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CREATIVITY ABOUNDS — Local artists, authors, musicians and other creators were recently in the spotlight as Caledon East Park played host to the Caledon Creative Arts Festival, an initiative of the Town of Caledon and the Caledon Public Library. Here, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli was all smiles as he tried to paint a self-portrait. For more, see Page 6.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Local lawmakers split on recent staff changes, reorganization at Town Hall

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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There’s been a lot of change at the Town of Caledon lately.

Since July, Mayor Annette Groves has used Strong Mayor powers to replace Caledon’s Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and split the Town’s Director of Building Services and Municipal Law Enforcement position in two.

Since Caledon’s former CAO, Carey Herd

was replaced with current CAO Nathan Hyde on August 2, Caledon’s Town Clerk, Chief planner, Director of Corporate Strategy and Innovation, and Solicitor have left or been terminated.

A September 19 press release from the Town announced streamlining of the municipality from 11 departments to six. The Town said the move would save \$1 million annually and prepare Caledon to be an efficient single-tier municipality when the Region of Peel is dissolved in 2025.

Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli said the recent change is a natural part of Caledon’s growth and evolution. He cited coming population growth as a reason change is necessary. Napoli said the staff changes are about becoming more efficient and effective in delivering municipal services.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, however, is vehemently opposed to the recent changes.

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Councillors stress importance of protecting Caledon’s Greenbelt lands

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon Council wants the Greenbelt to remain untouched in within the community.

While land in Caledon was not included in the Ford Government’s recently-reversed Greenbelt land swap, the move brought attention to the Greenbelt everywhere.

In 2022, the province removed 7,400 acres from the Greenbelt, saying it was necessary to build homes and deal with the housing crisis. It then added 9,400 acres to the Greenbelt elsewhere.

Premier Doug Ford announced this swap would be reversed in a September 21 media conference, and expressed intentions to not touch the Greenbelt in the future.

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Paving project completed at Bethell Hospice thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

\$84,800 grant used to improve driveway and parking lot at Inglewood hospice

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Access to a hospice care home in Caledon has been improved.

On September 29, Bethell Hospice announced it had completed a paving project using grant funding received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The OTF gave Bethell Hospice \$84,800 to repave its driveway.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones came to Bethell Hospice in Inglewood on September 29 to discuss the grant. She said Bethell Hospice is a very special place.

Looking at the freshly-paved driveway, she said she was happy to see the grant was well spent.

“Bethell Hospice is an important health care partner in our community providing palliative hospice care close to home,” said Jones.



Nicole Hand, BHF executive director; Kelly Stronach, Bethell Hospice communications; Bonnie Klaassen, BHF board co-chair; Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP; Janette Panhuis, Bethell Hospice board chair; Adrian Horwood, BHF board co-chair; and Margaret Paan, Bethell Hospice executive director.
PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

COMMUNITY events

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

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

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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

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CALEDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY At the September 14th meeting, a vote was taken and it was agreed that the Caledon Horticultural Society would be closed. Our last ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on October 26, 2023, from 7 to 9 PM at the Cheltenham Community Hall, 14190 Creditview Road (behind the fire hall). If you would like to attend, please contact Bobbie Bennett at gscale3541@gmail.com for more information.

The Albion Bolton Historical Society is holding their next meeting on Monday, October 16th - 7:30 pm start, at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd floor. Members will present objects, photographs, documents, story, etc. that has an Albion or Bolton connection for a “Show and Tell”. Questions, please contact Nathan at 905-584-2801 or nhillerphoto@bell.net. Visit our website boltonhistory.com

She said she was happy to see the driveway in great condition, ready to give people safe access to the hospice.

The paving project was completed in May and included the addition of some extra parking spaces at Bethell.

Kelly Stronach, Manager of Communications for Bethell Hospice, said their mission is to provide compassionate, specialized care for quality living, dying and bereavement.

She added Bethell Hospice’s beautiful location in the country is a huge benefit, but it means a lot of upkeep and maintenance work is needed.

“To safely offer in-person visiting, touring, and high-quality service, the driveway project was a necessity,” she said.

Margaret Paan, Executive Director of Bethell Hospice, said the OTF grant had a huge impact.

“The funding has significantly improved the ability for people to access our current services,” she said.

Janette Panhuis, Bethell Hospice Board Chair, also shared her thanks for the grant funding.

“Hospice services are an essential part of our health care system, focusing on individual care and comfort,” said Panhuis. “We’re very pleased to receive the \$84,800 in funding through the capital grant.”

Ontario raises minimum wage to \$16.55

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Province has raised the minimum wage to \$16.55 as of October 1, 2023.

David Puccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills, issued a statement, saying, “Starting Sunday, October 1, Ontario’s minimum wage will increase from \$15.50 to \$16.55 per hour, helping more than 900,000 hard-working men and women across our province earn more take-home pay for themselves and their families.”

The 6.8 per cent raise means up to \$2,200 more annually for someone working full-time, bringing Ontario’s minimum wage to one of the highest in the country.

“Our government is continuing to deliver steady and predictable annual increases, helping families offset the rising cost of living while also providing certainty to businesses by announcing this increase six months in advance,” the statement read. “Minimum wage jobs should be for the start of a worker’s career, not the end. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are giving workers a hand up to even better jobs and bigger paycheques.”

Earlier in the week, the government passed the Working for Workers Act, 2023.

“For those who think health and safety is just the cost of doing business, we passed the highest health and safety fines in the country, along with new penalties for those who try to abuse vulnerable temporary foreign works by withholding their passport or work permit,” Minister Puccini said.

Ontario is the first province in Canada to ban unfair or discriminatory Canadian work experience requirements in more than 30 regulated professions and trades to help newcomers work in the fields they trained for.

The Act also makes job-protected leave for military reservists the most flexible and comprehensive in all of Canada.

Minister Puccini said that in the coming months, he will be introducing more legislation as part of a plan to make Ontario the best place in the world to “live, work, and raise a family.”

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New haunted house in Bolton brings terror to Town



Unknown terrors await at King City Nightmares, a new haunted house in Bolton. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

King City Nightmares was built by enterprising 18-year-old Antonio Raine

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon residents looking for a good scare don't have to travel far. King City Nightmares, a new haunted

house, has opened up in Bolton at 34 Nixon Road.

The terrifying attraction was built almost entirely by Antonio Raine, an 18-year-old actor who has been making haunted houses since the age of 12.

"I lived in Brampton back then... I started a little garage walkthrough," said Raine. "Every year I would add new things, make it scarier — anything to entertain the neighbourhood."

As his haunted houses kept improving, Raine saw more guests coming out to experience them.

Before moving from Brampton, he even had the Mayor of Brampton out to visit for the grand opening of one of his haunted houses.

Last year, Raine ran his first professional haunted house.

"It was a 140-year-old farmhouse and I turned the entire thing into a walkthrough," said Raine, adding that it went really well.

This year, Raine wanted an even bigger location, which led to him coming to Bolton. In just a five-week span, Raine worked every single day to get his 2023 haunted house ready for its September 28 opening day.

"I build everything myself: all the sets, all the designing, all the little details you see are done by me," said Raine.

Halloween has always resonated with Raine and he's always had a passion for it. He said he finds great joy in building haunted houses and being an actor in them.

Raine said people have been enjoying King City Nightmares so far this year. He

has a team of 14 actors working with him in the haunted house, a huge increase from the four actors in his 2022 haunted house.

Each year, Raine wants to continue to make his haunted houses bigger and better.

"This year, it's a pretty intense walkthrough and definitely longer than last year's," said Raine. "When you enter, you go through a whole cabin, like a 'Cabin in the Woods' type thing."

While he hasn't yet picked a charity for this year's haunted house, Raine said he plans on donating a portion of haunted house proceeds to an organization that serves children in need.

King City Nightmares is open from 7 to 11 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Raine said he's looking forward to welcoming guests to his haunted house.

Anyone looking to learn more or purchase tickets can visit kingcitynightmares.com.

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FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a fatal collision on Innis Lake Road.

“On September 28, 2023, just after 9:00 a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a single-vehicle collision on Innis Lake Road near Finnerty Sideroad,” say Police. “The driver, a 17-year-old from Caledon, was transported to the hospital and later pronounced as deceased. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

“Innis Lake Road between Finnerty Sideroad and Patterson Sideroad 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.

CHARGES FOLLOWING BREAK & ENTER

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a residential break and enter investigation.

“On September 28, 2023, Caledon OPP responded to a residential break and enter in progress on Innis Lake Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) arrived and arrested two parties who had forced their way into the residence and were taking items such as copper piping, wiring, and metal braces. The damage caused to the residence is estimated to be well over \$100,000.”

