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HOCKEY NIGHT IN DUFFERIN-CALEDON – Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback's third-annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon charity game last week made more than \$150,000 for local healthcare services at Headwaters. Pictured above are, from left, are Darcy Tucker (Team Caledon), K.C. Carruthers (CEO, Headwaters Health Care Foundation), MP Seeback, Bill Bettridge (Enercare), Whilna Stewart-Franklin (UPS), and Mike Krushelnyski (Team Dufferin). For more on the game, see Page B6. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Caledon shares illegal land use struggles with Province, asks for support

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is bringing its concerns about illegal land use in the municipality to the Province.

On August 13, Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, and Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services Catherine McLean presented to the Province's Standing

Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy on the issue of illegal land use. The Committee met at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre that day for public hearings on a study related to land use for unlicensed event venues.

Groves said there's a lot of illegal land use in Caledon and that while it's not a new problem, there's certainly been an increase in the amount of illegal land use in recent years.

"We've got some great people, but we also have a lot of bad actors, and we've seen an

increase in the number of bad actors popping up in different areas... it's very disruptive to our residents," said Groves.

McLean said the two main types of illegal land use in Caledon are illegal event centres and illegal trucking yards. She said the two types of illegal land use create similar negative impacts like long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, risks to public safety, and disruption to residential communities.

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Caledon C3 hosts Olympic medalist Newman on Friday night

BY MARK PAVILONS

It's the club's once a month Friday night party.

Caledon's C3 will host Olympic Bronze Medalist Alysha Newman and her world class pole vault coach Doug Woods at our C3 James Dick Quarry Friday, August 23. It promises to be quite the event, with a live band, big personalities, Olympic draw prizes and the chance to see the Olympic bronze medal.

There will also be a beach volleyball fun tournament, a paddle board race, a cornhole tournament. Or you can just come and enjoy the beach, possibly win a draw prize and meet Alysha and her coach Doug.

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Bethell Hospice Executive Director excited for benefits of Hospice Dufferin integration

Bethell Hospice will be single point of access for hospice care in Dufferin and Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last week, Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin announced they were joining forces to create one point of access for hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement, and community care services in Dufferin and Caledon.

As of October 1, Hospice Dufferin's services will be hosted under the Bethell Hos-

pice banner.

Bethell Hospice Executive Director Margaret Paan said the integration of Hospice Dufferin into Bethell Hospice has been in the works for a while and that there are many benefits to the change.

"We can learn a lot from Dufferin; they've been doing community visits and other programs for decades," said Paan.

As a larger organization, Bethell Hospice has lots of flexibility and a large staff team that's ready to offer its services to Dufferin residents.

Paan said one of the great things about Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin coming together is that it creates a singular point of access for hospice care in Dufferin and Caledon.

"When people are facing a palliative care journey, the last thing they need is confusion



The gardens at Bethell Hospice.

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when trying to figure out hospice care," said Paan.

Paan said it was the right time for the two organizations to come together and continue to provide amazing service while looking to the future to provide new and expanded services.

Bethell Hospice is extremely proud of its dedicated staff, said Paan, and is committed to providing the best care.

"There's no other hospice residence in Peel or Dufferin so [our] ten beds are critical," said Paan. "Our services are very well-received and supported by the community."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is in full support of Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin coming together.

"Hospice Dufferin and Bethell Hospice have played a vital role in connecting people

and families

across Dufferin-Caledon to high-quality palliative care services," said Jones. "By creating one point of access to palliative care, Bethell Hospice will continue to provide comfortable and dignified end-of-life care for patients and their loved ones closer to home."

As mentioned in last week's article on Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin joining forces, Hospice Dufferin is inviting residents of Dufferin and Caledon to an event running from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on August 27 at Hospice Dufferin (30 Centre Street, Orangeville) to celebrate the history and legacy of Hospice Dufferin.

To register for the event, interested residents can visit the following link: www.eventbrite.ca/e/hospice-dufferin-tickets-972442270007.

CORRECTION

An article titled "Program that enhances safety at bars to be implemented in Dufferin-Caledon" that ran on Page B7 of the August 15 edition of the Caledon Citizen incorrectly stated that the "Ask Angela" program would be offered at local bars and venues where alcohol is consumed. The program is being rolled out at Loblaws grocery stores and Shoppers Drug Marts as of Monday, August 19. The Citizen apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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Angelina Lucien, Vanya Watson, Alyssa Mehta, Marlita Vasilakos, and Gabriela Espinoza-Cuervo form hip-hop dance group Creative Forces.

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Local dancers to compete in CNE's Rising Star competition

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A dance group made up of performers from Caledon and Brampton will soon showcase their talents in a major Toronto competition.

On August 25, hip-hop dance group Creative Forces will perform in the Canadian National Exhibition's (CNE) Rising Star competition.

The group consists of Angelina Lucien, Vanya Watson, Alyssa Mehta, Marlita Vasilakos, and Gabriela Espinoza-Cuervo. The dancers, who are all between the ages of 13 and 16, met at a dance studio called Dancercise.

The group are all great friends and have been dancing together for over a year. They meet to practice weekly, and often rehearse for three hours at a time.

They found out about the CNE Rising Star competition through Lucien, who competed in it two years ago.

Creative Forces will perform to a mix of hard-hitting, old-school hip-hop songs. Their routine is choreographed by well-known hip-hop choreographer and dancer Miguel Rodriguez.

Espinoza-Cuervo said she was always into hip-hop dance but never trained at a formal studio until she met her fellow dancers in Creative Forces.

"It became such a big part of my life... hip-hop was my number-one thing growing up," she said.

Each member of Creative Forces has been dancing since they were little kids. They enjoy the thrill of competition and performing.

Heading into the competition, Lucien is very confident that Creative Forces has a great chance to win. She and the group are excited for their performance.

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"In February 2024, Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) began a drug trafficking investigation within Alliston and Angus," say Police. "As a result of the investigation, officers were able to obtain search warrants.

On August 15, 2024, the warrants were executed at two residents and one storage facility by the OPP Nottawasaga CSCU, Caledon CSCU, Dufferin CSCU, and Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU)."

The following items were seized:

- Express 70 12-gauge modified shot gun;
- 1 Ounce of Cocaine;
- 14 grams of Methamphetamine;
- 1.7 grams of Fentanyl;
- 42 Clonazepam tablets;
- Drug trafficking indicia;
- Stolen F-150 valued at approximately \$10,000.

Sherri Crawford, 52, of Essa, was arrested and charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000;
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- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine;
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Michael McCormack, 31, of Lisle, was arrested and charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon,

- Prohibited device or ammunition;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000;
- Possession of Schedule Substance I Substance - Cocaine;
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- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Other Drugs;
- Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking;
- Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Other Drugs.

The charges have not been proven. Both accused were held for bail to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a single motor vehicle collision with impaired operation.

"On August 17, 2024, shortly after 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on McLaren Road, near The Grange Side Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "No injuries were reported. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result of the investigation, Harsimarjot Sidhu, 34, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven. The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 5, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. 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.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

STOLEN MOTORCYCLES RECOVERED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered stolen motorcycles and charged a local resident.

"On August 13, 2024, the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit entered into a stolen vehicle investigation that led officers to a residence in Caledon," say Police. "Later that same day, with the assistance of the Dufferin CSCU, a search warrant was executed. The motorcycles, motorcycle equipment, and a trailer were recovered."

Lance Caines, 40, of Caledon, has been charged with:

- Theft over \$5000;
- Possession of property obtained by Crime under \$5000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 26, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven. If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

ATTEMPTED THEFT

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a vehicle theft attempt.

"On August 19, 2024, shortly after 3:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a theft in progress on Foxchase Drive, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "A member of the community advised two individuals were actively attempting to steal a vehicle. When officers arrived, two individuals were located fleeing into a black 2022 Dodge Durango. While escaping, the Durango drove through the front lawn of the neighbouring home and struck one police cruiser, and two other vehicles."

The investigation is ongoing. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call Caledon OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>.



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- Rounded knob
- Japanese city
- Type of sandwiches
- A type of shape
- Son of Shem
- French modernist painter
- Grandmother
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Hill or rocky peak
- Secret political clique
- Songs to one's beloved
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress
- Gretchen
- Father
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Restrict the number or amount of
- Combined into a single entity

- Brother or sister
- Evil spirit
- Materials in the earth's crust
- Partner to cheese
- Of the sun
- Baseball great Ty
- After B
- Place to relax on the beach
- Folk singer
- DiFranco
- Partly digested food
- Small dog breed
- Japanese honorific
- Salts
- Beard moss genus
- Mountain pass
- Type of sword
- Albanian language
- Metric weight unit
- Italian Seaport
- Longtime late night host
- Extremely angry
- Wading bird
- Days in mid-month
- Omitted from printed matter

- Upper body part
- Two-toed sloth
- Cooking ingredient
- Iranian city
- Accuses
- Corrie
- Delivered a speech
- Collection of sacred books
- Theatrical
- Very fast airplane
- Arm bones
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- ___ fide: legit
- Gemstone
- Counsels
- Corporate bigwig
- Cool!
- Touch lightly
- Small Milky Way constellation
- Satirical website
- Border lines
- Soft drinks
- Capital of Guam
- Six-membered ring (chemistry)

- Bar bill
- Car mechanics group
- Notable Bill Murray character
- Health care for the aged
- Gurus
- A passage with access only at one end
- Reduce
- Spy organization
- The upper surface of the mouth
- Plants of the lily family
- Type of reef
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Mottled citrus fruit
- Lose
- Former Brazilian NBAer
- Baseball great Ruth
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Chance
- Spanish soldier
- CNN's founder

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

Public event to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day

BY PAULA BROWN

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee is inviting members of the public to learn more about how overdoses are impacting the community as they prepare to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee will host their 7th annual Overdose Awareness Day event on August 29 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Theatre Orangeville (87 Broadway).

