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TACKLING PERIOD POVERTY – Caledon Community Services' efforts to tackle menstrual equity in the community was recently helped by Silcotech and DIVA International, which donated 2,520 menstrual products with a retail value of more than \$80,000 to the organization. This donation "will go a long way to address period poverty in Caledon," said CCS. For more, see Page A6. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Sports Hall of Fame to host inaugural induction ceremony this month

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Some of Caledon's greatest athletes will be recognized later this month.

On January 31, the Town of Caledon will host its first annual Caledon Sports Hall of Fame (CSHOF) induction ceremony at the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) banquet hall.

The ceremony will run from 7 to 9 p.m. and

tickets for it are \$65 per person. A table of six can be purchased for \$390. Tickets can be purchased on the Town's website.

The CSHOF was established in 2018 as a place to recognize, memorialize and celebrate the achievements of Caledon athletes, builders, and teams who have excelled at their respective crafts. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans to annually induct people to the hall were put on hold until this year.

However, the CSHOF does currently have one member: Jerry Callaghan. He was in-

ducted into the hall in its builder category in 2018.

Callaghan, who passed away in 2008, moved to Bolton in 1972 and soon began volunteering and participating in sporting activities in the community. He quickly became a leader and administrator for adult and youth sport organizations in Bolton, volunteering a seemingly endless amount of time to ensure things ran smoothly for participants.

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**New outdoor ice rink opens at
Caledon East Community Complex**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Church Road). The rink is located behind the facility and is 40 by 80 feet in size.

The new outdoor rink is equipped with ice-chilling machinery and over 11,000 feet of rink piping in order to reduce its dependence on cold weather conditions. The rink has boards, glass, and hockey nets.

Lovers of skating and playing hockey in the great outdoors may want to check out the Town of Caledon's new outdoor ice rink.

On December 22, the Town opened a new outdoor ice rink at the Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old

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\$45,000 raised for Caledon Meals on Wheels through “Match Our Meals” campaign

Local Tim Hortons restaurant owners support campaign with \$10,000 in matched donations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recent fundraising campaign for a local non-profit was a massive success.

On January 2, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) Executive Director Kim Rodrigues told the Citizen the non-profit had raised \$45,000 through its 2023 “Match Our Meals” campaign that ran in December.

The campaign was run in partnership with The Stafford Group, which runs Tim Hortons restaurants in Caledon. The group initially pledged to match \$7,500 in donations to CMOW, but raised the number to \$10,000 after seeing the great success of this year’s campaign.

“Caledon is a giving community... people care about the people that live here,” said Rodrigues.

CMOW provides nutritious meals, support services, and wellness programs to seniors and vulnerable community members. Last year alone, it served nearly 27,000 meals to over 750 different clients in the community.

Rodrigues said CMOW has seen an increase in the number of seniors who need the costs of their meals subsidized. She explained 25 or 30 per cent of people who previously did not need meal costs subsidized now do.

She explained inflation and increased



Caledon Meals on Wheels' Mayfield group enjoying a turkey dinner sponsored by the Bolton Kin in December 2023.

CMOW PHOTO

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/has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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Caledon East United Church is starting out the new year with our first FREE community breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit, refreshments. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All welcome!

cost of living is stretching people’s budgets more than ever, especially those that are on a fixed income and can’t work.

CMOW provides delivery of hot and frozen meals for around \$6 or 7 per meal, and has a sliding scale of subsidy it can provide for those in need. Fundraising campaigns for CMOW greatly help the non-profit in subsidizing meals.

Rodrigues said some seniors are even struggling to afford a subsidized cost of \$3 per meal in today’s difficult financial climate.

“It’s been a stretch to meet those demands, but with the results of (Match Our Meals) for the next few months we’ll be able to weather that storm,” said Rodrigues.

Some seniors that CMOW serves rely on the non-profit for all of their meals.

“They’re not able to go out and do grocery shopping or do meal prep or cooking... they’re highly dependent on the meals that we provide,” said Rodrigues. “The food delivery program is a lifesaver for many... it’s critical that we are able to continue to provide whatever we can to people.”

Rodrigues is very passionate about her

work.

“Seniors have worked, raised families... it’s now our turn to make sure they’re going to be safe and cared for and not have to worry about what their next meal is going to be,” she said.

Rodrigues said CMOW is fortunate to have the Stafford Group in the community and explained they’ve been a supporter of CMOW since 2016.

Brad Stafford is the owner of Bolton Tim Hortons and said CMOW plays a pivotal role in ensuring local seniors have access to nutritious meals, companionship and the support they need to thrive.

“At the heart of the campaign is our dedication to making a tangible difference in the

lives of those who rely on Caledon Meals on Wheels,” said Stafford.

Rodrigues said she was really happy with the recent Match Our Meals campaign, as its original fundraising goal of \$20,000 was more than doubled.

“We’re thrilled by that because it helps the work we do go even further,” said Rodrigues.

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Council is pictured at last year's Winterfest..

FILE PHOTO

Town hosting 20th Annual Winterfest Celebration on January 7

Event taking place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Mayfield Recreation Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is hosting a free day of winter fun this weekend.

On Sunday, January 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Caledon residents are invited to the Mayfield Recreation Complex for the Town's 20th Annual Winterfest Celebration.

The event is family-friendly and features free swimming, skating, crafts, food and more. There will also be a fun photo booth and from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. a magic show.

At 2 p.m. Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Councillors will be giving a welcome address to attendees.

The origins of Winterfest come from a longstanding tradition known as the Mayor's Levee, an annual event usually held

on the first Sunday after New Year's Day that would bring people together for a day of fun.

Town communications staff said over the years the event grew and came to be known as Winterfest, "an event that not only gives the community a reason to come together and celebrate in the winter, but also to enjoy some free food and drinks, and participate in numerous family-fun activities."

Groves said she's excited to be inviting the community to the upcoming Winterfest event.

"Come out and start off 2024 with a community celebration. I look forward to seeing you there," said Groves.

Communications staff said providing residents and families opportunities to come together and celebrate as a community is important.

"Organizing Winterfest annually gives us all a chance to get together and celebrate the start of a new, exciting year, with fun family events... and to cap off the holiday break before children return to school again," said staff.

The Mayfield Recreation Complex is located at 12087 Bramalea Road.

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SHOOTING VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

The Caledon OPP has released the identities of the two victims from the incident in Caledon in late November.

“Officers were called to a reported shooting at a residence on Mayfield Road shortly before midnight on November 20, 2023,” say Police. “One person, Jagtar Sidhu, 57-year-old of Caledon, was located deceased while two others were transported to hospital with injuries. The second victim, Harbhajan Sidhu, 57-year-old of Caledon, later succumbed to their injuries at the hospital. The third victim remains in the hospital in stable condition.

“It is believed that multiple individuals were involved in the incident. One individual was last seen entering a black pickup truck, which then travelled westbound on Mayfield Road. Photographs of the vehicle are attached. Investigators believe this pickup truck was later involved in a vehicle fire on Olde Baseline Road and Creditview Road.

“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 in-

creased police presence.”

The Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit is continuing the investigation, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance of OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario (OCCO) and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OFPS).

Investigators are still seeking dash cam footage of both scenes between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on November 20, 2023, to 12:30 a.m. on November 21, 2023. The attached QR codes can be used to upload video.

If you observed the vehicle in the photographs, or have it captured on dash cam or surveillance footage in Caledon or anywhere in the Region of Peel between 5:00 p.m. and midnight on November 20, 2023, please contact police. Anyone with any information that may assist the investigation, is asked to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

FATAL COLLISIONS

Officers from the Caledon OPP are currently investigating a fatal collision on Mayfield Road. “On December 20, 2023, just before 7:30

a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road, near Mississauga Road,” say Police. “One driver, a 21-year-old male of Caledon, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The other driver was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

“Mayfield Road between Mississauga Road and Creditview Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.”

Officers from the Caledon OPP are also investigating fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on Kennedy Road in the Town of Caledon.

“On Sunday, December 31, 2023, at approximately 1:30 a.m. were dispatched to Kennedy Road north of Mayfield Road for the report of a two-vehicle collision with one vehicle on fire. When officers arrived one of the involved vehicles was fully engulfed. The driver of this motor vehicle was not able to escape the vehicle and was deceased. The driver of the other involved vehicle sustained minor injuries, while the two passengers sustained serious injuries and were transported to a trauma centre.

“Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team is assisting with the investigation. Kennedy Road remained closed for several hours for the investigation.”

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, who has dash cam footage, or is a local resident in the area who may have CCTV footage to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment - (905) 584-224 or toll free at 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.

OFFICERS INJURED IN ARREST

Officers from the Caledon OPP have laid several criminal charges following an incident where three officers were injured in the Town of Caledon.

“On Sunday, December 31, 2023 at approximately 3:00 p.m. officers were dispatched to a report of an intoxicated person throwing bottles at cars and people while standing in the middle of the road on Highway 50 south of Highway 9,” say Police. “The person had a dog with them who had bitten a person who had stopped to try and assist.

“When officers arrived, they were faced with an aggressive dog as well as a combative individual. Officers, with the assistance of Caledon

Animal Services, were able to secure the dog. In the course the arrest of the person, three officers were injured, two of whom were bitten by the person. The officers sustained minor injuries.”

As a result of the incident, a 29-year-old female from Loretto has been charged with:

- Mischief;
- Resisting Arrest;
- Assault Peace Officer;
- Public Intoxication.

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in January 2024.

The charges have not been proven. “The civilian who was bitten by the dog prior to police arrival sustained minor injuries,” Police added. “Caledon By-Law Enforcement Services will be investigating regarding the dog bite.”