Miroslav Demeter, 30, and Patrik Demeter, 18, both of Milton, were charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Methamphetamine;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5,000;
- Break and Enter;
- Mischief over \$5,000;
- Possession of Break in Instruments.

Both accused are scheduled to appear

at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 26, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

FATAL COLLISION CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a fatal collision in Bolton.

“On May 6, 2023, shortly after 2:00 a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle head-on collision at the intersection of Queen Street and King Street,” say Police. “Both drivers were transported to hospital. Sadly, a 21-year-old female from Bolton, succumbed to her injuries.

“Queen Street between Willow Street and Sterne Street was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.”

On September 30, 2023, as a result of the investigation, Haythem Ben Fadhl, 30, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation Causing Death;
- Dangerous Operation Causing Death.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 19, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“In 2023 to date, an alarming 14 people have died in 12 fatal collisions on Caledon OPP-patrolled roads. While the OPP and its traffic safety partners remain committed to saving lives on our roads, drivers, passengers, and other road users can significantly contribute to safe roads by avoiding risks and complying with all traffic laws.”

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

BE CAREFUL ENJOYING THE FALL COLOURS: OPP

Caledon is a beautiful destination in the Fall season. If you’re planning on visiting Caledon to see the changing fall colours, expect an increased police presence in areas where vehicular and pedestrian traffic increases.

“Officers will be focusing on traffic and pedestrian safety, as well as enforcing municipal by-laws,” say Caledon OPP. “If you are visiting the Cheltenham Badlands, which re-opened in 2018 with a new fully accessible platform, the only parking option is in the designated parking area east of the location on Olde Base Line Road. See: cvc.ca/discover-our-parks/the-cheltenham-badlands/ for the complete details.”

To ensure everyone’s Fall Colours experience is a pleasant and safe experience, the following are some important safety tips:

- Follow the posted speed limit;
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- Do not take pictures with your phone while driving - this is an excellent task for a passenger;
- Parking is very limited in some areas especially surrounding Forks of the Credit Road. There are many no parking zones where violators will be ticketed and towed at their own expense;
- Avoid breaking on leaves. Wet leaves can be slippery. Drive slowly and avoid hard breaking;
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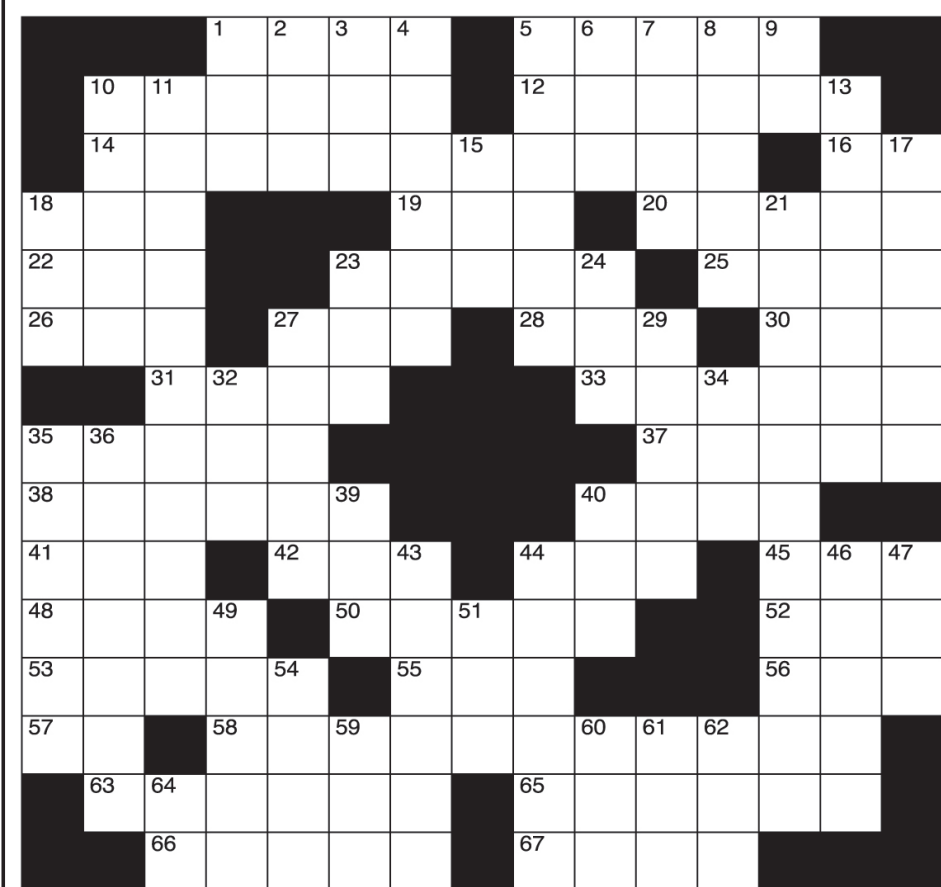


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23. Some are for Christmas

25. Dried, split pulses

26. Self

27. Where to get your mail

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30. Flightless bird

31. Expectorated

33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth

35. Type of patch

37. French river

38. Told on

40. Hillside

41. Peyton’s little brother

42. Soviet Socialist Republic

44. Progressive country musician

45. Witness

48. Brews

50. Yellowish-brown

52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

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57. Atomic #52

58. Position north or south of the equator

63. Gadget

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2. Partner to flow

3. A very large body of water

4. Accumulate on the surface of

5. Central cores of stems

6. Angry

7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida

8. Fastened with a pin

9. On your way: ___ route

10. Soviet labor camp system

11. Enmities

13. B complex vitamin

15. Go quickly

17. Toast

18. A team’s best pitcher

21. Philly culinary specialty

23. Small child

24. Unhappy

27. Trims away

29. Full of tears

32. Touch softly

34. Former OSS

35. A person’s chest

36. Came from behind

39. Fall back

40. Nellie __, journalist

43. A part of a river where the current is very fast

44. Weather

46. Sports broadcaster Ian

47. Electroencephalograph

49. Phenyl salicylate

51. Web of Things

54. Ship goods as cargo

59. The bill in a restaurant

60. Young female

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62. One’s grandmother

64. West Siberian river

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Plans made to continue public school vegetable garden project annually



Students from schools across Caledon have been growing vegetables and donating them to The Exchange, where local families in need can access them.
PHOTO COURTESY OF STAN CAMERON/FACEBOOK

Over 100 pounds of fresh vegetables recently donated to Caledon Community Services

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Good things will continue to grow at Caledon public schools.

The school vegetable garden project, led by Caledon’s Peel District School Board (PDSB) trustee Stan Cameron, was a big success this year.

With large amounts of fresh vegetables donated to Caledon Community Services (CCS), and a positive response to the project from Caledon’s school communities, plans are being made to continue the project annually.

First announced in early 2023, the school

garden project saw students, staff and parent volunteers create their own vegetable gardens at each of Caledon’s public schools.

Community partners like the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF) and many local businesses supported the project, and are planning to continue their support.

“The school gardens are coming to an end of their harvest time... it’s been very exciting for students,” said Cameron. “We most recently made a donation to The Exchange (CCS’ food bank) of 113 pounds of fresh vegetables.”

Cameron said students felt great knowing their gardening efforts went towards helping families in need get fresh, healthy food.

An offer of free seeds and seedlings for next year’s school gardens has already come in from Caledon East’s Davis Feed and Farm Supply, who provided seeds and seedlings this year.

“It’s a huge offering... schools and parent councils don’t need to worry about cost or raising money to purchase seeds or seedlings,” said Cameron.

Glen Echo Nurseries has offered to provide soil for the gardens, as well as seeds.

As this was the first year of the garden project, plants were chosen by the garden project leaders for the school gardens across Caledon. Moving forward, Cameron wants to see each school community choose what they’d like to grow.

Cameron said the garden project has garnered support from many places.

“We’ve had help from the director of PDSB, the associate director, the board superintendent, our facilities manager, our custodians, our amazing teachers who are our gardening leaders within our schools, their students, and the community members who helped out throughout the summer to water and weed those gardens,” said Cameron.

Cameron said a colleague told him she’s never seen a school project that involves so many people contributing to make it work.

“I was at a garden once during the summer... I was watering and... in walks this

mum with two little girls and all three of them had a watering can,” said Cameron. “It was pretty amazing to see how this family had decided even though it wasn’t necessarily their scheduled week to water (they would still come and help).”

Cameron said in a time where there’s a lot of negativity, the school gardens have been a good news story that brings positive energy to the community.