The goal of the event is to allow the community to connect and discuss ways to support those impacted by overdose as well as raise awareness about the stigmas associated with substance use.

"Every day, we see lives around us being changed and lost to overdose. Overdose does not discriminate. It could be you or someone you love; a friend, colleague or your neighbour," reads a press release from the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee is a collaboration of concerned people and service providers in Dufferin and Caledon who have, for the past seven years, organized a local Overdose Awareness Day event.

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), which is recognized on Aug. 31, is an annual commemorative day and campaign aimed at ending overdose while also remembering those who have died and acknowledging the grief felt by family and friends left behind.

This year, the theme for International Overdose Awareness Day is "Together we can," which looks to highlight the impact communities can have when they stand together to address substance use and overdoses.

Attendees of the August 29 event will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of individuals with lived experience and local advocates on the impact of substance use in Dufferin County and Caledon.

Attendees will be able to ask questions, and learn about ways to help those affected by drug use as well as find out more about local resources and support.

Those interested in attending the 7th annual Overdose Awareness Day event hosted by the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee can get tickets at www.theatreorangeville.ca or at the door on the day of the event.

Inglewood reunion to bring past and present community members together

Event will be held at GoodLot Farmstead Brewery on September 4

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Current and past residents of Inglewood are invited to a fun reunion party this September.

From 3 to 8 p.m. on September 4, an "Inglewood Reunion" will be held at GoodLot Farmstead Brewery.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple and can be purchased by e-transfer to the following email address: Inglewoodreunion2024@gmail.com.

Janet Harrison, an Inglewood resident helping to organize the reunion, said Inglewood has a great history and that there's been a lot of positive feedback about the upcoming event.

"It just started up as a bunch of people saying, 'let's get together'... we're all working hard at it," said Harrison.

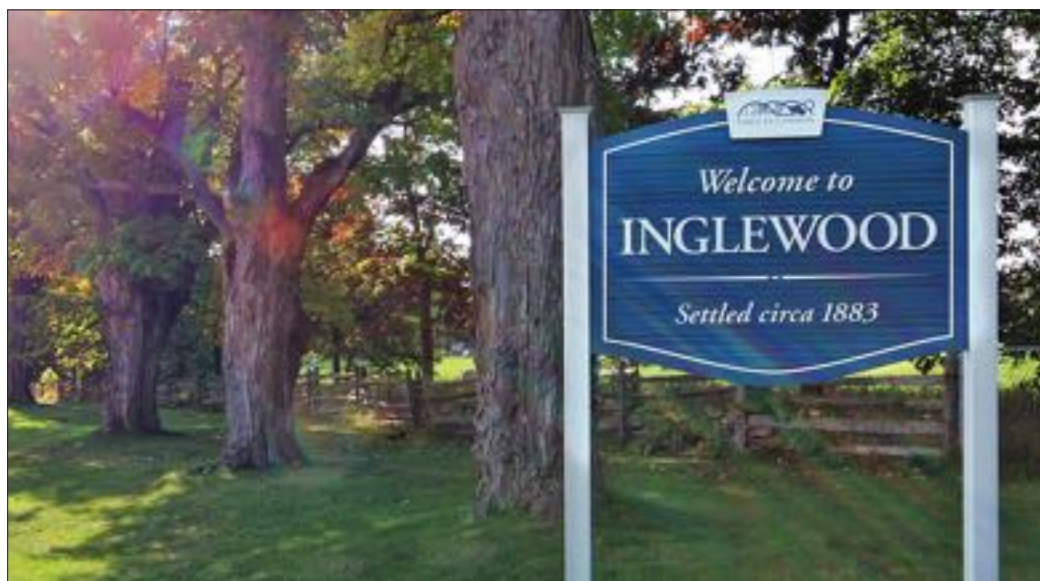
She said it's been amazing how many former Inglewood residents have been found, and she's hopeful many can come. Harrison expects over 100 people to attend the September 4 reunion.

"Even though it's 10 minutes from Brampton, Inglewood still has that small-town quality," said Harrison. "There's some people who have lived here for 50 or 60 years... Inglewood has always had a great amount of spirit and sense of community."

Harrison said there's going to be a memorabilia table at the reunion, and a classic car cruise to the event that any classic car enthusiasts are welcome to participate in.

"I hope the people living in Inglewood now will have the great memories that we had as kids," said Harrison.

Harrison said she wanted to give a big thank you to the organizing group of the reunion: Steve Stephens, Erik Peterson, David



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She noted the reunion was originally Phippen's idea.

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Caledon C3 hosts Olympic medalist Newman

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Alysha lives in Caledon (also the home of Olympians Andrew Yorke and Ashley Lawrence and Jake Holden & Brittany Webster) and her coach Doug Woods has his Pole Vault School in Caledon.

“How cool to have Paris come right back to our town and beach?” said C3’s Barrie Shepley. “Nobody works harder to inspire than

our C3 Management – Board and Coaches.”

It’s open to C3 and non-C3 members just for the Friday night from 5:45 p.m. onward. The band plays at 6:30 p.m. Alysha and her coaches will be recognized at 7:15 p.m. It’s free, but anyone (C3 or non-C3 members) must RSVP to the link below so the club can plan for food and parking.

Please fill in the RSVP form at c3online.ca/beach-party

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE: TOWN OF CALEDON SUPPLEMENTARY AGGREGATE POLICY STUDY

Open House Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 -- 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon East Community Complex, (6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East)

Public Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, -- 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon Town Hall, (6311 Old Church Rd, Caledon East)

This is to inform you that a Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments has been prepared for the Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study. An Open House and Statutory Public Meeting will be held to consider the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS STUDY?

To review and update Town Official Plan aggregate policies and to build upon the joint Region and Town Aggregate Policy Review and the Town’s Aggregate Rehabilitation Master Plan. The Study has reviewed the history of aggregates in Caledon, reviewed Official Plan aggregate policies, and made recommendations for updates to those policies to ensure Caledon effectively plans for aggregate resource extraction while protecting its rural residents and natural environment.

In October 2022, Council directed Town Staff to initiate the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and enacted Interim Control By-law No. 2022-075 to control the establishment of new pits and quarries while the Study was in progress.

WHAT STAGE OF THE STUDY ARE WE AT?

In May 2024, Council received a Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study Status Update Report and a Background Report as information items. A Policy Options Report was released for public comment and a public open house held on July 25, 2024. Public input received on the Policy Options Report was used to inform Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments. The draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments are posted on the project website: caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study.

PURPOSE

The Open House and Statutory Public Meeting provide an opportunity for the public to obtain information and provide input on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, before final draft amendments are presented to Planning and Development Committee and Council for consideration and approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

All Study reports and open house materials will be posted on the project website. caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may attend in-person and speak on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments or observe the meeting.
- Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit written comments on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments by Friday, September 20 to: Joe Nethery, Project Consultant, Nethery Consulting
Email: caledon@netheryplanning.ca.
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If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6.

Information provided in response to this notice will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

Notice Date: August 22, 2024



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Mayor, Councillors delegate to Standing Committee on Heritage Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

Continued from FRONT

McLean said Caledon residents are dealing with massive illegal truck yards operating 24/7. She said people are dealing with traffic safety issues caused by these truck yards, and that Caledon's roads themselves — in areas not designed to support large volumes of truck traffic — are becoming damaged.

"They're full of deep potholes and grooves, another safety hazard," she said.

Illegal event centres are causing residents to lose sleep, said McLean, as many event centres have loud music playing all night and even have fireworks shooting off.

"Despite our efforts, illegal truck depots are expanding with defiance... many operators consider legal fees and municipal fines a cost of doing business, and they're finding ways to circumvent violation notices by converting property ownership to delay prosecution," said McLean. "Just last week, I was reviewing a file that we're moving ahead with in the courts. The file dates back to 2007 — 17 years. One of (our) officers' affidavits was 514 pages in length: 514 pages of notes, pictures, complaints, orders to comply, more pictures, more complaints — it just goes on and on."

McLean said the business in question has not been deterred by numerous prosecutions and has even grown over the years.

"This perception of impunity for illegal land use has important consequences. People who depend on us see this and believe we're not doing enough, and they're not wrong. Current municipal powers under Provincial law are not adequate to address this issue, so our ask of you today is that you add illegal parking and storage of commercial vehicles to the scope of your study, going beyond unlicensed event venues," said McLean. "We ask that you consider amending the Planning Act and Municipal Act to strengthen municipal enforcement powers, including enabling municipalities to physically bar entry to properties; increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and cor-



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porations; and include all charges, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and imposed fines on the title of a property. We need to do more together. Our residents are counting on us."

Maskell said when he became a Councillor he was astonished to learn of the inadequacy of current legislation to with illegal land use.

"Our tools have been maxed out in these situations and we're looking for support," said Maskell.

Maskell said the people operating illegal event centres and trucking yards have absolutely no respect for the law.

"They are well aware that they have a three-to-five-year window to stay in operation before they can possibly be shut down... they have a well-oiled business model that they're operating under," he said. "I feel that at the Town level, we're doing everything that we can possibly do in this situation, and I'm here today asking for the help of Provincial government, because it's not the good actors who are the problem; it's the bad actors, and we need to figure out a way that we can work cooperatively with the province to ensure that people, when they come to Caledon to live and to work and to play — that those things

are respected."

Rosa said Caledon Council is unified in wanting to find a solution to the issue of illegal land use.

"We've really reached a point where we can no longer do this alone. We welcome the opportunity to have this dialogue today, and what we're really looking for is an opportunity to have some type of partnership with the Province," said Rosa.