STOLEN VEHICLE ARRESTS

Officers from the Caledon OPP have laid several criminal charges following an incident where a firearm was recovered from a stolen vehicle in the Town of Caledon.

“On Monday, January 1, 2024, at approximately 10:45 p.m. an officer from the Caledon Detachment was on patrol in the area of Mayfield Road and Dixie Road when they observed a reported stolen vehicle,” say Police. “The stolen vehicle fled and lost control a short distance away at which time both occupants fled. With the assistance of Peel Regional Police, both occupants of the vehicle were located a short time later and arrested. A loaded handgun was recovered from the motor vehicle.”

As a result of the incident, two residents of Ottawa are facing numerous charges.

Marvin Dubois, 25-years-old, has been charged with:

- Fail to Comply with Probation Order;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000;
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm;
- Possess a Loaded Firearm;
- Possession of Prohibited Device or Ammunition.

Jancy Mukunzi, 23-years-old, has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000;
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm;
- Possess a Loaded Firearm;
- Possession of Prohibited Device or Ammunition;
- Flight From Police;
- Drive Under Suspension.

The accused are being held for a bail hearing in Orangeville Provincial Court on January 2, 2024.

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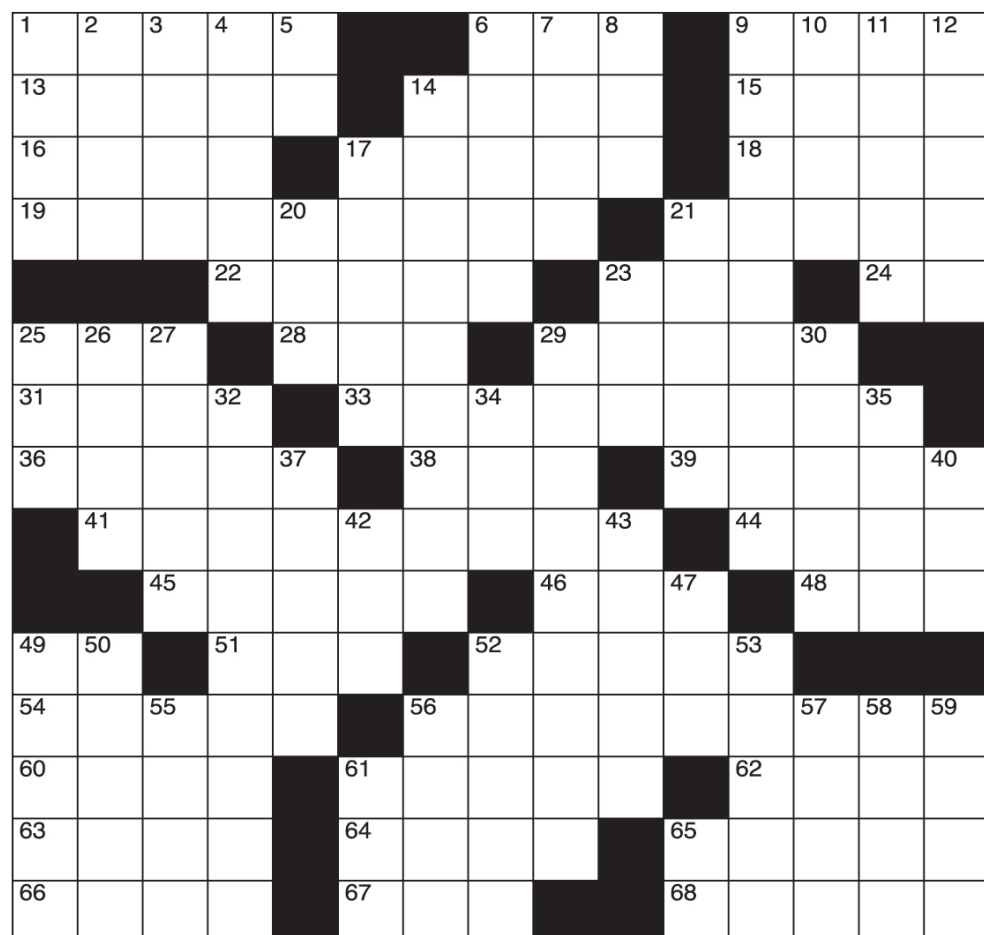
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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged drivers of two motor vehicles following separate motor vehicle collisions that took place in the early morning hours of New Year's Day in the Town of Caledon.

"On Monday, January 1, 2024 at approximately 12:55 officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road near Chinguacousy Road," say Police. "Upon arriving officers noticed signs of impairment from one of the involved drivers and made an arrest for impaired driving."

Tyler Currie, 39, from Georgetown, has been charged with:

- Drive while Impaired by Alcohol;
- Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Body;
- Drive No License;
- Operate a Motor Vehicle No Insurance.

"Shortly after this collision, at 1:16 a.m. officers were dispatched to Olde Base Line Road near Mountainside Road for a single motor vehicle collision. An off-duty officer came across the collision and stopped to help when signs of impairment

were observed from the driver. When on duty officers arrived, the driver was arrested for impaired driving."

Arul Pararajasingam, 48 years old from Caledon, has been charged with:

- Drive while Impaired by Alcohol;
- Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Body;
- Drive Under Suspension;
- Operate a Motor Vehicle No Insurance.

Both accused are scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in January 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

There were no injuries in the collisions. Officers from the Caledon OPP have also charged the driver of a motor vehicle with several impaired driving related offences following a collision on Highway 50 in the Town of Caledon.

"On Saturday, December 30, 2023, at approximately 3:55 a.m. officers were dispatched to a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 50 south of Emil Kolb parkway. Upon arriving officers noticed signs of impairment from the driver of the vehicle and the driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving."

Jashandeep Bhandal, 26 years old from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Drive while Impaired by Alcohol;

- Refuse to Comply with Demand for Breath Sample.

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in January 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

Caledon OPP is requesting anyone who may have witnessed the collisions or who may have dash camera footage of the area during that time to please contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or Toll-Free at 1-888-310-1122.

"There is NO EXCUSE for driving impaired. There are numerous ways to get home if you chose to drink or use drugs. Public transportation, Taxi, and Ride Sharing services are available. Use a designated driver if you plan on going out with a group of people."

If you see someone who you believe is driving impaired, please call 911.

FAIL TO REMAIN CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a driver with several offences following a collision on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon.

"On Thursday, December 28, 2023, at approximately 5:45 p.m. officers were

made aware of a motor vehicle collision on Highway 10 near Old Baseline Road," say Police. "One of the involved vehicles fled the scene. Officers later received a call for a suspicious motor vehicle in the area of McLaughlin Road and Forks of The Credit Road. Upon arriving officers noticed signs of impairment from the driver of the vehicle and the driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving. There were no injuries in the collision."

Kyle Logan, 37 years old from Georgetown, has been charged with:

- Drive while Impaired by Alcohol;
- Operate a Vehicle with Over 80mgs of Alcohol;
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Fail to Remain at Scene of Collision;
- Drive with Open Liquor.

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The charges have not been proven.

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Over 2,500 menstrual products donated to Caledon Community Services

Silcotech, DIVA International team up to address period poverty

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A local business and one of its major partners teamed up to make a big donation to a local charity this week.

On January 2, Caledon Community Services (CCS) announced that Bolton's Silcotech, and DIVA International, had donated 2,520 menstrual products to CCS to help the non-profit address period poverty in Caledon.

The products had a total retail value of over \$80,000.

"Thank you Silcotech and DIVA, for championing menstrual equity in our community," said CCS staff in a social media post.

Canadian women can spend over \$6,000 on menstrual products in their lifetime, which can be a serious financial obstacle. The United Nations describes period poverty as "the struggle many low-income women and girls face while trying to afford menstrual products."

With today's high cost of living impacting many people CCS serves, the cost of menstrual products only adds an additional financial burden to many.

Silcotech creates liquid silicone moulded components and sub-assemblies, primarily for clients in the health care sector. One of its largest and longest partnerships has been with DIVA International, the company that creates the Diva Cup.

Carinne Chambers-Saini, the CEO of DIVA International, first announced there would be a donation of 2,500 Diva Cups to CCS at Silcotech's 25th anniversary event in October last year.

At that event, CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar explained that Silcotech has long been a supporter of CCS. Silcotech holds an annual raffle that benefits CCS and has also sponsored events like the Velocity Ride for Caledon Seniors and Home for the Holidays Gala.

The Town of Caledon has also taken steps to reduce period poverty. Last February, it announced it would be offering free menstrual products in Town-operated facilities.

The announcement came after Council approved a staff report in 2022 that recommended Caledon offer free menstrual products.

The report noted the estimated operating costs to offer the products per year would be about \$40,000, if at each product dispenser location in Town a product was taken five times a day.



Dan and Ashley Powell welcomed their son Maverick into the world at 8:56 p.m. on January 1, 2024.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HEADWATERS HEALTH CARE CENTRE

First baby born at Headwaters Health Care Centre in 2024 is baby boy Maverick

Parents Ashley and Dan Powell welcome son

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The first baby to be born at our local hospital in 2024 was a boy.

On January 1 at 8:56 p.m. parents Ashley and Dan Powell welcomed their new son Maverick, weighing six pounds and thirteen ounces, to the world.

Maverick was born at the Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville.

Maverick is the Powells' third son, and he joins his two older brothers in being born at Headwaters

Health Care Centre.

In 2023, there were 861 deliveries at the Headwaters Health Care Centre. Headwaters has four obstetricians with clinics adjacent to the hospital, which is located at 140 Rolling Hills Drive.

