you were to look in the housing market on realtor.com, about \$850,000 is something that would be conceived as affordable,” Goodyear said.

She added that at any given time, over 25,000 people are homeless in Canada, and the affordability crisis is making it harder to escape poverty.

The Dufferin Men’s Shelter is located at 59 Townline, Orangeville.



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September is packed full of fun things to do in Caledon

Residents looking for something to do next month have no shortage of options

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

From Fall fairs to grand openings, there’s lots happening in Caledon this September.

From September 1 to 3, the Caledon Music Festival is taking place in Alton and Palgrave.

On September 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West), the Haydn Cello Concerto and Mendelssohn Octet will be performed.

On September 2, a “Tasting Notes” event will be held at Windrush Estate Winery (3100 Concession Road 3). Also from 7:30 to 9 p.m., this event features local wines and a full concert program.

From 2 to 3:30 p.m. on September 3 the festival will wrap up with a concert at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

On September 10, the Brampton Flight Centre (BFC) will put on its popular Airport Day event.

Held at the Brampton-Caledon Airport (13691 McLaughlin Road), Airport Day features affordable sightseeing flights, a barbeque, games for kids, and the chance to see all kinds of airplanes take off and land. The event is wheelchair accessible and has free parking on-site.

On September 16, the Albion Hills

Community Farm (AHCF) is hosting its annual Honey & Garlic Festival. Located at 16555 Humber Station Road, the non-profit farm is dedicated to advancing the understanding of local food and sustainable agriculture practices. The Honey & Garlic Festival, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is going to feature food, vendors, pollinators, and of course: fresh honey and garlic sales.

Also on September 16, the Town of Caledon will host a grand opening of its expanded Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old Church Road). The Town has been busy hiring lots of staff to run the many programs offered at the expanded complex, which features a swimming pool, gym, walking track, library branch, Caledon sports hall of fame and more.

September 16 is also the day of a huge fundraiser for a local non-profit. Motionball Caledon is being held that day at Edelweiss Park (320 Glasgow Road) in Bolton. Gathering in Caledon for just the second time, the event is a fun day of athletic competition alongside Special Olympics athletes from Caledon.

Teams fundraise for the event, with all proceeds going towards supporting Special Olympics. To register, become a sponsor, volunteer, or donate, those interested can visit motionball.com/caledon to get started.

Rob Ricciardi, who is co-directing this year’s Motionball Caledon event, said in a previous interview that he’s really excited for the event. He’s expecting a great turnout and a great time.

“Every little bit that a team fundraises helps,” said Ricciardi.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 23, the Town of Caledon and

Caledon Public Library (CPL) are teaming up to host the Caledon Creative Arts Festival. The festival will be held at Caledon East Park (6101 Old Church Road) and will showcase live music and visual art from local artists. There’s also going to be interactive workshops for people of all ages and a packed local artisan vendor market.

In last week’s Citizen, Caledon’s Manager of Community and Cultural Development Jason Schildroth said the Town is very excited for this year’s festival.

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

On September 21, 22, 23 and 24, the 165th annual Bolton Fall Fair will take place at the Bolton Fairgrounds (150 Queen Street South). On Thursday, September 21, will see the fair’s midway rides open for toonie ride night. Friday at this year’s fair includes a rodeo and barn dance; Saturday includes the famous demolition derby; and Sunday will be a family fun day.

The fair is one of the largest events to happen in Caledon each year, and it’s stacked with things to do: mechanical bull rides; lip sync competition; pie eating competition; arm wrestling competition; bingo; pony rides; a dairy show; tug of war; live music; and much, much more. For more information and a full schedule of events at this year’s fair, those interested can visit boltontorpull.ca/schedule.

On September 30, ecoCaledon will present the next phase of its Caledon Cares Environment Challenge. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Albion Bolton Community Centre (150 Queen Street South), residents are invited to learn how to reduce their home energy footprint.

Theatre Orangeville’s Arts Fest a “fabulous” success

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

“It was fabulous!” said David Nairn of the second annual Theatre Orangeville’s Arts Fest. “It was joyful at the Mount Alverno Luxury Resort. Everything was well received; it was a different creative vibe.”

Nairn said he was very pleased with the great attendance and that the two shows from Toronto Fringe were sold out.

“They were 180 degrees different from each other,” he told us. “This was the best ever from Fringe. Reps from Toronto Fringe came to the festival and they were knocked out by the community.

“Quite a number of people came up from the city to catch the Best of Toronto Fringe plays. A great number of them left saying they would be returning to come to the theatre or just to come back to Orangeville.