Groves said the Town of Caledon really wants the ability to be able to barricade illegal trucking yards so that trucks cannot drive in and out of them. McLean said an increase in fines for illegal land uses is badly-needed.

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Choose Your Own Adventure

I was never one for Choose Your Own Adventure books.

Don't get me wrong, they were entertaining enough at the time, but even as a kid I gravitated towards the more linear of stories. I wanted to know what adventure the author had in mind when they set pen to paper – or, more realistically, fingers to keys – rather than having to wind my way through and past all manner of forks in the road they dithered over through the writing process but weren't quite ready for prime time.

Okay, I'm being slightly facetious here. I know there was an audience for them, an audience who enjoyed them for a bit of mental exercise, but I wasn't that key demographic.

In the interests of full transparency, however, my interest in the Choose Your Own Adventure series was heightened when they were more recently translated into board game format – so maybe there's hope for me yet.

But, looking back, perhaps the greatest value these stories held was laying a foundation and desire within the average reader to keep or stay in control of your destiny.

I was thinking about this on Monday morning on the way to work for two reasons.

First, as someone who regularly takes transit between home and office, I'm now in a corner of York Region where there are multiple paths and bus routes between Point A and Point B.

The initial leg of the journey is pretty straightforward with two possible busses to catch, each bound for the same destination – Major Mackenzie West Station near Canada's Wonderland. The next leg takes out all of the guesswork with only one outbound bus going in the direction I need – at least for a bit. Things get a bit more complicated the closer one gets to Yonge with two "adventures" to choose from.

You can either keep going through that intersection to a more direct and faster route to Yonge Street, albeit significantly busier, which you then connect to a northbound bus up Yonge Street to just outside the office door. Or, you can hop out at Keele, connect to a more scenic route through King that drops you at your destination without a further transfer, but might be slightly longer.

The primary problem with this last option is it's a bit of a crap shoot if you're going to save time taking Option B, as, despite the myriad apps out there to help you navigate the transit journey, estimated times vary wildly with no rhyme or reason.

That, if anything, adds some extra adventure to the day – and, indeed, some extra stress when you're working on a deadline and need to be at your desk by a specific time!

The second reason these Choose Your Owns came to mind was reading several articles on Monday's commute on this week's Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Throughout the weeks – and, granted, it seems like months – since President Joe Biden abandoned his bid for re-election and handed the party's baton to Vice President Kamala

Harris, the presumed upcoming nominee has been dogged at several campaign stops by individuals and groups on either side, well, predominantly one side of the Israel-Hamas War.

Protestors have been demanding to know just where Harris stands on calls for a ceasefire in this tragically ongoing conflict should she be elected this fall and installed in the White House in January. It's a fair question, and one that is very much in the minds of voters this election cycle, but it's curious that events hosted by her most prominent opponent aren't demanding the same of him.

Perhaps it's because he's made his position very clear over the campaign thus far, and it's a position that is very much out of alignment with those of the demonstrators, but one hasn't seen, at least not yet, these same individuals following him from place to place trying to persuade and win the hearts and minds of the Republican nominee.

It's curious indeed, and one can't help consider whether there are other motives at play, but what's baffling is that those who want a resolution here are encouraging those to either refrain from voting or vote against the candidate who is closest aligned with their views just to spite... well, I can only think of themselves... and tip the balance in favour of the candidate who is waving at them from clear on the other side of their philosophical canyon.

I'm reminded me of a quote that has been said, revised and paraphrased much over the years, and has previously appeared in this column in a different context, and bear with me as I paraphrase once again: If you're going somewhere and there isn't a bus to get you directly to where you want to go, don't watch dozens of buses go by in the vain hope that a unicorn of a bus will just happen by and drop you off. No, you take the route that is going to get you closest to your destination.

This mindset can apply in so many spheres of life, but in this day and age it's particularly fitting in politics.

In a time where rhetoric is so heated and political schools of thought are increasingly divisive and polarized, I doubt we will ever see a candidate again with that mythic and magic touch to please all of the people all of the time. You might not agree with a candidate on every single point, but surely with careful examination of their platform you'll find one that resonates with you the most and helps move things further in the direction you want.

But that assumes people will take the time to exercise that careful examination.

It's incumbent on all of us to figure out where we want to be, where we want to go, where we want the world to be, and our best routes to get there. Otherwise, the choice of "adventure" will no longer be yours alone.

It might not get you dropped off at the end of your proverbial driveway, but a stone's throw away is better than nothing.



The intricacies of human venting

by Mark Pavilons



down and cried more times than I care to remember. Does it help? Somewhat.

My youngest often asks me why I don't get teary-eyed talking about my late parents and sister. I don't know.

In their final stages, all were in a certain amount of pain and in and out of consciousness. They suffered. Watching a family member suffer is like getting a red-hot branding iron to the gut.

For all three of my family members, who passed within a 10-year time frame, there was always something to do, something to arrange, to plan for.

I couldn't fall apart because I was the rock, the logical and organized male who had to take control.

Sure, the tasks required focus and took your mind off grieving, but in the end, you simply didn't have time to feel sorrow. So, you packed it away.

But venting helps us cope, doesn't it? I never saw much use for it.

In our family circle today, venting is usually the result of some minor household annoyances – the kids' bathroom, dishes in the sink, and forgotten chores.

My wife says I'm hard on the kids, demanding they rise to the challenge and pitch in. I don't see why they can't and I don't believe in coddling them.

When my mom came home from grocery shopping, I felt compelled to run to the door and grab the bags from her. It was second nature – I didn't have to be asked. Doing things for my mom particularly was just natural.

My dad, on the other hand, had a not-so-subtle way of telling me what was next on the to-do list. He never asked if I was busy or had plans – it didn't matter.

So yes, out I'd dash and return when I was sufficiently covered in dirt and sweat. Thanks, or any form of appreciation, were understood.

But these things didn't hinder my ability to function. They didn't damage me emotionally or cause me to vent.

I understood the importance of family and pitching in when and where needed. It's pretty simple if you think about it.

We would never think about "fixing" or "changing" our old school parents. Heck, they went through a lot, including picking up the pieces after the Second World War, going through tough times and moving to a foreign land to start over.

To this day, I feel that any whining on my part was ridiculous, given their struggles.

My kids have it pretty easy. We have given our kids so much they have no reason to complain, feel neglected, restricted, poor, under-fed or emotionally starved.

Yes, I was spoiled, but kids today ...

Often I'm dumfounded when they vent over what I see as trivial matters. There's really no reason getting worked up over stupid things – life to much too short to waste precious time on such things.

I have been guilty of it, too. But I'm going out of my way to curb this bad habit.

I think we can all contribute if we really listen, validate and offer our support. It's really not that hard.

To those who vent, I say let it out and scratch where it itches!

Venting: "... to give often vigorous or emotional expression to ... to relieve by means of a vent." We all do it. Sometimes it's as if the human shell is one giant pressure cooker, hissing inwardly until she blows.

And the results can be quite loud and messy.

Specialists say venting is a way to relieve stress and it's vital that we do it, lest we, well, combust. Is it cathartic, a way of hitting restart?

For the person doing the venting it may be okay, but those on the receiving end are often left speechless, attacked, and helpless. It's one of the more confusing human outlets, that often don't have a response or solution.

Most of the time, venting takes the form of loud outbursts – letting loose the old-fashioned way. It would be great if we chose jotting down our thoughts in a journal as a way of venting. Or baking; yes, baking is a great way to get out your anger!

Engaging someone in a conversation while they're expelling the inner demons isn't always the best approach. You need to listen, and listen good. There may be some quick fixes or simple solutions, or there may not be.

Research has shown that the difference between positive and negative venting can be focused on the ways in which the person hearing the vent responds, both through speech and action.

The key is empathy –empathy is active validation, sympathy is not.

We hear the saying to "walk in another person's shoes," but frankly I've never been able to do that. How can we? People are so different, unique and interpret the world around them in different ways.

Unless I had those very same physical ailments and psychological traumas, then perhaps I could empathize. But only to an extent.

Apparently sharing our feelings is healthy but unfortunately, a lot can get lost in translation here, especially when the opposite sexes are concerned.

Men and women are different. We feel and share differently. Yes, we are apples and oranges and shouldn't really be in the same fruit basket, unless we're both destined to become jam.

I'm a Boomer and was taught to be tough, keeping most of the mushy stuff inside. Yes, we were allowed, even encouraged, to show love, compassion and respect. We were brave, chivalrous, the proverbial hunter-gatherers.

But a lot has changed in the past few decades, changes that have kept men's heads spinning.

Letting out our emotions hasn't always been easy.

I admit that it's getting easier, and I have broken

Our Readers Write

MP on Capital Gains

At the end of the last Parliamentary session, the incompetent Finance Minister scrambled to bring in her latest tax hike to pay for her uncontrolled inflationary spending.

The Liberals claim this is a tax on the ultra-rich. It's not. It's a tax on death, food, homebuilding, retirement, doctors, pharmacists, truckers, and small business owners.

Only Justin Trudeau would tax farmers during a food affordability crisis, doctors, during a doctor shortage, and homebuilding during a housing crisis.

Canadians will be worse off because of Justin Trudeau's new tax.

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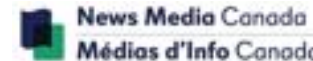
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The inclusivity myth

How many times have you seen an organization, whether public or private, claim they are an “inclusive” institution.

That is usually followed by some statement, with a huge list of different types of people they welcome.

Sometimes the list gets a little too long and I expect them to list zombies and gargoyles as being welcome to their party, club, or hiring list.