Grants from the Town of Caledon and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) helped out with the garden project this year, and Cameron expressed his thanks for those grants.

Moving forward, Cameron is hoping to make the gardens even more sustainable.

“For example, we can get a large compost bin for each of our schools,” said Cameron. “The leftover that comes out of the garden can go into a composter to then be regenerated as organic soil (and put) into our soil the following year.”

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ADOPT A DOG FROM A RESCUE

A few weeks ago, I talked to you all about the pros and cons of adopting a rescue dog vs buying a puppy from a breeder. That article engendered a lot of conversation, and quite a few of you talked about how important it is to adopt a dog that needs a new forever home. It’s a matter of personal choice and I pass no judgement on those who prefer to buy a puppy.

The fact of the matter is that in Canada about 40,000 dogs end up in shelters each year, and about 20% of them never get adopted. So, if you’re inclined to adopt a dog that needs a new home, you’re certainly going to help that situation. But the sad truth is that about 15% of adopted dogs end up going back to the shelter and in the vast majority of cases, they needn’t.

Let’s talk about that.

Once you adopt a dog, it’s not uncommon to see some behaviour changes after the “honeymoon period”, when the dog becomes completely comfortable in their new home.

These changes are not necessarily negative. Studies have shown that separation anxieties usually abate or disappear after six months or so, for example. That’s great news for people who have to leave home regularly without their new bestie. However, studies have also shown that there can be an increase in stranger-directed aggression, chasing and other aggressive behaviours.

A study from Ohio State University found that in the case of aggression, dogs who had received anti-anxiety medication during their time at shelters were more likely to exhibit aggressive behaviours toward strangers. This is thought to have less to do with receiving medication and more that the dogs had been difficult to handle from the start. The increase in stranger-directed aggression may be due to dogs becoming more protective over their new environment, and a reflection of feeling more secure and confident. It is also possible that it stems from fear-aggression.

Whatever the cause, it is important to deal with this behaviour immediately. I firmly believe that you CAN teach an old dog new tricks, and a dog is *never* too old to train. Indeed, I have talked about this very subject in these pages, and will probably do so again.

Because of the importance and prevalence of adopting shelter dogs, I have developed a training system specifically for training rescue dogs. It comes with everything you need to train and comfort your rescue dog, and a book of easy and useful exercises you can do to bond with them. With love and patience, your rescue dog will become the wonderful furry companion of your dreams.

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(LEFT) Preet Kaur Pooni showcases her art in the Artful Caledon tent. Photo by Zachary Roman. (RIGHT) Author M.J. Moores smiles in front of a table full of the books she’s written. PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Local creatives highlighted at Caledon Creative Arts Festival

Artists, authors, musicians among those featured in event at Caledon East Park

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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On a sunny Saturday morning, a park in Caledon was filled with creative spirit. On September 23, the Town of Caledon and Caledon Public Library (CPL) hosted the Caledon Creative Arts Festival at Caledon East Park.

Emily Quinton, Tourism and Culture Officer for the Town of Caledon, said the event was much bigger than its 2022 version, then called the Caledon Art Crawl. She said many people responded to the Town’s call for artists and vendors.

Quinton said the festival’s goal was to get as many people as possible to experience Caledon’s art scene, all in one spot.

“I’m so pleased with the turnout,” said

Quinton. “We’ll be doing it again next year... I really encourage everybody to come out and meet the artists that live in their community.”

Mary Maw, Manager of Communications for the CPL, explained the library invited all of the creatives from its Artful Caledon program to be featured at the event. The Friends of the Caledon Public Library provided funding for a 20- by 40-foot tent where all the Artful Caledon creatives showcased their work.

“It’s really cohesive, they’re all supporting each other,” said Maw. “It’s wonderful to see them all together.”

M.J. Moores, a local author who was at the festival, has a series of steampunk-inspired books and a science fantasy series

too. Growing up, Moores said she didn’t see women represented in the types of fiction she enjoyed.

“A lot of my characters are basically female Indiana Jones type characters,” said Moores. “It’s all about them going out and doing things that girls aren’t supposed to be doing.”

Preet Kaur Pooni, a visual artist that was featured in the Artful Caledon tent, said she likes to use acrylic paint, and accents some of her work with gold leaf.

Pooni said she often listens to meditations while she paints; that she paints for her soul. She said painting makes her calm and at peace with herself.

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Caledon student part of team creating film about homelessness

Michael Rosa is a media production student at Toronto Metropolitan University

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local student is hoping to raise awareness about homelessness and poverty.

Michael Rosa, who is from Bolton, is currently in his fourth year of study in a media production program at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

He and a group of fellow students are in the midst of their thesis project: the creation of a film about homelessness and poverty called “Last Night”.

“We are very passionate about it,” said Rosa, who is a writer and producer on the project. He’s also helping to market the film.

“We’re hoping to change perceptions about homelessness,” said Rosa, who said people experiencing homelessness are often portrayed differently in media than they should be.

The film has been in development since February, and the crew are undergoing final preparations and planning to start shooting in mid-October.

“We’re very much in crunch time,” said Rosa. He and his team are hoping to have the movie released in early 2024.

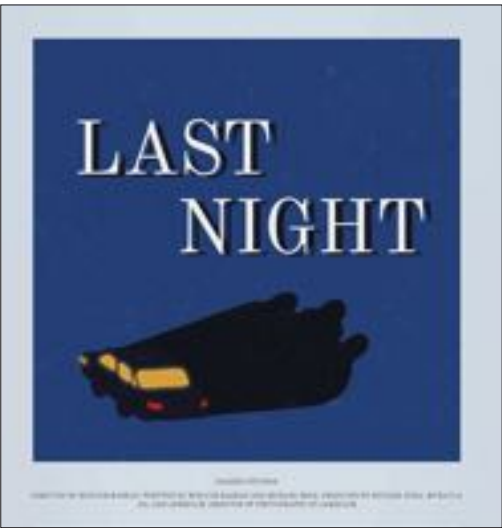
Last Night is set in Winter 2021, when COVID-19 restrictions were beginning to come back after they’d initially been lifted.

“It was really cold, and a lot of people were getting laid off again,” said Rosa. “There was a lot of uncertainty.”

Rosa said the pandemic led to an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Last Night’s protagonist lives in her car, and it’s a situation Rosa said is not as uncommon as one might think.

“It’s hidden homelessness,” said Rosa. “Homelessness can look like so many different things.”



A promotional image for Last Night, a student-made film about homelessness coming out in early 2024.

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The script for Last Night is currently in its sixth draft, as it’s been constantly updated during the production process. Rosa said the Last Night team has done as much research as they can to make sure the script is as authentic as possible.

In Last Night, it is never explained why its characters are homeless.

“What’s important is the characters themselves, the relationships they have and the message we’re trying to convey,” said Rosa. “We don’t want to treat them differently than we would other characters.”

People that have experienced homelessness themselves are playing a big role in Last Night’s creation. The film’s main actress and a member of the film’s sound team have each experienced homelessness.

“These people came to us... it was very important that we worked with them,” said Rosa. “We’ve shared the script with them because we want it to be as accurate as possible... they love the direction we are taking.”

Rosa said while the film will of course not solve homelessness, he and his team are hoping to make a real contribution to raising awareness and changing perspectives on the issue.

Rosa is looking forward to sharing more about the film at a later date.

Some Councillors support changes, while others concerned about Strong Mayor powers

Continued from FRONT

He said he was shocked and disappointed to see Strong Mayor powers used to replace Herd, who he said is “highly competent” and was doing an “excellent job.”

Sheen said with the Region of Peel’s dissolution coming, Herd’s experience would have been extremely valuable.

“The outgoing CAO had roughly 15 years of experience at the Town. She knew her way around the Town and Region. She had strong and professional working relationships inside and outside the Town to get things done,” said Sheen. “These strong working relationships could only have served the Town well as we head into transition talks.”

Sheen said he also does not agree with the removal of Caledon’s Town Clerk and Chief Planner, for similar reasons. He said the outgoing Chief Planner was very good at her job and that it was amazing how much work she and her team were producing while under intense pressure.

Sheen also said the dismissal of Caledon’s Solicitor concerns him, especially as Caledon is in the middle of addressing illegal land uses like illegal trucking yards.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa supports the recent staff changes at Town Hall.

“As we prepare for growth across Caledon, I am confident that the recent streamlining of

departments will ensure we are ready to serve our current and future residents,” said Rosa.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said change seems to be the fundamental state of local government. He said with a new administration being sworn in last November, change was bound to happen.

