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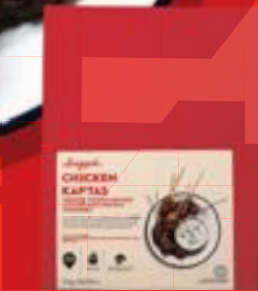


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## Bolton Kin bring joy to Caledon with 50th annual Santa Claus Parade



**HE'S HERE!** — Santa Claus wowed crowds on Saturday as he took his place as the star of the 50th annual Bolton Santa Claus Parade. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents had a merry time last weekend at the 50th annual Bolton Santa Claus Parade.

The parade is held each year by the Bolton Kin, a non-profit group that serves the community in many different ways.

Each year, the Kin arrange for bands and floats, secure sponsorships, plan road closures and more to make the annual Santa Claus parade a success.

At 11 a.m. on December 2, the parade started at Highway 50 and Queensgate Boulevard and traveled North on Highway 50 until it reached Centennial Drive.

There were marching bands, dance troupes, local sports teams, service clubs,

businesses and more among parade entrants.

Bolton Kin life member and past president Joe Luschk said this year's parade marked a big milestone.

"We were thrilled... it was one of the best parades we've ever had," said Luschk. "We were pleased with the way it went."

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## Second person dead following triple shooting

BY BROCK WEIR

A second person has died as a result of a triple shooting that took place November 20 on Mayfield Road.

The second victim, who has not been identified by the Ontario Provincial Police, is a 55-year-old female resident of Caledon.

The first victim, a 57-year-old male was located deceased at the scene and the third victim remains in critical condition.

"The names cannot be released at this time," say Police. "It is believed that multiple individuals were involved in the incident. One was last seen entering a black pick-up truck, which then travelled westbound on Mayfield Road. Photographs of the vehicle are attached. Investigators believe this truck was later involved in vehicle fire on Olde Baseline Road and Creditview Road.

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# Caledon Community Services’ annual gala brings hope to community

\$330,000 raised from sponsorships, final fundraising totals to come

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents enjoyed a formal night out for a good cause last Friday.

On December 1, Caledon Community Services (CCS) hosted its annual Home for the Holidays fundraising gala. This year, its theme was “Hope Under the Stars”.

The gala was held at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

Geraldine Aguiar, CEO of CCS, said the gala is a testament to the commitment of the Caledon community to helping each other.

“We feel really humbled and honoured to see all of the sponsors and attendance,” said Aguiar, noting well over 400 people were at the gala.

Aguiar said the “Hope Under the Stars” theme was fitting — she said the many sponsors and donors at the gala were stars who will make amazing things happen for families in need in Caledon. She said everyone at the gala was there to bring hope to the community while having a fun night out.

Laura Boughen, Stephen Julian, and Jacqui Viaene were the co-chairs of this year’s gala.

Boughen is a member of CCS’ Board of Directors and has been helping out with the galas for a few years now. She said her favourite part of the experience is seeing the community come together to support all of the different programs and services that CCS offers.

The 2023 gala was the eleventh Julian has helped out with.

“Back in 2013, my sister was volunteering



Jacqui Viaene, Stephen Julian, and Laura Boughen, co-chairs of the 2023 CCS Home for the Holidays gala.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

for CCS, and I had some health challenges. I used to live in (Toronto) but I came back to Caledon and then I got better... I had kidney disease but I went into remission,” said Julian. “I was loved back to health by the community, friends, and family. So I wanted to give back to that community.”

Julian started volunteering by soliciting donations. He has a sales background and said he loves talking to people. Over the years he became even more involved until he became a co-chair of the galas. Julian said five or six years ago, the galas really began to grow in size thanks to Johanna Chevalier and Anne Thompson.

There were 46 tables of 10 tickets sold for the 2023 gala, and Julian said even before the night’s auctions had begun, \$330,000 was raised from sponsors.

“The main reason I volunteer for Caledon Community Services is I completely agree with their vision,” said Julian. “29 per cent more people year over year are using the Exchange (CCS’ food bank).”

Viaene has also been volunteering with CCS for many years. As an interior designer, she played a key role in decorating for

this year’s gala. The banquet hall felt like a starry night, with colour themes of blue, silver and gold throughout. Each table had a beautiful centerpiece and there were stars projected on the hall’s roof.

Viaene said the “Hope Under the Stars” theme ties in well with CCS’ Season of Hope fundraising campaign.

## Town launches new Holiday Lights Map online

Tool can be used to plan an evening of festive sightseeing

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Do you have an impressive holiday light display?

If you do, or are interested in viewing others around Town, you may want to check out the Town of Caledon’s new Holiday Lights Map.

It was launched on December 1 and can be accessed online on the Town’s community engagement website at the following link: [haveyoursaycaledon.ca/holidaylightsmap](https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca/holidaylightsmap).

Several displays are already on the Town’s map, such as: the Alpha Light Exhibit in Alton; a 40-foot Christmas tree in Caledon Village; holiday lights at John Clarkson Park in Southfields Village; and the festive gazebo in Palgrave.

In a media release, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said she’s already seen some great holiday decorations in Caledon and that the new map is a fun way for residents to share their displays with the community.

“I encourage residents and visitors to consult our map, take a drive and enjoy the holiday season close to home,” said Groves.

Caledon residents and businesses are

encouraged to submit their own holiday light exhibits for the Town’s map.

To do so, residents must visit the website link mentioned above and create a Have Your Say Caledon account. Then, they must take a photo of their illuminated home or business, and upload it to the map with a pin showing their display’s location.

Submissions to the map must be made by December 29, and those who make a submission will be entered to win in none of three categories: most colourful and vibrant; best-decorated business; and most festive.

The winner of the most colourful and vibrant category will receive an all-access Town of Caledon recreation membership. The winner of best-decorated business will receive a promotion and advertising package — a free quarter-page ad in the Town’s spring/summer recreation guide, a business profile on the Town’s business website, and a feature in the Town’s business e-newsletter. The winner of the most festive category will receive a “Taste of Caledon” gift basket.

Winners of each category will be announced in January and will be contacted through the email associated with their Have Your Say Caledon account.

Jason Schildroth, Caledon’s manager of recreation and culture, said the Holiday Lights Map is all about showing pride in Caledon’s neighbourhoods and downtown areas. He said it will encourage visits to parks and town squares while spreading cheer over the holidays.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

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

please come any Thursday evening or email: [boltonalananon@gmail.com](mailto:boltonalananon@gmail.com).

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Open to all - Electric Vehicle Society Caledon Chapter meetings. Come out to learn from the expertise of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts about helping Canadians transition to electric transportation through education and advocacy. Local meetings are held in the Southfields Community Centre - Community Room from 7pm-9pm. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 20th. Meetings are free. For more info: <https://evsociety.ca/caledon/> or email [Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca](mailto:Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca)

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# Educational assistants working for Peel District School Board to go on strike

Early childhood educators and child and youth care practitioners will also be striking

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Some education workers employed by the Peel District School Board (PDSB) are going on strike.

In a December 1 media release, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) announced OPSEU Local 2100 Educational Assistants (EAs), Early Childhood Educators (DECEs) and Child and Youth Care Practitioners (CYCPs) employed by the PDSB voted to go on strike in response to “their employer dragging their heels in bargaining.”