Heather Goulter, Headwaters Health Care Centre Communications Specialist, noted each piece of equipment used by the hospital's doctors and nurses is funded by community donations through the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"Thanks to the generosity of our local community, this includes new equipment for Headwaters' Obstetrical program," she said.

Goulter also shared the fact that midwives registered with Midwives of Headwater Hills have hospital privileges at Headwaters and work alongside Headwaters' Obstetrical Team of physicians and nurses to offer midwife-attended hospital births.

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A world of pure imagination?

The holiday season is behind us, a New Year has started, and many of us are looking ahead to the future and all the possibilities that lie ahead over the next 12 months – for better or worse.

For many, this time of year is a great excuse to try and get a fresh start, shucking off some of the proverbial residue of the year that was – and, let's face it, for a lot of people, 2023 was far from a barn-burner – and adopting some methods to make that fresh start happen, or adopting that oh-so-popular mantra of “new year, new me.”

That's one that gets thrown around a lot, perhaps more frequently with each passing year – and, you know what? That's nothing to sneeze at. Some of us need that extra little kick in the pants to get going towards whatever that vague-sounding goal might be. For others, you might need to expend a bit more effort to get that forward momentum in action.

I'm not necessarily a “new year, new me” kind of person, but I do like to put in at least some effort to start the year off in the way I want it to continue through December. It doesn't have to be anything too elaborate; it can be as simple as doing something different as the calendar flips, or on the first full day of the year, whether it is ringing in midnight in a place I've never been before, or with a new crop of friends-to-be; or spending January 1 doing something a little bit out-of-the-ordinary.

The game plan this year was to watch midnight roll in at a Toronto tiki bar, but, after starting to feel a bit under-the-weather in the early afternoon of December 31, this was rethought to a simple night in. Given the tumult of 2023, a simple night in wasn't the worst way to bid it farewell and set the tone for the next 12 months.

In fact, there is some comfort to be had in doing something more traditional, even if it is watching the ball drop amongst thousands gathered in Times Square, or whatever celebration you might want to dial up.

Traditions, after all, become so for a reason.

For my family, one of our traditions during the holiday season is taking in the King's Christmas Message. Again in the spirit of setting the tone for the year ahead, I find it always, whether delivered by Charles III or his late mother, provides plenty of food for thought as one year closes and we look forward to whatever the new one has in store for us.

This year's message had, in my opinion, a timely reminder for all.

“[Volunteers] are an essential backbone of our society,” said the King, looking back on a milestone year for him. “Their presence meant so much to us both and emphasized the meaning of the Coronation itself: above all, a call to us to serve one another, to love and care for all. Throughout the year, my family have witnessed how people of all ages are making a difference to their communities. This is all the more important at a time of real hardship for many, when we need to build on existing ways to support others less fortunate than ourselves.

“To care for [God's Creation] is a respon-

sibility owned by people of all faiths and of none. We care for the Earth for the sake of our children's children. During my lifetime, I have been so pleased to see a growing awareness of how much we must protect the Earth and our natural world as the one home which we all share. I find great inspiration now from the way so many people recognize this – as does the Christmas Story, which tells us that angels brought the message of hope first to the shepherds. These were people who lived simply amongst others of God's creatures. Those close to nature were privileged that night.

“And at a time of increasingly tragic conflict around the world, I pray that we can also do all in our power to protect each other. The words of Jesus seem more than ever relevant: ‘do to others as you would have them do to you.’ Such values are universal, drawing together our Abrahamic family of religions, and other belief systems, across the Commonwealth and wider world. They remind us to imagine ourselves in the shoes of our neighbours, and to seek their good as we would our own.”

I don't know about the rest of you, but to me it feels more and more we're living in a society that is increasingly focused on the individual rather than the greater good. In my personal view, we've seen this shift away from what we traditionally viewed as the “greater good” kicked into warp speed as the Global Pandemic wore on. While we were all in the same boat, those who rankled under lockdowns and stay-at-home orders began taking the idea of personal freedoms to the extreme – that is, damn the consequences to anyone else.

Similarly, this has spilled over, in my view, into some contrasting views on our cherished right to freedom of expression – often erroneously referred to in our country as “freedom of speech.” It often feels like it's not really freedom of expression they're concerned about rather than consequence-free expression, particularly in our age of online rhetoric that is increasingly polarized and anonymous.

At the start of 2024, I think it is high time to examine and re-evaluate the value of getting just a little further back to basics.

We are lucky in our community to have countless people who give back to benefit the greater good, don't get me wrong, but it often feels there are plenty of people who look at life, whether it is in the home or on a much larger scale, solely through a lens of how things impact them rather than the bigger picture.

The environment, as noted by the King, is just one area where this has manifested itself.

It might be challenging for some to change a few daily habits for the betterment of the environment, but this personal inconvenience can be viewed as an unsurmountable roadblock, rather than a worthwhile endeavour to leave something better than how you found it. Rhetoric is another.

“They remind us to imagine ourselves in the shoes of our neighbour, and to seek their good as we would our own.”

To this end, in 2024, a little imagination can go a heck of a long way!



Internet habits reveal humankind's weaknesses

by Mark Pavilons



It's been said for generations that you are what you eat.

Unfortunately, our North American diet is sadly lacking in nutrition and is laden with chemicals and substances not found on the periodic table.

We've known about this for some time and in the last decade, there's been a bit of a revolt, or resurgence in a more balanced diet and lifestyle.

But, of course, that comes with a cost and since most of us are keenly aware of the rising costs of food, our perfect choices may have to be curtailed.

Data released by the Salvation Army indicate that parents are actually skipping meals so their kids can have more to eat. I've done it, and I really feel for these families. I'm not sure how we let this happen in our society but here we are, in 2024, with food prices pegged to rise yet again and record numbers going to food banks.

Our appetite for goodies aside, let's examine our online hunger for knowledge and entertainment.

The Internet was created in Research at CERN in Switzerland by British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee in 1989-90. It resulted in the World Wide Web, linking hypertext documents into an information system, accessible from any node on the network. The dramatic expansion of the capacity of the Internet, enabled by the advent of wave division multiplexing (WDM) and the rollout of fiber optic cables in the mid-1990s, has had a revolutionary impact on culture, commerce, and technology.

This made possible the rise of near-instant communication by email, instant messaging, voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone calls, video chat, and the World Wide Web with its discussion forums, blogs, social networking services, and online shopping sites.

Youngins weren't around when the world changed but Boomers will remember going from fax, to flip phones and from dial-up to amazing connectivity.

I will admit that most of our holiday shopping this year was done online, with only a few jaunts to stores and one trip to the mall.

Yes, we've embraced the ease and convenience of having our parcels delivered to our door in a day or two.

Through my work, I am also on the computer a lot, communicating and searching for information.

OntarioBets.com sifted through Google Trends and released the list of top searches of 2023. The results paint a rather interesting picture of our species.

The number one search was for ChatGPT, which I had to Google. ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is a chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched on November 30, 2022. Based on a large language model, it enables users to refine and

steer a conversation towards a desired length, format, style, level of detail, and language.

So, that's what I'm exposed to every time I call a customer service hotline?

This seems to be a bane to our existence.

The 2023 Indian Premier League of cricket teams was also widely searched, likely for results of matches. The Saudi Arabian football club Al Nassr was next. Sports fans of the world unite!

The movie John Wick 4 was 4th on the list. Yes, I did see it and I admit that my son and I are staunch Wick (Keanu Reeves) fans.

“Israel” came in next, for obvious reasons given the current conflict in Gaza.

Taylor Swift was 6th on the list.

Sure, I understand fandom and the music industry, but come on.

Being a Boomer, I've seen all of the entertainment greats – Elvis, Elton John, Queen, Michael Jackson and Prince. You can't put our modern day, candy-coated singers in the same league, not even close.

Imagine sifting through the wasteland of a post-apocalyptic ruins and finding a Taylor Swift on the cover of some scorched magazine? Oh, the humanity! And yes, only Boomers will get that quote.

eConestoga, the online learning platform for Conestoga College, was next. But that's a very good thing, indicating young people were looking at learning options.

Unfortunately, MyBenefits Ontario was next. This is a web portal for Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program. It's an indication of the plight of our citizens and the state of our economy. Sad, but true.

QuillBot rounded out the list. Here is the magic. It's a free tool that helps you rephrase text for writing assignments, papers and essays. Really it's a way to cheat and make something sound like it's your own work.

Ingenious, sure, but is this what we've come to?

Okay, students have been prone to finding shortcuts since pencil and paper were invented. We resorted to some pretty clever ways to bend the rules when the teacher wasn't looking.

It may very well be a commentary on the current state of the education system, at all levels.

Being a journalist and editor, I have helped all my kids with their papers throughout high school and beyond. One would think that together, we'd produce some Grade-A work and yet, the marks did not reflect that. Even comments about bad grammar and plagiarism were noted. What? You're kidding me, right? Clearly there's more subjective marking than technical prowess at work here. And that's not fair to the students.

Having all three of our kids go through the same high school I also discovered the exact same assignments, study sheets, topics and preferred readings. That indicates the board hasn't changed its curriculum in at least 10-15 years. That, my friends, is ridiculous. Shame on them. So maybe it isn't surprising that kids have to find new ways to analyze Hamlet or Motorcycles & Sweetgrass.

Long live QuillBot!

So, my friends, what have we learned? From this list I can only surmise that many of our fellow citizens are out of work sports fans who like pop music and don't have time for homework.

That's reassuring!