“I do lament the loss of some of the people who were let go because they were hard-working, dedicated professionals,” said Maskell. “But I’m not going to judge the new CAO until we see proof... of what his track record is.”

Maskell said as the new CAO’s plan unfolds, Council can make judgements on it. Until then, he said Council needs to unite and be focused on the many issues Caledon is facing.

He said, in general, he’s not supportive of Strong Mayor powers being used.

“It can be a slippery slope,” said Maskell. “But I also think that we have to look at it on an issue-by-issue basis.”

Regional Councillor Christina Early declined to comment on the recent streamlining, but has previously told the Citizen she did not support the use of Strong Mayor powers.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan was unable to respond by press time, and has also previously told the Citizen she did not support the use of strong mayor powers.

Mayor Groves and the remainder of Caledon Council did not reply to a request for comment by press time.

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Lofty reality checks

There are some lessons we learn very early on in our lives.

Sharing, for instance, is drummed into us almost as soon as we’re old enough to sit upright and interact with others. Respect for one another quickly follows. Considering the viewpoints of others is another one that comes along in our formative years, but that’s a lesson that stays with some of us longer than others.

We learn the basics of respect from (it is hoped) our parents, basics that are subsequently reinforced by teachers as we learn to navigate a world away from the comforts of our homes.

With these building blocks, we’re able to forge ahead into the world ready to learn from the experiences, and, therefore, lessons we learn along the way.

Hopefully those early lessons “took” because they come in handy the further along you get on the road.

As your Grade number gets higher and higher through elementary and secondary school, you’re increasingly asked to call upon these lessons as teachers, instructors, and indeed parents, take more of a hands-off approach, letting you find your own way in learning the lessons that need to be learned – and it’s here that character is really reinforced.

Some of these lessons are universal, some are unique to the individual, but one that is learned reasonably early in any facet of life is that it’s impossible to please everybody.

Pleasing everybody all of the time is an admirable goal, but all too often it feels pretty futile. Sometimes, at the end of the day, you have to do what’s right either for yourself or, if not for yourself, the greater good.

While we all understand this, sometimes it is hard to accept – and increasingly so.

I don’t have to spill ink in this space to compile a laundry list of decisions that have been made for the “greater good” in recent years that have spectacularly failed to please everybody. Indeed, in some of the examples that have come out of the half-decade or so, it almost appears that displeasing everyone equally can sometimes be a measure of success, as sorry as it sounds.

Yet, no matter how many times we learn this lesson, our innate desire to be people pleasers bubbles to the surface, regardless of age or circumstance.

We can experience it in the household where parents of multiple children try to solve the occasionally thankless question of, “What can we do today that would be great for all the kiddos?” and we can see it in our public spheres as well. And all too often, in my view, this phenomenon can hamstring progress – “progress” being, of course in the eye of the beholder – as leaders wait for something elusive to come along, a magic bullet that is beneficial and expeditious for everyone concerned.

From this seat, observing multiple municipal councils in multiple communities, multiple governments at both the Provincial and Federal level, and more, it’s always a shame to see well-intentioned, positive projects get pushed to the backburner or tossed out alto-

gether at the smallest hint of public backlash.

Much of this backlash – and, in the interests of full fairness, not all – can be attributed to another feeling that might also be innate: the desire to maintain the status quo. If it’s not an effort to maintain the status quo, it can also be a drive to avoid the most minimal of pain (read: slight inconvenience) for the maximum gain.

But this effort to try to find projects and methods that do please everyone will need to be put on ice as our municipalities face challenges that are not of our communities’ making and are, instead, problems that have been foisted upon us to solve.

With the Province putting its proverbial pedal to the metal in incentivising communities to meet rapidly accelerated housing targets, something will have to give.

Some communities have the space to accommodate the targets, still more do not.

It’s going to require some out-of-the-box thinking in order to reach those goals.

Land is finite and, to my mind, avoiding building up will only last so long.

Communities like ours, as I have mentioned in this space before, have banked a lot on so-called “small-town feel.”

Note the world “feel” in that phrase – that’s all it is: a feeling. The days of small-town life and living is a reality that has passed us by, alas. Trying to hold onto it, as much as we might like to, seems like trying to maintain a façade for something that no longer exists.

In order to meet these targets, height limits, such as they are, are going to have to be re-thought. It won’t be beyond the realm of possibility that buildings of 15+ stories or more, in targeted and logical areas, will be the new normal and, despite the pain, aggravation and inconvenience it might cause, it will be a price we will all have to pay.

It’s not an endorsement, mind you; it’s simply what we’re going to have to face.

That’s a reality of the targets, but I fear they will do little to address the reality of the housing and affordability crises we’re currently living with.

The solution on the table right now appears to be maintain the status quo, but at an accelerated rate. It’s a matter of providing the opportunities for developers to do what they do best, but it’s naturally a profit-driven business that rarely results in units that can be considered affordable by any definition.

In my view, governments at all levels need to take a more proactive and creative role in the creation and fostering of affordable units.

Leaders often like to say that governments – at least at the lower tiers – shouldn’t be in the housing business, but getting into it would hardly be reinventing the wheel.

There are lessons to be rediscovered from postwar governments and those through the 1980s.

As the crisis continues, it will be less a matter of “getting into the housing business” but one of providing infrastructure. It’s an idea that won’t please everyone, but one I feel will make us all better off in the long run.

And, at the end of the day, there might not be a choice.



New words spoiling the language



There are more than one million distinct words in the English language. Most of use only 25,000 words on a regular basis.

And yet, we keep adding to the list and making our trusty dictionaries that much larger.

There are a few that make me cringe, every time I hear or read them.

Currently, many people have a “side hustle,” meaning a part-time job or extra way to make money. But to me, this term has a negative connotation and “hustle” has always meant a way to deceive someone.

When our workers improve, they are “upskilling,” or “reskilling” not to be confused with plain, old getting better.

“Gaslighting” comes from the younger generation, and is a form of psychological manipulation in which the abuser attempts to sow self-doubt and confusion in their victim’s mind. Typically, gaslighters are seeking to gain power and control over the other person, by distorting reality and forcing them to question their own judgment and intuition.

In business or government we hear the term “high level,” meaning senior, top, highest, central, chief, main. Wow, I guess the term “upper management” is now really old. By the way, it also means “relating to or being nuclear waste that contains highly concentrated radioactive components which are environmentally hazardous.”

The Oxford Dictionary has added some interesting new words in recent years.

There’s “porch pirate,” referring to a person who steals parcels that have been delivered and left unattended outside the recipient’s home or business. I suppose plain old thief doesn’t cut it.

And there’s “textspeak,” gutting the language in favour of time-saving abbreviations, acronyms, emoticons or emojis, etc.

Miriam Webster added almost 700 new words to date.

While often used in sports, GOAT (Greatest of All Time) is one I can’t get used to. Just who falls into this category, other than Muhammad Ali?

In my wheelhouse is UPA (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon), which replaces UFO. I assume the powers that be wanted to remove the stigma of “flying saucers” to encompass anything weird in the skies above.

How about “rewild,” meaning to return to a more natural or wild state? Isn’t that just

by Mark Pavilons

nature?
You can’t just make a new word by adding “re” to it.

I’m sure some of us have a “screenager,” a teenager who is always using a computer, mobile devices or video game console.

For those of us who are often browsing the Internet, we run into “doomscroll,” to spend excessive time online scrolling through news or other content that makes one feel sad, anxious, angry, etc.

Most of us have an opinion about carbon taxes and our carbon footprint. But what about “carbon capture and storage?” These refer to various methods of removing and storing carbon dioxide produced by industrial processes to keep it from entering the atmosphere.

I just love the word “nomophobia,” meaning the fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or being unable to use it.

We’ve all been there. I have occasionally lost mine in the couch cushions or misplaced it somewhere in the house. Even calling it doesn’t always work, especially if your phone is on silent.

I can’t believe that in less than a decade, we’ve become so tied to this small but mighty gizmo that we just can’t live without it. We no longer have a house phone and I know many people who use their phone for personal and business use. It’s a constant companion.

Mine froze last week and I had to take it to the Apple Store. I was lost, all alone and without purpose, not having my phone for a few days. It was like going through withdrawal.

Some people may be in a “situationship” – more than friends but less than a couple. That’s what we needed, even more ways to confuse the complicated relationships between couples.

One word I have come to love is “hangry,” when a person becomes bad-tempered or irritable as a result of hunger. I use it a lot, especially when referring to our youngest child, who never finds anything to eat!