According to the release, 80 per cent of the Local 2100’s approximately 4,000 members participated in the strike vote, with 98 per cent who voted being in favour of strike action.

Melody Hurtubise, the Local 2100 president and bargaining chair, said in the release she’s not surprised by the results of the vote.

“Peel EAs, DECEs, and CYCPs are sick of the disrespect our employer is showing not only at the bargaining table but in our workplaces every day,” said Hurtubise.

“We are dangerously understaffed, under-resourced, and the employer refuses to address the violence in our schools, or even update our job descriptions.”

In its release, the OPSEU said the PDSB has not moved during seven months of negotiations with the Local 2100 bargaining team.

The union said its EAs, DECEs, and CYCPs want to see the following: safe staff-to-student ratios, better workloads, more workplace resources, health and safety measures, reasonable supervision times, work from home options where possible, and updates to job descriptions.

In the statement, OPSEU President JP Hornick said the union’s PDSB members are organized and determined to take on their employer.

“What this strike vote shows us is that these workers, most of whom are women and many of whom are racialized, are willing to fight to get the respect and the working conditions they deserve,” said Hornick.

In a written statement sent to the Citizen, the PDSB said it respects and values the work carried out each day by OPSEU Local 2100 education workers to maintain safe and caring learning environments for students.

“We respect the collective bargaining process in which the union is currently engaged in with our school board, and we remain hopeful we’ll be able to reach a fair negotiated agreement which avoids any impact on Peel students and families,” reads the statement.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING

The Dufferin OPP have charged three drivers with impaired operation related offences as the result of a call for service.

“On December 1, 2023, just after 5:30 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP received a radio call for a motor vehicle collision in the intersection of Hansen and Blindline in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “Officers arrived on scene and where were led into an impaired operation investigation.”

Marc Hughes, 42, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

“On December 3, 2023, just after 12:00 a.m., officers from Dufferin OPP received a traffic complaint about a possible impaired driver which just left an address in the Town of Orangeville. The officers were able to locate the vehicle on CTY RD 25 in The Township of East Luther and where they were led into an impaired operation investigation.

Paulette Sider, 51, from Grand Valley has been charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

“On December 3, 2023, just before 7:00 a.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a motor vehicle in the ditch in the area of CTY RD 23 in the Township of East-Garafraxa Township,” say Police. “The officers located the vehicle and were led into an impaired operation investigation.”

Tyler Beck, 31, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver’s licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

“The OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads. We are committed to the safety of our community.”

They remind motorist 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.



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STOLEN TRUCK  
IN SHELBURNE

Members of the Dufferin OPP are currently investigating the theft of a Dodge Ram truck in the Town of Shelburne.

“On November 30, 2023, shortly before 6:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service at a residence on Anishinaabe Drive in the Town of Shelburne for the theft of a vehicle,” say Police. “It was determined that a 2022 black Dodge Ram 2500, crew cab, with black tonneau cover and tinted windows was stolen between November 29, 11:30 p.m., and November 30, 5:45 a.m., from the complainant’s driveway.”

The investigation is continuing. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to any of these thefts, 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 ontario-crimestoppers.ca.

Dufferin OPP is committed to enforcement initiatives targeting this issue and will continue to educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.

Auto theft crime prevention tips:

Today’s auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right

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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.

Second person dead following triple shooting

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“While investigators believe there is no imminent threat to public safety, the OPP reminds members of the public to always be aware of their surroundings and personal safety. Residents in the area will continue to see an increased police presence.”

The investigation continues under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance of OPP Forensic Identification Services and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic Pathol-

ogy Service.

Investigators are still seeking dash cam footage of both scenes between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

“If you observed the vehicle in the photographs, or have it captured on dash cam footage in Caledon or anywhere in the Region of Peel from 5:00 p.m. to midnight on November 20, 2023, please contact police.”

If anyone has any information that may assist the investigation, they should contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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







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Getting as good as we give

It should come as no surprise to readers that people sometimes think I am older than I am.

I hope it has less to do with the rapid growth of silver and white coming out of my follicles, although that is particularly seasonal at this time of year, and more to do with experiences I've collected over my life – which is, for anyone keeping score, still less than 40 years! – but we can't have everything.

People in the online world, for instance, sometimes react as though I have my first half-century behind me when I say I have memories of seeing a “new” Katharine Hepburn film in theatres in its first run – apparently forgetting she took one last kick at the can in 1994's “Love Affair” alongside Warren Beatty and Annette Benning.

Or, the newer and less likely social media cachet that appears to come being able to remember watching at least the last three seasons of “The Golden Girls” in primetime. Oh, those younger millennials who have only discovered the classic comedy in the last five or ten years!

Or even being able to put up my hand to say my first ever vote was for Joe Clark.

Okay, that last one can sometimes elicit the suggestion of a “record scratch.” After all, he left 24 Sussex Drive in 1980, but let me explain.

As an unusually politically-engaged youngster, I was very interested in elections and what each of the leaders – Federally or Provincially – had to offer. Clark's return as leader of the then-Progressive Conservatives caught my attention. Maybe it was the spot-on impression of Clark the Royal Canadian Air Farce offered up, maybe it was the sense, even at that age, that he approached politics slightly differently that did it, but my tween and early teen self was intrigued.

When it came time to go to the polls, I mounted my own – ultimately successful – campaign to accompany my parents into the voting booth to make my own final pitch and see that all-important X marked on the ballot wherever it may. But I remained hopeful the wind would blow “our” way.

I wasn't particularly hopeful he and the party would sweep to victory, mind you, as the Progressive Conservatives were still trying to rise fully back from the ashes of the 1993 Federal Election, but even though I wasn't old enough to vote by any stretch of the imagination, I was well aware that things like democracy and good government are only as good as what you put into it. And I wanted the feeling, at the very least, of having done my part.

Clark has largely come and gone from the political stage, occasionally tapped by today's leaders to flex some diplomatic muscle, and the local candidates who stood in that election have gone on to greener non-political pastures, but what remains, at least for me, is that feeling that good government requires good participation.

This participation can take many forms.

It can be as simple as putting in the effort to be – and stay – informed on issues that matter, such as staying up-to-date on civic life through reliable sources beyond social media feeds. From a personal standpoint, few things frustrate me more than seeing people express shock and indignation that a decision has been made at any level of government when all the relevant information had been hammered home through various media for several months running.

Actually, one thing that frustrates me more than that is people complaining about the government – or the leaders – they got well after the fact when they didn't take the time to vote in the last go-round.

In Ontario alone, following the last Provincial election, that came out to nearly 60 per cent of voters sitting on the sidelines and letting the chips fall where they may.

If a government and democracy is only as good as the time and effort you put into it, that's a staggering number. But, of course, it's not just up to voters to make the effort. It's incumbent on leadership – potential or incumbent – to do the same.

Significant change has taken place on Ontario's political landscape since residents went to the polls last year. Doug Ford still leads the Progressive Conservative government at Queen's Park, but closest rival, NDP leader Andrea Horwath, has gone on to lead Hamilton, Liberal leader Steven Del Duca has gone on to take the reins in Vaughan, leaving long-time Green Party leader Mike Schreiner the most consistent voice of opposition on and beyond University Avenue.