“The goal here is for us to create a show that goes to Fringe.” A star of the festival was the Kids’ Fest, free entertainment, for which a large number of Young Company volunteered to assist.

Eric Woolfe was stupendous with Buster Canfield’s Circus of Industrious Fleas, Nairn was enthusiastic to say. He also confided he now has his own flea that he is able to train.

Well known children’s entertainers Fay and Fluffy were an exciting feature for the youngsters.

Everyone was enchanted, he declared.

Certainly, the Drag Music Bingo is one of the main attractions for adults. This is regular Bingo with cards but instead of numbers, the cards have song titles and one has to recognize the music to punch their winning space. This is “super interactive,” we were told. “Fluffy Souffles had everyone up and dancing.”

What Nairn finds important about this festival and other shows they have brought to Orangeville is that they take it out of the theatre and that changes the feeling of a show. Some of the highlights for him were dancing with Rachael Temptation and singing along with Cherry Chapstick; the one “little kid” who got up to read with Fay and Fluffy.

“She might have been only three,” he said, “But she was so funny and all smiles.”

Plans for the Arts Fest next year are already under way, now it is established as a tradition, coming into its third year.

Overall, what matters is that every creative participant said they can’t wait to come back here.

Artists are always knocked out by the audiences and they want to return.

When it comes to begin the planning again, Lisa Lahue’s name is in the forefront for it is she who coordinates for Fringe, the artists, and loading in the show.

“Lisa has been the lead on this,” Nairn was clear, adding that the people at Mount Alverno Luxury Resort have bent over backwards to support and facilitate the festival. Sounds like a success – here’s to next year!

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Brewers rock Rangers 10-0 in NDBL Semifinal Series Opener

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers used two five-run outbursts to defeat the Ivy Rangers 10-0 in the opener of their best-of-five semifinal NDBL series at North Hill Park on Sunday night.

The Brewers’ bats were as hot as the game-time temperature which hovered around 29 degrees Celsius at first pitch.

Sunday’s semifinal matchup featured two hard-throwing right-handers—Matt Barr of the Rangers and Aaron Dzib of the Brewers—and both starters cruised through an inning and a half of scoreless ball.

However, the hot August night became a very precarious one for Barr in the second inning as the Brewers sent 11 batters to the plate.

Bolton’s John Hutchinson opened the scoring when his RBI single plated Carter Burnside’s leadoff hit.

After Amin Jaurez was grazed by a Barr pitch and Nathan Drury laid down a perfect bunt down the third base line to load the bases, Dan Accardo was hit by a pitch to plate Jaurez. Brett Chater drew a bases-loaded walk to plate Hutchinson to make it 3-0 and Drew Volkey’s single plated Drury to increase the lead to 4-0. Brewers’ DH Mike Wallace drew a bases-loaded walk to score Accardo to make it 5-0 and chased Barr from the game after one inning of work.

Rangers’ reliever Jaret Vanderpost entered the fray with the bases loaded, nobody out, and disaster looming, but he induced Chris Fafalios to strike out looking and got Carter Burnside to ground into a 4-6-3 double play to get out of the jam.

By contrast, Brewers’ starter Aaron Dzib rolled out a pair of neat 1-2-3 innings at the top of the third and fourth. He was aided by a slick inning-ending double play by Jaurez. The Brewers’ second baseman made an athletic play to swipe tag the Rangers’ baserunner and throw to first baseman Hutchinson to end the third inning. Dzib helped himself by coolly fielding his position on a GO1-3 to secure the last out and preserve his five-run lead.

The steady defence and effective starting pitching by the Brewers set the stage for their next five-run outburst.

Bolton exploded for six hits at the bottom of the fourth. Accardo’s leadoff single and Brett Chater’s double in the gap were cashed in by Volkey’s 2-RBI double to increase Bolton’s lead to 7-0. The speedy centerfielder collected three RBIs versus

the Rangers to lead the Brewers’ offence.

After Wallace flew out to center field, three consecutive singles by Fafalios, Burnside, and Juarez as well as an RBI fielder’s choice by Josh Catalanotto plated Volkey, Fafalios, and Burnside in succession to chase Vanderpost from the game.

The Rangers’ second reliever, Adam Vanderheyden, secured the last two outs of the inning, but it was “too little too late” as the visitors trailed 10-0 heading into the top of the fifth.

With a mercy-shortened game imminent, Brewers’ starter Aaron Dzib worked his way through a cramped arm and some rare shaky defense that allowed the first two Rangers to reach base.

Bolton’s right-hander bore down and struck out three Rangers in a row to add an exclamation point to the resounding semifinal victory.