I consider myself to be a rather inclusive type person. If I’m throwing a party, which is rare, but could happen if I had a bigger house, and an invited person shows up with an uninvited guest, I would be more than willing to welcome them to the party. I’m a “more the merrier” type of person, and would welcome a person to my home if they are a decent person and want to be there.

I might draw the line if a woman shows up with her new boyfriend who is still wearing his prison issued jump suit.

How inclusive has the world really become? A lot of people talk a good game, but the truth is the world is not inclusive, and it never will be.

Many churches proclaim “everyone welcome” on the sign on the front lawn – and they mean it.

Anyone is welcome to come inside and take part.

However, many other religions practice the exact opposite. You aren’t welcome unless you’re a certified, baptized, or a divine member. That includes several mainstream or fairly large religions who are totally exclusive.

I’ve met members of religious groups who would barely acknowledge I was in the room, while others refused to interact with me at all because they knew I wasn’t a member of their religious group.

I’m glad I wasn’t brought up in that type of church group.

Country clubs and other social clubs routinely practice exclusion – and they do it openly. Try looking at the membership requirements of any of these type of clubs. You have to answer a lot of questions to prove your worthiness to hit a golf ball around a course with any of these people.

First, they want to know how much money you make, then they question who you are socially connected to. After all, they don’t want you if your connections won’t also help them.

Many of these clubs claim to have eliminated restrictions based on ethnicity or social status, or religion years ago, however, drop by the club one day and see who’s really there.

Private schools can also be very exclusive.

My best friend, when growing up, transferred to a rather prestigious private school the year we entered Grade 7.

I recently went on that school’s website and looked under “applications” just to see what they required.

This school is still over the top when it comes to requirements. Just having the money to pay for tuition won’t get you in this school – not by a long shot. There is a long list of personal questions, and that’s just the on-line application. From there, there is a long interview process.

The one question that really made me laugh, was the suffix after the applicant’s name. As in, “Are you Thurston Howell, II, III, or IV?”

I guess being fourth in line with the name Thurston bodes well for you.

Several years ago, I read a rather lengthy article in a Toronto newspaper about a local service club. They are well-known and worldwide. The interview was with the current president of that local chapter.

She explained that members of the club are all professionals – whatever that is supposed to mean. Many people are very professional in their job.

However, in one of the last quotes of the article, she said, “We don’t want just anyone joining our

club.”

I couldn’t believe that a service club, who supposedly raises money for charity, would have such an arrogant attitude toward others.

They seemed like the type of club that would raise money for a homeless shelter, and get their photo taken while making a presentation, but then look at a homeless person with disdain when actually seeing someone on the street.

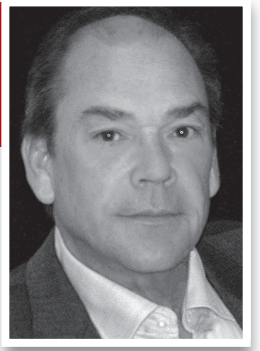
I should point out that particular club has changed their tune over the past few years, and now has a more open policy when it comes to accepting new members. It seems they had started running out new members because no one wanted to join a club with such a snobby attitude.

I really don’t care if a country club doesn’t want me as a member. As far as I’m concerned, any club or group can be as exclusive as they want to be, it doesn’t bother me at all.

Exclusivity exists everywhere, even in those institutions that claim to include everyone.

I’ll just follow the Groucho Marx philosophy – “I wouldn’t want to be a member of a club, that would have me as a member.”

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Things that don’t take a vacation

Summer is often considered a quiet time. Not because no one is doing anything, or because nothing is happening; in fact often it’s quite the opposite. One of the reasons it’s considered quiet, however, is because we tend not to hear quite as much from our provincial and federal politicians. As well, lots of people, (at least those with the means to do so) head out to spend time camping, cottaging, touring and travelling. In a strange coincidence, many of those same people are politicians! But you know what doesn’t take a vacation? Illegal trucking, illegal event spaces AND Doug Ford’s ineptitude.

Thankfully, at least our municipal politicians appear to be making an effort to work through the summer months. Most of our Councillors (and the Mayor) are making appearances around town at special events like Caledon Day, Cheltenham Day, Ribfest, the Canada Day Strawberry Festival, Bolton’s Midnight Madness and others.

As well, and perhaps more importantly, they’re delegating. After receiving an audience with the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy, Council delegates spoke to the concerns mentioned above with the hopes of securing support for the illegal land use crisis we face here in

Caledon. Additionally, happening right now, many of these same Councillors are also attending AMO – the Association of Municipalities of Ontario meeting, this year taking place in Ottawa where, presumably, there is plenty of event space available to meet – what with federal politicians being long gone.

Federally, the government is taking a “short” break, having left the parliament building June 19 and scheduled to return September 16. On the other hand, the Ontario provincial legislature rose (in other words, stopped working) on June 6 of this year and they don’t return until October 21! Unlike the two weeks’ vacation most of us regular “folks” get, that’s a more than four-month break! Good gravy, who is running the province?

Back to delegating. Mayor Groves, assisted by staff and several members of Council, including Tony Rosa and Doug Maskell, spoke about “a lot of illegal land uses happening in our town,” stating, “it’s very disruptive to our residents in the area.” On the table for discussion were both illegal trucking/parking, and also, illegal event spaces, which are popping up at an alarming rate all over our community. Speaking of alarming, just recently, two persons were shot while attending an event at one such

location. With so many politicians and staffers out for summer break, let’s hope the government will at least read the Hansard minutes because Caledon’s delegation was asking for more help in the form of legislation that gives more “teeth” to the actions we can take at the local level to dissuade these illegal operators.

Currently, any action Caledon can take is quite limited, and according to Catherine McLean, Commissioner of Community and Human Services, such actions, “are being met with defiance, (as) many operators consider legal fees and municipal fines a cost of doing business.”

McLean went on to state the magnitude of these issues locally. “In Caledon, this looks like illegal event centres, as well as parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles—two different land uses with very similar impacts to our residents: long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, risks to public safety and disruption to residential communities, to name a few.”

If people are getting shot, and at least one illegal trucking firm has been tying up the Town in court proceedings since 2007, “public safety and disruption” is an understatement. Not to mention, accord-

ing to Mayor Groves, area roads are also feeling the impact of such actions, with a staggering rise in fatal collisions on both Highway #50 and Highway #10.

Caledon Council and our Mayor need all the help they can get to address these significant concerns.

Let’s hope our municipal team is equally able to get this message heard while attending AMO.

Let’s hope that at least a few provincial party members, MPPs and perhaps even the Premier himself will be in attendance long enough to hear about the impact his massive growth plans are having on our town. Then, let’s hope when Ontario MPPs get back to work – AFTER THANKSGIVING – Caledon might start to see results in terms of changes that will give our municipality, our bylaw officers and even the OPP, more “teeth” when it comes to dealing with illegal land usage. That’s a whole lot of hoping on an issue that hasn’t ever taken a vacation, and in case you need to hear this Mr. Ford, it’s not something that a veterinarian can step in and help us with either.

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



Thailand: Bring Up the Reserves

“I have consulted with my father on all issues, whether on private matters or about work, since I was young,” said Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Thailand’s new and youngest prime minister (37 years old). She is the third member of the Shinawatra family to hold this office, and part of the “evil cycle” that has paralysed the country’s politics for the past 18 years.

The evil cycle began when her father, Thaksin Shinawatra, a self-made telecoms billionaire of humble origins, was overthrown by the army. He had become prime minister in 2001 on a populist platform, and kept his promises of help for the poor so faithfully that he was re-elected by a landslide in 2006 – so the military stepped in.

The senior generals were and still are closely connected with the conservative old-money establishment, and to defend their wealth and privileges they had long fostered a hyper-royalist reverence for the monarchy. They had also gained almost complete control of the courts.

Shinawatra was found “guilty” of various crimes and went into exile to avoid jail, but permanently

denying the rural population and the urban poor any real political voice does not work a country whose people think they live in a democracy.

The army killed a lot of innocent civilians in the 2010 protests against thinly disguised military rule, but it’s not just a murder machine like its Burmese counterpart. Some of its officers were deeply upset about slaughtering unarmed fellow Thais in the streets – and they managed to talk the top brass into holding a free election in 2011. They did that by promising that pro-army political parties would win, but they were wrong. The voters promptly made Thaksin’s younger sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, prime minister in his stead. Like her brother, she favoured the farmers and the urban poor, and like him she was overthrown by the army in 2014. She followed him into exile to avoid jail too.

The military stayed in power this time, although General Prayut Chan-o-cha eventually began pretending he was an elected prime minister, not so much to fool the Thais as to present a more acceptable face to the rest of the world. And the rap-

id growth that once made Thailand an Asian “tiger cub economy” has become anaemic: only 2.7% this year.

What has stalled the growth of both Thailand’s economy and its democracy is an unusually strong and united “establishment” that includes the old rich, the army, the courts and a substantial part of the Bangkok middle class. They simply cannot accept the urban poor and the rural majority having an equal say in how the country is run.

The ruling general, Prayut Chan-o-cha, having created a facade of democracy, actually managed to lose an election last year. The big winner was the Move Forward Party, a newcomer that has stolen most of the Shinawatras’ political clothing, then added a youthful buzz.

A coalition between Move Forward and the Pheu Thai party, the current vehicle of the Shinawatras, would have had a comfortable majority in parliament, but that didn’t happen.

The leader of Move Forward, Pita Limjaroenrat, was immediately suspended from parliament by the constitutional court on specious charges. The en-

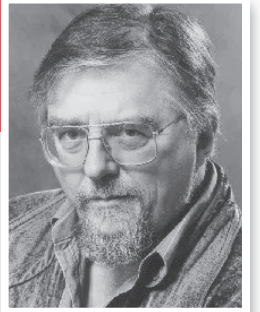
tire party has now been dissolved by the courts, although it was immediately re-founded with a new name, People’s Party.