Marit Stiles assumed her role as Leader of the Opposition as head of the NDP earlier this year, serving as an effective counterpoint to the Ford Government as well, but one voice that has been missing from this has been a permanent head for the Liberals.

That all changed this past weekend with the election of Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie to the position after a hotly contested, but refreshingly collegial (well, by and large) leadership campaign.

“Doug Ford and his Conservative government haven't just lost touch with the people of this Province, they have deliberately ignored people's needs,” Crombie challenged in her acceptance speech over the weekend.

“Doug Ford cut class sizes and better supports [for] our educators, but he would rather pick fights with teachers instead. People across Ontario are ready for a government that prioritizes the things that you care about: a universal healthcare system that supports you when you need it; groceries, utility bills you can afford; and education that sets you up and your kids up for success; and communities that care about each other and our climate.

“Together, we're going to create a policy platform that speaks to the needs of people across this Province. We're going to talk to communities from every corner of the Province so that we can show what it looks like to have a government that listens and cares.”

Only time will tell how successful Crombie and the Liberals will be in that; after the last two Provincial elections, the only thing that is patently clear is they certainly have an uphill climb ahead of them.

Time will also be the only tell whether this translates to voter turnout, but let's hope so.

What I'm heartened by, however, is that all of our Provincial parties are locked in with leaders that appear to have both permanency and energy, the support of their base, and the political clout that comes with all of those elements.

Having each party, government or opposition, firing on all cylinders is a win for all of us – for opposition parties better able to hold the government accountable, and vice versa, and, most importantly, challenge everyone to do better.

Now, when the time comes, it's up to all of us to do our part: show up.



Trying to be as “authentic” as we can



by Mark Pavilons

Perhaps.

Humanistic psychologists say that by definition, authentic people possess a number of common characteristics that show they are psychologically mature and fully functioning as human beings.

They tend to have realistic perceptions of reality. They are accepting of themselves and of other people.

Genuine souls are thoughtful and have a “non-hostile” sense of humour. We are able to express our emotions freely and clearly.

Real people are open to learning from their mistakes.

Authenticity, first and foremost, is about knowing yourself.

I think deep down, we all have it and were born with it. Children are the most honest humans there are and will often speak their minds, plainly and bluntly. They have yet to grasp the concepts of self-importance, ego and any sort of defence mechanism.

And we embrace it, especially when we see it in others. We remark how genuine and nice these people are. We praise compassionate and thoughtful people and avoid pretentious and narrow-minded individuals.

In terms of humour, I would add that authentic people accept their shortcomings and can make fun of themselves.

I am constantly chuckling to and at myself, in the confines of my own head, while typing maniacally on my computer keyboard.

I utter self-effacing insults to myself under my own breath, hoping no one will hear.

I appreciate humour at face value and the beauty of crafting a witty tale.

Authenticity also involves getting a glimpse of all aspects of society and human nature.

I believe all creative types – writers, artists, entertainers – are exposing themselves for the world to see. To be honest is to be vulnerable. There is no ambiguity in this.

Authenticity is also sticking by your true values, core ethics and beliefs. This has always been hard for people, especially given society's brutal criticism of others.

Only now in our evolution are we mostly accepting of the LGBTQ community; religious beliefs and traditions, and fearless demonstrations thereof.

Canada's Drag Race may not be your cup of tea, but if you view it as entertainment, you may start to understand it.

I'm a news person, but I admit that watching the evening news is getting a little depressing. I'd rather watch reruns of The Big Bang Theory than hear horror stories from the Middle East conflict or inhumane crimes.

Yes, being authentic means standing there, in plain sight, ready and willing to suffer the slings and arrows of public opinion.

Knowing oneself is a bit of a process to be sure. I am only now grasping my mortality and inner struggles with depression. And I am always willing to be open and upfront about such things.

Ask me a question, and I will give you an honest answer.

They say, what you see is what you get, but that doesn't mean we can't all “clean up nicely.”

Let's celebrate the unique authenticity of our fellow human beings.

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# Renowned painter Helen Lucas, best known for paintings of flowers, passes away

BY MARK PAVILONS

Painting is all Helen Lucas ever wanted to do.

The renowned painter passed away November 27. She was 92.

Helen was a huge presence in the lives of all who knew her. Her legacy is one of kindness, grace, generosity, authenticity, and advocacy for the well-being of others.

She had the heart and passion of an artist, as expressed in her joyous floral paintings.

The no-holds-barred artist painted for more than half a century, pushing the envelope and breaking the rules along the way.

Lucas’s distinguished career, spanning over six decades, produced deeply personal art – from the darker earlier works of her formative years, to her glorious floral paintings.

The transition of her work was chronicled in an award-winning film by Donna Davey, Helen Lucas: Her Journey – Our Journey. The film included an interview with her friend, Margaret Laurence, who made this observation: “The affirmation of life, in the midst of pain is the story of your art, my beloved friend.”

In addition to delivering lectures on women in the arts, and co-founding one of the first Women’s Studies programs in Canada, the King City artist frequently appeared on radio and TV from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Throughout her career she has been awarded numerous awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal as well as an Honorary Doctor of Letters from York University.

Her paintings can be seen in countless private, corporate, and public collections including The Canadian War Museum, The King City Municipal Offices, Sick Kids Hospital, and The Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre. York University has the largest collection of her artworks, as well as her archive.

Why did she paint flowers?

“I will always be drawn to the beauty and the courage of the flower,” she once said. “I am captivated by it. Flowers, more than anything else, are so life-enforcing.”

Helen was as genuine and authentic as they come.

“Helen will always stay with us,” said long-time friend and King artist Ernestine Tahedl. “Her art will be appreciated, loved and cherished. A lasting document of Helen’s wonderful gift to all. Her love to paint, generosity, enjoyment of beauty in life and nature are the things I remember most about her and I am deeply grateful that I could call her a friend! Helen was truly an inspiration!”

Helen is survived by her daughter Michelle, her sister Mary and brother-in-law Jeff, sons-in-law Frank and Alan, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and cousins; she is predeceased by her parents, husband Derek, sister Diane and brother-in-law William and, in 2014, her beloved daughter Andrea.

A private funeral will take place and visitation will be on Thursday, December 7 between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Roadhouse & Rose Funeral Home – 157 Main Street South, Newmarket Ontario, L3Y 3Y9.

In lieu of flowers kindly make donations to The Alzheimer Society.



Caledon Councillors Doug Maskell, Dave Sheen, Cosimo Napoli, Mario Russo and Tony Rosa shared in the holiday spirit with Caledon residents.  
PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Caledon community gathers for tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall

## Kids had a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There were some special visitors at Caledon’s Town Hall this week.

On December 5, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Caledon East for the Town of Caledon’s annual tree lighting ceremony.

The ceremony was well attended, and among the many families were also Caledon Councillors, Town of Caledon staff, Caledon’s Town Crier, and even the Grinch (who by all accounts seemed to be in great spirits).