There have been times when I have been guilty of binge-watching TV series, making them “bingeable.” I couldn’t get enough of every episode of Restaurant Impossible and was saddened to hear of its demise. I now have Kitchen Nightmares. My wife and I binged every episode of Alone we could find.

The word “bingeable” started gaining popularity when more people began streaming more TV shows and series online. Usually used to describe Netflix shows, it can also refer to old shows that you can finish after a day or two of watching non-stop.

Thanks to modern science we now have “Frankenfood,” used to refer to genetically engineered food. It was actually coined in 1992. The modern definition of this word relates to food fusion and unusual recipes like ramen burger and spam sushi.

My friends, I encourage to you bee on the lookout for new and exciting words. And be weary of the weird ones. Say “no” to language abuse!

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How do you think a Canadian, born and raised here and paying taxes all their lives and is now finding life harder than ever to see you on TV giving so much of our money to others overseas while we struggle right here at home?

Charity begins at home, Mr. Prime Minister. Put our cheque book away for a while.

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The Charter gives us a number of democratic rights, including freedom of expression and freedom of association, as well as the right to life and liberty.

But it’s always been puzzling to me that we don’t have an economic charter of rights, one that includes the right of workers to get a share of the wealth they help create.

In last week’s column, I talked about the need to create an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities in Canada.

I believe Canada could become one of the first countries in the world to formally establish an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities. The charter would include rights that guarantee Canadians participation in the economy as well as responsibilities that oblige government to adopt a more fiscally sound approach when it comes to managing public finances.

- In other words, an economic charter of rights would go a long way in terms of ensuring that our economy functions properly and that Canadians get a fair share of the profits they help produce.
- I believe most Canadians would agree with the following seven common-sense rights and responsibilities. If adopted, they would create a healthier and more prosperous country and improve the living standards of all Canadians.
- 1. Reduce our mushrooming national debt by 5 percent per year for 20 years in order to be debt-free within two decades – the best legacy we can leave behind for our children and grandchildren.
 - 2. Halt the out-of-control growth of government bureaucracy by cutting government overhead by 5 percent per year over the next decade.
 - 3. Simplify our tax system by making it straightforward, clear-cut and fair, while also eliminating loopholes, tax breaks and deductions for the rich and special interests.
 - 4. Give workers a slice of the profits they help produce by making companies with more than 300

- employees share 20 percent of their annual profits. Sharing profits ensure that wealth is spread more evenly within society.
 - 5. Unleash Canada’s small businesses by slashing red tape, removing regulatory burdens that stifle economic growth and productivity, and eliminating the business income tax. We need to give Canada’s small business owners and entrepreneurs the runway they need to grow and hire more employees.
 - 6. Reform our education system by introducing more skilled trades apprenticeships so young Canadians have greater career opportunities and access to good-paying jobs.
 - 7. Ensure that every child in Canada has a healthy organic meal at school and learns about nutrition.
- But we can only bring about these changes by sparking a national grassroots movement of concerned citizens who support the adoption of an economic charter of rights.
- With an economic charter, we could rein in Can-

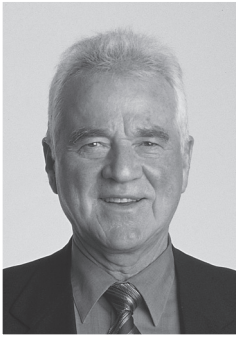
ada’s spiralling debt, restore balanced budgets, handcuff government spending, chop needless red tape and regulations, simplify and streamline our tax system, usher in profit sharing for millions of hard-working Canadians, and unshackle our country’s entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The truth is, our human charter of rights alone is not sufficient – it needs to be fortified with an economic charter of rights.

Economic charters of rights will lead to economic democracies, and economic democracies are the basis for democracy itself.

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Giving Thanks

For many of us, this is the time of year we are able to join with family and dine together. Aptly named, after an abundant harvest, Thanksgiving is the time for us to literally share in nature’s bounty with those around us. If you are lucky enough to be sitting down for a meal with family and friends this weekend, this is your gentle reminder to be grateful. Life might not be perfect, but easy access to food is reason enough to be thankful this thanksgiving season. For too many others, with grocery store prices skyrocketing, not only is Thanksgiving dinner not assured, neither are school lunches nor healthy breakfasts on a regular basis. While in the global context this is clearly unacceptable, it seems egregiously so in a country like ours where food grows (as long as we don’t pave over all the farmland) in abundance and the variety is seemingly boundless.

Locally there are field to farm markets including Caledon’s own Downey’s Farm, Albion Orchards and the Albion Hills Community Farm, while just a short drive north will land you in Dufferin County where roadside farmers’ stands abound and places like Maple Grove Farm Market are waiting to serve you. Perhaps you’ll take the extra holiday Monday and plan an outing with your family, pick up a pumpkin or two and bring home a baked treat for dessert. Life is good when food is this plentiful AND you can afford to pay for it. Try to imagine what

it’s like however, when surrounded by such largesse, but you have to choose between a roof over your head OR food on the table. If Thanksgiving is in part about giving thanks and celebrating with food and family – consider also making it about sharing the abundant harvest and donating what you can (whether food or funds) to local community and faith-based organizations who will endeavour as they always do, to ensure those experiencing food scarcity might also be able to give thanks with a dining table heavy with harvest foods this upcoming weekend.

Alongside your ability to donate, consider fresh foods as these are often left off food bank shelves. In fact, right now the items most in need at our local Exchange and area food banks include: fresh fruits like apples, oranges, pears and bananas along with vegetables like potatoes, carrots, onions and other seasonal vegetables. Also needed are milk, eggs, butter, cheese and yogurt. Many of us think of pasta, peanut butter and perhaps even pantry staples when donating food but items like condiments are often forgotten. School-friendly granola bars and juice boxes are always needed. In addition to fresh milk, “shelf-stable” milk such as almond, evaporated or powdered milk goes a long way as do products like toothpaste and tampons that can be costly when budgets are already stretched thin.

Liberal Ontario

On one of the forums I frequent, one of the categories is travel.

A question was asked about the most unusual custom you have come across while being in a foreign country.

One person replied that he had lived in Germany for a couple of years, and was surprised to find the country basically shuts down on Sunday. No stores are open, in fact, pretty much everything is closed.

He described Sundays in Germany as excruciatingly boring.

There has to be some Germans who wish things were open. Maybe they are so accustomed to it, everyone just keeps with the plan.

That got me thinking about how boring and rigid Ontario used to be.

It wasn’t that long ago that Ontario also shut down on Sundays. You could fire a cannonball down the main street of major cities and not hit anything because there was no one there.

It was finally decided, following the American lead, to start allowing some Sunday shopping. There was some good in this, but at the same time, there was a downside to it.

I was working for a retail corporation in a support role at the time, when it was announced we would be opening on Sunday. At first, we were told working Sunday was voluntary.

Of course, the writing was on the wall for that one. We all knew it would become the norm and for many people that meant the end of their weekend.

The alcohol business in Ontario was also strict – to the point of being ridiculous.

There was only one place to buy beer – The Brewer’s Retail, as it was called at the time. Because of the way things worked, many people thought the Brewer’s Retail was a government-run organization. But it wasn’t. It was a monopoly run by the major brewing companies, which pretty much stopped any other company from selling a beer product if the Brewer’s Retail wouldn’t let you in.

At the time there was even regulations about the shape of a bottle, so all Canadian beer came in those older stubby bottles.

Now I can buy beer in my grocery store, and the choice of products is huge compared to the time when you were pretty much limited to Labatt’s and Molson’s products.

While statistics vary between communities, in some areas there has been a greater than 100% increase in the amount of working families that now rely on food banks for all or some of their nutritional requirements. These are families who are employed yet still must make difficult decisions around where to allocate limited income resources. Imagine working two jobs and still having to rely on a food bank to meet some of your family’s grocery needs! If a trip to the grocery store has you considering the rapidly rising cost of living and you are employed, have a home and access to transportation, think about what a trip to the store looks like for someone living on ODSP, reliant upon public transportation (virtually non-existent in Caledon) and who may be unhoused or underhoused. At just \$755 per month, and the average rent in Caledon often as much as two to three times that amount, it doesn’t take a mathematician to figure out how untenable your situation is.

What else can you do? Consider lending your voice to the environmental groups advocating on behalf of the farmlands and greenbelts that surround us. The greenbelt issue hasn’t gone away and the plans to develop the 413 are still very much on the table and they would have a significant impact on local farmland. Homes and highways built by developers put our food supply at risk. These are the folks who already have enough: enough land, enough money and

enough influence. Help continue to send that message to Mr. Ford. The land needs protecting not just for the sake of species at risk, the environment and to protect the watershed but in order to be able to help feed families too.

