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Caledon receives \$2.8 million from Province for housing infrastructure

Province administering grant from "Building Faster Fund"

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is receiving money from the Province to fund housing in-

rastructure. On March 15, Associate Minister of Housing Rob Flack visited Caledon's Town Hall to give Caledon \$2,830,080 from the Province's "Building Faster Fund". Hall was met by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, and members of Caledon council. According to the Province, Caledon is receiving the funding as it broke ground on 778 new housing units in 2023, more than 80 per cent of its provincially-assigned housing target.

According to the Province, the Building Faster Fund is a three-year, \$1.2 billion program designed to encourage municipalities to address Ontario's housing supply crisis. "The fund rewards municipalities that make significant progress against their targets by providing funding for housing-enabling and community-enabling infrastructure," said the Province in a statement

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New funding will help Peel address healthcare among unhoused

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

announced it had received \$1.7 million from Ontario Health to improve access to health support for Peel residents experiencing homelessness. Ontario Health is the crown agency that oversees the administration of health care in the province.

Amid an affordable housing crisis, the Region of Peel has received funding to improve health care for those experiencing homelessness. In a March 15 statement, the Region

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New strategic plan implemented by local health team

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team sets goals for 2024 to 2027

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A collaborative of local patients, physicians, and health, social and municipal agencies has charted its course for its next three years of service to the community.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) announced on March 19 that its 2024 to 2027 strategic plan had been implemented.

HOHC OHT staff said the new plan will serve as a roadmap to creating a healthy and supportive community for all in Dufferin and Caledon. The plan outlines a new



set of strategic priorities for the health team, and includes updated mission, vision and values statements for it.

The HOHC OHT's new strategic plan was created with the help of more than 17 community partners.

There are five strategic goals in the HOHC OHT's new strategic plan, and they are as follows: equitable health and well-being, health and social care integration, shared resources, partnership, and accountability.

Through these strategic goals, the health team looks to achieve the following outcomes in Dufferin-Caledon's health care system: increased early detection of chronic diseases; improved chronic disease outcomes; reduced acute care utilization; increased access to primary care services; improved system navigation support to help people find and access care; and increased access to integrated, team-based models of care for patients.

Tracy Coffin, Executive Director of the HOHC OHT, said the health team is proud of the work it's done since its inception in 2019 and is looking forward to achieving its new goals.

"Through a data-informed and collaborative decision-making approach, our strategic plan outlines our commitment to enhancing delivery of care and improving population health outcomes," said Coffin.

She explained that in two to three years, the HOHC OHT will become its own not-for-profit corporation, and the new strategic plan will guide the health team until that point.

Coffin noted many of the health team's partner organizations are making their strategic plans right now, so the health team was able to work with them in the creation of theirs to meet shared goals.

"It was great having them come to the table... having a fulsome discussion of what the needs of our community are and how we can best meet them," said Coffin. "Our role as an Ontario Health Team is to really bring together all the different providers of health and social services... to talk about how to deliver services better."

Improving access to primary care, such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner, is a big focus for the OHT. Coffin said in Dufferin and Caledon, there's around 15,000 people who do not have a primary care provider. These "unattached patients"

can often have worse outcomes as they are unable to regularly see a health care professional.

Equitable care is also a focus for the HOHC OHT. Health team staff said they're placing emphasis on equitable care in the new strategic plan, using Ontario Health's equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism framework.

"HOHC OHT aims to shift systemic attitudes to ensure a reduction of disparity and inequity in how services are delivered and simplify overall access to health and social care," said HOHC OHT staff.

Coffin explained there's people in the community who aren't getting access to care as regularly as they should.

"Our unattached patients, they may have instability with housing or food insecurity... we want to make sure those most vulnerable people... get the equity they need," said Coffin. "For example, if you don't have a lot of money, you may not have Wifi... you may not have a smartphone... we have a document that's called 'where to go when you're not feeling well'. We feel it's very important that piece of paper can get into somebody's hand because often people who don't know where to go are the same people who are facing other barriers."

This document is available at many locations around Dufferin and Caledon, and Coffin said it's had an added benefit of reducing unnecessary emergency room visits.

Lesley Nagoda, CEO of Services and Housing in the Province and the co-chair of the HOHC OHT's Collaboration Council, said a connected health and social care system can have a huge positive impact on community and population health and well-being.

"HOHC OHT is honoured to serve the people of Dufferin and Caledon in creating a connected care system," said Nagoda. "We look forward to continuing this work in our community."

Coffin said the HOHC OHT is all about bringing everyone together to help the community.

"We're very excited that we're working in a connected way, that we're working with our partners... we're going to be accountable to this and ensure we're delivering what's best for the people who live here," said Coffin.



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Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors to be held June 15



More information about the Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors is available on CCS' website, ccs4u.org.

Anyone with questions about the event, or those interested in sponsoring it, can contact event lead Carol Petrini by email at cpetrini@ccs4u.org or phone at 905.584.2300 extension 236.

The 2024 edition of the Velocity will be the sixth-ever to be held.

The annual Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors always draws crowds of cyclists out for a day of fun on Caledon's roads and trailways.
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Caledon Community Services announces details of annual cycling fundraiser

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Details for an annual pedal-powered pledge drive supporting Caledon seniors have been announced.

On March 14, Donna Cragg, Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Marketing and Communications Director, announced that the 2024 Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors would be held on June 15.

The annual cycling event raises money for CCS programs and services that support seniors in Caledon.

Individuals and teams sign up to ride 10, 25, 50 or 100-kilometre routes for the event and commit to raising money in the months leading up to the ride.

When factoring in riders, sponsors, and community donors, last year's ride raised

over \$70,000 for CCS. This year, CCS has set a fundraising goal of \$65,000.

This year's event takes place on Caledon Day and features a new starting location in Caledon East Park.

Cragg said the "legendary family-friendly ride" invites cyclists of all skill levels to experience the scenic beauty of Caledon along the Caledon Trailway and well-marked road routes. Those who can't make it on June 15 are still invited to participate in the event virtually, by raising money and choosing a cycling route of their choice.

Cragg said funds raised from the Velocity ride support vital transportation services and health and wellness programs for local seniors.

CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar said supporting seniors in Caledon makes a difference, especially as seniors are the fastest-growing demographic today.

"Velocity isn't just about rides," she said. "It's about Age-Friendly Caledon, offering our cherished seniors access to critical life-saving resources, [and] fostering independence and well-being for all. We all have seniors in our lives we care about. So, gather your family and friends, and let's pedal the extra mile for a worthy cause..."

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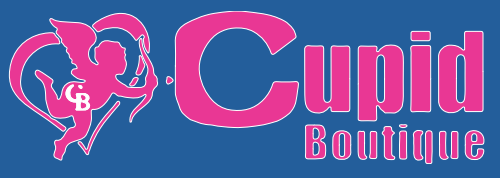
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FATAL COLLISION

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a three-vehicle fatal collision on Mayfield Road.

“On March 17, 2024, at approximately 2:53 a.m., officers, along with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services and Peel Paramedic Services, responded to a three-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road,” say Police. “The passenger in the first vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the first vehicle was transported to a hospital with critical injuries, and the accused, the driver of the third vehicle, was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

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

Amrinder Dhillon, 25, of Oakville, has been charged with:

- Operation causing death;
- Operation causing bodily harm;
- Obstruct Peace Officer.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Oran-

geville on April 4, 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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

ATTEMPTED CARJACKING

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating an attempted carjacking.

“On March 16, 2024, shortly after 10:00 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment responded to a report of an assault on Airport Road, at Mayfield Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The investigation revealed an individual approached the victim while they were getting into their vehicle, struck them, and attempted to steal the victim’s vehicle. The suspect was unsuccessful and subsequently fled the scene on foot. The victim suffered minor injuries as a result of the incident. The

suspect was described as wearing all black clothing, including a black surgical-style face covering.”

If you have information regarding this incident, please contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

The following are tips in the case of a carjacking:

- Always remain cognizant of your surroundings;
- Lock doors and close windows while in your vehicle;
- If approached by a person with a weapon or mention of a weapon, give your vehicle up without resistance;
- If you feel as though you are being followed, drive directly to the nearest police station;
- Use an audible alarm that can easily be activated to draw attention to your location;
- Reverse into parking spots as this allows you to drive away if you notice someone approaching your vehicle;
- If possible, always park in a well-lit area at night;
- Equip your vehicle with a GPS tracker to assist police with their investigation.

Use heightened awareness when in these vulnerable areas:

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- ATM’s: Extra vigilance should be exercised at night and while using machines not enclosed in a structure;
- Home Garages: Close your garage door at the earliest opportunity;
- Parking Garages and Lots: Continue to be aware of surroundings and look for well-lit and populated areas to park;
- Intersections and when stopped in traffic;
- Parked in your vehicle: When stopped or parked in your vehicle, keep the doors locked. Avoid distraction such as a mobile phone that prevents you from being aware of your surroundings.

Safety tips for a parked vehicle:

- As you approach your car, look

around. Additionally, don’t use the key fob to locate your car as it may help carjackers verify their target;

- Walk from behind your car and try to look into it;
- Lock your door as soon as you are in your seat (this is the single-most effective countermeasure to carjackings);
- Start your engine right away.

BREAK AND ENTER INVESTIGATIONS

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a recent series of break and enters.

“On March 8, 2024, officers from the Caledon Detachment responded to two residential break-ins, in the area of Cedar-grove Road and Evans Ridge, in Bolton, which occurred between the hours of 2:30 a.m. on March 7, 2024, and 7:20 p.m. on March 8, 2024,” say Police. “In each event, the suspect(s) gained entry by physical force while nobody was home. Items such as cash and jewelry were stolen.