Santa and Mrs. Claus were delighted to be in Caledon, and read ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas to all the kids in attendance before taking time for pictures — and Christmas gift requests – from the children.

Everyone at the tree lighting ceremony counted down with the Town Crier before the large tree outside of Town Hall

was lit for the first time this year.

Town Crier Andrew Welch delivered a holiday address to all in attendance. He reminded everyone of how important our relationships with each other and the land we live on are. He also said it’s important for people to support local businesses during the holidays.

The tree lighting ceremony featured snacks and hot drinks for all those in attendance.

Those looking to check out the tree at Town Hall, and other holiday light displays in Caledon, can visit [haveyoursay-caledon.ca/holidaylightsmap](http://haveyoursay-caledon.ca/holidaylightsmap) to plan a sightseeing route around Caledon.



Santa and Mrs. Claus read a Christmas story to the children.  
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# Bolton Kin bring joy with 50th annual Parade

Continued from FRONT

He was quick to credit “our ‘do everything’ guy” John Stegeman, the Bolton Kin’s parade chairman, for all his hard work organizing the parade. At the time of

this article’s writing, Stegeman was taking some much-needed time off. This year, there were 63 entries in the parade compared to 57 in 2022. Luschak said it’s nice to see the parade moving in the right direction: getting bigger each year.

The parade was an hour and 52 minutes long from the time the first float started moving until the last float finished at Centennial Drive. Luschak said putting on the parade is a massive undertaking and it couldn’t be

done without the many sponsors and volunteers who help out with it. Those interested in learning more about the Bolton Kin or becoming a volunteer for next year’s parade can visit [www.boltonkin.com](http://www.boltonkin.com).



(TOP LEFT) The Grinch embraced his role as a driver in the Bolton Kin Santa Claus Parade. (TOP RIGHT) Caledon Fire’s mascot, Sparky, receives a hug from a parade onlooker. (MIDDLE LEFT) This drummer from the Top Hat Marching Orchestra displayed many interesting drumstick tricks. (MIDDLE RIGHT) Dance groups brought smiles to parade attendees. (BOTTOM LEFT) There were numerous bands performing in this year’s parade, including St. Roch Catholic SS. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Cassie’s Place was well-represented.

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## Expropriations Act

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate lands being described in Schedule “A” attached hereto, for the municipal purpose of facilitating the widening and improving of Airport Road from Perdue Court to 100 metres north of King Street together with works ancillary thereto.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests in the lands described in Schedule “A”.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;
- b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

**The approving authority is:**  
The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel  
10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

**The expropriating authority is:**  
The Regional Municipality of Peel  
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Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

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Schedule “A”

**Fee Simple:** All Right, Title and Interest in the land.

**Permanent Hydro Easement:** Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, workers, and entities authorized by statute to enter and occupy lands for the purposes set out herein, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, under, over, across, upon, along and through, the applicable lands for the purpose of facilitating the widening and improving of Airport Road and associated works including, but not limited to, the accommodation, construction, installation and/or relocation of an electrical distribution system and communication line(s) consisting of all electrical servicing supply and support equipment and infrastructure necessary to provide electrical servicing, and all related appurtenances and accessories thereto together with all rights necessary for the proper and efficient operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, extension or enlargement of said works.

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**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading:** Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for a term of one (1) year commencing upon no less than three (3) months’ written notice to the registered owner for the purposes of entering upon and occupying the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment, material and supplies required for driveway grading and other works ancillary thereto resulting from the widening and improving of Airport Road (“Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading”). In the absence of prior written notice, the rights under this Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading shall commence on the first day of the seventh year following the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation, and will continue for one (1) year. All rights under this Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading shall expire no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

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- 2. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14327-0002 (LT)  
Part of Lot 6, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40685

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
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- 3. **Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14328-0167 (LT)  
Part of Lot 11, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40860

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14328-0167 (LT)  
Part of Lot 11, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40860

- 4. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14327-0025 (LT)  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40795

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14327-0025 (LT)  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 4 on Reference Plan 43R-40795

**Temporary Construction Easement - Demolition**  
Part of PIN 14327-0025 (LT)  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 3 on Reference Plan 43R-40795

- 5. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14348-0006 (LT)  
Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40912

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14348-0006 (LT)  
Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40912

- 6. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14327-0054 (LT)  
Part of Lot 8, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 on Reference Plan 43R-40885

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14327-0054 (LT)  
Part of Lot 8, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 4 on Reference Plan 43R-40885

- 7. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14327-0053 (LT)  
Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40896

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14327-0053 (LT)  
Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 43R-40896

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14327-0053 (LT)  
Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 3 and 5 on Reference Plan 43R-40896

- 8. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14347-0111 (LT)  
Part of Lot 20, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41059

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14347-0111 (LT)  
Part of Lot 20, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 43R-41059

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14347-0111 (LT)  
Part of Lot 20, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2, 3, 6 and 7 on Reference Plan 43R-41059

- 9. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14347-0115 (LT)  
Part of Lot 21, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-40602

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14347-0115 (LT)  
Part of Lot 21, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40602

- 10. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14348-0014 (LT)  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40890

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14348-0014 (LT)  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-40890

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14348-0014 (LT)  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 43R-40890

- 11. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14348-0436 (LT)  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40892

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14348-0436 (LT)  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-40892

- 12. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14348-0008 (LT)  
Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40894

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14348-0008 (LT)  
Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-40894

**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**  
Part of PIN 14348-0008 (LT)  
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- 13. **Fee Simple**  
Part of PIN 14348-0007 (LT)  
Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40891

**Permanent Hydro Easement**  
Part of PIN 14348-0007 (LT)  
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Part of PIN 14348-0005 (LT)  
Part of Lot 5, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-40893


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Part of Lot 5, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 on Reference Plan 43R-40893

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Dunk Disposal holding 6th Annual Christmas Donation Drive pickup

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

The team at Dunk Disposal is gearing up for their annual Christmas Donation Drive, set for Thursday, December 14.

The drive is a one-day pickup and covers multiple areas in and around Dufferin County.

The owner of Dunk Disposal, Cameron Dunkerley, told the Citizen that donations will be collected “all through Shelburne, Orangeville, Erin, Caledon, Tottenham and Brampton.”

Their list of donations to collect includes strictly non-perishable food items and unopened toys in sealed packages or boxes. Otherwise, things can become dirty, and the charities insist on them being in sealed packages.

The food goes to the Orangeville Food Bank, and the rest is delivered to the Toys for Tots program in Caledon.

“Last year it was great,” said Dunkerley. “We doubled the food collection and we’re hoping to increase that this year. This is our sixth Christmas Dunk Disposal Donation Drive.”

For the last few years, Dunk Disposal has been in a growth phase, with the offer of more trucks, if need be. Usually, the demands of the business can be handled by operating three trucks, but the company has a fourth truck ready for the spring.

When we asked about the massive influx of hundreds of new subdivision houses, Cameron Dunkerley reported that their company does not do “a ton of service in the new neighbourhoods.”

They have noticed they don’t do as much work in those areas as elsewhere, but he is convinced this Christmas pickup is a service for people new in the communities. It does give them an opportunity to be involved, and Dunk Disposal is trying to promote the service on as many platforms as it can.