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Caledon Carnage Continues

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



If you're a Caledon resident who made it through the holidays unscathed by the chaos and carnage that Caledon roads are right now, Happy New Year. To everyone else, including the families of residents who were injured or worse, I extend my sincerest condolences. More than anything, what these past few weeks have shown us is that the time to do something about safety on Caledon's roads was ten years ago. So, the next best time to do something about them is now. It won't be an easy task.

Since the saying "money talks" is not just a saying but actually true, let's start with our budget. Caledon residents have been invited to have their say in upcoming budget deliberations. The Town is "preparing the 2024 Budget to align with our new Strategic Plan which prioritizes sustainable growth, connected communities (and) improved service." That means it is time for residents to say "enough is enough" when it comes to playing with our lives and advocate strongly for improved road safety by voicing your concerns on where and how to allocate spending as part of the budgeting process.

It's time to demand that our elected officials, and various planning departments, complete a deep dive into looking at what municipal resources are available to work together with our regional and provincial partners to make significant safety changes at both intersections that have been identified as problematic (hello, Kennedy Rd. at Mayfield, and also Old School Rd. at Highway 10) and across the full length of Mayfield Rd. west of Highway 10, as well as ALL of Highway 10 northbound from Valleywood Blvd. through to Caledon Village and beyond.

In addition to having your say via the Town's online survey portal, this is a battle that needs to be escalated further. The Minister of Transportation, who has ties to the Brampton/Caledon and Orangeville communities, our MPP Sylvia Jones, who surely traverses these dangerous corridors herself on a regular basis and, perhaps even (as we've seen community members suggest) the Attorney General, the OPP and the provincial courts must all be solicited.

Traffic in Caledon is not just a Caledon problem. Instead, it's a symptom of systemic failures across a broad spectrum of issues that include: abysmal infrastructure planning, resulting in thousands of new homes added to the south end of Caledon without ANY accompanying increase in road capacity.

It includes a complete lack of public transportation necessitating a reliance on vehicles, again well beyond our capacity to accommodate them.

Also contributing to increased traffic on local roads (and to parking, snow removal problems and other issues) are unaffordable homes that force homeowners to rent out basements and bedrooms, resulting in increased vehicle volume on both area side streets and main roads.

Locally, the preponderance of large warehousing operations that rely on multiple shifts and tired, overworked shift workers to get the work done must also assume some of the responsibility for the impact that demanding working conditions might have on one's ability to drive home safely on congested roadways. That also, as a result of this same situation, together with a plethora of local gravel pits, Caledon experiences an enormous volume of truck traffic on roads ill-equipped to handle them, is simply the icing on the cake when it comes to amping up the significant risk factors facing every Caledon resident who travels on our roads.

There's another saying about money that seems to apply here and that is, "money is the

root of all evil." Perhaps that sounds extreme, but in our relentless drive to build more, consume more, own more...maybe it's also commercialism that's killing us.

Lest the column thus far leads you to believe I am placing blame on everyone BUT the operators of motor vehicles, rest assured I am not. There have long been idiots on the roads and now there are simply many, many more of them. People ARE driving too fast. People ARE engaging in ridiculous behaviours such as passing on the left (using the middle turn lane on Highway 10) and making U-turns anywhere and everywhere, all the damn time.

I'm sure we all read in horror of the newly licensed G2 driver (and by new, I mean just literally 25 minutes after they received it) allegedly caught stunt driving with an open beer in hand! For most of us, the sheer audacity to believe that even contemplating such a thing is astounding, never mind actually doing it! The OPP recently shared that in just six weeks of R.I.D.E. programs in our area, over 1,300 people were charged with impaired driving. How is that even possible? Such flagrant disregard for the rules of the road are hard to believe and harder still to manage but managed they must be. It means not just tougher laws for impaired driving, stunt driving, speeding and other infractions, but also that those laws are enforced by an adequate number of uniformed officers on our roads (staffing) and that charges are upheld when heard in court (staffing, stiffer penalties, jail time etc.), all of which takes - you guessed it - more money.

It's time to take back our roads from the chaos and carnage that is occurring daily. Too many families have been impacted, especially in just these past few weeks. There are some measures we can take now that will have an immediate impact like speed bumps on some

high-risk residential roads. Stop saying it can't be done because it's being done in communities all around us and it has had an impact on slowing vehicles down without negatively impacting emergency services.

Advanced green lights for left-turning vehicles at problematic intersections will help, along with adjusting the timing of those lights, and posting advance flashing lights and other signage before these same intersections will also help.

Divided highways aren't always the "popular" option but they are often a necessary one and they would help to address so many issues.

We need fearless politicians who are ready to take on the challenge of implementing unpopular but necessary road safety changes. We need fearless politicians who are willing to vote on increasing budget allocations to roads and maintenance infrastructure and fearless politicians who will vote to enhance police budgets and allocate resources to courts that will actually enforce the rules of the road. Most of all, we need all of these politicians to work together at the municipal, regional and provincial levels to have a meaningful impact.

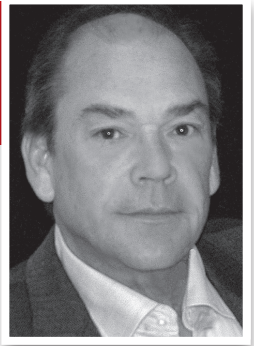
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference is happening at the end of January. Over 1,000 of your colleagues will be there, Mayor Groves and Caledon Councillors.

Some of you are already advocating for us and we thank you, but this chaos and carnage requires each and every one of your concerted efforts.

Please start talking about our traffic troubles to anyone who will listen. Caledon lives depend on it.

Resolutions

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



It's that time of year where people make their annual New Year's resolutions and make a vow to either stop doing something, start doing something, or do something better than they did last year.

It's also the only time of year you can work the word "resolution" into a conversation. If you try asking someone what their resolution will be for June, you won't get quite the same response.

I'm not sure why New Year's became the time to try a new approach to life. If you really wanted to lose weight or quit smoking, why didn't you start the effort in the middle of August when the thought first came to you?

It's also the season some industries absolutely love - because they know your resolution will boost their sales whether you follow through or not.

The fitness industry will see a surge in memberships as people vow to finally get in shape. The reality is, those three weekly visits to gym will become two, as you miss one then vow to make it up the next week. You probably won't make it up, and skip another one because you're busy. Then one day you will realize you haven't been to the gym in three months, but the fitness club still has your

registration money.

What that really means is you had no real interest in getting in shape in the first place, because if you did, you would have kept up the routine.

Every year, there is a "top ten" list of New Year's resolutions that is published. Who knows if it is really accurate, but the activities listed all seem to be about right.

At the top of the list is "exercise more." This is an easy one to accomplish if you choose the right goal. Exercising more can be as simple as walking every day. You don't have to prepare for a triathlon if you want to stay in better shape.

Losing weight is always on the list of top resolutions. It's also probably one of the hardest goals to achieve. Most of the people you know who are overweight have had those extra pounds for years, and will likely have them for many more.

Getting organized is on the list - but it doesn't specify whether it means to get organized in your personal life or at work. People who are highly organized tend to be more productive both at home and at work.

If you live life like a whirlwind, most likely you always will.

Learning a new skill or hobby, is a popular resolution. This is very achievable. If you have an interest in trying a new hobby, just do it. If you try it and decide it's not for you, you have lost nothing by at least giving it a chance.

Living life to the fullest is on the list. That sounds like a good plan, but having a full life has a different meaning to different people. A large part of living large is having the funds to pay for all that fun.

However, if you're current life is coming home from work, and sitting in front the television for four hours, you probably should explore some options.

Saving more money is a priority for many people. However, you're probably beat before you can even try this one.

Our current economy simply won't allow most people to save more money. On the flip side, if you're a spendthrift who blows a lot of money on frivolous things, you can reconsider how you spend your money.

Put out that cigarette and quit smoking - that's always a popular one. I read once that it is easier to kick a heroin addiction than it is to quit smoking.

Having a good support system through family and friends may help here. Also try more activities where smoking simply isn't allowed while you're there.

Spending more time with family and friends is on the list. In some cases, spending less time with family may be the preferred goal.

Travel more is another popular choice, but then again, it's back to the money situation. Not everyone has the funds to spend a lot of money on hotels and resorts. However, the good side is you don't have to travel 1,000 miles to make it a trip. Short trips can be just as much fun.

Reading more makes the list. I'm not sure if this resolution was suggested by a librarian association, but if you want to read more - then read more. It's not like it is going to require a lot of effort.

Resolutions are easy to make, but difficult to keep.

If you make a resolution - good luck - if you don't then just enjoy the ride through the next year.