“Just hours later, on March 9, 2024, officers from the Caledon Detachment responded to a third break-in, in the area of Pattulo Drive, in Caledon, which occurred between the hours of 1:00 p.m. on March 8, 2024, and 2:30 p.m. on March 9, 2024. In this event, the suspect(s) gained entry by physical force while nobody was home. Items such as cash and jewelry were stolen.”

For anyone with information regarding these incidents, please contact the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) at (905) 584-2241. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify. Investigators are also looking for surveillance footage from March 7 to March 9, 2024, in those areas.

SPEED CHARGES

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recently charged three individuals for stunt driving, by way of excessive speed.

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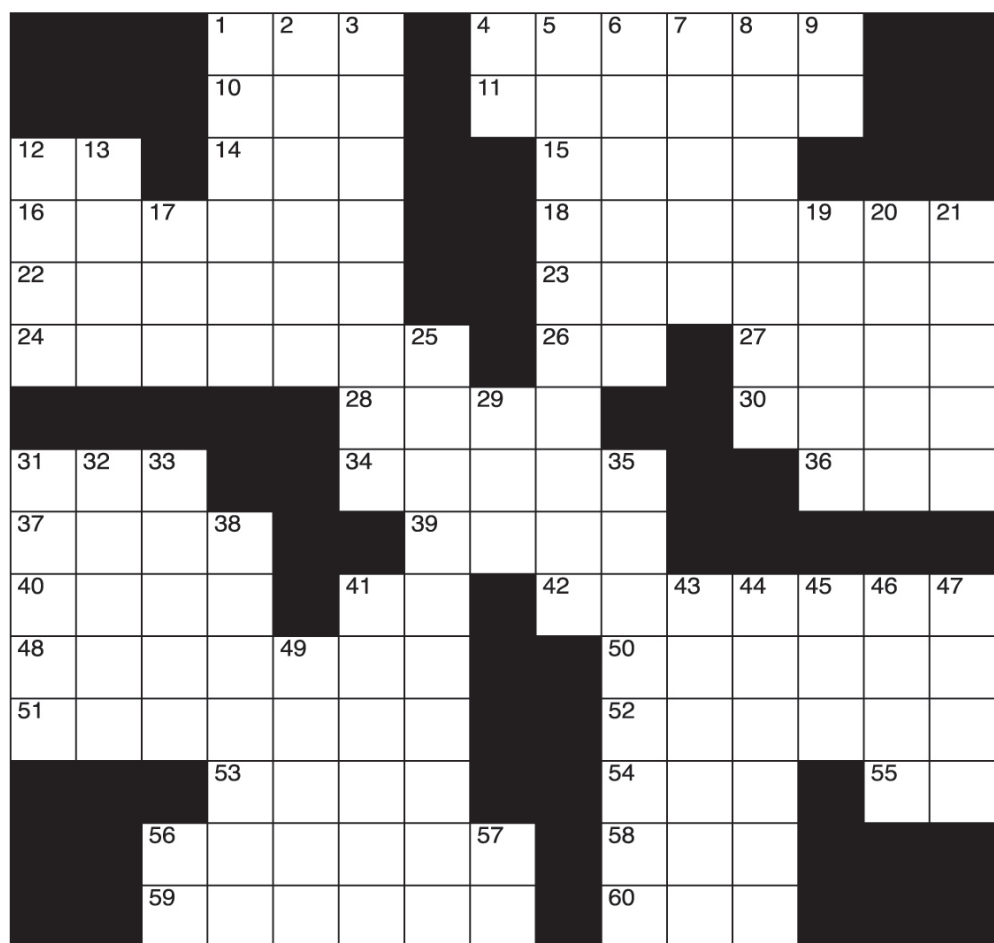
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- 15. Two
- 16. A famous one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Spoils
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Products you may need
- 30. Pledge thrown

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- 31. TV network
- 34. Silk or cotton garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republics
- 37. Retired American football coach Dean
- 39. Hot dish
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Atomic #84
- 42. Sawhorse
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way (abbr.)
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie’s friend
- 59. Moved one’s neck to see

CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Salary
- 4. Influential world body
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. A fake name
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
- 29. Creative works
- 31. Recesses
- 32. W. Pacific island group
- 33. Tolkien character
- 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- 38. Pioneer
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Lowest members of British nobility
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Type of sugar
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. N. American people of British Columbia
- 56. Device
- 57. The Mount Rushmore State

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SPEED CHARGES

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“On March 12, 2024, Caledon OPP was conducting focused speed enforcement in the area of Highway 10, near Charleston Sideroad in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During this time, three different motorists were observed traveling at what appeared to be in excess of the posted 50 kilometres per hour speed limit. Utilizing a speed measurement device, it was determined that these motorists were traveling 41, 42 and 60 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit, respectively. Traffic stops were conducted upon all three motor vehicles and investigations commenced.”

As a result of these investigations, the drivers were charged with the follow of offence:

- Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform Stunt - Excessive Speed

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicles were also impounded for a period of 14 days, and their driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 30 days.

“The OPP remains committed to making our roads a safer place through enforcement and public education. The faster you drive, the higher your risk of losing

control and being involved in a collision, which can be fatal or cause serious injury. Stunt driving includes but is not limited to, driving 40 kilometres per hour or more over the speed limit on roads with a speed limit less than 80 kilometres per hour, and driving 50 kilometres per hour or more over the speed limit.”

For more information about the penalties of speeding and stunt driving, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/speeding-and-aggressive-driving.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged three drivers with impaired operation related offences at the same RIDE location.

“On March 16, 2024, just after 11:30 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check on Townline, in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “A driver entered the area and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.”

Rachel Cronk, a 20-year-old female, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero;
- Young driver - B.A.C. above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

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Bruce Patel, a 34-year-old male, from Alton has been charged with:

- Poss. of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven.

“On March 17, 2024, just after 12:30 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check on Townline, in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “A driver entered the area and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.”

Kirk Cronk, a 60-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver’s licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

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

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

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities.”

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Caledon receives \$2.8 million from Province for housing infrastructure

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When the Province passed Bill 23, the “More Homes Built Faster Act”, in November 2022, municipalities were required to submit housing pledges to the Province. Caledon is expected to have 13,000 new housing units by 2031.

Flack, Groves, and Jones all provided comments via the Province.

Flack said Caledon should be proud of the work it’s done to “get shovels in the ground faster.”

Groves extended “sincere gratitude” for the funds received from the Province.

“We will continue to work with our Provincial partners and the building industry to bring much needed housing to Caledon,” said Groves. “We are committed to delivering our part of the province’s goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031. The Town appreciates the support... in our efforts to achieve and even exceed the housing targets established in our housing pledge.”

Jones said Ontario’s government is committed to building homes and helping municipalities reach their housing targets.

“There is no doubt that our housing supply must increase to support a growing population,” said Jones. “I congratulate Caledon for making substantial progress toward its housing target last year and look forward to seeing our partnership translate to housing for Caledon residents.”

The Town of Caledon issued its own news release on March 15.

In it, Groves said prioritizing a range of housing choices is essential for an inclusive community and equitable growth.

“As we embark on the journey to construct new homes, the allocation of this funding demonstrates our unwavering dedication to this cause,” said Groves. “It signifies our readiness to tackle the housing challenge head-on and reaffirms our commitment to building a better, more accessible future for all.”

In the release, Caledon’s CAO Nathan Hyde said the funding allotment means Caledon is “open for business.”

“I thank our dedicated staff who are committed to realizing our housing targets in harmony with our strategic blueprint, aimed at fostering vibrant rural and urban communities for everyone,” said Hyde.



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Kelley Potter, the Caledon Public Library's Public Service Director, retired on March 22, receiving messages of gratitude and support from colleagues. **CPL PHOTO**

Caledon Public Library announces retirement of Public Service Director

Kelley Potter has worked for the CPL since 1995

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A longtime employee of Caledon's library is starting a new chapter in her life.

On March 22, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) announced its Public Service Director, Kelley Potter, was retiring.

CPL staff, and the CPL's board of directors, said Potter is an invaluable colleague and friend who will be greatly missed at the CPL. Her last day of work was March 22.

Colleen Lipp, CPL's CEO and Chief Librarian, said Potter's contributions to the library have been immeasurable.

"Most recently, her commitment to ensuring positive experiences for our customers is evident in the creation of new and reimagined branches and the development of CPL's 'Customer Service Promise,'" said Lipp. "Kelley's legacy and impact on CPL will be long felt and her compassionate approach to leadership will be missed."

Potter worked as a library page in high school and, in 1985, worked briefly for the CPL coordinating branch inventory. She returned to work for the CPL again in 1995 and worked there for the rest of her career.

Some of the roles Potter worked in throughout her career include youth services coordinator, youth services manager, manager of lending services, public service manager, and director of public service.

Potter said she's most proud of a number of initiatives she helped create, such as the Young Reels Film Festival and Elizabeth Scavetta

Memorial Teen Short Story Contest. She's also proud of all the recent renovation and building projects completed by the CPL recently — there have been four in the past three years.

Additionally, Potter said she's proud of how the CPL managed the pandemic. She said everyone did their best to communicate as much as possible and make library patrons feel safe during a time of chaos and uncertainty.

Potter said it's been amazing to watch her colleagues' careers over the years.