With the caution to only bite off as much as they can chew, there is still the drive to service more people by hiring more staff to help them do more of these events.

“We really want to let people know that we are a local service, reliable and hard-working,” said Dunkerley.

With the approach of the slower winter months comes time to do a lot of planning and preparation. To take advantage of the time freed until the work goes from slower to very busy, they spend it just preparing and planning.

We talked about the beneficial influence their three or four drives per year have on the business itself.

“In my opinion, we do what we do, that’s how we have built this business, with an exchange of goodwill. The bike drives, donating bikes to be repurposed and useful again, even if they were just clutter in someone’s garage.”

He emphasized that homeowners are giving on their own schedule. They may not have the time otherwise to search and find where the places that accept donations are.

“We just want to make that easier for them,” he said. “Everyone along the line with everybody benefitting.”

There were calls in November from people who know about the Dunk Donation pickup from previous years to say they already had their donations for collection.

December 14 is the day when Dunk Disposal will drive its trucks far and wide to pick up non-perishable foods and unopened and wrapped toys.

If you plan to donate, please let Dunk Disposal know where you are located a few days ahead.

Learn more at [www.dunkdisposal.ca](http://www.dunkdisposal.ca) or call Dunk Disposal at 905-766-9008.

Fortinos set to open in Bolton after “intensive transformation”

The community of Bolton will now be home to the 24th Fortinos store.

Owned by Loblaw Companies, this was originally part of the Zehrs banner but was converted to Fortinos with an intensive transformation which started in October.

Fortinos is known as a best-in-class grocery retailer, which will offer customers an unparalleled shopping experience.

This 60,000 square foot store will offer traditional grocery favourites, international foods and an incredible selection of fresh food, a health food department staffed with Certified Holistic nutritionists, a full-service floral, and so much more – plus, the exciting new concept of “eating well made easy” called Pane Fresco.

Meaning “fresh bread” in Italian, Pane Fresco takes the fresh food shopping experience to an entirely new level. Rooted in Italian traditions, Pane Fresco delivers fresh, authentic, Italian-inspired food created by their team of chefs.

Features of Pane Fresco include:

- The Carvery – featuring Bolton’s Best Prime Rib Sandwich. Carved to order whole roast, such as turkey breasts, Certified Angus prime rib and porchetta, fully-cooked individual dinners, baked pastas, 15 side dishes and appetizers,

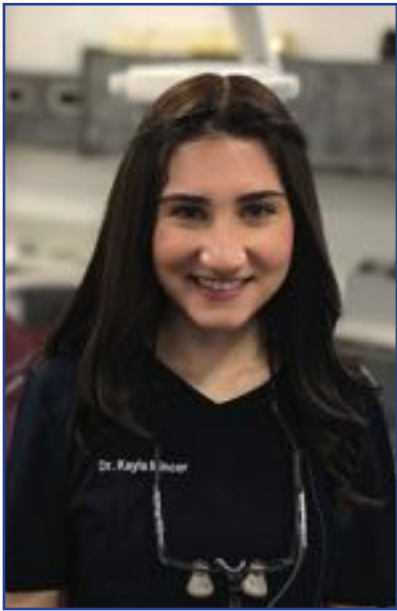
all available to order for private events with 48 hours notice;

- Soups and Sandwiches – 16 signature soups daily, every day, never left over, never reheated. Sandwiches and wraps, all made fresh daily with premium ingredients;
- Artisan Breads – 40 varieties of fresh baked breads and buns, all natural, no preservatives, using traditional methods of natural leavening and the smallest amount of yeast;
- Roman Pizzas – 21 varieties of authentic, handmade, signature pizzas from recipes inspired by a bakery in Rome;
- Café;
- Sushi;
- A retro-style seating area for 100 with free Wi-Fi;
- And more.

Store owner Berkan Yagliyurt is looking forward to meeting the community and supporting local area events, schools and organizations such as The Exchange. Supporting the community is an integral part of Berkan’s philosophy along with his team and staff.

The Dr. Howarth Dental Office is excited to announce that our practice is growing! In order to continue bringing you excellent care, we have added a new dentist to our team.

We would like to introduce Dr. Kayla Mincer who completed her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. Prior to this, she graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from York University. In her fourth year of dental school, she received a certificate of merit for achievement in the field of oral medicine, due to her work with medically compromised patients and is a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and the Ontario Dental Association.







Alan McFadyen, Patricia Tufman, Tony Pringle (HHCF Board Member), and Kim Delahunt (HHCC CEO). **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# Caledon residents donate \$500,000 to Headwaters Health Care Foundation

Money put towards securing first-ever MRI machine in Dufferin-Caledon

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A generous donation was recently made by two Caledon residents.

On December 1, the Headwaters Health Care Foundation announced that Alan McFadyen and Patricia Tufman had donated \$500,000 to the Smart Headwaters campaign.

The campaign aims to raise \$18 million to bring an MRI machine and more to the Headwaters Health Care Centre — the MRI machine would be a first in Dufferin-Caledon.

McFadyen and Tufman’s gift brings the amount raised through the Smart Headwaters campaign so far to over \$12 million.

K.C. Carruthers, CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, said the Foundation is so grateful for McFadyen and Tufman’s generosity.

“This pledge has allowed us to make incredible progress on Smart Headwaters... with this campaign we will bring the first-ever MRI machine to Dufferin-Caledon, which will be a game changer for the diagnosis and treatment of our patients,” he said. “I am sure this latest gift will continue to drive momentum towards our \$18 million goal.”

McFadyen said he and Tufman are happy to have been able to donate to the Headwaters Health Care Centre to help improve patient care.

“Community support is fundamental in the hospital’s ability to care for the community it serves,” he said. “Hopefully our gift will inspire others to consider donating to propel Headwaters Health Care Foundation even closer to their \$18 million goal.”

Those interested in learning more about Smart Headwaters or donating to the cause can visit [hhcfoundation.com](http://hhcfoundation.com).

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# Bethell’s Annual Light & Love ceremony well attended

As of December 1, \$136,000 had been raised for Bethell Hospice from event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon community gathered last Thursday to remember people they loved.

On November 30, Bethell Hospice hosted its annual Light & Love tree lighting ceremony.

Every year, people make donations to Bethell Hospice for the ceremony in memory of someone they love. At the ceremony, the names of each person someone donated in memory of are read.

As of December 1, over \$136,000 had been raised for Bethell Hospice through the event.

The event began in the parking lot of the Inglewood Community Centre, where attendees gathered and listened to the Mayfield Secondary School choir. There were holiday treats and hot drinks available for guests. Each attendee got a battery-powered candle and then followed the choir in a procession to Bethell Hospice next door, where the tree lighting and name reading began.

Stan Cameron, who has been a Bethell Hospice volunteer for many years, led attendees in the reading of the names, inviting the crowd to repeat each name after him. He said being the one to read the names is an honour and a big responsibility. Each year, he spends many hours practicing reading each name to make sure he pronounces it correctly.

Donations to the Light & Love campaign are still open and can be made online at [bethellhospicelightandlove.ca](http://bethellhospicelightandlove.ca).