Brewers’ Head Coach Mike Wallace was impressed with his hurler’s complete game playoff performance:

“It was big. We needed it to save some pitching for this playoff series and Aaron did that for us tonight. I’m not sure we could have drawn it up any better, especially striking out the side after the first two batters got on at the top of the fifth.

Aaron’s elbow was a bit sore and he had a cramp in his arm, but he worked his way through it to get the win.”

Coach Wallace also liked his team’s “collective effort, especially our competitive at-bats.”

“We had a tremendously strong showing with the bats tonight, much as we’ve done all season. The doubles by Chater and Volkey were big hits for us.”

Wallace added that “our defense made some big plays tonight, especially Amin’s double play to close the third inning.”

“[Rangers starter] Matt Barr’s a great pitcher and he’ll be back in this series. Tonight, we were able to get him to come into the zone and it made the difference.”

The Brewers advanced to the NDBL semifinals by eliminating the Lisle Astros 3 games to 1 in their best-of-five quarter-final series.

Bolton beat the Astros 11-5 in Game 4 on Tuesday night in Lisle, after losing 4-1 at North Hill Park in Game 3. The Brewers’ offensive machine was on full display in three of the four games as the league’s pennant winners outscored the Astros 46-13 in the four-game playoff series.

The Brewers won the first two games of the opening round series by lop-sided scores of 14-4 and 20-0.



Brewers’ starter Aaron Dzib struck out the side in the fifth inning to seal Bolton’s 10-0 mercy-shortened NDBL semi-final win at North Hill Park.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Final public meeting on Caledon’s Active Transportation Master Plan coming soon

Meeting to be held on
September 12
at Caledon East
Community Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents interested in the future of local active transportation may want to attend an upcoming meeting.

From 5 to 7 p.m. on September 12, the Town of Caledon will host a public meeting on its Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) at the Caledon East Community Complex at 6215 Old Church Road.

A first public meeting on the Town’s ATMP was held in May.

Arash Olia, Caledon’s Manager of Transportation engineering, said at the first meeting many good ideas were brought forward that helped the Town arrive at the stage it’s at now with the plan.

“We hope to see and hear from as many Caledon residents as possible to have a plan informed by as many perspectives as possible,” said Olia.

At the upcoming meeting, Olia said

the Town will present over 400 kilometres of new active transportation routes and share over 40 recommendations made from a study on active transportation in Caledon.

Olia said the Town plans to address community priorities, which include: connecting all villages and urban centres across the Town; expanding Caledon’s cycling and trail network by filling in gaps; considering the environment, cost, and community need as they relate to active transportation infrastructure; building high-quality trails; and providing an accessible active transportation network for Caledon residents of all ages and abilities.

Residents can also share feedback on Caledon’s ATMP online at haveyour-saycaledon.ca/ATMP.

“Gathering public and stakeholders’ input will help us better understand the current barriers to, and opportunities for, active transportation throughout Caledon,” reads the site.

The Town first began creating a new ATMP in April, focusing on promoting active transportation and a sustainable community. The ATMP, according to the Town, is a comprehensive review of its pedestrian, cycling, and trail-related policies.

A final report on the new ATMP is scheduled to be presented to Caledon Council for approval in December.



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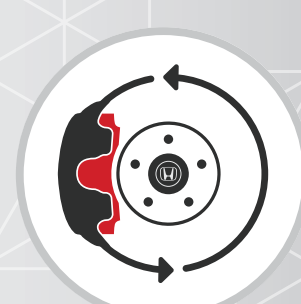
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Caledon Hills Brewing is hosting Oktoberfest festivities at its pub in Palgrave on September 16 and 17.

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Local brewery proud to host third-annual Oktoberfest event

Stein-holding competition among festivities at Caledon Hills Brewing

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Oktoberfest is held in Munich, Germany each Fall and is the world’s largest beer festival.

Caledon Hills Brewing, a local brewery with a pub in Palgrave, has a brewmaster that was born in Munich: Stefan Riedelsheimer.

Riedelsheimer moved to Canada when he was a teenager, with a dream of one day owning a brewery. It’s a dream that came true when he founded Caledon Hills Brewing in 2016, and then opened a corresponding pub in Palgrave in 2020.

Now a successful brewery owner, being able to host his own Oktoberfest event is a source of pride for Riedelsheimer.

This year, Caledon Hills’ Oktoberfest is being held on September 16 and 17 at its

Palgrave pub (17219 Highway 50).

On September 16, popular local cover band The Campfire Poets will perform, and there will be two stein-holding competitions throughout the day. On September 17, there will be another stein-holding competition and local musician Chuck will perform. Caledon Hills’ signature Oktoberfest beer will be available for purchase, as well as another new beer that’s yet to be released.