"I'm pleased when I look around the organization today to know that I had a hand in hiring a number of the staff who are still here at CPL, particularly as I've watched them grow both professionally and personally over the years," said Potter.

Tony Maxwell, Chair of the CPL's Board of Directors, said he and the rest of the Board want to give thanks to Potter for her years of service.

"I'd like to extend our gratitude to Kelley for her unwavering dedication to excellence and her significant contribution to the development of CPL as the esteemed institution it has become today," said Maxwell. "We extend our heartfelt wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement ahead."

Now that she's retired, Potter plans to spend more time with family and friends, especially her children and grandchildren. She's also hoping to travel more and dedicate time to her celebrant business, where she performs weddings and funerals.

Potter said she feels gratitude for her experience working with the CPL.

"I'm so grateful for the years of learning and friendship from so many great staff members, and while it wasn't always easy, it was always worth it," said Potter.

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Funding from Ontario Health will support work done at Peel's Dundas shelter



Commissioner of Health Services Nancy Polsinelli, said the link between housing and health is clear.

"Residents unable to secure sustainable housing are more likely to face health challenges and require integrated models of care to improve individual health," they said. "We're pleased to see the government of Ontario recognize this innovative and important work in Peel and contribute to its sustainability with a \$1.7 million investment. We look forward to further expanding this model of care with our partners to address this growing community need."

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The \$1.7 million will go through Well-Fort Community Health Services, a community health centre based in Brampton.

The money will support work being done at Peel's Dundas shelter, which the Region describes as a medical shelter. There, it says residents can receive "high-quality, trauma-informed, patient-centered primary care."

From June 2022 to December 2023, 428 people received care for complex health needs and/or COVID-19 at the shelter.

"Recognizing that people living precariously are also likely to face complex health challenges, Peel Region has launched an innovative health care model to address housing and health needs..." reads the release. "This model has not only proven successful in improving clients' health outcomes and removing barriers to access, but it has also saved costs for the health care system."

According to the Region, the funding from Ontario Health will support health operations at the Dundas shelter and allow Peel to enhance and expand health services for homeless people across the region.

Regional staff said Peel is experiencing

an unprecedented affordable housing crisis, with more people than ever struggling to make ends meet and have a roof over their heads.

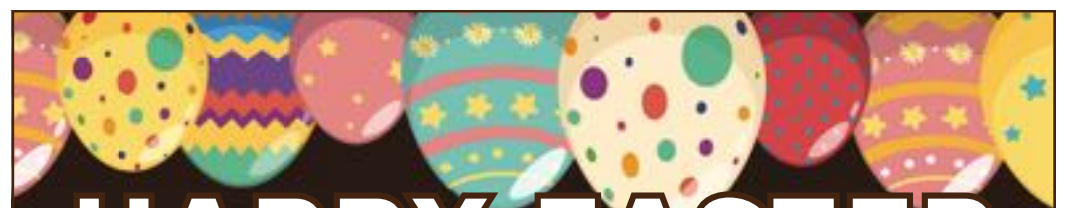
The Region estimates 91,000 of its residents are in core housing need.

According to Statistics Canada, people in core housing need "live in an unsuitable, inadequate or unaffordable dwelling and cannot afford alternative housing in their community."

Region of Peel Council Chair Nando Iannicca said as a service provider, Peel has shown leadership with the way it provides health care for those experiencing homelessness — especially in the face of an affordable housing crisis.

"(Peel's) holistic approach has shown tremendous promise to housing and health outcomes for some of the most vulnerable residents," said Iannicca. "This model would not be possible without the generous support of the provincial government. I'm encouraged by today's \$1.7 million funding announcement that will not only help residents get and keep housing but will also help residents live engaged and healthy lives."

In a joint statement, Peel's Commissioner of Human Services, Sean Baird, and



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It's often said that hindsight is 20/20, but sometimes the results can be unexpected.

Having kids of one's own, I hear, can give you a new appreciation of what your parents went through with you, particularly if your kids try to pull the same stunts.

It does, of course, cut both ways.

Hindsight can also help you scratch the surface of positive or negative memories, giving you new context through which you can re-evaluate them either way.

In other, less drastic ways, these experiences can reinforce the fact that you're living in the here and now and some of these life lessons you've taken with you from childhood no longer have any relevance or currency in today's world. Advice from parents and grandparents on homeownership to kids born in the 80s, 90s, and early 00s immediately comes to mind, but that's a subject for another column!

Who else grew up in the 1990s grew up watching Mrs. Doubtfire?

Chances are, when you first saw it as a youngster, you sided with Robin Williams' Daniel when his marriage blew up following a raucous indoor party, complete with a petting zoo in the living room featuring livestock. As fun a party as it looked, in hindsight, Sally Field's Miranda had every right to shut that nonsense down.

Who was going to clean that up, let alone re-plant her begonias?

In an informal straw poll of my peers, the general consensus was the invariable change of allegiance came as something of a surprise. Of course, it's less of a surprise to our parents as they watched it with us and they knew where they stood. They knew what the future would hold.

But what does the future hold for all of us? Maybe in this case it's important to look back before we look forward.

Throughout our history, anyone with a splash of creativity coursing through their veins has had one vision or another of what the next decades, centuries or millennia might look like.

In the 1950s, when humans began to make real strides towards viable space travel, this spit-balling on what's to come hit something of a fever pitch, with even Walt Disney embedding these very ideas into his theme parks through the development of Tomorrowland.

"Walt Disney - storyteller, visionary, and one of Time's 20 most influential innovators of the 20th century - saw the future as a wondrous and magical place," said Rachel Withers in a 2017 Slate article entitled, Yesterdayland. "He embraced new technology throughout his career: His early animations used what were then cutting-edge effects, such as color and sound, and he was obsessed with mass transit, with the concept for Disneyland coming out his passion for increasingly large model trains. Plus, he loved outer space. From 1954 to 1958, he hosted Disneyland, a weekly show on ABC, to finance the park's construction. His passion for futurology came across in his Tomorrowland segments. Tomorrowland, referred to in early plans as The Land of Tomorrow, and envisioned by Walt to be 'the factual and scientific exposition of things to come,' was one of four imaginative realms that park-goers could visit (Fantasyland, Adventureland, Frontierland, and Tomorrowland). Walt always intended his park to be educational as well as entertaining. In his Tomorrowland dedication speech, displayed in the park to this day, Walt promised the land would be a: vista into a world of wondrous ideas, signifying man's achievements... a step into the future, with predic-

tions of constructive things to come. Tomorrow offers new frontiers in science, adventure and ideals: the Atomic Age... the challenges of outer space...and the hope for a peaceful and unified world. But the problem with designing the world of tomorrow soon became apparent: Tomorrow very quickly becomes today, and then yesterday. The future never stays that way for long."

We're now living in the timeline that Disney envisioned in the future, but I doubt many of us are feeling it is necessarily a time of wondrous ideas and constructive things to come. There have been innovative ideas, sure, but constructive? I guess it depends on your perspective.

New frontiers in science, adventure and ideals? Sure, but some of these new frontiers in science have been conquered out of necessity more than anything else; and many the conquest of new, adventurous "frontiers" often feels more driven by profit than knowledge and knowledge-sharing.

Part and parcel of this vision of the future espoused by our forebears focused on robotics and primitive ideas of what we now call A.I. set on making our lives easier and more fulfilling, but as both have progressed rapidly in the last decade or so, has it been for the greater good?

Various forms of Artificial Intelligence have the potential to make a powerful, positive impact on this world, and have already proven themselves, but the march of this particular form of "progress" has also made many occupations endangered and, some of those individuals holding purse-strings might wrongly argue, obsolete.

Robots were also supposed to be developed for the betterment of our lives and society. Who wouldn't want a delightfully sassy robot like Rosie from The Jetsons powering up every morning to help us get through the drudgery with a healthy helping of snark delivered on the side just for kicks?

I know I did. Now, at a local big box store, I see a robot, with its outer features arranged in such a way to suggest a friendly smile, roaming about cleaning floors while, at any given moment, in a quiet corner of their parking lot, are two packed-to-the-roof cars that appear to be serving as their driver's primary residence. It might not be glamorous, but perhaps an opportunity for a custodial job could make a world of difference in their lives.

At any number of fast-food outlets, we have machines there ready to take our order, with varying degrees of success; at some of our "slow food" establishments, we now have to contend with our orders being delivered by a happy I'll robot who has taken the place of a human; at some of our largest service providers, if we want customer service, we have to get through the gate-keeper of cutesy chatbots that are ill-equipped to handle many of the simplest request. And then, of course, we have the self-check-outs at the grocery stores and new machines in some locations that are, apparently, there to check your work before letting you out of the store.

And on and on it goes, along with our chance for human interaction, opportunity and, when you get right down to it, humanity.

Which brings me back to the life lessons provided by the likes of Daniel and Miranda Hillard in Mrs. Doubtfire.

As much as we loved to hate the stuffy and gruff Mr. Spacely, at least he had the sense to recognize George Jetson's specialized skills in producing Spacely Sprockets and held off on replacing him with a clanking riveter known as Rosie 2.0.



Grocery "games" continue to baffle public

by Mark Pavilons



George Bernard Shaw once said "there is no love sincerer than the love of food."

While George was spot-on regarding our taste buds, he never faced paying \$7 for a pound of butter. "Give us this day our daily bread ..." the prayer goes.

But God never ventured into a grocery store. We stand in line for things that we think are important and I believe the check-out lines at grocery stores contain more sad faces these days.

The latest bad news comes from the Loblaw conglomerate, who installed receipt scanners in four stores, the closest in nearby Georgetown.