Pheu Thai made a coalition deal with the military and royalist parties to form a government, presumably in exchange for the return from exile of its exiled leader Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister Yingluck. A Pheu Thai party activist, Srettha Thavisin, was made coalition leader and prime minister – but he has now been forced to resign by the constitutional court.

The political casualty list is getting so long that they are now bringing up the reserves, notably in the form of Thaksin’s youngest daughter Paetongtarn – who promises to do as prime minister whatever her father thinks best.

But the blizzard of strategies and stratagems, bargains and betrayals will probably continue. Thailand is trapped on the threshold of becoming a real democracy, but it still hasn’t managed to cross it.

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Hundreds attend King Animal Hospital's grand opening

BY JIM STEWART

The King Animal Hospital opened officially with much fanfare on August 13 in ideal midsummer conditions, and it might have been the most secure event in King Township history.

Hundreds attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the 60,000 square-foot, cutting edge veterinary hospital (KAH) tucked away on 19th Sideroad between Bathurst and Dufferin.

Attendees toured the impressive multi-disciplinary referral and emergency facility that includes seven operating rooms, 12 exam rooms, a pharmacy, a separate cat ward, indoor arena for equine assessments, outdoor paddocks for horses and green spaces for dogs, heated outdoor ramp for horses and trailers, an auditorium for knowledge exchange and continuing education, water therapy facilities for both horses and dogs, the only hyperbaric oxygen chamber for veterinary care in Ontario, and advanced diagnostic imaging equipment, including two MRI machines, one recumbent CT scan for small animals, one standing CT scan with robotic arms for large animals, nuclear scintigraphy, C-Arm fluoroscopy, and digital x-rays.

Over 125 KAH staff—clad in their distinctive black scrubs—mingled freely with equine industry VIPs, King business leaders, including founders Danielle and Rob Scheinberg, and CEO Tracy Jones, as well as political dignitaries including Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and King Councillors David Boyd, Debbie Schaefer, Jennifer Anstey, and Mary Asselstine.

The administrative and political dignitaries were protected by a phalanx of security guards, supported by the York Regional Police, who regulated the arrival of guests at the facility's 19th Sideroad gated entrance. The arrival of Premier Doug Ford at the 50-acre campus created the biggest show of security at a King event in recent memory. Premier Ford delivered a folksy, upbeat speech to attendees. He referenced his own amusing anecdotes about dog and cat ownership and the avowed animal lover praised the leadership of Danielle and Rob



Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Minister Stephen Lecce, and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini were among the dignitaries presiding over the grand opening of King Animal Hospital last week.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Scheinberg, whom he thanked personally.

“We want to thank Rob and Danielle for all they do for the community. Their philanthropy is well-known—they’re constantly giving as a family. They’ve created a state-of-the-art hospital. There’s no place in the country that has a place like this. It’s an amazing facility. The transition from the last time we were here to today is staggering. It’s a Five-Star Hotel for our animals that we love.”

CEO Tracy Jones welcomed attendees and noted the historical significance of the grand opening: “Today marks a new era in veterinary medicine. This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to our level of care. I feel honored to work with those that cherish the human-animal bond.”

Jones cited “Rob and Danielle Scheinberg’s passion and dedication” and noted “their generosity in providing animal care. I welcome you to the King Animal Hospital where we are leading with care.”

Co-founder Rob Scheinberg acknowledged to attendees that the hospital “has

been a project for seven years.”

He noted that “we’ve provided a calm environment for both patients and their owners, accommodating all creatures great and small.”

Mayor Pellegrini delivered a warm, personal address that was as sunny as the morning on which it was delivered. Mayor Pellegrini, whose chain of office glittered in the eastern light, noted both the prevalence of brilliant sunshine in King Township and expressed his gratitude toward the hospital’s founders and their civic leadership.

“It’s a spectacular day in King. This facility is another example of the excellence of Rob and Danielle Scheinberg who have been community builders with Dog Tales and their work with Seneca College. This is the finest veterinary facility in Canada.”

After the four speeches by dignitaries and the conclusion of the Grand Opening ceremonies, Minister Lecce held court in a sizeable media scrum and expressed his excitement about “opening the King An-

imal Hospital as it blazes a trail forward for animal care across Canada, right in the heart of our community.”

The King-Vaughan MPP was thrilled about the services that will be provided for his constituents and their pets.

“This state-of-the-art hospital will serve so many residents who love their pets by providing veterinary medicine that combines expertise, technology, and compassion in a beautiful natural setting.”

Minister Lecce was generous with his time after the ribbon-cutting and offered personal insights into the Township’s enviable level of services.

“This is an example of King punching above its weight. I’m so pleased to see this level of excellent level care for our animals. It is a state-of-the-art centre for our horses and dogs. It’s also a reminder that when we work together to bring a top level of care for the agricultural sector. We’re celebrating a significant advancement in animal care.”



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Valleywood Block Party happening this weekend

Event will be larger than ever: organizers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Valleywood residents are preparing for their annual block party.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 24, the third-annual Valleywood Block Party will take place at Lina Marino Park in Valleywood.

This year, the event will be a fundraiser for local non-profit Bethell Hospice.

Sonia D'Alimonte, the organizer of the block party, said she and the other volunteers helping plan the event are very excited and proud to be supporting Bethell Hospice. One of the unique ways money

will be raised is through a dunk tank. Party attendees can make a donation to Bethell Hospice to get a chance at dunking some special guests.

"I have managed to convince councillors Christina Early, Dave Sheen, Mario Russo and Mayor Annette Groves to get in the dunk tank," said D'Alimonte. "It should be fun."

Bethell Hospice Executive Director Margaret Paan will also be placing herself in the splash zone for the fundraiser.

The Valleywood Block Party will feature food trucks and vendors, an artisan maker market, and community partner stations. There will be a kids zone with bouncy castles and soccer games, a magic show, and visits from superheroes. There will be dance performances and a live DJ too.

"New this year, we are going to finish the event with a big foam party on the soccer field at three o'clock," said D'Alimonte. "We'll have a big foam cannon and the kids can run around and jump through the

foam and dance."

Kids attending the party will also have the chance to meet their local firefighters and check out their fire trucks, meet the Caledon OPP auxiliary, and even check out an ambulance from Peel Regional Paramedic Services.

D'Alimonte said it's amazing how much the Valleywood Block Party event has grown since its inception.

"It's growing every year, so we're putting a plan in place for next year so we can make it even bigger," said D'Alimonte. "It's incredibly exciting because Valleywood is such a tight-knit community... being able to do something like this on a grand scale is amazing... seeing everyone come out with smiles on their faces and celebrating the community is truly rewarding."

Support from volunteers and sponsors for the event has been amazing, D'Alimonte added.

Mono's End of Summer Party benefits Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The 3rd Annual End of Summer Party is returning to Mono College Park early next month, with lots of activities for families to enjoy.

Attendees can enjoy bouncy castles, axe throwing, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, cotton candy, live entertainment, a vendor market, a beer tent and wine tasting when the party returns Sunday, September 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It is a fun family day for every member of the family, from the kids to the older adults we have something for everyone to enjoy the day, play, eat, drink and be merry," said Velvet Alcorn, event organizer.

Swag bags will be handed out to the first 250 attendees through the door.

There will also be a raffle and a 50/50 draw. All raffle proceeds go to Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, and attendees are encouraged to bring a bag of non-perishable food items for the Orangeville Food Bank in exchange for a raffle ticket.

Jo Alcorn, Celebrity Designer of Alcornhome.com, will be at the End of Summer Party, offering free 10-minute design sessions to anyone with a photo of the room they're re-designing.

The event was started by four women who wanted to bring the community back together after the COVID-19 pandemic began to sub-

side.

"Families wanted to get out and mingle with other families, it was a great day. Children were safe on bouncy castles, on the ponies, [we] provided candy floss, face painting, while mom and dad sat and listened to the bands," noted Alcorn.

The first event, held in 2022, brought out 500 attendees, doubling the organizers' expectations of 250.

In 2023, when organizers were expecting a similar turnout to the year prior, they had approximately 1,000 attendees. So, this year, they're preparing for 2,000 to show up.

Alcorn said she's encouraging the whole community to stop by the End of Summer Party, shop the vendor market, and enjoy some fun activities.

"Get out and meet the families and the businesses of our community while having fun doing so," said Alcorn. "I can guarantee that if you come one year, you will be here every year, as it is such a great inexpensive family outing."

Mono College Park, where the event is being held, is located in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision at 8 Hawthorne Rd., Mono.

The cost for admission to the End of Summer Party is \$10 and can be bought in advance by emailing cardinalwoodsocial@gmail.com. Call 519-939-9806 to learn more.

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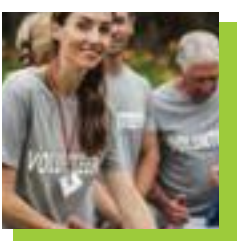
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Should you require the application in an alternative format, please contact Council and Committee Services at 905.584.2272 x 2366 or agenda@caledon.ca

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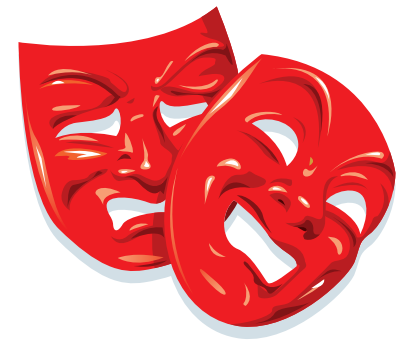
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ARTS & CULTURE



Orangeville Art Group hosting 52nd Annual Art Show and Sale

Show will take place from September 4 to 15 in the Pond Gallery at Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local art group is hosting the next edition of its long-running annual art show next month.