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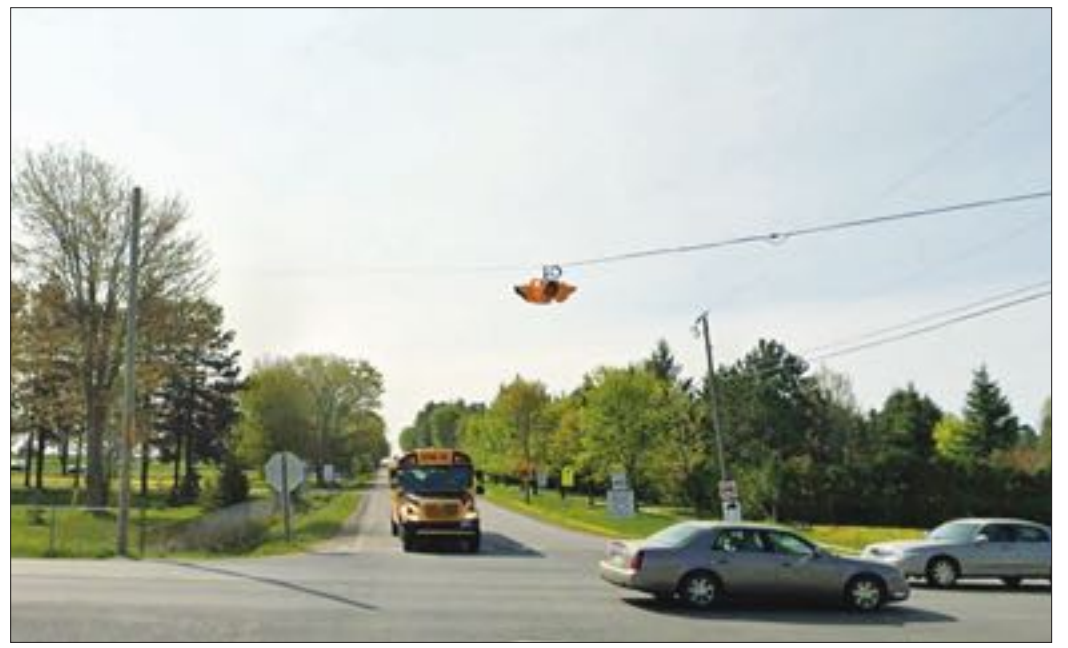


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Traffic lights coming to intersection of Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad

Lights welcomed by Caledon Central Public School community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A busy crossroads in Caledon Village will soon be safer.

On December 18, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan and Caledon Central Public School principal Lesley Kennedy announced that traffic lights will be coming to the intersection of Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad.

Work will begin to install the traffic lights this month, said Kiernan.

The intersection of Kennedy and Charleston is right beside Caledon Central Public School, and each day many school buses use it. It gets especially backed up at the end of the school day when school buses all leave at the same time.

“At the end of the day, the buses leave en masse — there’s 16 to 17 buses — and they can’t get out of Charleston Sideroad,” said Kiernan. “It’s a very dangerous road...

there’s children that live a few blocks away and they can’t walk to school.”

There is a subdivision north of Charleston Sideroad and at present students living there cannot walk to school safely. When the traffic lights are complete, if their parents are comfortable with it, children will be able to walk to school, said Kiernan.

Kiernan said she received a letter from Kennedy a little over two years ago expressing concern with problems at the intersection. Thanks to the letter, Kiernan went to the school to see the problem firsthand.

She began to advocate for traffic lights at the intersection, and at first only bollards were put up in the area.

“No one cared... every week they were getting knocked over and destroyed by the trucks,” said Kiernan. “I kept pushing.”

Eventually, in this term of Council, a traffic study in the area was redone, said Kiernan. Thanks to this, traffic lights were recommended to be put in at the intersection of Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad.

“Nothing happens in a vacuum. This is the principal reaching out to me, the community reaching out to me,” said Kiernan, thanking all who were involved in bringing traffic lights to the intersection.



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Marcus Nicholas inspired by Caledon's landscapes, beauty of nature in his travels

Area author releases photo journal

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local photographer and author has released his first reflection journal after many long days of hard work.

Marcus Nicholas, featured in the Citizen last year, has completed and released his 90-day reflection journal that features images from Caledon and beyond.

Nicholas started creating his jour-

nal during the COVID-19 pandemic when he was feeling the impacts of isolation and dealing with the loss of his father.

In those difficult times he turned to the great outdoors and photography to help him get by.

This spawned the idea of creating a reflection journal other people could use to guide them in moments of silence and reflection, for the betterment of their mental health.

Nicholas said the power of nature is amazing when it comes to focusing on things other than one's problems.

"Just realizing our problems are not as big as we make them to be," said Nicholas.

Nicholas lives north of Caledon in Loretto, and is a frequent visitor to Caledon's many beautiful hiking trails. He said Caledon is a place where he can always find peace.

Nicholas' journal is called 90 Days: A Faithful Journey Through Nature and can be purchased online on Amazon. He said it features everything from close-up shots of caterpillars to beautiful, wide landscape shots.

One of Nicholas' favourite pictures in his journal is of a pond off of Highway 50 near Palgrave where he often sees people fishing.

In creating and publishing his journal, Nicholas said he learned the importance of patience. It took him nearly three years to create his journal. When finished, he held a virtual launch event that was attended by people from different parts of the world, which he said was a great feeling.

While Nicholas used bible verses in his journal, he explained the journal could be used by someone of any faith, as it's all about self-reflection.

"No matter what nationality or religion you are, during COVID we all struggled,"



Local photographer and author Marcus Nicholas recently released his 90-Day reflection journal. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Caledon Public Library excited to launch new makerspace programs in 2024

Creative Caledon residents may want to check out library offerings

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There are many exciting new programs available at local library branches in 2024.

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) is introducing a new slate of makerspace programs where residents can learn all about the new technologies available to Caledon residents at their library branches.

The CPL hopes the programs will encourage people to explore their creativity.

The CPL has makerspaces in its Margaret Dunn Valleywood Collaboration Studio and Cory Trépanier Creativity Studio (Caledon East) branches. The spaces include tools like Cricut machines, 3-D printers, laser engraving machines and more.

Registration for January makerspace programs opened on January 2 on the CPL's website: caledon.library.on.ca.

On January 10 and 18, the CPL will be showing people how to make a personalized apron using a Cricut machine and heat-transfer vinyl. The January 10 class is at 2 p.m. in Valleywood and the January 18 class is at 2 p.m. in Caledon East.

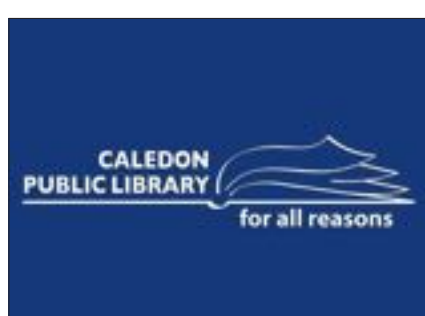
Those interested in sewing might want to check out the CPL's "Learn to Sew a Reading Pocket Pillow" program at 6 p.m. on January 16 at the CPL's Caledon Village branch. There's also the "Fabric Book Basket Sewing Workshop" at 10:30 a.m. on January 20 at the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch.

On January 31 at 6 p.m. the CPL is hosting a unique class where residents can learn to make a laser-engraved charcuterie board. This class is being held at the Caledon East branch.

Residents interested in designing their own projects can attend the CPL's "Design for Cricut and Glowforge" class at 6 p.m. on January 18 at the Valleywood branch.

Starting on January 9, the CPL will begin hosting drop-in time for teens at the Cory Trépanier Creativity Studio from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, with a rotating slate of activities and projects.

All residents need to join a CPL makerspace program is their library card. More information about these and other CPL programs is available on the CPL's website.



said Nicholas. "The journal is meant to inspire."

Since releasing the journal, Nicholas has begun working on a second one since he

loved the process and the feeling of publishing his work. He said one of the most rewarding things has been receiving pictures of people holding his book.



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Opinion

COP28 climate summit shows we must stand up to Big Oil

BY DAVID SUZUKI

Like the tobacco industry before it, the fossil fuel industry is doing all it can to survive – and to keep raking in excessive profits – in the face of irrefutable evidence of its harms. Nowhere was that clearer than at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Hosted by a major oil-producing nation and headed by that country's top oil executive, and attended by an army of lobbyists, representatives and supporters of the oil and gas industries, it often seemed more like a conference to throw industry a lifeline than to come to grips with the most serious threat humanity has ever faced. The Alberta and Saskatchewan governments even sent delegations, acting more as representatives of the oil and gas industry than of their citizens' best interests.

But we can't let the oversized presence of the industry responsible for the crisis overshadow the efforts of governments from around the world to reduce emissions.

Before the conference, COP28 president and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company head Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber claimed that there is "no science" showing that phasing out fossil fuels will achieve the goal of keeping global warming below 1.5 C. He also repeated the false argument that phasing out gas, oil and coal would "take the world back into caves."

United Nations secretary general António Guterres was more realistic: "The science is clear: The 1.5 C limit is only possible if we ultimately stop burning all fossil fuels. Not reduce, not abate. Phase out, with a clear timeframe." The myth that transitioning from deadly fossil fuels to cleaner energy will cause economic harm doesn't hold up even in the current economic paradigm. Research

shows it could create more jobs and economic opportunities.

A Deloitte study for the World Economic Forum found that "the global economy could gain US\$43 trillion over the next five decades by rapidly accelerating the transition to net-zero," and that failing to do so "could cost the global economy US\$178 trillion." A report by the Business & Sustainable Development Commission found sustainable development measures could generate up to 380 million jobs by 2030, mostly in developing countries.

The costs of climate disruption are already rising, from extreme weather-related infrastructure and agriculture damage to pollution-related health care costs and migrant crises. Markets for gas, oil and coal are also volatile, and subject to industry profiteering from global conflict, which creates a "fossilflation" affordability crisis. At the same time, costs for renewable energy continue to drop, with wind and solar now cheaper than gas, oil or coal, even with storage, as well as being far less damaging.

While COP28 should be about the severity of the threat of climate change and how best to address it, some delegates questioned whether it's even a threat. Instead of being informed by what science tells us about the state of the planet and the dangers created by our actions, we give economic and political considerations equal, if not greater, priority. The extent of our willingness to act to meet the crisis is not determined by the magnitude of the threat but by what is possible within the constraints of the economy and politics, which are driven by deadlines set in amped-up human time.