It's a trial but the company contends that "retail crime across the entire industry is a very serious issue, and has only gotten worse. To protect customers and colleagues, we're always looking at different ways to stop this theft."

Customers are asked to scan their receipts to exit the store.

I wonder if the company brass looked at the root cause of the increase in food theft.

It's obvious - ever-increasing prices, which outpace inflation and swell the cost of living.

Canada's 2024 Food Price Report predicts an increase of 2.5 to 4.5 per cent in overall food costs this year, with a rise across the board. Meat, veggies and bread products are all expected to rise from 5% to 7% this year. Ontario wasn't the worst in 2023, but we still experienced a roughly 5.5% hike in our grocery bills.

It's estimated the typical family of four will spend between \$15,000 and \$16,000 on groceries per year. This is, of course, after tax income, and some of our groceries are, alas, taxed.

The report states: "There were widespread concerns about corporate behaviour, with allegations of profiteering by Canada's major grocery chains frequently reported in the media and the subject of government attention.

"A significant 30.3 per cent of Canadians believed that price gouging was the primary reason for the escalating food prices."

I think most people will agree that times are tough and money is tight. We Ontarians have been asset rich but cash poor for some time now. Are we now becoming "food poor," too?

According to Food Banks Canada, more than half of Canadians are less than a pay cheque away from "dire financial circumstances."

Food banks across Canada saw almost 2 million visits last March. We can only assume these numbers have risen. A third, or 33%, of food bank users are children, but they only make up 20% of the population. Seniors make up roughly 8% of users and 1 out of 6 food bank users are employed.

I'm sure helping organizations are overwhelmed and have trouble keeping up with the current de-

mand. Donations have to rise even more to meet the rise in food costs.

While the community supports the King Township Food Bank, they're are busier than ever. Their mandate is to provide a week of non-perishable foods, fresh produce, pet kibble and paper products to residents of King Township who seek assistance through registration with them.

Hard to believe in such an affluent community. And yet, the Food Bank serves roughly 120 families or 525 individuals per month. The King Township Food Bank, operating entirely on volunteer efforts for almost two decades, has seen a rise in demand by over 50% this year.

King is fortunate in that the Food Bank's fund-raisers are generously supported, helping the organization meet the need.

Consumers are a pretty savvy lot and we tend to adapt to changing circumstances. More are cooking at home and eating out less. This is a double-edged sword of course. Bad for the restaurant and fast-food industry, better for average citizens. But it's only better for "the average family of four" if they're eating healthy. We all know that good food is pricey food. Junk food, and prepackaged food, are substantially cheaper. Given the current food price climate, I fear that many families are eating unhealthy foods.

The domino effect is prevalent - we spend less on crappy food. Restaurant and food businesses suffer, slowing the economy. Maybe this results in some job losses or reduced hours, which further reduces "food insecurity" - a nifty term we've created to lessen the severity of the situation.

What a tangled web we've woven for ourselves.

Growing up, I was fortunate to have a German mom whose expertise in the kitchen was legendary. I recall when I had friends and co-workers over for dinner, they asked "do you always eat this well?"

Yes, yes we did. On our four-acre parcel in Caledon, my mom had an expansive garden and we benefited from fresh veggies of all kinds. Groceries didn't seem burdensome at all - even steak was affordable for the BBQ in the summer.

We try to make healthy meals that last at least a few days in our house. If certain souls weren't so picky, we'd be fine. I hate throwing away leftovers. I'm not sure if it was from my frugal parents, or seeing poverty first-hand on a volunteer trip, but I can't help but think of those who have nothing to eat.

Our food industry is likely no better. I can only imagine the amount of food wasted each and every day in this province.

Why can't we implement rules like some European cities where at the end of each day, the "old" food is donated to shelters, the homeless, etc.?

I don't know if waste factors into grocery costs but perhaps the great minds should find solutions all around.

The government has tried to encourage "big grocery" to create a code of conduct, but it's a slow process.

No one should go hungry in a country like ours.

No one should have to steal food for their table.

Maybe we should be thinking about communal farms, fresh to table goodies. Despite the connotation, let's bring back the idea of "from each according to their ability (to pay); to each according to their need."

Our Readers Write

Don't release pet turtles into the wild: Org.

It is known by biologists, conservation authorities, government at all levels, and community groups of volunteers who are involved in the work of preservation of turtles of all species, which are classified as at risk, that releasing pet turtles into the wild is a danger to other wildlife and our environment.

Many people, mostly youngsters, are interested in having a pet turtle but do not have the knowledge of what is involved in caring

for one.

These turtles that are being purchased as pets are the Red-eared Sliders which are an invasive species in Canada. They originated from the Mississippi River Waterways of the United States and are now living on every continent except Antarctica.

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Lighten up!

This is the new age of information, where the world news is brought to you almost as it happens. Unfortunately, not a lot of the news is good news.

"My doctor told me to watch my drinking. Now I drink in front of a mirror."

During pre-internet times, news was presented in four formats - local, regional, national, and international. A story that may be big news in one region, may not even make the news in an area just a few miles away.

Even international news was never truly international. Our news feeds are very Euro-centric. How often do you hear news about what is going on in South America?

"Last week I told my psychiatrist, 'I keep thinking about suicide.' He said from now on, I have to pay in advance."

However, that has all changed. News feeds provide coverage from across the nation, the continent, and the world. They pick up stories from all over just to fill the space on the screen.

"My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met."

The Canadian Press fills up the news feeds daily

with stories from across the country. From murders out west, to small town council decisions in Ontario, they don't really filter much of what is released. If it's in their feed, it goes on the internet.

"My psychiatrist told me I'm going crazy. I said, 'if you don't mind, I'd like a second opinion.' He said, 'alright, you're also ugly.'"

I will admit, I read a lot of the stories. Sometimes it's interesting to find out what Cobourg Town Council is up to, or how a town in Manitoba has decided to adopt a new animal for the town mascot.

"A computer once beat me at chess, but was no match for me at kick boxing."

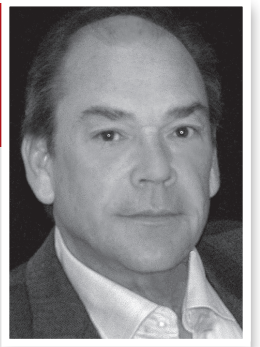
The disturbing thing about getting so much news from such a huge source is the fact that you realize just how much crime there is in the world.

At one time, a murder-suicide in Texas wouldn't make the Ontario newspapers, unless it was so horrific it became national news.

"I was the kid next door's imaginary friend."

Now, just about every murder, mass murder, and murder-suicide that happens on the continent is on my news feed every day - and there are a lot of them.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



"Half the people you know are below average." It can be depressing to see how often crimes of violence occur. It seems every day there are stories of multiple violent murders happening across the continent.

Top that off with the several wars that are taking place and people are dying daily and suffering in refugee camps doesn't make the situation seem any better.

The fact that the world seems to be gearing up for a third world war, again based in Europe, doesn't paint a promising picture of the next ten years.

"The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

World leaders must get their act together, and solve the current problems in Europe, before they head down a path that may lead to an even more catastrophic situation than the last two great wars resulted in.

"99 per cent of lawyers give the rest a bad name."

The news feeds however, do provide a lot of other information. This includes everything from the best tourist get-aways, to what the Kardashians are up to.

While the Kardashians news is not something I would read, I will read the stories on popular music history or even where the best place in Ontario is to find a good hamburger.

"My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

So, in contrast to the continuous stream of bad news that crosses your computer screen every day, here are some jokes, courtesy of Rodney Dangerfield, Emo Phillips, Red Skelton, and Stephen Wright.

"A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory."

Sometimes you just have to turn off the news and have a laugh.

"Last night coming home from work I saw a naked man running down my street. I yelled at him, "Why are you running down the street naked?"

He said, 'You're home early!'"

Growing anxiety about the direction of our country

If you're looking for warning signs about the state of our economy, there were all kinds these past few weeks.

Fueled by inflation worries, gold is trading at an all-time high.

Year-over-year business insolvencies were up nearly 50 per cent, according to a report issued last week by the Canadian Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy.

And Canada is on track to register another massive deficit.

But there are other, far deeper and more worrisome trends that are eroding our country's economy.

Our manufacturing sector - and the good-paying jobs that go with it - is vanishing. You no longer see factories being built - only new and massive warehouses for storing imported products. When you go into any major department store, you no longer see many products that are made in Canada.

But the fact is, a country that imports more than it exports will inevitably experience deteriorating living standards.

Add to that a complex tax system that caters

to the rich and special interests, the never-ending buildup of bureaucracy, and the smothering red tape and regulations that go with it.

All of these problems combined are like an out-of-control freight train heading for a major crash.

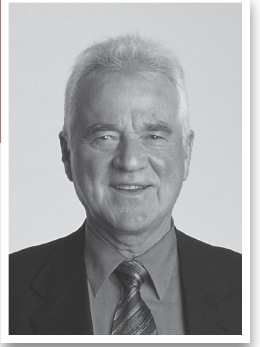
I know many decent politicians, and I always ask them: is this the kind of country you want to leave behind to your children and your grandchildren?

But our elected officials and civil servants are trapped in a system that no longer works for the benefit of most Canadians, and many of them are just as frustrated as the majority of Canadians.

I came to Canada from Europe in 1954. After several years of working at various factories as a toolmaker, I started my own small business in a rented garage. Over the years, I built that business into a global multinational corporation employing close to 180,000 people.