From September 4 to 15 in the Pond Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, the Orangeville Art Group (OAG) will host its 52nd Annual Art Show and Sale.

The show will be viewable during the Alton Mill Arts Centre's open hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Admission to the show is free, as is parking. The Alton Mill Arts Centre is a fully-accessible facility.

A special reception for the show will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on September 15 where guests will have a chance to meet the artists participating in the show, enjoy refreshments, and purchase artwork.

Genni Selby, coordinator for the OAG's current show, has been involved with the group since 2016. She said the OAG is especially excited to be bringing its show back after a hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OAG was founded by a group of nine women in 1955 in the basement of Westminster United Church in Orangeville. The OAG's first show was also held that year at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

"The original nine women were very close



Dancing Poppies, a painting by Gillian Wharton, will be on display at the OAG's upcoming show.

GILLIAN WHARTON IMAGE

friends who had a shared vision... they knew exactly what they wanted to achieve and what they wanted to bring and they worked and acted with the highest degree of integrity imaginable," said Selby.

In 1969, the OAG started its annual art show and sale. The group has had a longstanding mission to provide opportunities for local artists and promote art education, art appreciation, and

inter-group collaboration.

Selby said the mission has been a guiding light for the OAG throughout the years; that it's a remarkable vision.

This year's OAG art show and sale will feature 13 exhibitors. A few of the exhibitors in the show have been members of the OAG for over 40 years.

The OAG is a group with a rich history —

and it's one that's looking forward to the future as well. The OAG is always looking for new members and planning ahead for the future of art in Orangeville and the surrounding areas.

"Over the years, the OAG has been so connected to the community... it's important to remember how dedicated OAG artists have been to bringing the community awareness about art," said Selby.

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U13AA Caledon Hawks – AKA “The Dark Knights” – capture Summer League Championship



The Dark Knights hockey team comprised of locals playing for the Caledon Hawks U13 AA team won the Carnevale Hockey Group summer final tournament recently. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

BY JIM STEWART

The Dark Knights Hockey Team—in essence, the U13AA Caledon Hawks—won the Carnevale Hockey Group Summer League championship in Toronto last Monday.

The Knights – or Hawks – defeated the Pacific Mall Patriots 8-1 to hoist the championship hardware.

As Head Coach Jim Schutz explained, “From late-May to August 12th, right from the get go, we outskated teams over the 14-game regular schedule. Our guys were really coachable, we adjusted forechecking strategies, and the players responded well to instruction. Their commitment level was excellent for the entire summer season.”

The Dark Knights seized the summer

league opportunity to build team spirit and take advantage of extra ice time in Toronto before their Fall season.

Coach Schutz explained his team’s winning efforts down the stretch in the playoff games held at Scotiabank Pond in North York.

“We were the second seed after the regular season and defeated the Scarborough Spirit 4-0 in the semifinal. We beat Scarborough in the 7:30 p.m. game and had to play the #1 seed Pacific Mall Patriots in the championship final at 9 p.m. Playing back-to-back games is tough anytime, but we led 3-1 after the first 25-minute half. Then our guys really poured it on in the second half and we scored 5 goals in a row to beat the Patriots 8-1 to win the championship.”

Warden wallops game-winning hit in Brewers’ dramatic 2-1 walk-off win to open NDBL semifinals against Ivy Rangers

BY JIM STEWART

Steve Warden delivered the game-winning hit and Aaron Dzib pitched a complete game two-hitter to lead Bolton to a dramatic come-from-behind 2-1 walk-off victory over the Ivy Rangers at North Hill Park on Sunday night.

The sudden, seventh inning surge by the Brewers gave them a 1-0 advantage in the best-of-five North Dufferin Baseball League semifinal series.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead at the top of the second inning when Riley Davies’s double was plated by Noah Sauder’s RBI single. It was one of only two Ivy hits surrendered by Dzib who struck out six Rangers in his seven innings of work.

The visitors held their one-run margin until the bottom of the seventh when Brewers’ four-spot hitter Warden transformed a woeful night at the plate into a wonderful walk-off win for his ball club. Warden’s game-winning heroics also appended a masterful 13-strikeout shutout performance by Ivy ace Matt Barr.

With Brett Chater on second and Amin Juarez on first, the Rangers opted to walk the Brewers’ three-spot hitter Ben Sterritt to load the bases and face Warden. Barr had struck out Warden three times on Sunday night prior to the clean-up hitter’s seventh inning plate appearance and the Rangers rolled the dice.

Brewers’ Head Coach Mike Wallace described Warden’s climactic game-winning hit.

“Steve had struggled up to that point, but I was surprised that Ivy would put the winning run in scoring position by walking Ben. After the intentional walk to Sterritt to load the bases, Steve hit a first-pitch slider the other way—a hot shot, line drive over the second baseman’s head to plate Chater and Jaurez. That was a good way to win.”

Coach Wallace expressed a combination of satisfaction and relief—regarding his club’s semi-final win at North Hill Park.

“It was great to be part of that game. It’s a big win for us and one of the most enjoyable games I’ve ever been a part of. Both the pitchers were really rolling. That was good one to win, a tough one to lose, and we protected home field advantage in the series. North Hill Park is suited to our style of gap-to-gap hitting and the bigger dimensions help the type of hitters we have.”

Coach Wallace applauded his starting pitcher for his timely performance and credited Dzib as a significant factor in the team’s big win.

“Without Aaron, we don’t have a chance. It was his best pitching performance this season.”

The performance of Dzib’s counterpart, Matt Barr, was also noted by the Brewers’ bench boss.

“He’s one of the league’s best pitchers—if not the best pitcher in the entire league. To beat a guy of his caliber is a big win for us to start a playoff series.”

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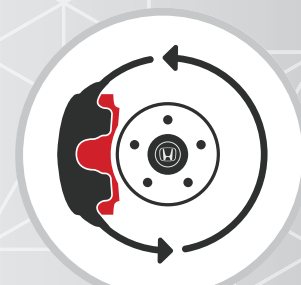


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KEATON ROLLIE COOK
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It is with profound sadness that the family of Keaton Rollie Cook, affectionately known as Keatie, announce his passing on August 15th, 2024, in his hometown of Orangeville, at the young age of 29.



He was the cherished son of Wendy Cook and Brian and Cathy Cook and loving brother to Hailey (Jordan), Jennifer (Kevin), Aaron, Christina (Darryl) and Daniella (Kyle) and families.

Keatie's legacy of smiles, giggles and love for family and friends will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A service to celebrate Keatie's life will be held at the Compass Community Church - 246289 Hockley Road, Mono, ON L9W 6K4, on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, at 12:00 Noon. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to service time.

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Fondly remembered by her siblings, Trudy and John Gansekoele, Henk and Hennie Bouwers, Willy and Jack Visscher, Hendrix (+) and Betty Bouwers.

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Also remembered by many nieces and nephews.

The family received their relatives and friends at the Canadian Reformed Church of Orangeville, 55 C-Line, Orangeville on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A funeral service was held in the Canadian Reformed Church of Orangeville on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery, in Orangeville.

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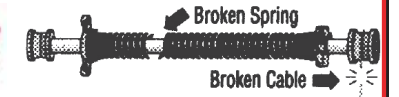
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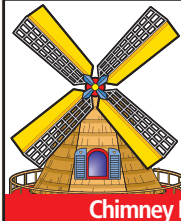
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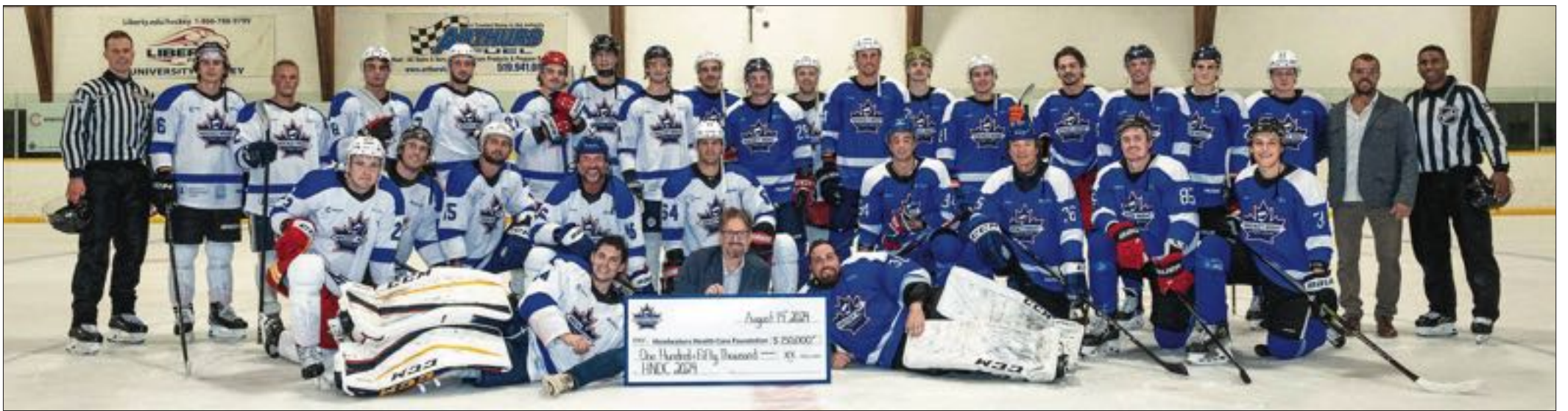
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Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon raises \$150,000 for local hospital

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Headwaters Health Care Centre is one step closer to purchasing its first MRI machine.