Despite industry hijacking of the climate narrative, we can't dismiss the progress made at COP28. On the first day

of the conference, November 30, countries agreed to set up a loss and damage fund to help vulnerable countries respond to climate change impacts. A couple of days later, 118 countries pledged to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030. Later, Canada joined other countries, including the U.S., in announcing regulations to cut methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, with Canada pledging to reduce industry's emissions of the potent greenhouse gas by at least 75 per cent below 2012 levels by 2030. These and other agreed-upon measures have justifiably been criticized for not being enough to confront rapidly rising

emissions and global temperatures, but they're a start. Again, fossil fuel supporters, including the Alberta and Saskatchewan governments, have pushed back, but we must all speak louder in calling for stronger, not weaker, global action. For the sake of humanity, we have to get this right. We must heed the evidence. We're running out of time.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Transit improvements coming to Southfields

Route 81 transit service is improving in Southfields Village through collaborative works between the Town of Caledon and City of Brampton.

The Town of Caledon is committed to further expanding public transit service across Caledon that is cost-effective, environmentally sustainable and convenient for residents.

Effective Monday, January 8, mid-day service and early evening trips will be implemented and added to the existing service schedule by Brampton Transit. This update is to service serves seniors,

students, families and employees traveling outside peak hours.

Route 81 Mayfield details:

Effective Monday January 8, Brampton Transit will implement service changes to ensure its transit system continues to move people safely and effectively.

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Ice-chilling machinery and piping reduces rink's dependence on cold weather



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The new rink will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily this winter. Its schedule is as follows: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. is for skating; 12 to 2 p.m. is for shinny; 2 to 4 p.m. is for skating; 4 to 5 p.m. is for maintenance; and 5 to 10 p.m. is for shinny.

Town staff note the rink is not supervised and added that CSA-approved helmets are strongly recommended for all rink users.

Town communications staff explained the Town has made a conscious effort to seek opportunities to build refrigeration-chilled outdoor rinks where possible.

“Outdoor rinks have always been popular for staying active outdoors during the winter, and though the Town makes a valiant effort throughout the winter months to oversee several community rinks with the help of volunteers, the weather didn’t always cooperate and make those rinks very reliable options,” said staff.

Other chilled outdoor rinks in Caledon are available at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in

Bolton and at John Clarkson Park in Southfields Village.

Mayor Annette Groves said the completion of the Caledon East outdoor rink marks another significant milestone in the CECC expansion project and that it demonstrates the Town’s commitment to providing spaces for residents to stay active.

“This refrigeration-chilled rink offers a more reliable outdoor option for the community during the holiday season and throughout winter,” said Groves in a statement. “I look forward to seeing everyone at the official grand opening event.”

The official grand opening event mentioned by Groves is taking place on February 17. There will be a naming ceremony for the rink that day.

In the statement, Town staff said the new outdoor rink aligns with the Town’s environmental priorities. Excess heat generated by rink refrigeration equipment is being repurposed to heat the CECC and its pool. Staff say this contributes to Caledon’s goal of becoming a net-zero community by 2050.

Caledon to mark 50th anniversary as Town this year

The Town of Caledon is thrilled to announce the launch of a year-long celebration in honour of its 50th birthday on January 1, 2024.

“Join us as we embark on a journey through five decades of community, culture, agriculture, and vibrant heritage, commemorated through a diverse array of events, initiatives, and activities taking place throughout the year,” said the Town in a January 1 statement.

Highlights of the celebration will include:

- **Caledon Day:** What could be more fitting than celebrating Caledon’s 50th at Caledon Day on June 15, 2024. “Join us at our largest community festival for a grand celebration featuring live music, family-friendly activities, vendors, and a spectacular display of fireworks.”
- **Culture Days:** Immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Caledon during Culture Days, with a special program highlighting the town’s artistic expressions, heritage, and traditions.
- **Pop-Up Exhibitions:** Explore the history and evolution of Caledon through pop-up exhibitions strategically located at community centres and Town Hall. These exhibitions will offer a glimpse into the Town’s past, present, and future.
- **Community Engagement Initiatives:** Throughout the year, residents are encouraged to share their personal stories, memories, and reflections on Caledon’s impact on their lives. Social media campaigns and interactive events will be organized under the hashtag #Caledon50.

“As we mark the 50th anniversary of the Town of Caledon, it’s a momentous occasion for every resident, business, and community member who has contributed to the growth and vibrancy of our town,” said Mayor Annette Groves. “The planned celebrations reflect the spirit of Caledon — diverse, dynamic, and deeply connected. Join us as we honour our past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to a future filled with endless possibilities.”

Stay updated on the latest events and activities by visiting Caledon.ca/50th and following the Town on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Town of Caledon invites everyone to actively participate, share their Caledon stories, and be a part of this historic milestone.



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The Canadensys Near Field of View (NFOV) and Wide Field of View (WFOV) optical instruments designed and built for the ILO-X mission are mounted on top of the IM-1 Lunar Lander, which has just arrived at the NASA Kennedy Space Center and is being prepared for launch. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Bolton company counting down to historic launch

The International Lunar Observatory Association of Hawai'i (ILOA Hawai'i) is set to embark on a ground-breaking lunar mission with the launch of its ILO-X astronomy precursor instrument suite integrated onto a lunar lander made by Intuitive Machines.

The milestone involves a Bolton aerospace firm.

Intuitive Machines' IM-1 lunar mission is targeted for a multi-day launch window which opens no earlier than Jan. 12, and is targeting a landing area in the South Pole region near Malapert A crater at the base of Malapert Massif "The Mountain on the Moon."

The anticipated landing on the lunar surface is expected approximately six-and-a-half days after launch, marking one of the first American missions to the surface of the Moon since Apollo 17 in 1972.

The enterprise is made possible through NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services and will utilize the ILO-X instrument suite designed and built for ILOA by Bolton's Canadensys Aerospace on a Nova-C lander named Odysseus, developed by Intuitive Machines.

The ILO-X precursor instrument suite, consisting of Ka 'Imi NFOV and as-yet-unnamed WFOV, has ambitious goals that promise to advance our understanding of the cosmos and pioneer new frontiers in astronomy and lunar exploration:

- **Galaxy Imaging:** ILOA aims to capture high-resolution images of the Milky Way Galaxy/Centre, contributing to the study of cosmic structures and evolution, as well as 21st century science education.
- **Invited Astronomy Observations:** The mission invites 10 distinguished astronomers/observatories from around the world to participate in lunar-based observations, fostering international collaboration and expanding the frontiers of astronomical research and capability.
- **Hawai'i 21st Century Astronomy:** ILO-X aligns with the ILOA founding purpose to advance 21st-century new dimensions of astronomy for Hawai'i, utilizing Maunakea Observatories and Malapert Mt unique vantage points for groundbreaking observations.

- **Lunar Broadcasting:** ILO-X attempts to explore Interglobal, Earth-Moon communications and broadcasting, amplifying one's message from the Moon to global audiences, informing lunar commerce and developers, and inspiring the next generation of scientists and explorers.

- **Support for ILO-1/2 Flagship, Backup:** Identify and confirm contributors, contributions, awards, contracts enabling ILOA ascending, expanding operations for ILO-1 Flagship to Malapert Point E and ILO-2 Backup possibly to Artemis 3 touchdown site 2025-2027, and support for ILOA HQ 2222 in Kamuela.

Intuitive Machines recently delivered its Nova-C lunar lander to Florida where ILO-X and other payloads will undergo final checkouts before its multi-day launch window which opens next month.

Steve Durst, ILOA Hawai'i Director said: "ILO-X, precursor to the ILO-1/2 flagship and backup missions, aims to conduct Galaxy imaging and pioneer global, interglobal and Hawaiian Astronomy, as well as lunar broadcasting. We are honored to be aboard the IM-1 Nova-C Moon lander using Canadensys-made dual imagers, as the USA returns to the Moon for 21st century multi world advancement."

Christian Sallaberger, Canadensys Aerospace CEO added: "Humanity is on the cusp of expanding our economic, scientific, and cultural sphere of influence to encompass all of cis-lunar space. We are honored to be a part of this historic mission with ILOA and our entire team is very excited to see the images that the instruments will take of the celestial sky from the surface of the Moon!"

"Our turnkey solution for delivering, communicating, and commanding customer payloads on and around the Moon is revolutionary," said Steve Altemus, President and CEO of Intuitive Machines. "Delivering the International Lunar Observatory Association's ILO-X precursor instrument suite and other commercial payloads to the lunar surface are critical steps toward Intuitive Machines creating and defining the lunar economy."

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Brian and Dianne Harrison are pictured making their final Canada Post delivery for 2023.

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Greeting card drive brings warm Holiday wishes to more than 9,000 Canadian servicepersons

BY BROCK WEIR

Canadian soldiers are set to spend the holiday season scattered across the country and around the globe – but thousands service persons will receive an extra-special greeting this Christmas thanks to community efforts.

Last week, Dianne and Brian Harrison of Aurora sent their final batch of Christmas and Holiday cards to members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Over the last few months, the couple has been organizing groups and individuals across Ontario to write a single or a batch of cards for the initiative, each of which has been packed and mailed to military and naval bases throughout Canada and to many overseas.

Through this collective efforts, 9,122 cards packed into 55 festively-decorated boxes were collected, winging their way to their recipients.

“It was a phenomenal year,” says Dianne, noting the Optimist Club of

Aurora produced 4,000 cards below, with more coming in from groups in Barrie, Niagara Falls, Ingersoll, and London, ON.

One of the earliest boxes sent reached its destination right before Christmas and Dianne says they were particularly heartened to receive an email response back from servicepersons now in Jerusalem.