But I could never have accomplished all that if I had stayed in Europe. Sixty years ago, Europe had far too much red tape and far too

FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



many obstacles - much like the country that Canada has today become.

I could live anywhere in the world, but I choose to call Canada my home because I believe it's the greatest country in the world. My concern, however - one that many Canadians share - is that our country has deteriorated over the past several decades.

The basic fact is, if the economy doesn't work nothing else will. We won't be able to adequately care for those most in need. And we won't be able to sustain the high living standards that made Canada a desired destination for people from around the world.

That's why it's critical that we get Canada's economy back on a solid foundation. But how do we go about doing that?

For one, we can start by balancing the budget and paying down debt.

We can claw back spending on government overhead and streamline government regulations. And we can make it far easier for Canadians to start their own small businesses.

We can simplify our tax system - it's something almost everyone agrees should be done,

and yet no one ever does anything to fix it.

We can give more Canadians the chance to share in the financial success of the companies they work for.

And we can create the ideal conditions for small business to flourish and thrive, including eliminating business income tax so these companies can grow and create badly needed jobs.

These are all simple, common-sense fixes. So why aren't we doing them?

To learn more about how we can get Canada back on track, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

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A Meditation on Hair

I know it's a bit random, but as I type today's column I am in fact sitting in an airport lounge awaiting a flight to see one of the best people in the world, my brother. I'm lucky. Lucky to have such an amazing human in my life and lucky to be able to occasionally pop down for a visit. What does that have to do with hair? Well if you follow the bouncing ball that is in my mind, it's because sitting in an airport now, reminds me of sitting in an airport many years ago where I passed the time people-watching and noticed a woman with purple hair.

If we have had occasion to cross paths, you'll perhaps know that I too have purple hair. I know, I know, in the profile picture in this paper it simply looks grey and for the most part it is. But nothing says "aging gracefully" like adding a few streaks of purple. At least in my mind, that is! Yes, I was one of the many who chose the pandemic as an ideal opportunity to ditch the dye and embrace the reality that I am 50+ and "touching up" my hair every few weeks was tiresome, expensive and who knows, maybe not all that good for me, either. Locked up within the four

walls of my own home seemed like a good time to experiment with yet another new "colour." (Perhaps I should also mention here that one of my besties used to regularly ask "What colour is your hair this week?") Turns out I quite liked the grey, but after years of dyeing my hair various colours I wasn't content to simply go grey. What to do? Spice it up with a touch of purple was my answer.

That said, the truth for most women is our relationship with hair is fraught with a myriad of emotions, self-judgment and, when pressed, I'm betting many of us would admit to a flat out love/hate relationship with our hair. Some mornings I wake up and look in the mirror and wonder what happened to the young, vibrant me. The grey feels washed out, old and frumpy, even with the little splash of purple. Then I harken back to the days of colouring my hair; either loving or hating the current colour choice and then also dealing with things like hating the way it was cut, the style, the curls or the fact that when straightened the ends look dry enough to start a fire. I think about every woman I have ever known who at some point in their lives has

hated their hair, had a bad haircut (or perm!) who left a hairdresser to find a new one rather than say they didn't like the style, or who loves their hairdresser more than their psychiatrist and will follow them willingly from salon to salon even if that means a 2-3-hour drive from home. Women often spend inordinate amounts of money on their hair and will invest in any number of products that claim to do everything from helping hair to shine, to curl, to look wavy or straight, or that will hold hair in place even through gale-force winds.

For many of us, how our hair "turns out" in the morning potentially impacts our entire day. We'll say things like "I'm having a good hair day," or we lament that humid weather causes a "bad hair day." We will lounge in a pool, but not swim underwater so as not to ruin our hair and we'll alternate between avoiding wearing hats when our hair looks great or wearing one to cover up a bad case of "bed-head." Our relationship with hair can vary by culture and ethnicity and even by religion - this conversation is barely touching the surface of the discussion. Hair is too

thick or too thin, and for men it might often disappear altogether - the topic of baldness could fill an entire column in and of itself. Then too, there are those persons facing treatment for disease who go through the trauma of losing their hair and/or when it grows back, it's entirely different. In short, hair dominates the discussion often, and quite often, not in a good way.

Back to the airport. (Bouncing ball indeed!) I don't care what anyone says, sometimes... sometimes we judge, not just ourselves but others too. We glance at a person, admire their hair, or their clothes, and sometimes we make snap judgments that are not as complimentary. We have no right to do so and hopefully, most of us strive not to. But here's how negativity and truth sometimes comes back to bite us.

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Caledon commits \$20,000 toward hiring executive director for TAPMO

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon, one of the Province's top aggregate producing municipalities, is supporting advocacy efforts through a recent Council motion.

Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), an organization representing aggregate-rich municipalities, is seeking funding from various municipalities so it can hire an executive director, which it does not currently have.

TAPMO's board of directors is composed of mayors and councillors from Ontario's aggregate-rich municipalities.

TAPMO Board Chair James Seeley, who is the Mayor of the Township of Puslinch, recently sent out a letter where he explained why TAPMO wants to hire an executive director.

"The aggregate industry in Ontario falls exclusively under the jurisdiction of the provincial government. Municipalities are not having their concerns addressed; in fact, almost every piece

of proposed legislation that reaches the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), has changes in favour of the aggregate industry. This is a direct result of lobbying efforts by their association

(the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association)," wrote Seeley. "Municipalities need a familiar face at Queen's Park expressing our concerns as the changes lobbied by the aggregate industry are being considered."

The executive director of TAPMO would be this familiar face. Seeley said since TAPMO Board Members all have to run their own municipalities, they don't have the amount of time needed to properly address aggregate concerns.

Seeley specifically mentioned concerns raised in a report from the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario on oversight of the aggregate industry.

"With the number of recommendations identified in the report, it is not feasible for the Executive Committee to respond to all the concerns raised in this report to the fullest and affect change in favour of municipalities," wrote Seeley.

The report touched on issues like a distinct lack of inspection and enforcement of the rules that must be followed at pits and quarries in Ontario.

At Caledon Council's March 5 General Committee meeting, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan shared her support for Seeley's request.

"We need this dedicated person," she said. "I'm excited they want to do this."

Home and Lifestyle Show to feature all-season resort cottage on showroom floor

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

An entire cottage will be on display inside Caledon's annual home show.

The 2024 Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show runs from April 12 to 14 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre this year.

Show producer Liz Shaughnessy is especially excited for this year's show as it will feature its largest display ever on the showroom floor: an all-season resort cottage.

"The significance of having a display like this on the show floor... it's huge for the Home and Lifestyle Show," she said. "This is a wonderful premier feature at a community show."

The cottage will be from Resort HQ, which owns Caledon Hills Resort near the intersection Highway 9 and Duffy's Lane.

Shaughnessy explained the company has other resorts in Canada and that they always choose great sites where there's ample things to do.

"They choose sites that have nature, walking trails, [and are] close to swimming, close to boating and close to hiking," said Shaughnessy. "They also choose facilities that come with features like a swimming pool, a tennis court... that sort of thing."

She said the all-season resort cottages they offer are very luxurious with exceptional fit and finish, and added that they're move-in ready with high-end appliances and great furnishings.

"It's so well-executed internally," said Shaughnessy. "I visited them before accepting them as a feature at the show and I was blown away."

She said the all-season resort cottages appeal to a wide variety of people, including those looking to retire, those looking to downsize and even first-time buyers.

"I think having this as a feature at the show is probably the biggest attraction and biggest step this show has taken since its inception," said Shaughnessy.

Shaughnessy has worked on some of Canada's biggest home shows and likened the cottage feature to when home shows feature an entire "dream home" that people can explore.

Featuring local businesses has always been a priority for Shaughnessy and she said it's awesome to be continuing that tradition this year.

"The mission is to encourage sourcing local, buying local, and give businesses in and around Caledon an



A look inside the all-season resort cottages offered by Resort HQ. A cottage will be on display at this year's Caledon Home & Lifestyle Show. **RESORT HQ PHOTO**

opportunity to market themselves to consumers in a very economical way," she said. "This year will be exceptional beyond anything I ever anticipated because of the quality of the exhibitors... the quality of what they bring to the show floor."

Shaughnessy said the Caledon crowd that comes out to the Home and Lifestyle Show is amazing and that it results in the exhibitors being happy too.

"People are coming to the show to educate themselves, to pick up tips and tricks from professionals, (and) to get inspired by design ideas," said Shaughnessy. "I think it will be ground-breaking for a community show to have a display feature like these all-season luxury cottages."

More information about the 2024 Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show is available online at homeandlifestyleshow.ca.

Residents can subscribe to the mailing list on the aforementioned website to receive free admission to this year's show. Otherwise, tickets are \$5 per person, cash only, at the door of the show. Admission for children ages 12 and under is free, as is parking. The show is pet friendly.

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This Town of Caledon map shows the area in which a new dog park is being constructed.
TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Construction begins on dog park in Southfields Village

May 31 is estimated completion date of Mayfield West off-leash dog park construction

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Construction has begun on a new dog park in Mayfield West.

On March 7, the Town of Caledon announced construction on a fenced off-leash dog park in Mayfield West, in the residential community of Southfields Village, would begin on March 11.

There will be a parking lot made for the dog park. The park itself will feature pathways, a shade structure, furnishings and landscaping.

The new dog park is located on the east side of Kennedy Road, north of Highway

410 and south of Abbotside Way.

There will be a short-term closure of one northbound lane, and the eastern sidewalk, of Kennedy Road during construction of the parking lot for the dog park.

Construction of the dog park is expected to be complete by May 31.