The third annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon event at Teen Ranch on August 14 raised \$150,000 for the hospital's fundraising campaign for an MRI. Headwaters is anticipating it will have the diagnostic technology by spring of next year and once operational, it will be able to conduct up to 4,000 scans per year.

Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon saw up-and-coming NHL players compete with veterans, making for some high-level hockey action for fans to enjoy.

"It's kind of like an all-star game. The score was 13-10, with huge swings back and forth. Team

Dufferin was up 4-0 at one point. Then they were up 7-3, and they ended up losing 13-10, so it was a really fun game," said Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who spearheads organizing the event each year.

Teen Ranch's hockey arena was packed for a sold-out game between Team Dufferin and Team Caledon.

"There were maybe 10 or 15 empty seats in the whole arena, and it has a capacity of almost 1,000 people," Seeback said. "It was definitely the best year we've ever had. Lots of energy, a really great game."

The game featured NHL players, such as Doug Gilmour, Darcy Tucker, Mike Krushelnyski, Aaron Downey, Brett Ritchie, draft pick Logan Sawyer, and the Frasca brothers.

"It was great to see some of our up-and-coming young talent like Logan Sawyer, who was just drafted by the Montreal Canadiens," said Seeback.

During the Chuck-a-Puck game at Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, Seeback said the kids who participated made memories that will last a lifetime.

"There was a really, really great moment when all the kids were lining up to do the Chuck-a-Puck Contest. Every kid walked past [former NHL player] Aaron Downey, and he let them hold his Stanley Cup ring," said Seeback. "These kids have absolutely priceless memories from that. What a class act he was."

Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon began in 2022, and each year the event has generated more money for Headwaters, now totalling \$350,000. In

its first year the event raised \$85,000, in the second year it raised \$115,000, and this year it raised \$150,000.

"The growth and support of this event by the community has been phenomenal," said Seeback.

He noted that a great deal of that money comes from the local businesses that sponsor the event each year.

Enercare was the title sponsor again this year and UPS was the diamond sponsor.

"None of it's possible without our sponsors," he noted. "Our sponsors are where the money comes from... so I can't thank them enough, these are all local businesses in the riding."

Seeback also thanked Teen Ranch for providing ice time at no cost and the volunteers for helping to make the event a success.

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The Ask for Angela campaign has garnered widespread recognition throughout Europe for its ability to assist individuals who feel unsafe, vulnerable, or threatened at bars, clubs, and various other venues. Through collaboration with Loblaw and its stores – Zehrs, Fortinos, No Frills, and Shoppers Drug Mart, CDVS aims to extend the reach of this program to the Caledon and Dufferin communities, ensuring the safety and protection of patrons across the area. Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services has been supporting victims of crime and tragedy in Caledon and Dufferin for over 30 years. During this time, we have been able to establish a wide variety of partnerships for referrals. We believe no one should have to go through a crisis alone and together, we will ensure those experiencing issues of safety or violence are getting the support they need.

The Ask for Angela campaign revolves around discreetly approaching staff members at participating venues and requesting "Angela" as a code-phrase. This simple action will signal to the staff that the individual requires assistance. Promptly and compassionately, staff members will guide the person to a secure and private location, away from their companions, allowing for

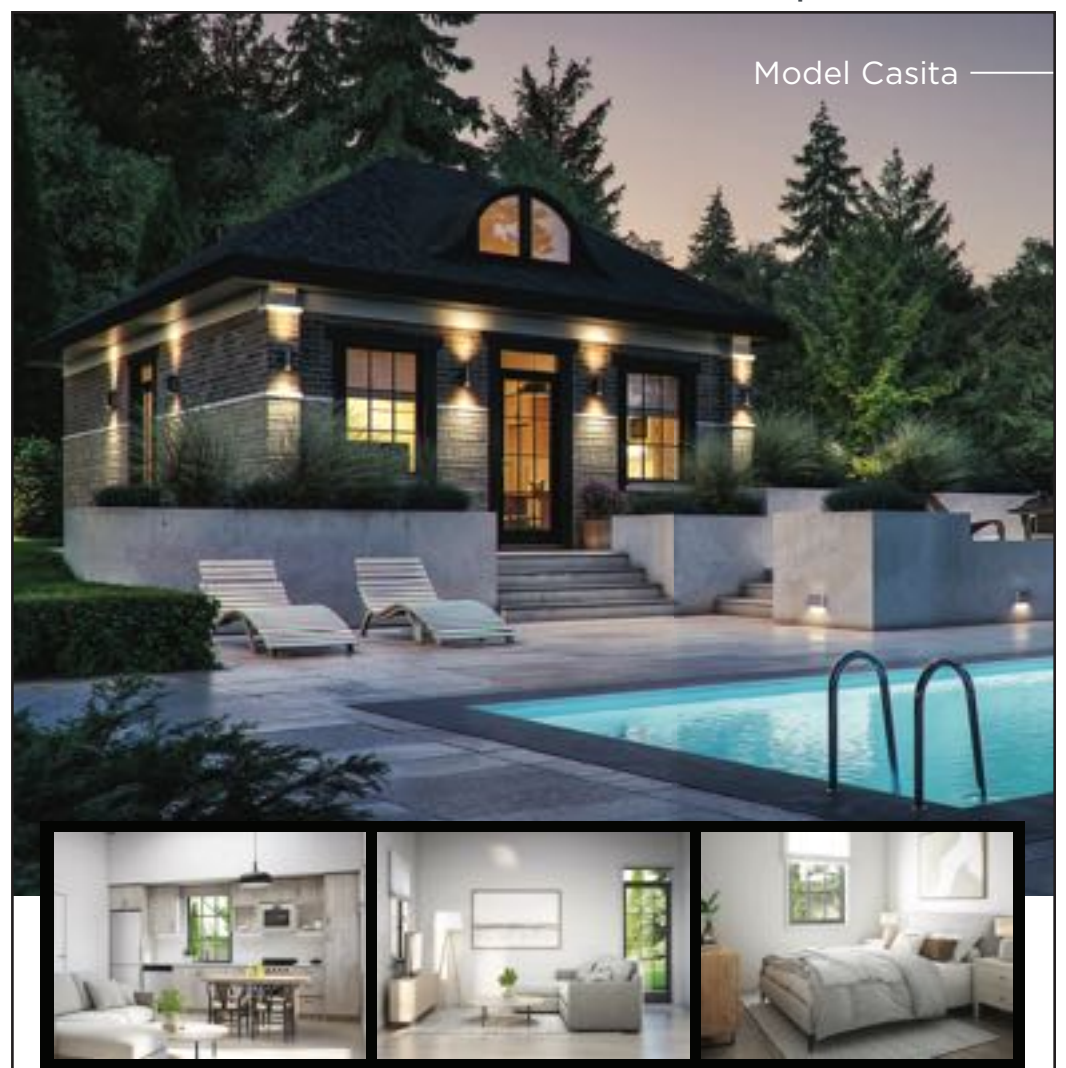
open dialogue and an accurate assessment of their needs.

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To ensure a seamless implementation, a concise and user-friendly online training tool is accessible to the staff of participating stores. Training includes a video presentation and a guidance sheet, empowering staff members to effectively respond to individuals in need. Additionally, an eye-catching poster has been designed as a visual reminder of their crucial role in assisting those facing challenging situations.

By working together, the two organizations can foster a safer and more inclusive community where everyone feels protected and supported. This partnership represents a powerful collaboration between a respected community service organization and a renowned retailer, highlighting their shared commitment to community well-being.