“We got a letter that they received our boxes, they were thrilled to get them and glad we remembered them,” she says. “The letters were really heartwarming. I think because there is so much in the news and people know what’s going on, they want the military to know that we care back home. The thing that blew my mind is [all these people] wrote the cards, got them to us, and we got them all out on time.”

“I want to thank them for taking the time. It only takes five minutes to write two or three cards. If everybody sat down and wrote one card of gratitude and respect, can you

imagine the boost they would feel overseas not being home for Christmas? That is one thing that was in the email from the fellow in Jerusalem. He said he was so glad we were thinking of them back home. I know every card, they feel that... I have always said in the past, sender and receivers are truly blessed with these cards.”

While this year’s Christmas Cards for Soldiers campaign is wrapped for 2023, Dianne Harrison reminds residents its never too late to get started on 2024. Boxing Day sales, for instance, are just around the corner, so think about picking up a box of cards ahead of the next round.

“We must remember our military,” says Harrison, noting she would love the Federal Government to allow free mailings to servicepersons year-round rather than just the holidays in order to reach them around Canada Day. “It’s because of them we have our freedom.”

Mild weather delays start of season for skiers and snowboarders

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Residents of southern Ontario will have a much better chance of hitting the links and practicing their golf swing this month than finding an open ski hill.

Mild temperatures at the end of December have stopped many resorts from trying to make snow and melted the snow they did have, leaving ski hills bare and green.

The ski hills at the Hockley Valley Resort have no snow – just the remnants of their efforts at the bottom of a couple of hills.

The resort had planned to open the hills in mid-December and were successfully making snow. However, the temperatures rose sharply, and the snow melted away.

On its Facebook page, the resort posted: “Due to the inconsistent and widespread unseasonable temperatures, despite our snowmaking efforts, we are unable to open for skiing at this time. We will keep you posted as to opening dates as we await cooler temperatures and natural snowfall.”

Blue Mountain in Collingwood is also feeling the effects of the warmer temperatures, with hills closed, as well as other winter activities also currently suspended.

However, if you want to head a little farther north, Mount St. Louis Moonstone is reporting that a majority of its trails are open.

Horseshoe Valley Resort is reporting that around half of its hills are currently open. Nordic skiing is not available.

Snow Valley in Barrie is reporting that it has five of 21 runs operating. Other on-site activities are limited.

The situation may not get better any time soon. Weather reports indicate higher-than-normal temperatures over this week – all above-freezing.

The lack of snow is also frustrating other winter enthusiasts – notably snowmobilers.

The trails are all grass-covered, and it will need a few good snowfalls before they can get out there and groom the trails for riding.

On the positive side, people who don’t like shovelling snow are happy about how this season is progressing.



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New Year's resolutions from Caledon Cavaliers and Bolton Brewers to usher in 2024

BY JIM STEWART

The prospect of a new sports year is filled with limitless possibilities.

We thought it would be interesting to chat with local sports organizations about their resolutions for 2024.

We'll focus on two this week: the Caledon Cavaliers Rugby Football Club and the Bolton Brewers of the North Dufferin Baseball League.

Michele Iacovelli, President of the Cavaliers Rugby Football Club, offered us insights into what the Cavaliers will be working at in 2024.

Coach Iacovelli and his administrative team have done an incredible job rebuilding both the brand and program of the Cavaliers in 2023. The resolutions presented are in keeping with their grassroots approach to growing the sport of rugby in Caledon and the club's good-natured, fun-loving public discourse:

- **Resolution #1:** "Vow to work on our scrumming skills, both on and off the field – tackling life's challenges head-on with a strong forward push."
- **Resolution #2:** "Pledge to resist the urge to turn every conversation into a rugby metaphor... but hey, sometimes you just have to 'ruck and roll' with it!"
- **Resolution #3:** "Resolve to keep the mud on the field and out of the changing room – laundry day deserves a break, too."
- **Resolution #4:** "Ensure players attend every post-match social event, because let's face it, the real victory is in the camaraderie and banter."
- **Resolution #5:** "Welcome more new players to join the Cavaliers Family!"

Another summer sports organization with an enviable track record in 2023 that welcomes new players to its family is the Bolton Brewers Baseball Club.

The Brewers have inscribed their team name on the North Dufferin Baseball League's championship trophy on numerous occasions in the last 25 years, including a remarkable five years in a row.

However, the baseball gods have not been so kind to the Brewers the last two seasons.

"The Local Nine" have earned their way to the Championship Series with excellent regular seasons and playoff runs, but have come up short in both 2022 and 2023 in the Finals.

Brewers' veteran Head Coach Mike Wallace—who admirably retains his role as player-coach, patrols second base, and hits in the three-spot—responded enthusiastically to the invitation to offer his club's New Year's resolutions.

Coach Wallace suggested his players will be focused on etching "Bolton Brewers" on a 2024 trophy plate:

- **Resolution #1:** "The Bolton Brewers are definitely looking to bring home some hardware in 2024."
- **Resolution #2:** "With a large part of the roster returning, we'll look to carry on with the same amount of success that we had in 2023."

Be it resolved, then, that both the Cavaliers and Brewers will be putting quality teams on the pitch and diamond, respectively, in 2024. Warm and sunny thoughts, indeed, from our local sports clubs on a seasonably-cold, snowy January afternoon.



Bob Knuckey (right) is one of four athletes being inducted into the Caledon Sports Hall of Fame later this month. Three builders and one team will also be inducted. FILE PHOTO

Hall is located at the expanded Caledon East Community Complex

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In 1975, Callaghan helped create the Bolton Men's Slow-Pitch league and worked behind the scenes on it for over 30 years. This league is still running today. In 1977, Callaghan became involved with the Bolton Minor Hockey Association, and spent over 20 years in executive positions there.

Callaghan was also involved in junior hockey with the Caledon Canadiens from 1992 to 1998, and helped create the Sunday Night Men's Hockey League. This league began in 1986 and is also still running to this day.

For his organizational and leadership talents, Callaghan was given the nickname "The Commissioner" by his friends and fellow volunteers.

There are eight new inductees being honoured at the January 2024 CSHOF induction ceremony: four athletes, three builders, and one team. The inductees, alongside Callaghan, will have their information on display in a dedicated space on the second floor of the CECC for visitors to appreciate for years to come.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said it's important to honour Caledon's past and having annual CSHOF induction ceremonies is a great way to do that. She said the eight inductees represent a broad cross-section of sport history in Caledon, adding she's excited to celebrate their induction later this month.

The athletes being inducted this year are hockey player Bert McCaffrey, triathlete Bob Knuckey, skier Laurie Graham, and jockey Robin Platts.

McCaffrey was a defenceman from Albion Township and played seven seasons in the NHL for the Toronto St. Pats, Toronto Maple Leafs, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Montreal Canadiens. He won a Stanley cup in 1930 with the Canadiens, and an Olympic gold with Team Canada in 1924. McCaffrey passed away in 1955.

Knuckey is a 75-year-old triathlete who recently was the only one in his age category to complete the gruelling 2023 Ironman Championships race in Nice, France — earning a much-deserved win. In his working life, Knuckey was a school teacher in Caledon for 37 years.

Knuckey won the Toronto Marathon in 1976 with a time of two hours, 28 minutes, and this is just one of his many wins over the years. Knuckey has won four Ironman World Championships and is one of two men to ever complete a sub 12-hour race as a master.

Graham was raised in Inglewood and began skiing at the age of five. Graham was a three-time Olympian and was once Canada's premier female downhill skier. She won a bronze medal at the 1982 world championships, won three national titles, and has six world cup victories.

Graham was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1998 and inducted into the Canadian Ski Hall

of Fame in 1991. She's also been inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Canada Sports Hall of Fame.

Platts lived in Bolton for over 30 years and raised his family there while competing as a jockey. He's one of three jockeys to ever win the King's Plate four times. In his career, Platts ran in over 20,000 races and secured 3,200 victories in races all over the world.

Platts was Canada's top jockey in 1979 and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1997.

The builders being inducted this year are editor and reporter Bill Whitbread, former Toronto Maple Leafs owner and racehorse breeder Conn Smythe, and much-loved basketball coach Gord Everett.

Whitbread was a long-time editor and reporter with the Caledon Enterprise and was credited as the backbone of the Bolton area when it came to sports. He was known for being at every championship game to take a photo of the winning team and always being at Caledon tournaments to report on the day's events.

Whitbread was also known as a great community advocate who supported athletes in Caledon in taking their careers to the next level. Whitbread, who passed away in 2014, would still show up to championship games even in his later years. Caledon Minor Hockey and Caledon Minor Baseball now hold annual tournaments in Whitbread's honour.

Smythe is best known as principal owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1927 to 1961. In 1951, Smythe bought land for a farm in Caledon which he used to breed horses for racing. Horses from Smythe's stable won the King's Plate twice. In 1963, Smythe hosted the World Plowing Championships at his Caledon farm.

Everett is known for dedicating much of his adult life to positively impacting the lives of young people. His approach to basketball coaching also focused on mental health and academic success, making him a great mentor and friend to many athletes. Everett mentored two athletes from Bolton who made it to the national level of women's basketball. He was the coach of Team Ontario from 2012 to 2019 and was the Ontario Basketball Elite Coach of the Year in 2012.

The team being inducted this year is the 2004 Mayfield Secondary School Girls Nordic Ski Team, consisting of Brittany Webster, Julie Porter, Gillian Montgomery, Brittany Reid, and Robyn Kemp.