The idea for a dog park at this location was first brought forward in June 2020, when Council requested that Town of Caledon staff look into the possibility of creating one in Mayfield West. Council made the request after community members approached the Town and explained the need for a dog park in the area.

The dog park was originally expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

According to Town staff, its design is based on community requests and successful dog parks in other municipalities. When complete, the dog park will be connected to the community with existing sidewalks and pathways.

Anyone with questions about the dog park can email info@caledon.ca or call 905-584-2272 extension 7750.

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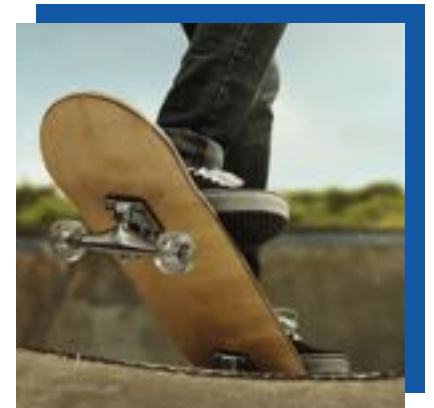
Notice of Public Open House Southfields Skatepark

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

Public Meeting Start Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: **Southfields Community Centre – Community Room
225 Dougall Avenue
Caledon, L7C 3M7**

The Town of Caledon is currently designing a new skatepark to be located adjacent to the Southfields Community Centre. Earlier this year, an online survey was held on the Have Your Say Caledon website to collect information on what the community would like to see in the overall design.



Based on the feedback received from the survey, a conceptual design of the skatepark has been developed and will be on display at the Southfields Community Centre for review, conversation, and comment.

The Town will take the comments received from this Open House and the Have Your Say website to make any necessary final changes to the overall design. Construction of this new skatepark is scheduled for Summer 2024.



HAVE YOUR SAY CALEDON

Prior to the meeting, the skatepark conceptual design will be posted on the Have Your Say Caledon website for review and comment. [HaveYourSayCaledon.ca/Southfields-Skatepark](https://www.haveyoursaycaledon.ca/Southfields-Skatepark)

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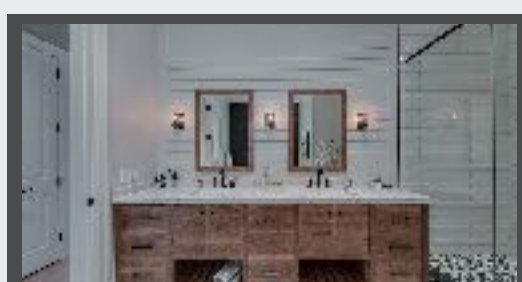


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"Sunny Day" by Joanne Lomas is one of many works of art on display at Headwaters Arts' latest exhibition.

JOANNE LOMAS IMAGE

COMMUNITY events

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

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

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

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Latest Headwaters Arts show inspired by the beauty of spring

"Rejuvenation" runs until April 21 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local artists are looking forward to spring with works created for Headwaters Arts' latest exhibition.

On March 20, the non-profit arts organization launched its third show of the year, titled "Rejuvenation".

Sue Powell, Marketing Chair of the Headwaters Arts board, said the works on display at the show are unique, vibrant and colourful. She said artists were asked to interpret the "brushing away of winter" and the exciting new possibilities of spring.

"Each work celebrates the opportunity for change, resulting in the emergence of the creative spirit," said Powell.

Joanne Lomas is one of the artists whose work is on display at the exhibition. She said her acrylic painting, "Sunny Day", plays with a light and airy exploration of line and colour.

"The expressive lines create an energy

that I feel during the first weeks of spring, and an excitement for what the new season will bring," said Lomas. "With fresh clean colours on a white background, I reflect on the idea of growing buds on spring plants beginning their new life out of the starkness of the snow."

Alan Bain's watercolour painting, "Welcome Spring Melt", is another of the works on display at the show. Bain said spring is the best time of the year to paint.

"The clear views, uncluttered by leaves, new bright greens and the last pads of snow for contrast, and no bugs, speaks to the loveliness of the season, so perfect, so fleeting," said Bain.

Artist Joana Iturriaga created a sculpture for the Rejuvenation exhibition called "Blank Canvas Music Box".

"My sculpture is a music box with a black canvas, a rejuvenation of an artist that reinvents herself with every new challenge and every new canvas," said Iturriaga.

Rejuvenation is on display until April 21 in the Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West). An opening reception for the exhibition is being held from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 23.

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“I Love My Theatre Orangeville” fundraising campaign kicks into high gear



BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Theatre Orangeville’s Artistic Director, David Nairn was happy to tell the Citizen, “We are selling subscriptions at an unprecedented rate.”

In an interview over Zoom with Nairn and Ingrid Watt, Theatre Orangeville’s Development Manager, we discussed the importance and status of the theatre’s current fundraising campaign, called “I Love My Theatre Orangeville.”

“There are record numbers of new people coming out,” says Nairn. “People are just lining up. I thank the heavens every day.”

But, he adds, “There is still the need for us to press on with our fundraising campaign.”

Announcing the new 2024-2025 season much earlier than in the past may have helped encourage the rush to purchase subscriptions. Loving the rush, the company remains cautious about survival over the next year or so.

To invigorate public enthusiasm for the funding of Theatre Orangeville’s campaign, Watt and Nairn want to remind the public that Theatre Orangeville is a full-fledged not-for-profit charitable organization. It’s in the same circle as a church or a hospital, Nairn says.

Those two serve their communities in other essential ways and Nairn is certain Theatre Orangeville’s service is also essential to this community’s well-being.

Newly appointed as Theatre Orangeville’s Executive Director, Sharyn Ayliffe has written a blog setting out the many reasons for loving the local theatre. Nairn describes it as an important social

document.

“An evening in the Theatre is a collaborative human experience that will never be repeated,” writes Ayliffe, observing that no two live performances and no two audiences are ever the same.

She points to how Theatre Orangeville nurtures young minds, creating safer spaces, as a leader in accessibility and inclusion. Here is a pocket of the world “where all are welcome to share a piece of themselves without fear of judgment.”

Over the last four years, of which Theatre Orangeville’s doors were closed for 18 months of Covid restrictions, by dint of energetic imagination and a determined drive to keep people employed, the staff and dozens of artists were busy with filmed-for-viewing online cabaret shows, sketches and one-act plays. It meant a connection with theatre was maintained in the minds and hearts of the patrons who were missing it so much.

At last, with the permitted full return to live theatre, the excitement and love for all the arts Theatre Orangeville engages, the financial needs must be supported and it is to this campaign that attention is drawn.

“We are encouraging individuals, businesses and the community at large to invest in Theatre Orangeville as it serves as an important part of the community,” says Nairn.

It is well understood the necessary benefits of tourism to any town and he had the tourism statistics handy during his interview with Citizen. For every dollar spent on a ticket to a show at Theatre Orangeville, \$17 is spent elsewhere within the town.

“How else would anyone hope for a 17

to one return?” he asked. “This is an opportunity for people to invest emotionally as well; to say, ‘Look how we value Theatre Orangeville.’”

Of the many partnerships Theatre Orangeville has established, that with Mount Alverno Luxury Resort sees the setting in August for Theatre Orangeville’s Summer Festival, an inclusive hurrah for all the arts, festooning the resort’s beautiful property with music, magic, all kinds of displays for kids and adults – plus acts from Fringe and Drag Bingo.

On the main stage of Theatre Orangeville now in its 31st Season, are some of the finest performances by actors who have walked the boards across the continent and further afield. This is a theatre season after all. The main stage plays run from September to May each year. Concerts and add-ons are part of why these doors must stay open.

There are still two shows to come this 2023-24 season. “The Darktown Strutters’ Ball” is a musical revue taking you back to “the early days of music halls and vaudeville, days that have inspired every musician right up to, and including those of today.” It’s running from April 25 to May 12.

The delightful Leisa Way and her Wayward Band are bringing her Opry Gold, a salute to the greatest of Country Music and is such a treat over the weekend of June 25 to 27.

The “I Love My Theatre Orangeville” fundraising campaign has an ambitious but necessary goal of \$350,000. There are plenty of ways to donate and they can be found at www.theatreorangeville.ca

To read Sharyn Ayliffe’s blog: www.theatreorangeville.ca/post/i-love-my-theatre-orangeville-why-it-matters.

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Upgraded visitor chalet, new staff workshop open at Albion Hills Conservation Park

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority celebrating “significant milestone”

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A renovated chalet for visitors and a brand-new workshop for staff recently opened at the Albion Hills Conservation Park in Caledon.

On March 1, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) announced the grand opening of the two buildings.

TRCA staff said the opening of the build-



From left: David West, Mayor of Richmond Hill and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Richard Ubbens, Director, Conservation Parks and Lands, TRCA; Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge Township and Vice-Chair of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Town of Caledon, Wards 4, 5, 6 and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Jay Clark, Supervisor, Conservation Parks, TRCA; Stan Cameron, Peel District School Board Trustee; Ian Boyd, Senior Manager, Conservation Parks, TRCA; and John MacKenzie, CEO, TRCA, at the grand opening of a new workshop and upgraded visitor chalet at Albion Hills Conservation Park. **TRCA PHOTO**

ings marks a significant milestone in the Albion Hills Conservation Park's history.

Support from the Region of Peel and Canada Community Revitalization Fund enabled the chalet renovations and construction of the new workshop, they said.

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund is an initiative from the Federal Government with the goal of helping communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to mark the grand opening of the buildings, and TRCA CEO John MacKenzie shared remarks during the festivities.