Finally, the Coalition for Healthy Food has been campaigning under the banner of #NourishKidsNow! for access to healthy school lunches for all Canadian school children, something the liberal government committed over \$1 billion dollars toward during the last federal election campaign but which currently remains in limbo. Imagine if every child, regardless of their socio-economic condition, had equal access to the same healthy, nutritious food at lunch? This one act alone would be an important step toward addressing inequities in educational opportunities, helping to “level the playing field” for every student. Food doesn’t just nourish healthy bodies, but healthy minds too. They are currently providing access to a petition on their website, asking the government to honour the commitment made. You can learn more about the petition and sign it on or before October 20.

This Thanksgiving, if you’re able, consider a new way of giving



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

The LCBO was another Ontario horror story from the dark ages.

Considering they were selling a legal product, they did it in such a way to make you feel you were doing something wrong just by entering the store.

You may remember the LCBO stores that had no shelving or products on display. The last version of this nightmare retail outlet closed, not that long ago in Toronto.

You would enter the store and an angry older man would stare you down from behind a counter.

The choice of products, and they were very limited choices, were on a listing on the wall. You had to fill out a form then walk up to the counter and hand the slip to the angry man.

There was no “hey, how are you today?” type of banter. It was all business, and you better not say too much while you’re in there or you might be considered some kind of trouble maker.

He would disappear into a secret back room and return with your bottle tightly wrapped in a bag because it was some kind of offence to actually be seen on a public street with a bottle of wine.

When he handed the bottle to you, he would glare

at you like you were doing something wrong. That went double for those of us who just turned legal drinking age and wanted something to take to a party.

Thankfully the LCBO finally decided to try selling their products in a proper retail environment. Now, you have to leave the store carrying your bottle of Jack Daniels openly because they no longer supply bags to hide your shame.

I’m not sure why Ontario was so far behind the times. It was pressure from the public that finally made the province change in many ways. After all, what business is it of the government if you want you go to a shopping mall on a Sunday afternoon?

Sunday in Ontario used to be like a lazy afternoon in Mayberry. I guess there is some good in that, but I would rather have some options.

I don’t know what people in Germany do on Sundays for fun, but I also wonder if some of them ever thought it might be time to start exploring some new ideas.



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Join the fight against breast cancer with the “2023 Mammothon” screening marathon

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) and Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team are looking to support early breast cancer detection this month through their 2023

Mammoth.

“Unfortunately, many of us know someone affected by breast cancer. With early detection and diagnosis available at Headwaters, we can save lives. The 2023 Mammoththon gives our community a chance to focus on their health,” said Dr. Grace Wang, Chief of Staff, Vice President, Medical Affairs and Surgeon.

Held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the 2023 Mammathon is a breast cancer screening marathon dedicated to booking more mammograms to help prevent breast cancer through early detection. A mammograph is an x-ray of the breast that can find abnormal changes in the breast, even when they may be too small to feel or see.

According to Headwaters, only 59 per cent of women in Dufferin and Caledon are up-to-date with mammograms.

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team's goal is to increase this to more than 63 per cent in the next year.

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team has launched a new website, www.preventingcancer.ca, aimed at increasing the number of people screened for cancer in Dufferin and Caledon.

“By increasing the number of people who get screened for breast cancer, we will be able to make a real difference in breast cancer prevention in our community. Getting screened early may find pre-cancerous cells that could become cancer if left untreated. Screening helps find

breast cancer early, before it has spread, making it easier to treat,” said Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, associate medical officer of health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

Women, Two-Spirit, trans and non-binary people between the ages of 50 and 74, as well as individuals with implants, may be eligible for mammograms every one to two years based on medical and family history.

During the 2023 Mammoth, screenings can be scheduled at Headwaters without referral by calling Headwaters Health Care Centre Diagnostic Imaging (519) 941-2410 ext. 2842, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

Every person with a mammography appointment scheduled during the month will be automatically entered to win a gift basket draw, filled with items from local businesses. Winners will be announced after November 1.

As a certified Ontario Breast Assessment Centre, Headwaters offers patients complete care in breast health, from testing to diagnosis to treatment, led by a health team of diagnostic imaging technologists, radiologists and surgeons.

BOLTON ROTARY 1K FUN RUN & 5K WALK/RUN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



The Haunted Hill Run is back on Sunday, Oct 29, 2023! It will include a Kids 1k FUN RUN and a 5k walk/run via the Murray Stewart Trail. The Rotary Club of Bolton is pleased to offer this very popular community event once again with ghostly decorations, food, prizes, temporary tattoos. Humberview Drama club will be doing facepainting and cheerleading. **Don't forget your costumes! Register on rotaryhauntedhill.com.**

Check out ROTARYHAUNTEDHILL.COM for details of the day including registration, maps, parking, runner requirements, etc.



Theatre Orangeville opens its 30th Anniversary with The View from Here

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

Jamie Williams, author of the play, *The View from Here*, says it is the “most intimate and real-life play” of his so far – and he is also starring in it with Melanie Janzen, his own wife of twenty- plus years.

The View from Here opens October 12 and

runs until October 29 at Theatre Orangeville.

In brief, the play takes us through a year in the lives of Michael and Mary, who have been married for 32 years. Their lives so far are not exactly what they had imagined when they first married all those years ago.

“The story begins on New Year’s Eve,” Mr. Williams noted, “and ends on the following New Year’s Eve. It’s a love letter to those in long term relationships.”

It's also a humorous invitation to others in the earlier relationships to see how facing the "storms" can be successfully handled together and with love.

"It's always an honour to have the playwright in the room when rehearsing and better when they are acting in it too," said David Nairn. "Anyone in a long-term relationship coming to see this show, will see themselves on the stage. This is funny, touching, from heart to heart."

The creative interest for this production – sets, lights and more – centred specifically on design sequentially through the year, a chance for unique sets and skillful lighting.

“When Beckie [Morris, Theatre Orangeville’s Production Manager and set designer for this show] and I started talking about it, I said it feels like moving,” said Nairn. “So, now we physically move.”

This is accomplished by the use of a revolve, usually round. However, Morris had another idea: a revolve that is square. She saw it as a different shape, but the math and the geometrics to construct it have been interesting.

"Lots of neat theatre tricks," Nairn commented with satisfaction. "This is a first – for the 30th season."

They are thrilled to have Louise Guinand as lighting designer, one of the most sought-after lighting designers in Canada. This production will be Guinand's 600th professional lighting design.

In *The View from Here*, Mary is considerably Michael's "better half." She is more creative, a producer. Yet Naim reminded us, "The words are what matter – everything else is bells and whistles. And this is a very funny play."

That the stars portraying a long-time married couple are themselves a married couple means they bring that “short hand of communication” with them.

Nairn informed us, "There is no need for an intimacy coach. There is a tremendous ease between them."

They are trying to tell stories that matter. The play reaches the whole audience by showing our lives, or aspects of our lives, on stage.

Nairn summed up the charm of the play: "There will be tears of laughter but there could also be tears of connection."

The View from Here opens October 12 and runs to October 29. For more information, or to purchase tickets and subscriptions go to www.theatreorangeville.ca.