(Above) The trees at Bethell Hospice were lit up with colour on November 30. (Below) Singers from Mayfield Secondary School performed beautiful music for all in attendance at the Light & Love ceremony.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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# Emily Stevenson, Olivia Rossi, Ryan Takli, Justin DiNino, Maya DeJesus, and Nicholas Guyton Honored at Robert F. Hall’s Annual Academic Awards Ceremony



From left to right: Father Bob Glynn, Ryan Takli, Justin DiNino, Emily Stevenson, Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi, Olivia Rossi, Nicholas Guyton  
**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

BY JIM STEWART

The Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School community celebrated its annual Academic Awards Ceremony last Thursday night. Over 1000 students, parents,

and staff attended the event at the school’s Caledon East campus. The seven specialty award winners were Emily Stevenson, who earned the top average in Grade 9; Olivia Rossi, who accrued the top aver-

age in Grade 10; and Ryan Takli garnered the top average in Grade 11. Emily Stevenson also captured the Grade 9 Spirit Award; Justin DiNino earned the Grade 10 Spirit Award; and Maya DeJesus was the Grade 11 Spirit Award winner. Nicholas

Guyton was recognized for his contributions to Hall’s rich co-curricular life with the School Council Award. Daniela Botelho, a Mathematics Teacher and one of the organizers of the event, is in her fourth year serving the community of Robert F. Hall CSS. During our interview, Ms. Botelho discussed the most satisfying elements of the school’s Awards Night: “It’s exciting to celebrate the kids’ academic talents. It was their time to shine tonight. It’s really rewarding. Seeing them on the stage to get their award motivates you as an educator when you see so many great students being recognized.” Ms. Botelho also noted that “Over 330 award winners were recognized tonight, some of whom are physically-challenged. Justin DiNino won an award tonight and his story is so inspirational. Justin finds a way to overcome his challenges to contribute in a significant way to student life at Robert F. Hall. He was very deserving of the Grade 10 Spirit Award.”

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## Environmental Assessment Study

### NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION SUPPLY CAPACITY INCREASE FOR PALGRAVE WELL # 4

#### The Class EA Study

Peel Region has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study to identify the upgrades/modifications to the existing Palgrave Well #4 Water Treatment Plant required to accommodate the proposed increase in water taking capacity of the existing municipal production well, Palgrave Well #4. An increase in water taking is necessary to enhance the security of supply in the Palgrave/Caledon East Drinking Water System and meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area. The study has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule 'C' project under the Municipal Class Environmental (Class EA) Assessment document (March 2023) which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Class EA study included a comprehensive assessment of alternatives to accommodate additional treatment capacity in the existing Palgrave Water Treatment Plant. The Class EA study has identified the preferred recommended solution, comprising the following upgrades to the existing Palgrave Water Treatment Plant, located at 9 Buckstown Trail:

- Replacement of the existing greensand filters with larger units
- Twinning the existing chlorine contact pipe
- Replacement of the existing indoor diesel emergency standby genset with a larger natural gas genset unit.

All works associated with the proposed upgrades will be contained within the existing building footprint. A building expansion will not be required. Construction work will be limited within the existing property boundaries. The preferred solution has been selected to minimize potential impacts and maximize the opportunity to provide sustainable and reliable water servicing to the Palgrave- Caledon East serviced area.

#### Your Opinion Matters

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process, as well as consultation efforts, followed in the Class EA Study. By this notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for a 45-calendar day review period from December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024. The ESR will be available for public review on the Region’s website at <https://www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/palgrave-ea-well4.asp>.

Peel Region is committed to ensuring that all Regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible for persons. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodations to provide comments or feedback for this study. All requests must be received within the review period.

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team on or before January 15, 2024. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Erin Ihnat at Peel Region by mail or e-mail.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/ comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The Section 16 Order request should be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch. You can submit your request by mail, email or hand delivered it to:

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## Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week

# Three-sport Student-Athlete Maggie Periera excels for the Robert F. Hall Wolfpack and the Oakville Hornets

BY JIM STEWART

Maggie Periera is this week's Student-Athlete of the Week and the tri-sport athlete was recommended highly by the coaching staff at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School as well as the Oakville Junior Hornets U22 Hockey team.

Periera is a three-season high school athlete, competing on the Wolfpack Flag Football, Rugby, and Girls Hockey teams in the Fall, Spring, and Winter, respectively.

The Grade 12 Honor Roll student hopes to pursue a career in kinesiology and would like to attend university on a hockey scholarship.

Periera extolled the virtues of the Oakville Hornets hockey organization which she described as "welcoming and wanting to improve you not only as a hockey player, but as a person."

In addition to Periera's impressive on-ice performances for the Hornets, Periera's stellar play and leadership for the Wolfpack's Girls Varsity team last Spring caught the attention of Coach Erica Harrison.

What impressed Coach Harrison the most

about Periera is that she is "a leader both on and off the pitch. Maggie leads through example and is a tremendously-skilled player."

"As one of the team captains, her drive for excellence inspires the desire for success in others."

Coach Harrison also described Periera as "a very dedicated and hard-working student" who has an impressive ability to "connect with her teammates; she is very approachable and dependable. Maggie's a consistent, dependable leader who brings honesty and integrity to everything she does."

Maggie Periera took time from her rep hockey team responsibilities and her Grade 12 studies to answer our interview questions:

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

**Maggie Periera:** "I feel like I demonstrated the qualities of passion and leadership. Rugby has always been a passion of mine and I wanted other people to experience it. I also showed leadership by putting my max amount of effort every



MAGGIE PERIERA

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time stepping onto the field."

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

**Maggie Periera:** "There was never a specific moment where I was most proud of; I think I put in an overall effort every time I walked onto the field. There may have been some games I had more tries and some I did not, but I made sure I put one hundred percent effort to help my team achieve."

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

**Maggie Periera:** "I play for the Oakville Junior Hornets at the level of U22AA. It is my second year on the team, and I love it. Oakville is an organization that is welcoming and is wanting to improve you not only as a hockey player, but as a person. Being on the junior team is an honor as many younger girls look up to you making you want to be the best hockey player you can, but also the best person."

**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?

**Maggie Periera:** "I would describe myself as a well-rounded student who is hard-working and gets involved with the school. I've been part of

sports like flag football, rugby, and girls hockey. Sports have always been something I have got involved in as I believe it allows you to meet new people and it also makes your high school experience better. Although sports are a big part of my life, I also prioritize my academics and I am an Honor Roll student."

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

**Maggie Periera:** "My post-secondary plans are to attend university where I will pursue the career of kinesiology and attend university on a hockey scholarship."

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

**Maggie Periera:** "A role model in my life would be my mom. She's a strong-willed who has an amazing work ethic, to be able to achieve anything she puts her mind to. I strive to be like her one day."

**Caledon Citizen:** How do you feel about being nominated as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week?

**Maggie Periera:** "I am honored that my passion and dedication has been recognized. Rugby has always been something I have enjoyed and having the opportunity to play for RFH plus being nominated for The Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the week is a bonus."



Udder Tournament volunteers came to Bethell Hospice on November 29 to present the local non-profit with a cheque for the funds raised from the 2023 Udder Tournament.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## 2023 Udder Tournament raises \$50,000 for Bethell Hospice

### Caledon Women's Hockey League hosts tournament each year in memory of Donna de Boer

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A great weekend of hockey in Caledon raised \$50,000 for a good cause.