He thanked the funding partners who

supported the TRCA in its efforts, and acknowledged TRCA staff who worked to make the “dream a reality.”

The new workshop at Albion Hills Conservation Park has two floors dedicated to office and storage space. It has amenities like heat pump heating and provisions for future electric vehicle charging.

TRCA staff said the building is a prime example of the TRCA's commitment to sustainable design.

Upgrades to the visitor chalet include roof and insulation replacement, new concrete walkways, and a revamped interior. Other improvements include a new deck and gazebo, which offer great views of the park.

Staff said the upgrades “promise an en-

grossing experience for all visitors, especially those who are nature enthusiasts.”

Albion Hills Conservation Park first opened in the late 1950s, before the Town of Caledon was even incorporated.

TRCA staff said over the years it's offered visitors the opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors, take part in a variety of recreational activities, and reap the physical and mental health benefits of being in nature. The park has seen many modifications over the years to support growing demand.

“This revitalization of the Albion Hills Conservation Park will provide both visitors and staff with the best experience possible during their time at the park,” said staff in a news release.



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Our Readers Write

Don't release pet turtles into the wild, say Heart Lake Turtle Troopers

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Even though they are small as juveniles, they grow into large adults with complex needs that pet owners don't see or know about. This leads to their unfortunate and ILLEGAL release into the wild. They are effective competitors over native turtles and are capable of spreading diseases to other wildlife.

Red-eared sliders may be mistaken for native species like the Western Painted Turtle, but can be identified by the red markings either side of the head.

Did you know it is prohibited under Canadian federal Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations made under the Fisheries Act, to release any aquatic species into a region or body of water where it is not indigenous? Putting a stop to pet release is the most effective way to protect native species and habitats from invasive red-eared sliders.

Think before you buy. Plan to care for your pet turtle long term. Although cute as babies, they grow into adults with complex needs and can live up to 40 years. They not only need a proper diet of food, but as they grow, they need a much larger aquarium with proper cleaning among other requirements.

**MARJORIE CULVER
VOLUNTEER
HEART LAKE TURTLE TROOPERS**

Talk Caledon

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As a young woman, many years ago in a moment of weakness, a woman walked past me at the airport with a bold streak of purple hair slashing through her grey. She was quite a bit older - realistically, probably about the age I am now. As I sit here, I shamefully recall thinking to myself, "Oh, give it up, you're getting older, just admit it." Hmm. My bad. Judged on the basis of my perceptions and what constituted an "appropriate" hair colour for a woman of a certain age. I'm older now and I sincerely hope I've grown as a person since then. I hope I've released the ridiculousness of measuring self-worth (of myself AND of others) against impossible beauty standards set solely by those who seek to profit from our emotion-laden relationship with our hair. I hope I've learned what that woman in the airport all those years ago obviously already knew; that hair should be embraced, colour should be played with, hair should reflect our personality and if you are bold enough (or trying hard to be bold enough) to plonk a streak or two of purple (or any colour!) into your hair - good for you! Be bold. Be grateful you have hair! Anyone judging you is the one with the real issue.

So here is my very public Mea Culpa, to the beautiful purple-haired airport lady from all those years ago.

Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery to help local animals in need

BY PAULA BROWN

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is springing into a new season by hosting a lottery fundraiser aimed at helping animals in need.

Tickets for the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery are now available for the April 25 Grand Prize draw as well as tickets for two early bird draws planned for April 4 and April 18.

"This time of year, Ontario SPCA animal centres often see an influx of orphaned animals, as well as mothers with their babies," said Stephanie Miller, OSPCA Vice President of development, in a press release. "The Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery is an exciting way to make a difference in an animal's life."

The jackpot is now at nearly \$20,000, and the pot is growing, with five weeks remaining.

The Ontario SPCA, which has a location in Orangeville, added that their animal centres across the province typically see an increase in the number of kittens and puppies coming into their care during the spring months.

The registered charity does not receive any annual governments so they rely on the support of donations from community members to help change the lives of vulnerable ani-

mals.

"By purchasing a ticket in the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, you're providing shelter and care for an animal in need," said the Ontario SPCA.

Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win \$500 for each of the early bird draws. The grand prize pot for the Spring

Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery grows as people buy tickets.

The OSPCA said the winner of their holiday lottery took home more than \$74,000.

Tickets for the Spring Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery can be purchased online at www.ontariospcalottery.ca.

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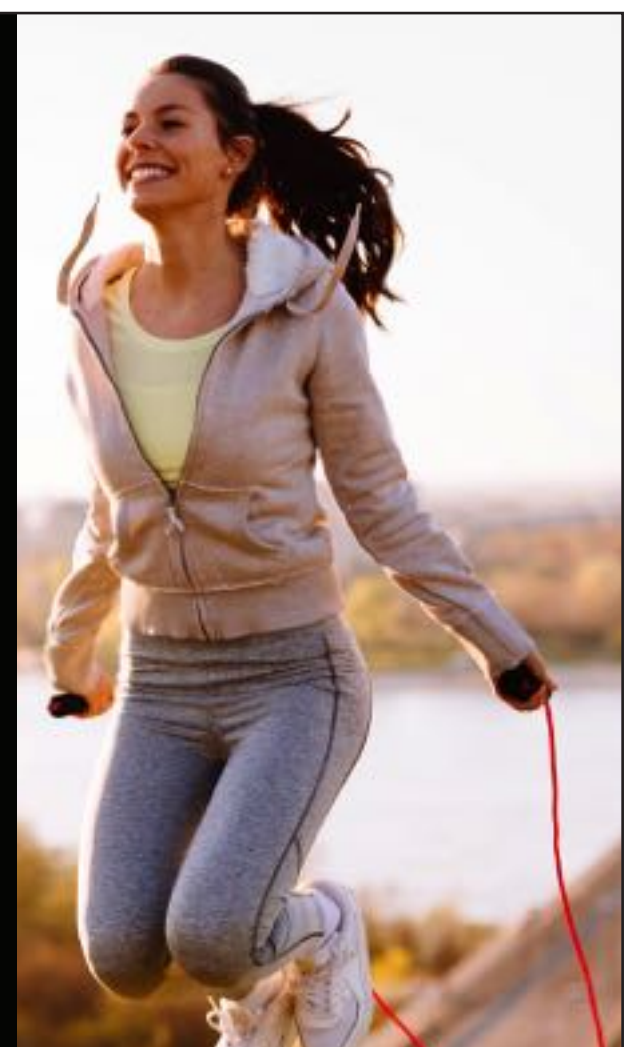
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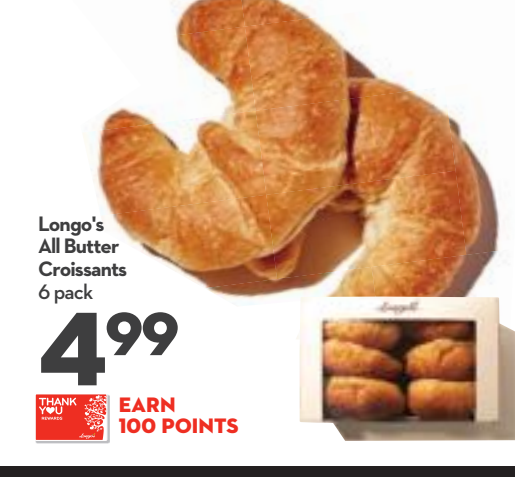
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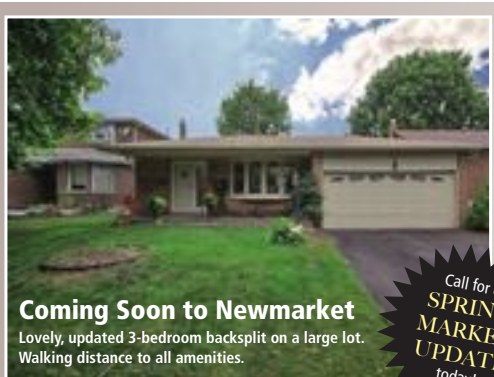
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Caledon Junior Hockey Roundup 2023-2024

Caledon Golden Hawks Swept from PJHL Playoffs by the Stayner Siskins; Admirals Miss Playoffs; Bombers Swept in First Round by Listowel Cyclones

BY JIM STEWART

The seventh-place Golden Hawks put up a valiant effort versus perennial powerhouse Stayner in the North Carruthers Divisional quarterfinals, but Caledon's most successful junior hockey team in 2023-24 was eliminated in four games by the second-place Siskins last Wednesday night.

Carson Marinelli's hat trick paced the Siskins to an emphatic 6-1 series-clinching Game 4 victory at the Mayfield Recreation Complex. Ryan Russell, Aaron Leenaars, and Caleb Tiffin-Seminara scored one goal each for Stayner.

After the Siskins took a 5-0 lead after 40 minutes of play at the Icebox, Ryan Scott's power play goal got Caledon on the scoreboard at 3:06 of the third period, but that was as close as the home team could get to stave off elimination.

The Golden Hawks gave the Siskins all they could handle in Game 1 of the series before being edged 4-3 in OT.

Titus Mok tallied two goals for Caledon in the series opener with Jacob Altomare adding one.

The Golden Hawks held a 2-0 lead five minutes into the second period in Stayner, but the Siskins replied with three consecutive goals before Mok's second marker sent the game into OT.

Forward Anton Smirnov scored Caledon's only goal in a 4-1 Game 2 loss in Stayner.