Alex Riedelsheimer is Stefan’s son, and is responsible for a variety of jobs around the brewery and pub, the Riedelsheimer family business.

He said he’s looking forward to the stein-holding competition, which he said is much harder than people might think.

It involves holding a one-litre stein filled with beer in a fully outstretched arm for as long as you can. The longest he’s ever seen someone manage is close to three minutes, which he said was an amazing effort.

“The farmers usually win,” said Alex. “They have the arm strength, the shoulder strength.”

Competition winners can receive hats, t-shirts, and Caledon Hills gift cards.

Upcoming Fall programming in Caledon: Here’s what’s happening at the Library and PAMA as we move into Autumn

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Those looking to plan out the Fall for themselves and their families have a variety of local options.

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) is known for its year-round programming and it has some special events coming up in the Fall.

On September 26, it will host a virtual bingo night that’s all about Canadian trivia. The family-friendly program offers a prize for winners.

The CPL has a reading buddies program for kids, to help them practice their reading skills and comprehension. On October 3 at the Southfields Village branch, there will be multiple instances of this program running, and it continues throughout the month at other branches across Town.

On October 4, the CPL is hosting a special reading session at the Caledon Animal Shelter in Bolton. The “Rescue Readers” program invites kids to practice their reading skills with a four-legged friend from the shelter. This program is also continuing throughout the Fall.

October 6 is a DIY craft day for kids at both the Albion Bolton and Southfields Village branches of the CPL. On October 15, a virtual “Postcards for Peace” event will be held to provide youth “an opportunity... to send postcards to express messages of thanks to those who served Canada

in times of war, military conflict and peace or to still-serving Canadian Armed Forces members.”

On October 30, the CPL’s virtual bingo returns: this time with a special Halloween theme. Registration for, and more information about, all these CPL programs is available online at caledon.library.on.ca.

On September 24, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) will host a drop in art event. From 1 to 5 p.m. families are invited to learn how to create a print using leaves, flowers and hammers.

On October 5, PAMA is bringing in the Brampton Folk Club for a music night. Local group Brown Ale and the Burtons will play “Songs of the Sea” for those in attendance. The event runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is free for attendees.

On Remembrance Day, November 11, the Hindu Heritage Foundation of Canada will be at PAMA for a talk on the history of the Hindu community in Canada and its contributions in WWI and WWII.

“The talk will feature community members whose family members have contributed to or fought in the World Wars as well as played an important role in the community,” reads PAMA’s site.

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Thompsons establish endowment fund to further support community causes

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Lori Robinson, Chair of the BCCF Board of Directors, said she's looking forward to seeing the benefits the endowment fund will have for charities in Caledon.

"As a long-time resident of Caledon, I know well the contributions both Allan and Anne have made to our community," said Robinson. "...The endowment fund is testament to their love of Caledon, the people of Caledon and the charities (there) that do such important work."

Anne said the endowment fund was created so the donation from the retirement celebration wouldn't be a "one-and-done."

"Instead, the fund exists forever so the charities that support our Caledon community will continue to receive support and the community benefit will far surpass the value of those initial Funds," said Anne. "That is incredibly exciting and a great way to honour the legacy of Allan's political career."

Two disbursements from the fund have already been issued, in May and in June.

The Bethell Hospice Foundation (BHF) received \$1,000 during its Hike for Bethell Hospice, and Caledon Community Services (CCS) received \$1,000 during its Velocity ride in support of Caledon seniors.

The Thompsons said each of the initial disbursements were offered as matching gift challenges for the Hike for Bethell Hospice and Velocity fundraising campaigns. In this way, the overall benefit to the non-profits was doubled.

Jim Boyd, President and CEO of the BCCF, said he was delighted the Thompsons chose to create their endowment fund at the BCCF.

"The Thompson family roots go back centuries in Caledon, and there is no more appropriate legacy that I can think of than their permanent, charitable endowment fund," said Boyd.

Nicole Hand, the Executive Director of the BHF, said her organization was grateful to be

the first-ever beneficiary of the endowment fund. She said it encouraged other donations to the Hike for Bethell Hospice, and added she was thankful for the Thompsons' belief in the importance of hospice palliative care.

Geraldine Aguiar, CEO of CCS, also thanked the Thompsons for their support and called them true community builders that continue to inspire Caledon to step up.

"This gift certainly sparks a real ripple effect of generosity in our community," said Aguiar.

The BCCF is based in Caledon East and builds and administers endowment funds to support non-profits in Brampton and Caledon. The BCCF pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest-earning endowments.

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