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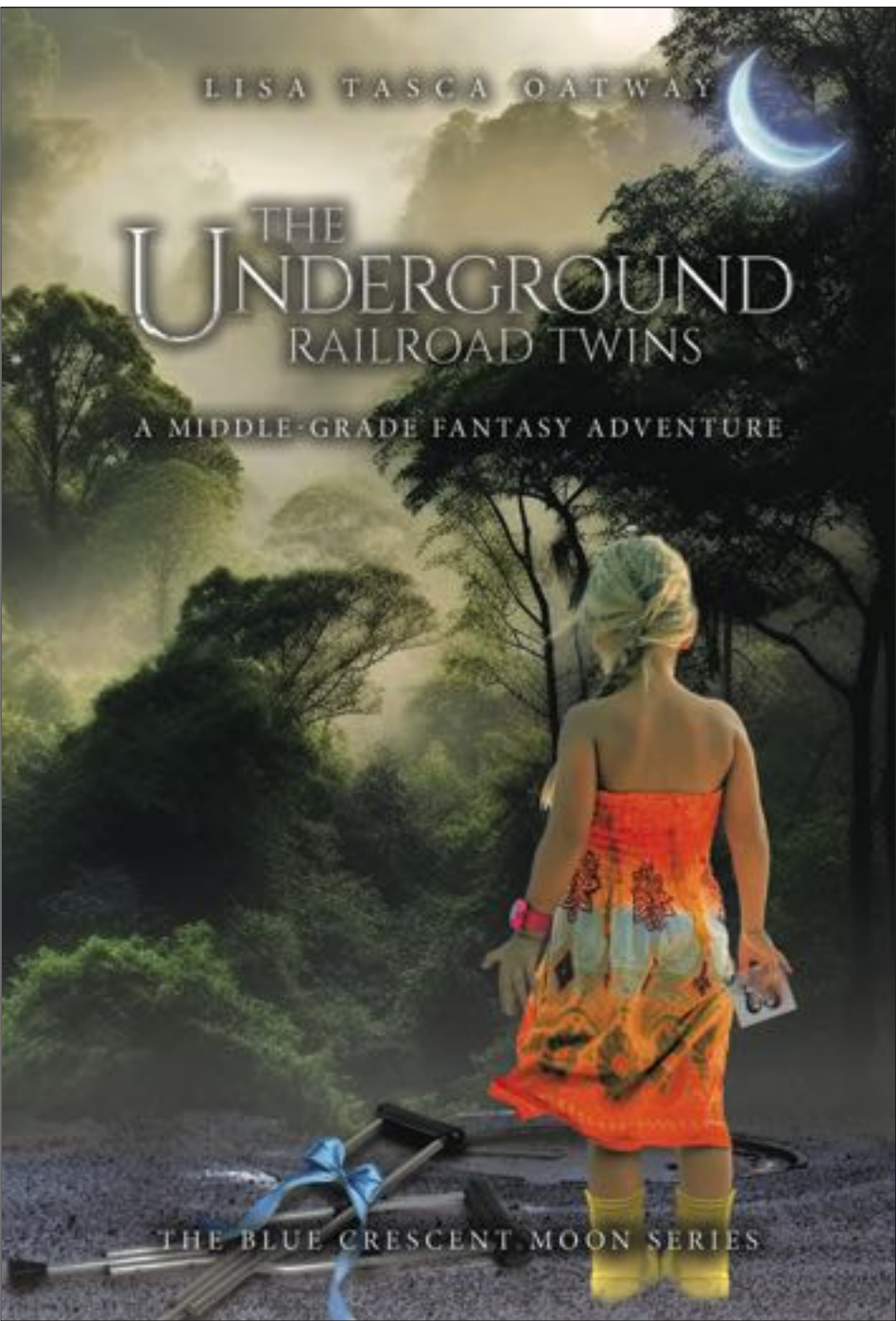
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Local author aims to educate and entertain with third book

Recently released, “The Underground Railroad Twins” is part of the Blue Crescent Moon series

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
 INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon author has released her third book. Lisa Oatway is the author of “The Dinosaur Encounter” and “The Harbour Explosion”, children’s fantasy novels with ties to Canada’s rich history. The books form the Blue Crescent Moon series, and now, the third book in the series is out. The book, titled “The Underground Railroad Twins”, is set in Ontario — specifically at the Buxton Museum. This museum is a tribute to the Elgin Settlement which was built by and for Black people escaping slavery in the United States. It follows the story of the Stonehart family, who go on a trip to visit the museum. The family’s youngest daughter has the ability to travel back in time, and while at the museum, she travels back in time with her siblings to help a set of twins who are fleeing slavery. “It’s a story of compassion and collaboration,” said Oatway. “The Stonehart siblings have to work together to ensure the safety of the twins. There’s a couple of twists and turns and the twins have some secrets of their own.” Oatway does lots of research for her books, and research for this one included visiting the Buxton Museum itself. The museum’s curator is a descendant of one of the settlers of the Elgin Settlement. “In the back of the book, I actually encourage people to go visit the muse-



Lisa Oatway's third book is out now and available at Forster's Book Garden, the Caledon Public Library, and online book sellers.

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um,” said Oatway. She said visiting the museum was an amazing educational experience that highlighted the hardships people had to endure to escape slavery. Oatway’s book is on sale in Bolton at Forster’s Book Garden and online

through Amazon, Indigo and Barnes & Noble. The Caledon Public Library also carries Oatway’s books. Oatway has already started work on her next book in the Blue Crescent Moon series, which will be set in British Columbia.

MP Seeback polling residents on issues

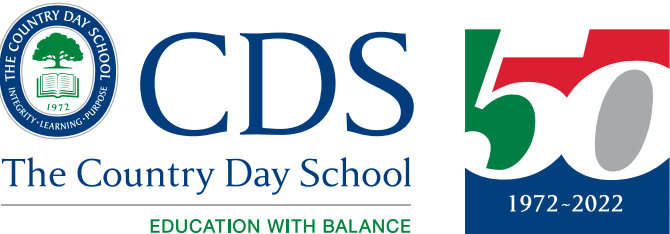
BY MARK PAVILONS

Caledon’s MP is asking residents to rate issues and priorities, now that the fall session of Parliament has resumed. Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has sent out a mailer, asking residents to rate issues with a “yes”, “no”, or “unsure” whether these issues should be a priority in the House. The questions cite statistics and data from national news organizations. In terms of housing, it’s noted homeowners now pay 30 per cent more in mortgage interest than 2022. Should housing affordability be a priority for this fall session of Parliament? Crime is also on the rise. Compared with data from 2021, last year saw higher rates of homicide and sexual assault, with robbery and extortion coming in with the highest increases of 15 per cent and 30 per cent respectively. Should tackling violent crime be a priority? The form also asks residents about the carbon tax. Two-thirds of Canadians say it’s a poor time to increase the carbon tax, with a majority saying they believe the tax on gas is effective at tackling climate change. Should axing the carbon tax be a priority? Everyone is feeling the pinch of food costs. Food prices are continuing to outpace overall inflation, growing 8.5% this past July. Should axing inflationary taxes on groceries and gas be a priority? Annual inflation rose to 3.3% nationally, according to Stats Can, which falls outside the central bank’s 1-3-per cent target range. Should ending inflationary deficits be a priority? The form also asks residents to list the issues in terms of importance. The mailer can be filled out and sent back to the MP without a stamp. For more, visit www.KyleSeeback.ca

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Halloween fun for all ages planned at Alton Mill Arts Centre

Concert, Halloween party and trick-or-treat bag decorating taking place

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Spooky season is here and a local arts centre has some haunting events planned. On October 27, the Alton Mill Arts Centre will host the Stoney Lonesome bluegrass band for the Boos & Brews concert and Halloween party. In addition to the live music, Arts Centre Marketing Manager Bri Wilson said the party will have delicious food, refreshing drinks, and “boozy concoctions.” No one is too old to dress up for Halloween, so this costume party event features



The Stoney Lonesome bluegrass band will be headlining the Boos & Brews Halloween party at the Alton Mill Arts Centre on October 27.

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door prizes for those with the best costumes. The party begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mill-race Room at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, which is located at 1402 Queen Street West in Alton. Tickets for this event are \$35 and are available at tinyurl.com/ambnb23. On October 28, a family-friendly Halloween event will be held at the Arts Centre. From 2 to 4 p.m. families are welcome to come in-costume for a free hot dog lunch and trick-or-treat bag decorating. Wilson said families will enjoy exploring the beautifully-decorated mill. “It’s the perfect opportunity to celebrate the Halloween season together and witness fall colours during the turn of the season,” said Wilson, adding that the Alton Mill Arts Centre can’t wait to welcome visitors for the two events. For more information about the Halloween events, those interested can visit altonmill.ca.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS – Aya Kitchens celebrated the grand opening of their new showroom, located at 18371 Hurontario Street, Caledon Village, on Thursday, September 21. Owner Cori Thompson and designer Melody Cebula are excited to share the many options available for kitchen & bath. Open Wednesday to Friday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday by appointment.

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Golf tournament raises nearly \$90,000 for Bethell Hospice

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recent golf tournament provided a big boost to a local non-profit. On September 19, the fourth annual Golf 4 Bethell Hospice tournament was held at Lionhead Golf Club in Brampton.

A grand total of over \$88,000 was raised from the event, which was the highest amount ever raised at a Bethell Hospice golf tournament.

The tournament was sold out and over 144 golfers hit the links. There was a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle at the tournament, too.

Kelly Stronach, Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications for Bethell Hospice, said the Bethell Hospice Foundation (BHF) would like to thank all the golfers, sponsors and donors who made the tournament a resounding success.

Stronach said the tournament moves around to different locations that Bethell Hospice serves.

It has been held in Dufferin County, Caledon, and now Brampton.

Nicole Hand, Executive Director of the BHF, said a wide variety of people participated in the tournament.