From November 10 to 12, the Caledon Women's Hockey League (CWHL) hosted its 9th annual "Udder Tournament" in memory of Donna de Boer.

The 2023 tournament raised \$50,000 for Bethell Hospice, a charitable achievement that was celebrated with a cheque presentation at Bethell Hospice in Inglewood on November 29. There were even some Bethell Hospice staff members playing on teams in the tournament.

This year's Udder Tournament was eagerly anticipated after the pandemic caused it to be put on hold for three years.

There were 30 teams participating in the tournament, with humorous names matching the tournament's dairy theme: the Dairy Queens, LegenDairy Niagara, and Udderly Amoozing were among teams

competing for the win.

The popular tournament sold out in just 11 hours and subsequently had a waiting list of teams hoping to get in. Players from Niagara Falls to Muskoka all travelled to Caledon for the tournament.

Donna de Boer was the wife of Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer and passed away from cancer in 2011. The idea of the tournament came as a way to remember Donna while raising money for good causes in the community. Since its inception, the tournament has raised over \$224,000 for various causes.

In addition to fundraising for charity, the tournament also helps fund scholarships for girls playing hockey in Caledon.

"The scholarship recognizes not only a hockey player, but more importantly someone that is a team player, good sportswoman and leader," wrote Nick in a message to tournament participants. "Thanks to the dedication and commitment from CWHL and this tournament, we have awarded over 20 scholarships."

Nick said Donna played many sports in her 47 years, and it was always a way for her to make lasting friendships. Donna coached hockey in the community, and was credited by many players as someone who always made the game fun.



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# “Cinderella – If the Shoe Fits” hits the stage at Theatre Orangeville

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

It begins with the overture from the band, namely multi-instrumentalists Nicholas Mustapha and Ryan Avery. A fairy comes on to set the tone and engage us in rhyming verse. He leads us to meet Cinderella in her flowered boots, garden tools and her determined protection of the environment. Ben Skipper is the Fairy, Buttons, and general cajoler to us, the audience.

He brings out all the others, right up to the Evil Stepmother, whom we all booed like crazy. She began immediately to spread her rumours of Cinderella.

Laugh-out-loud fun is the theme for this year’s holiday show at Theatre Orangeville with the World Premiere Pantomime, “Cinderella – If the Shoe Fits,” on now and running to December 23.

Written by Debbie Collins and David Nairn, this is a rollicking, sing-along, poke-fun-at some of Orangeville’s popular figures – crack jokes with the cast – not to be missed – couple of hours of your life while the upbeat tempo is maintained, and there is no misery to take home.

Well, the Evil Stepmother, with Debbie Collins in the role, does all she can to frighten us and cast doubts on Cinderella, who is played by Jillian Cooper. She sings the opening number and sets the bar with her glorious voice as an organic farmer dedicating her life to saving the planet.

She is responsible to the environment! Defender of the land!

When, by chance, she meets the Prince, played by Connor Meek, Cinderella does not know what secrets he hides.

Then, there are Pantos’ deep traditions: the Silly Step Sisters, so wonderfully performed by Billy Lake and William Lincoln, who are funny, raucous and all in favour of the Evil Stepmother’s plans to sell Cinderella’s land for lots and lots of money.

Our tale is set in a town called Greensville, and there are plenty of great references to local personalities, the sponsors – lots of jokes and barbs. Ms. Collins and Mr. Nairn had fun writing these lines to entertain us, so we were assured. For those

living in the area, there is plenty of local appeal in this crack-me-up show.

He told us later that writing the show was “such a delight for Debbie and me.”

They agonized over whether they should keep in this joke and that but decided, from an outsider’s point of view, this is really fun.

There are six cast members: Nicholas Mustapha plays magic with the songs as musical director, but then there is a seventh cast member, which is us, the audience.

We are totally immersed in the fun of the show – booing, cheering, singing al-gusto and, by George, ad-libbing with the cast. They smash the fourth wall with abandon, and no two shows will be the same – even by live theatre’s standards – because who knows what an audience member and a Silly Step Sister might say to each other next?

Mr. Mustapha leads us all the way through as many musical genres as you can count in two hours, and the whole show strikes the chord of what people want. The jokes are funny and wrenchingly cornball with this cast and us sharing what Panto is.

At the end of the first act, Nicholas Mustapha treated us to a “mash-up” of songs for us all to sing. A truly gifted musician, he has been given the chance to spread his wings with this show.

As music director of Theatre Orangeville’s Young Company shows during the summers in the last few years, he was partly a teacher and full-time accompanist. However, this is a cast of world-class professionals and a whole different level of musicality that has given Mr. Mustapha’s innovative imagination lots of scope. He has clearly embraced that chance, and the terrific results will see most of us humming snippets from the show for the rest of the week.

Candace Jennings, choreographer for Cinderella, toured “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat” with Donny Osmond and so much more. Her dances are clever, capturing the spirit of the show. The six people in the cast are dancers, singers and actors, and the dances are an

homage to great dancers of the past. It is a magical convergence, with everything coming together just right.

As for the set, when the audience gasps in approval as the lights come up on the stage, that is praise indeed. Maybe not entirely a surprise coming from the creative duo of Beckie Morris’ visions of what could be and Lisa Lahue’s endless ability and willingness to make reality of ideas.

They, plus their team of artists, thrill us over and over with their backdrops to the plays. A visual treat even before the first word is spoken, every time.

Chris Malkowski is back to do the lights, and very effective they are, too, in such a complex production.

The amazing Wendi Speck dazzles us yet again with the costumes – those over-the-top ball gowns and headpieces – which are just the beginning, and fantastic.

Jory McLean says, “It is good to be back” as stage manager, and it is good to see him back, in control of such zaniness.

David Nairn is well used to directing all types of plays and musicals. This, though, is his first foray into writing; he calls himself a collaborator and co-creator. Yet, this experience has taught him much he never knew about the feeling of creating a show that will be acted and sung on stage, as he and Ms. Collins “co-created.”

Kudos and well done to Debbie Collins and David Nairn for this wonderful show. There is every reason to suppose that Panto is here to stay – for a few years at least – although Panto does have a way of becoming tradition.

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BY BRIAN LOCKHART

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The Horseshoe Valley resort opened for skiing on December 1, with limited runs available.

Their website lists two “easy” runs and one “difficult” run that are open for day use.

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The resort will not be open during the week but plans to open again this weekend.

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OBITUARIES

RUSSELL, DR. JOHN RAY

With his three girls by his side, John Russell passed away in his 98th year on November 27, 2023, at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville. John was the beloved husband of the late Alice (2023) for nearly 72 years. Treasured father of Karen (Stephen Orme), Linda (Barb Ball), and Laurie (Brian Heimbecker). Cherished Grampa of Evan (Rubi), Kalen (Becky), Christine (Justin), Alyssa, Emma (Mitch), Jono, and Alex (Emily). Proud Great-Grampa of Audrey, Brynlee, Anna, and Hudson. Fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Michael (Anne) Shunock, nephew Michael (Brenda) Waddell, niece Debbie (Doug) Curry, and their families. He will be missed by many caring neighbours, friends, and Rotarians. John was always a gentleman, kind and humble in heart. From an early age, his compassion for all was most evident. John loved people; always making them feel valued, accepted, and heard.