When the series shifted to the Mayfield Recreation Complex for Game 3, Golden Hawks' goaltender Marek Andreoli made 42 saves to keep his club competitive, but Caledon was edged 4-2 to fall behind three games to none to the Siskins.

Smirnov and Mok scored for the Golden Hawks.

In the Golden Hawks' regular season finale in Huntsville, Patrick Polaczek notched his 27th goal of the campaign in the first period versus the Otters — vaulting him into the Top 25 Goal Scorers in the 61-team PWHL.

Most notably, Polaczek was also the top goal scorer among the Town's three Junior hockey teams in 2023-24 and was an AP for the Bombers in the GOJHL's playoff series versus Listowel.

The Junior C Golden Hawks finished the regular season in seventh place in the very competitive nine-team North Carruthers Division with a 13-25-1-3 record.

Closing Junior Hockey Notes

The OJHL Caledon Admirals finished out of the 2023-24 playoffs and accrued a record of 10-40-1-5. The "Junior A" Admirals finished 11th in the 12-team West Conference.

In the GOJHL, the Caledon Bombers finished in eighth place in the Midwest Confer-



ence with a record of 5-44-0-1. In Round 1 of the playoffs, the "Junior B" Bombers were swept in three games by the first-place Lis-

towel Cyclones (38-9-1-2), including a 7-0 loss in Game 3 at the Steve Kerr MC on Friday.

Bolton players among those recognized by North Dufferin league

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Players, coaches, and fans attended the North Dufferin Baseball League 2023 regular season awards event on March 10 in Lisle.

In the senior division, Kirk Gibson of the Owen Sound Baysox won the batting and best on base percentage awards. With 57 at bats and 31 hits, Gibson managed a .544 batting average along with a .643 on base percentage.

His teammate Bryan Post tied with Bolton Brewers' Brett Chater for the most home runs with 6 a piece.

Chris Fafaliois of the Bolton Brewers scored the most runs crossing the plate 26 times.

The best pitcher was Nick Hodgson of the New Lowell Knights and his coach Peter Kinghan picked up the coach of the year award.

Creemore Padres' Anson Dupuis was named the most valuable player, Nathan Lennox of the Clarksburg Blues was selected as the most sportsmanlike player and Daniel Morningstar of the Clearview Orioles was voted the best catcher.

In the junior division, Whyatt Winkel of the Orillia Royals took top place in the batting and on base category. His 34 at bats with 18 hits resulted in a .529 batting average and an on base percentage of .673. His teammate Ben Barzo scored 28 runs to top that category.

A third Royals' player won the best pitching title as Wyatt Thompson took home his second-straight title after a stellar 2023 season.

Fraser Trivett of the Georgina Bulldogs won the most home runs award, hitting out 4 in the season, and was also named the most valuable player. The most



The North Dufferin Baseball League hosted an awards ceremony March 10 to present 2023 season awards. Pictured after receiving their awards are, from back left, Peter Kinghan, Jesse McIntyre, Nathan Lennox, Kirk Gibson, Chris Fafaliois, Daniel Morningstar, Anson Dupuis, Ben Nicholson, Nic Guthrie, Nick Hodgson, Brett Chater. Front row from left, Brad Petch, Fraser Trivett, Donovan Winch, Whyatt Winkel, Ben Barzo.

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sportsmanlike player award went to Jayden Akins of the Barrie Baycats.

Following the awards, league member-

ship met for the annual general meeting. The Clearview Orioles requested a leave of absence for the year bringing the senior di-

vision down to 11 teams. The juniors have added Richmond Hill, but lost Georgina, keeping the division to seven teams.

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BREADNER,
SANDRA JO-ANNE

Gone home to be with her Lord on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at the age of 57. Beloved mother of Joshua and Patrick (Taylor). Dear daughter of Tina and the late Henry Ryzebol. Cherished sister of Barry (Yolanda) and her sister Jackie (Fred). Sandra will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at 11:00 am. with visitation to begin at 10:00 am. Memorial donations to CAMH or Epilepsy Canada would be appreciated by the family.

The family of Sandra Breadner wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have reached out with love and support during this difficult time. Special love to all family, friends and service providers who have supported Sandra over many years.

A tree will be planted in memory of Sandra in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmenair.com

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With sad hearts we share with you that Jean Steinacker (nee Agnew), 83, has moved to her heavenly home March 12th at St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia. She leaves behind her daughter Donna, her son-in-law Andy Schmidtmeier, her grandchildren Aaron (Kimberly Paisley) and Tyson, her brother William Agnew and sister-in-law Donna, her sisters Peggy Leaman and Jacqueline Benneyworth, her nieces Christine and Leslie and their families. She is predeceased by her husband, David, and their son Duane.

Jean lived a full life with an interesting career being a partner with David in multiple business ventures including the origination of Coppertone Paving in 1973 followed by Coppertone Delivery, Arctic Snowblades, Terra Video, and Call Tech Answering Service. She exemplified her faith through Bible Study, leading several groups through Bible Readings, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, and being a constant friend keeping in touch with those in Orangeville and establishing many new friendships in Sarnia. Jean founded the Bereaved Families Organization in Orangeville and volunteered with Hospice. Her volunteer efforts continued with the knitting of hundreds of baby hats donated to Bluewater Health for their P.U.R.P.L.E. campaign (shaken baby syndrome). Jean was also a creative artist with many drawings, needlepoint and counted cross stitch pictures, and also knitting and crocheting, displayed throughout her home.

Jean's sense of humour uplifted many. She found joy and laughter where others might not which was inspirational and remains a positive role model for others to follow. She'll be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel and Reception Centre*, 21 First St. Orangeville on Monday, March 18th with visitation at 1:30, and a service at 2:30 followed with a reception. Spring interment to be arranged.

Many thanks and great appreciation are extended to the wonderful palliative team that surrounded Jean these past many months who provided such generous and tender care: Doctor MacSweeney, the PSWs at VON Sarnia-Lambton, Palliative Nurse with Bayshore Home Health, the Bluewater Health Palliative Department staff including Doctors Lilly and Crombeen, and Doctor Taylor. Donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated: Canadian Cancer Society, St. Joseph's Hospice Sarnia, or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmenair.com



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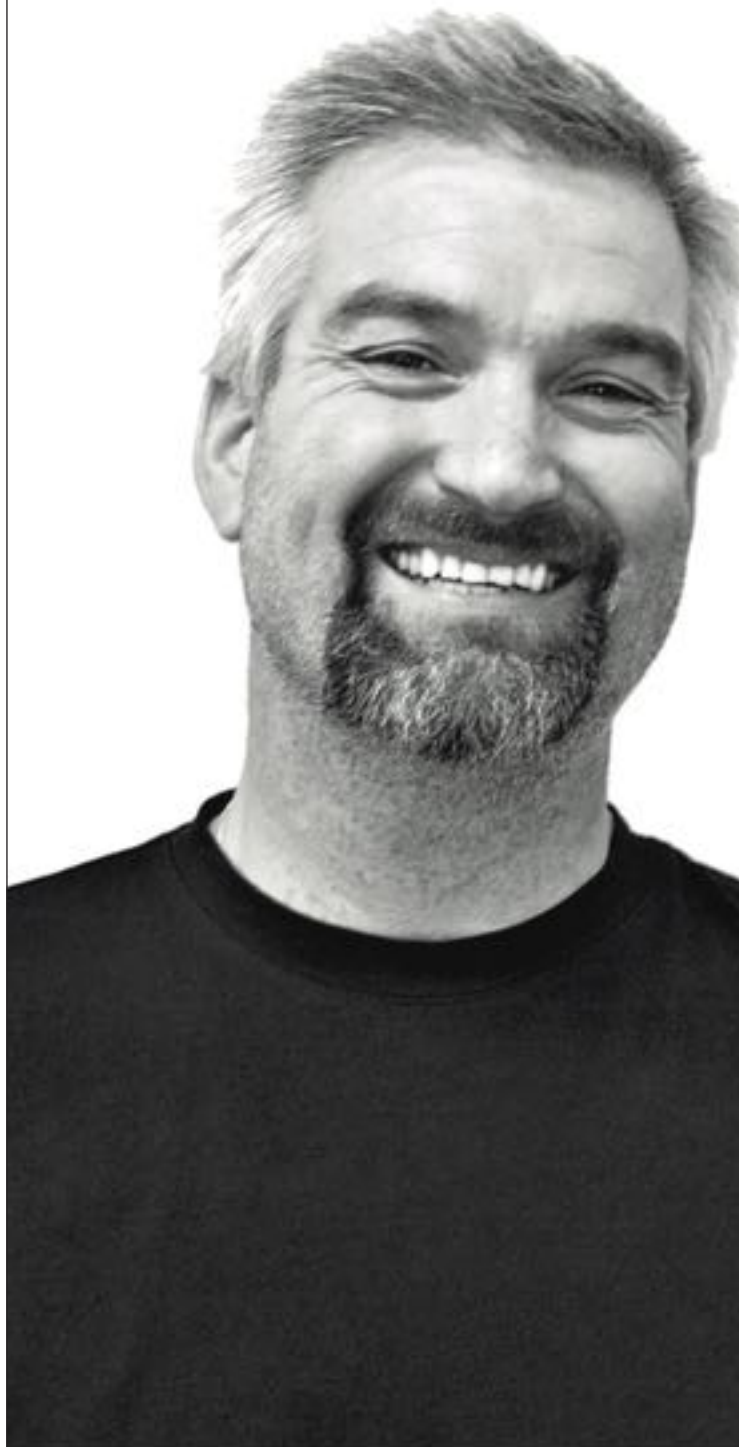
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