“We have people from all different calibres. We have individuals, we have families, we have couples, and we have corporate (teams),” said Hand. “So, we’ve got a big mix of supporters here today, doing a best ball scramble for some fun.”

Hand said many generous prize donations were received for the tournament.

“Our donors have really stepped up,” said Hand.

Adding in the good weather that blessed the tournament, Hand said it was a fantastic day and she’s ready for next year’s event.

“I can’t say thanks to the community enough,” said Hand.



Members of the Golf 4 Bethell Hospice committee pose with a cheque showing over \$80,000 raised.

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Hall Wolfpack Ultimate Frisbee handler, O-Ville Outlaw’s Caleb MacMullen is the Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week

BY JIM STEWART

Robert F. Hall Grade 11 Honor Roll Student Caleb MacMullen has earned the Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week honors as we turn our calendars from September to October.

MacMullen, a two-sport athlete who also plays for the Orangeville Outlaws AA Football team, was a leader on the field for the RF Hall Wolfpack as the varsity Frisbee team rebounded from a rough start to their 2023 campaign to a silver medal finish to cap off an impressive in-season improvement.

RF Hall Wolfpack Ultimate Frisbee Head Coach Chris Fielder reflected on the Grade Eleven’s veteran presence on the field last Spring.

“Caleb has held the central role as Handler on the Varsity Ultimate team since Grade Nine.”

Coach Fielder also praised MacMullen’s level of commitment as a student-athlete at Robert F Hall Catholic Secondary School: “Caleb is a steady and consistent contributor to Wolfpack life here at Robert F. Hall. Whether it is on the field or in the classroom, he is committed to success.”

What impressed Coach Fielder the most about his handler is “Caleb’s intensity on the field [which] sets him apart from many student-athletes.”

“He is gritty, tenacious, and dedicated to winning every battle on the field.”

Coach Fielder also highlighted MacMullen’s key role in improving the Wolfpack’s on-field performance over the course of their 2023 season.

“Despite a slow start to our season, Caleb helped lead the Wolfpack to a respectable second-place finish in our final tournament of the season.”

MacMullen took a break from frisbee, football, and student leadership at RF Hall CSS to answer our interview questions:

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

Caleb MacMullen: “I believe I showed a strong level of leadership, and perseverance in the sports season. Always trying my best to lift the team up whenever I could and always did my best.”

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023 season that you are most proud of?

Caleb MacMullen: “I am proud of the performance of myself and the rest of my team

in the final tournament we played. We managed to get the silver medal in the tournament, which was a great finish to a fun season. Super proud of the whole team and myself for being able to bounce back from a rough season and get second place when it really mattered.”

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

Caleb MacMullen: “In the summer, I played for the Orangeville Outlaws(AA) Football team.”

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

Caleb MacMullen: “I would describe myself as a hard-working student. I am a part of the Wolfpack leadership team which assists the transition of Grade 8s to start Grade 9. Also, I have been on the Honor Roll for my two past years at Robert F Hall.”

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

Caleb MacMullen: “My current plan is to go to university for marketing and sales to gain the education for me to open my own vintage clothing store.”

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

Caleb MacMullen: “I admire two main people the most. The first is obvious, the Coach Fielder who didn’t stop believing in our team despite how many losses we faced. He always pushed us to do our best and demonstrated every quality of a good coach. The second is someone who graduated this past June named Noah Crispo. Noah led all the younger players on the team being super nice inside and out of Frisbee. No matter how cold or hot the days got, Noah would be ready for practice and pushing everyone to work hard.”

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

Caleb MacMullen: “It feels great. I wasn’t expecting to receive this, but it’s such an honor to be nominated for it.”

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

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It is with profound sadness that the family of Mr. Charles Alfred "Alf" Robinson announces his passing at the Bennet Health Care Centre in Georgetown, Ontario, on September 29, 2023. Born in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 27, 1928, to his late parents, Charles James Robinson and Charlotte Blanche Hillmer Robinson, Alf is predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Lou (née Carnahan) and beloved Brother Jim Robinson. Alf was the proud father of John, Douglas (Margie), Peter (Michelle), Lara (Duarte), and Papa to eight wonderful grandchildren: Carlisle, Cal, Lucy, Jake, Tyler, Charlie, Ruby and Jackson. He was also an uncle to his many beloved nieces and nephews. With the passing of his father (Charles) early in life, Alf and

his brother Jim were raised by their mother (Blanche) and sister (Mary) in Oakville and Blanche's parents, Alfred Hillmer and Nelly Wilson.

Alf was active in his youth as Mayor of Teen Town and a member of the Oakville High School student body. He loved to play sports as a member of the Oakville Junior Elite Hockey team.

Alf's real love was golf. He carried a low handicap and played at the iconic St. Andrews Golf Course in Scotland in his 80s, shooting his age.

Alf was a long-time member of the Canadian Royal Regiment, having trained at Fort York Armory and Camp Borden. He rose to Captaincy in 1954. Years later, he and his son Peter toured the major World War battlefields and the Canada House site of the Canadian Juno Beach landing in France on D-Day.

Alf met and married his wife, Mary Lou, in Winnipeg in 1958. Over the next 10 years, Alf's emerging sales career in the tea and coffee business took them to Vancouver and eventually back to Toronto, where they raised the family. In 1969, Alf took a position with the emerging Tetley Tea Company, and as President over the next 25 years, he built the business into Canada's leading Tea company.

Moving out of the city to Caledon in 1979, they enjoyed many winters skiing with their close friends at Beaver Valley Ski Club.

Retiring in 1993, they had many happy years in St. Petersburg, Florida and Thornbury, Ontario. In his later years, Alf devoted his volunteer time to various boards and the food and energy conservation industries. His love for his family and friends was legendary, and sadly, the ice cream business has lost its biggest fan.

May Alf rest in peace knowing that we all cherished our time with him and that we will remember him fondly in our hearts.

Service will be held at ST JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 160 William St., Oakville Ontario - Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 1:00pm. Followed by Reception. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion at legion.ca. Condolences may be made shared to Oakview Book of Memories, arbormemorial.ca

FAREWELL, HELEN MAY
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Peacefully on Sunday October 1st, 2023 at the Headwaters Healthcare Centre in Orangeville at the age of 94. Dear wife of the late William Farewell. Loving mother of the late Connie Farewell. Helen was a dedicated member of St. Marks Anglican Church and will be sadly missed by all her church family and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Wednesday October 11th, 2023 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at 2:30 pm. Cremation to follow. Interment of Helen's cremated remains will take place on Wednesday October 18th, 2023 at 1:30 pm at St. James' Cemetery in Toronto. Memorial donations to the Lions Foundation Of Canada Dog Guides or the Orangeville SPCA would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



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Peacefully, at Georgetown Hospital, on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Marilyn Waldner, in her 80th year, wife of Sigi. Cherished and proud mother of Christopher (deceased 2020), Lisa (deceased 1990), and Scott. Dear sister of Basil and Shirley Kealey, Danny and Eleanor Kealey, Sharron Sonders, and predeceased by Ralph Kealey and Stanley Kealey. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S., Bolton on Friday, October 6 from one o'clock until time of memorial service for both Marilyn and her son Chris, in the chapel at 2 o'clock. A reception to follow at Glen Eagle Golf Club, 15731 Peel Regional Road 50, Bolton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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Ford government reversed controversial Greenbelt land swap on September 21

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Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said Greenbelt legislation was passed to prevent development and urban sprawl on environmentally sensitive land.

"I am glad to hear the Province has reversed their decision and that they finally came to their senses on this issue," said Rosa. "Caledon's Greenbelt lands are a precious part of our landscape. These lands need to be protected for future genera-

tions."

Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli said he believes the Provincial Government made the right call by returning land to the Greenbelt. He said it's possible to strike a balance between safeguarding natural heritage and accommodating a growing population.

"While I understand that we face various challenges, including the need for more housing... there are solutions and we do not want to harm nature unnecessarily,"

said Napoli. "I want to commend the Provincial Government for taking responsibility and doing the right thing by reversing their decision on the Greenbelt swap."

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said reversing the swap was the right thing to do.

"The Province didn't need these lands to achieve their housing objectives in the first place," said Sheen. "I suspect reversing the decision is not going to be the end of this scandal."

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said

he hopes the reversal will put more scrutiny on the proposed Highway 413, which would run through Caledon.

"For Greenbelt lands in Caledon, hopefully [the reversal] will be the spur moving forward to make sure they're protected from development pressures," said Maskell.

He said since the Province has reversed its Greenbelt swap, hopefully it won't ever consider taking any Greenbelt land in Caledon.

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