John Ray Russell came into this world May 15th, 1926, in Toronto. His parents, Hazel and Elmer Russell, were overjoyed at the arrival of their son, their only child. When John was twelve years of age, they moved to Laurel where Elmer built and independently operated a garage to service vehicles. Growing up, John spent hours working by his father's side, tinkering with cars, motorcycles, wagons, tractors, and other machines. Soon after his arrival in Laurel, at the age of twelve, John owned two cars, and at fourteen, three motorcycles. Every summer throughout his schooling, he worked with his dad in the garage. He was granted his mechanic's license due to his high level of skill. When John wasn't working in the garage, he could be found playing softball, at church or community socials, playing cards in the general store, or enjoying the outdoors with his friends.

John attended a one room school house in Laurel that only went up to grade ten. He continued his education in Orangeville, boarding with Maurice and Mary Cline. There began a valued lifelong friendship with Maurice, the Principal of Orangeville High School. Upon completion of high school, John was accepted at the University of Toronto into the Faculty of Dentistry. At that time, only eight out of one hundred and forty students were selected from high schools. The other students were former service men. John had a good friend named Jack Waddell (his future brother-in-law) who brought John to his church's Young People's meeting. A brown eyed, dark haired, vivacious young woman named Alice warmly welcomed him. And so, their love story began, blossoming for over 75 years. John was happiest when he was with his Alice!

Married in 1951, they set up their dental practice in Orangeville on Broadway above the firehall. In January 1952, John was invited to attend a Rotary meeting. Rotary appealed to John; he enjoyed the fellowship with the other Rotarians and felt compelled to serve in his community. He looked forward to each Thursday night meeting. He was a faithful member for 71 years, with perfect attendance for over 60 consecutive years. As a result, he was granted status as a lifelong Rotarian!

In 1955, Karen came along followed by their "8-pound baby boy," twins Linda and Laurie, in 1959. John and Alice designed their home and dental office on 19 McCarthy Street. In 1959, they moved in and loved being there ever since. Dr. John thoroughly loved practicing dentistry, modelling dedication paired with a strong work ethic. For forty-six years, John considered it an honour to assist so many friends and community members with their dental care. Many talented and caring assistants worked by his side over those years, but his favourite assistant was always his Alice. John loved that his office was in their home. He never missed a lunch with his girls, and he said it was a short commute! As their family grew with the addition of partners, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many pups, his loving devotion to his family grew. All his family members were deeply cherished and supported by John.

John and Alice bowled, golfed, curled, downhill and cross-country skied, entertained, and took family holidays together exploring Canada or renting various cottages. They enjoyed several cruises, bus trips, and excursions to Europe. John built backyard ice rinks; loved billiards, tobogganing, and bike rides with his family, promoting healthy active living and quality family time.

Dr. John retired at the age of seventy-two to spend more time with his Alice, his children, and his grandchildren. He also volunteered in his daughter's class at Princess Margaret Public School. John taught us how to always be gentle, always be gracious, always be grateful, and to always be kind. Our John- such a kind-hearted gentleman! An inspiration to us all!

The Celebration of Life will take place at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First Street, Orangeville, Ontario on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 12:00pm.

A live stream of the service will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service time at 10:00am. You are invited to join the family after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the lower level of the funeral home from 1 to 3pm. Interment will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery at 3:00pm - 12 Cemetery Road, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z1.

Donations, in memory of John may be made to the Westminster United Church (Stained Glass Restoration Project), or to the Rotary Club of Orangeville.

A tree will be planted in memory of John in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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WAKEFIELD, GRAHAM  
RICHARD

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that the Honourable Justice Graham Richard Wakefield passed away suddenly of natural causes on Nov 30th, 2023 in his 67th year.

He is survived by his beloved spouse Debbie, as well as the mother of his children, Ann, his son Colin (Mary), daughter Caitlin (Mirwan) and his sister Christine (William Boomhower). Graham will be sorely missed by his beloved granddaughters Kalina and Malia. He is predeceased by his mother Joan and father Reginald.

Graham knew from an early age that the law was the only career for him, especially after watching the Perry Mason TV series. He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1981 and was called to the bar in 1983 focusing on criminal law.

Graham was appointed an Ontario Court Judge in Oshawa in 2008. He transferred to Orangeville in 2021 where he felt an immediate connection to the people and town and he became a well respected member of the community. He was looking forward to helping many causes in the Orangeville community including the Women's and Men's shelters.

He will be missed tremendously by his loving spouse, family, friends and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested a donation to be made to Sick Kids Hospital in the honour of his granddaughter Kalina. <https://fundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/kalina> Or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



WILLIAM G. HUTCHINSON

William G. Hutchinson of Alliston, formerly of Caledon East and Bolton, passed away peacefully at the family cottage in Port Severn on Friday, November 24th, 2023. Bill was born on February 21st, 1936 in Toronto. He grew up on the family farm in Caledon East. He married the love of his life, Colleen Kidd in 1955. Bill and Colleen built their first home on the 2nd Line of Albion and later planted apple trees to begin Albion Orchards where they raised their three children: Stephanie, Lisa, and Bill. They spent more than 22 years running Albion Orchards, before retiring to Bolton, then Alliston. Bill was an active member of the community. He was a dedicated, loving father and grandfather to each of his children and grandchildren. Bill loved being with family, summers at the cottage, traveling, curling, golfing, charitable works, and the company of friends. He will be remembered for his kindness, patience, generosity, and work ethic. Bill was the beloved husband of Colleen (deceased 2019), devoted father of Stephanie, Lisa (Roger), and Bill (Jasna) and grandfather of Christopher, Bradie, Kate (Geoff), Thomas, Adam (Felicia), Claire (Joakim), and Sarah (Adam). The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Tuesday, December 5th from 12 o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at one o'clock. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment took place in Providence Cemetery, Innis Lake Road, Caledon. If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bridging With Support Foundation, 2N-206 Picton Main Street, Picton K0K 2T0 ([bwsfoundation.ca/donation](http://bwsfoundation.ca/donation)). Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)



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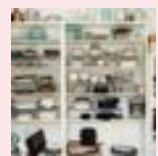
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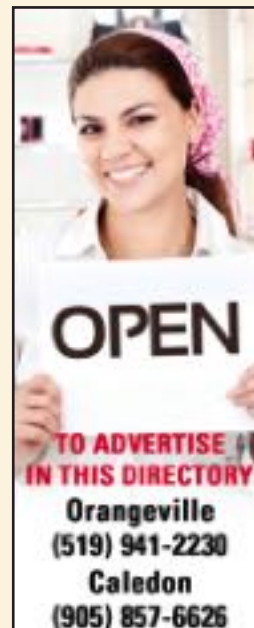
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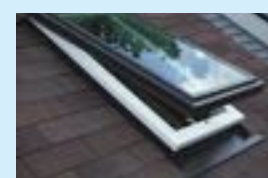
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