Mayfield's girls Nordic ski team won the Ontario high school championships for four consecutive years in the early 2000s. Webster went on to represent Canada at the Olympics in 2010 and 2014. The skiers mentioned above are credited with motivating many others to take up Nordic skiing, leading to Mayfield being the number one Nordic skiing school in Ontario for many years.

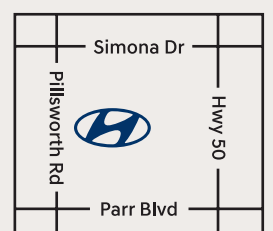
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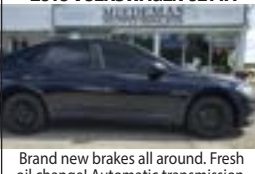

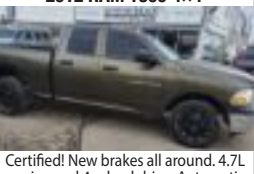




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MILDRED MATILDA (SANDERS) MCALPINE
NOVEMBER 12, 1933 – DECEMBER 26, 2023



In memory of Mildred Matilda McAlpine, a beacon of love and strength, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2023, at the age of 90. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth and kindness, and a lifetime of cherished memories. A loving Mother to Donald (Marj), Joy (George), Wesley (Irene), and Karen (Scott), a devoted Grandma to Lisa (Al), Brian (Rebecca), Erica (Clayton), Corey (Zoe), Blake (Jess), Ashley (Tyler), and Jaime (Martin), a special Great Granma to Jenna, Aidan, Mason, Damian, Wolfe, Rosy, Cole, Charlie, Jackson, Lyra, Haven, as well as such a proud Great GREAT Granma to Jude.

Mildred was born on the family farm in Caledon Township on November 12, 1933 to Charlie and Tena Pinkney. She is pre-deceased by brothers, Douglas and Earl. She touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. For her whole life she was a dedicated member of the Erin United Church. In 1953 she married George Sanders on the Pinkney family farm. George and Mildred built a wonderful life on their own family farm on the 10th line of Erin, surrounded with a loving family until his death in 1978. It was there that she truly outshined everyone in the community with hard work and dedication to her fabulous gardens around the house, and of course her extraordinary talent with her award-winning cooking and baking. She became a community mainstay for her wonderful wedding cakes and baked goods. In 1990 she married Ross McAlpine and moved from the family farm to Caledon Mountain where she proceeded to create a wonderful, warm, inviting home. Her talent with gardens continued to thrive, making the McAlpine property the envy of the community. Her flair for wedding cakes of all kinds continued as she fine tuned her talents in her kitchen. Mildred was always ready for a visit, a coffee, a card game, lunch, or a trip of any kind. She was blessed with many friends and will be deeply missed.

Friends and Family were received at In Memoriam Funeral Services, 28 Main Street North, Grand Valley, Ontario, L9W 5S7, 519-415-4687 on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Funeral Service took place at 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM with lunch that followed.

Spring interment will take place at Everton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to Erin United Church and/or Erin Horticultural Society, causes that held a special place in Mildred's heart. Please have cheques, made payable to Erin United Church or Old Saints Anglican Church Erin.

Online condolences can be made at www.imfunerals.com

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OBITUARIES

SCOTT, ROBERT B.
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We are devastated to announce the passing of Robert B. Scott after a very long, courageous battle. Beloved husband of Judy of 52 years, loving father of Elizabeth (Tim), Jodie (Russ), Stephanie (Josh), Pamela (Kelly). Bob doted on his grandchildren: Rowan, Troy, Madison, Nathan; Julianna, Russell; MacArthur, Sofia; Audrey, and Jamie. He will be missed by his sisters: Shelley (Dave), Leslie (Dan), and Susan and his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Robert Scott and Jean Scott.



After graduating from University of Toronto with his H.B.Sc. he went on to pursue a successful career as a rehabilitation specialist working with people with serious head injuries for 30 years. After he retired he achieved his dream of getting his pilot's license.

Bob was an accomplished carpenter and he helped his father in building a beautiful cottage on Lake Huron that remains in the family today. His carpentry skills were always sought after wherever he went and he was always happy to help family and friends with any building and repairs that were needed.

Bob served God with quiet devotion and resolute faith. He served on St. Mark's Board for many years in the non-profit Credit River Housing Division. Most of all Bob loved his family with all his heart.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bob's memory to Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Orangeville or St. George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg, On.

Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, January 12th, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church 5 First Ave. Orangeville, on Saturday, January 13th, 2024 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Dods & McNair Reception Centre. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

JAMES "JIM" RALPH
OCTOBER 6, 1935 - DECEMBER 23, 2023

Jim passed peacefully at home on Saturday, December 23, 2023 in his 89th year. Loving husband of Denise, dear father of Cathy (Kotsopoulos) and David (Ralph), stepfather to Pam (Taylor) and David (Bishop) and survived by his brother David (Ralph) and wife Janice. Jim will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, great-grand children, many close friends and business associates.



Jim's was a life well lived, a kind and gentle man. During his 41-year marriage, he and Denise enjoyed travelling to many destinations with friends and golf buddies, including winters down south. Above all, the fondest memories are those of much love and laughter.

We will be forever grateful to the palliative care team for their kindness and support...amazing.

Jim was loved by many and will be missed by all. At his request, no funeral service will be held, however, a celebration of life will take place in the spring.

If there is a message Jim wanted to leave with us, it was to give friends and family a big hug and tell them you love them...while you still can.

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SAWDEN, VIVIAN J.

Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the age of 94. Beloved wife of the late William Sawden. Loving mother of Brian (Laverne) Sawden and Sharon (Alf) Ellis. Devoted grandmother of Dana Ellis (Shivan) and Dean Ellis (Rayne), step-grandmother of Judi Nedza (Andy) and Patrick Nigh (Rita) and great-grandmother of Ledger Ellis. She will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Family and friends were received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. The funeral service followed in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment took place at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Dufferin Oaks or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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Former Owner of Burdette Gallery, Orton, Ontario. Passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care, Shelburne in her 90th year. Loving wife of Paul Burdette (deceased); loving Mother of Glenn (Joan) of Orangeville; Brett (Sherry) of Trout Creek; and Mark (Susanne) of Callander. Cherished grandmother of Courtney (David); Kory (Robyn); Dallas; and Kelsey (Dylan). Great Grandmother of Jack, Maddie and Hailey. Beloved Sister of Colleen, Dorothy, Douglas, Larry (deceased) and Lorraine; Sister-in-law of Sheila and Shirley (deceased). Dolly will be missed by many friends and family.



Special thanks to the staff at Dufferin Oaks who cared for Dolly over the last year with kindness and compassion.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday January 7, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. As expressions of sympathy donations to Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care, Shelburne, the Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

DALE HOUSH OF SPRUCEDALE

Peacefully at home on Saturday December 30, 2023. Dale, beloved husband of Donna and the late Carla, was in his 87th year.



Dear father of Ron Housh (Julie), Arliss Croft (Darren), George Housh (Ephie), and Darlene Raso (Giorgio).

Proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Stepfather of Terry (Sandy) and Steve Eade and their families.

Dale is survived by his sister Donna Kirby (Wayne) predeceased by his siblings David, Dennis, Theresa, Winnie and will be fondly remembered by all his extended family and friends.

The family received visitors at the Opatovsky Funeral Home-Dempster Chapel, 210 Ontario Street in Burk's Falls on Tuesday January 2, 2024, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

A service to celebrate Dale's life was conducted in the chapel commencing at 1:00 pm on Wednesday January 3, 2024, with Pastor Don Nicholson officiating.

A graveside will be held in Morningside Cemetery, 384 Pine Avenue in Caledon on Thursday January 4, 2024 at 2pm.

If desired, memorial donations to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be sincerely appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.opatovskyfuneralhome.com

BRIAN PETER MORRIS

Passed peacefully at Brampton Civic Hospital on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, Brian Peter Morris, at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Sylvia. Devoted father of Andrew and Claire, Orangeville; Philip and Annie, Mississauga. Cherished grandfather of Abby, Hayden, and Jorja. Cremation has taken place. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Ontario SPCA. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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Tigers Sweetheart Tournament fills up fast; teams from around the province will play

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Tigers will host their annual Sweetheart Tournament from January 26 to 28 at various local venues, and the tournament is already booked solid.

This will be the 44th year the local girls' hockey club has hosted the tournament.

With over 70 teams coming to Orangeville to play, this tournament provides a lot of hockey action and boosts the local economy.

In addition to constant games on local ice, the tournament also features a skills competition where the players go up against each other on the ice to showcase their hockey skills. This is a popular event during the tournament that provides a lot of exciting action and gives players the chance to really stand out as skilled players.

Games are played at the Alder Street Arena and Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville, as well as at the Ice Corral at Teen Ranch and a couple of other nearby local

arenas.

The tournament will feature teams from U9 to U18 and senior teams, with several divisions within those categories. In total, there are 22 divisions eligible to play.

The Sweetheart Tournament was founded in 1978 and is named after the original girl's hockey league in Orangeville. Since then, it has grown to become one of the most respected girl's tournaments in the province, with many hockey centres making a special effort to be part of the action in Orangeville.

The Tigers organization has teams ranging from U9 to U18 and senior division teams.

It will be a busy season for the Tigers as they also prepare to host two other tournaments.

The Winter Classic Tournament for U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, and senior teams will get underway from February 2 to 4 at local venues.

In addition, the Club will host the March Madness Jamboree on March 2-3, featur-

ing the younger teams up to U9.

There is still a lot of girls' hockey on

the schedules for this season, and Tigers

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