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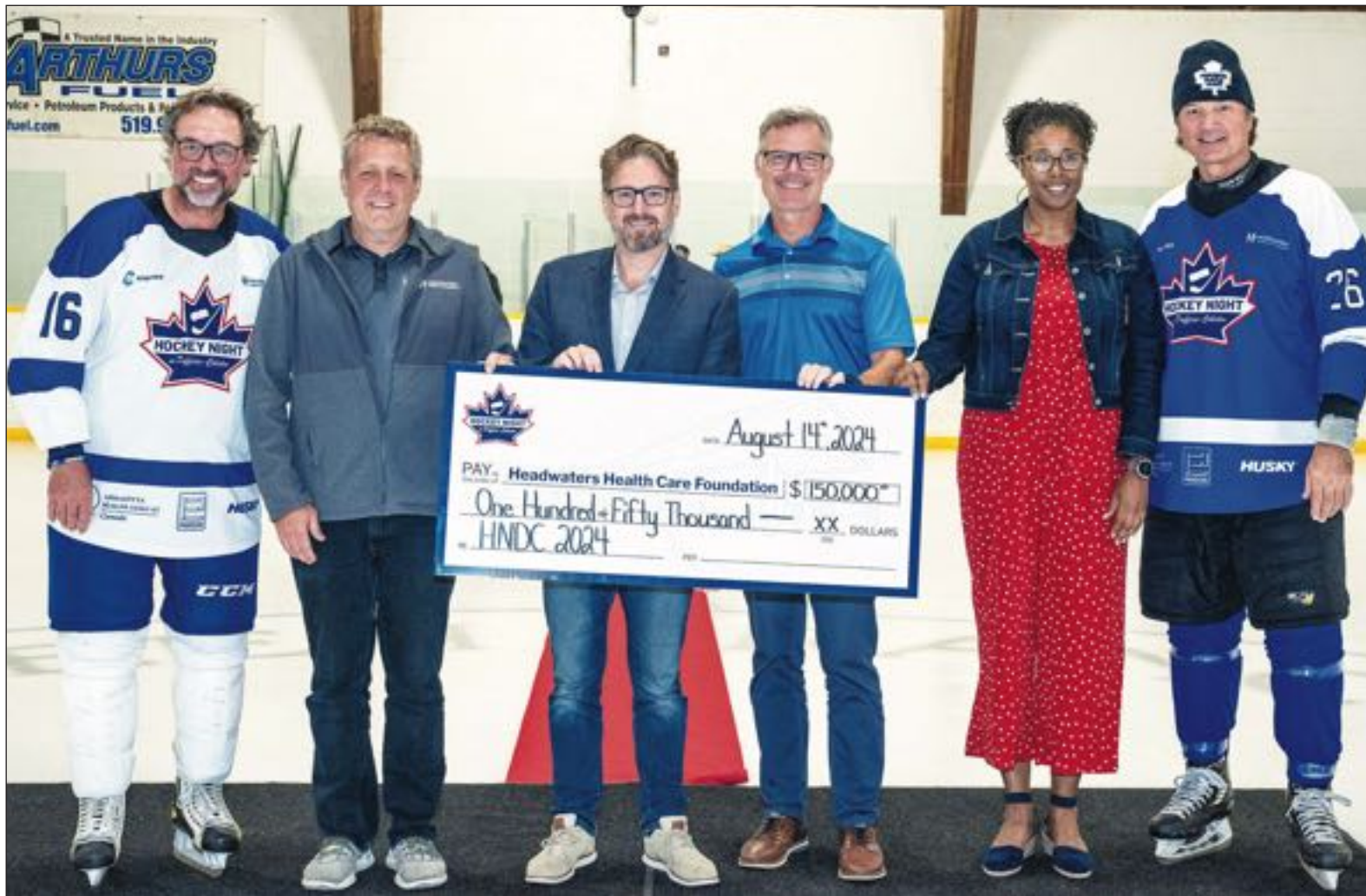
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HOCKEY NIGHT IN DUFFERIN-CALEDON – Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback's third-annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon charity game last week made more than \$150,000 for local healthcare services at Headwaters. Pictured above are, from left, are Darcy Tucker (Team Caledon), K.C. Carruthers (CEO, Headwaters Health Care Foundation), MP Seeback, Bill Bettridge (Enercare), Whilna Stewart-Franklin (UPS), and Mike Krushelnyski (Team Dufferin). For more on the game, see Page B6. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Caledon shares illegal land use struggles with Province, asks for support

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is bringing its concerns about illegal land use in the municipality to the Province.

On August 13, Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, and Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services Catherine McLean presented to the Province's Standing

Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy on the issue of illegal land use. The Committee met at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre that day for public hearings on a study related to land use for unlicensed event venues.

Groves said there's a lot of illegal land use in Caledon and that while it's not a new problem, there's certainly been an increase in the amount of illegal land use in recent years.

"We've got some great people, but we also have a lot of bad actors, and we've seen an

increase in the number of bad actors popping up in different areas... it's very disruptive to our residents," said Groves.

McLean said the two main types of illegal land use in Caledon are illegal event centres and illegal trucking yards. She said the two types of illegal land use create similar negative impacts like long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, risks to public safety, and disruption to residential communities.

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BY MARK PAVILONS

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Caledon's C3 will host Olympic Bronze Medalist Alysha Newman and her world class pole vault coach Doug Woods at our C3 James Dick Quarry Friday, August 23. It promises to be quite the event, with a live band, big personalities, Olympic draw prizes and the chance to see the Olympic bronze medal.

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Bethell Hospice Executive Director excited for benefits of Hospice Dufferin integration

Bethell Hospice will be single point of access for hospice care in Dufferin and Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last week, Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin announced they were joining forces to create one point of access for hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement, and community care services in Dufferin and Caledon.

As of October 1, Hospice Dufferin's services will be hosted under the Bethell Hos-

pice banner.

Bethell Hospice Executive Director Margaret Paan said the integration of Hospice Dufferin into Bethell Hospice has been in the works for a while and that there are many benefits to the change.

"We can learn a lot from Dufferin; they've been doing community visits and other programs for decades," said Paan.

As a larger organization, Bethell Hospice has lots of flexibility and a large staff team that's ready to offer its services to Dufferin residents.

Paan said one of the great things about Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin coming together is that it creates a singular point of access for hospice care in Dufferin and Caledon.

"When people are facing a palliative care journey, the last thing they need is confusion



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when trying to figure out hospice care," said Paan.

Paan said it was the right time for the two organizations to come together and continue to provide amazing service while looking to the future to provide new and expanded services.

Bethell Hospice is extremely proud of its dedicated staff, said Paan, and is committed to providing the best care.

"There's no other hospice residence in Peel or Dufferin so [our] ten beds are critical," said Paan. "Our services are very well-received and supported by the community."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is in full support of Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin coming together.

"Hospice Dufferin and Bethell Hospice have played a vital role in connecting people

and families

across Dufferin-Caledon to high-quality palliative care services," said Jones. "By creating one point of access to palliative care, Bethell Hospice will continue to provide comfortable and dignified end-of-life care for patients and their loved ones closer to home."

As mentioned in last week's article on Bethell Hospice and Hospice Dufferin joining forces, Hospice Dufferin is inviting residents of Dufferin and Caledon to an event running from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on August 27 at Hospice Dufferin (30 Centre Street, Orangeville) to celebrate the history and legacy of Hospice Dufferin.

To register for the event, interested residents can visit the following link: www.eventbrite.ca/e/hospice-dufferin-tickets-972442270007.

CORRECTION

An article titled "Program that enhances safety at bars to be implemented in Dufferin-Caledon" that ran on Page B7 of the August 15 edition of the Caledon Citizen incorrectly stated that the "Ask Angela" program would be offered at local bars and venues where alcohol is consumed. The program is being rolled out at Loblaws grocery stores and Shoppers Drug Marts as of Monday, August 19. The Citizen apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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Angelina Lucien, Vanya Watson, Alyssa Mehta, Marlita Vasilakos, and Gabriela Espinoza-Cuervo form hip-hop dance group Creative Forces.

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Local dancers to compete in CNE's Rising Star competition

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A dance group made up of performers from Caledon and Brampton will soon showcase their talents in a major Toronto competition.

On August 25, hip-hop dance group Creative Forces will perform in the Canadian National Exhibition's (CNE) Rising Star competition.

The group consists of Angelina Lucien, Vanya Watson, Alyssa Mehta, Marlita Vasilakos, and Gabriela Espinoza-Cuervo. The dancers, who are all between the ages of 13 and 16, met at a dance studio called Dancercise.

The group are all great friends and have been dancing together for over a year. They meet to practice weekly, and often rehearse for three hours at a time.

They found out about the CNE Rising Star competition through Lucien, who competed in it two years ago.

Creative Forces will perform to a mix of hard-hitting, old-school hip-hop songs. Their routine is choreographed by well-known hip-hop choreographer and dancer Miguel Rodriguez.

Espinoza-Cuervo said she was always into hip-hop dance but never trained at a formal studio until she met her fellow dancers in Creative Forces.

"It became such a big part of my life... hip-hop was my number-one thing growing up," she said.

Each member of Creative Forces has been dancing since they were little kids. They enjoy the thrill of competition and performing.

Heading into the competition, Lucien is very confident that Creative Forces has a great chance to win. She and the group are excited for their performance.

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24 CHARGES FOLLOWING SEARCH WARRANT

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested two individuals with multiple drug and weapon related charges following the execution of three warrants in Alliston and Angus.

"In February 2024, Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) began a drug trafficking investigation within Alliston and Angus," say Police. "As a result of the investigation, officers were able to obtain search warrants.

On August 15, 2024, the warrants were executed at two residents and one storage facility by the OPP Nottawasaga CSCU, Caledon CSCU, Dufferin CSCU, and Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU)."

The following items were seized:

- Express 70 12-gauge modified shot gun;
- 1 Ounce of Cocaine;
- 14 grams of Methamphetamine;
- 1.7 grams of Fentanyl;
- 42 Clonazepam tablets;
- Drug trafficking indicia;
- Stolen F-150 valued at approximately \$10,000.

Sherri Crawford, 52, of Essa, was arrested and charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Other Drugs;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine;
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- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine;
- Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the Purpose of Trafficking;
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court - two counts.

Michael McCormack, 31, of Lisle, was arrested and charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon,

- Prohibited device or ammunition;
 - Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
 - Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000;
 - Possession of Schedule Substance I Substance - Cocaine;
 - Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine;
 - Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Other Drugs;
 - Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking;
 - Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine;
 - Possession of a Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine;
 - Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Other Drugs.
- The charges have not been proven. Both accused were held for bail to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a single motor vehicle collision with impaired operation.

"On August 17, 2024, shortly after 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on McLaren Road, near The Grange Side Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "No injuries were reported. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result of the investigation, Harsimarjot Sidhu, 34, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven. The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 5, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. 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.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

STOLEN MOTORCYCLES RECOVERED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered stolen motorcycles and charged a local resident.

"On August 13, 2024, the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit entered into a stolen vehicle investigation that led officers to a residence in Caledon," say Police. "Later that same day, with the assistance of the Dufferin CSCU, a search warrant was executed. The motorcycles, motorcycle equipment, and a trailer were recovered."

Lance Caines, 40, of Caledon, has been charged with:

- Theft over \$5000;
- Possession of property obtained by Crime under \$5000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 26, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven. If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

ATTEMPTED THEFT

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a vehicle theft attempt.

"On August 19, 2024, shortly after 3:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a theft in progress on Foxchase Drive, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "A member of the community advised two individuals were actively attempting to steal a vehicle. When officers arrived, two individuals were located fleeing into a black 2022 Dodge Durango. While escaping, the Durango drove through the front lawn of the neighbouring home and struck one police cruiser, and two other vehicles."

The investigation is ongoing. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call Caledon OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>.



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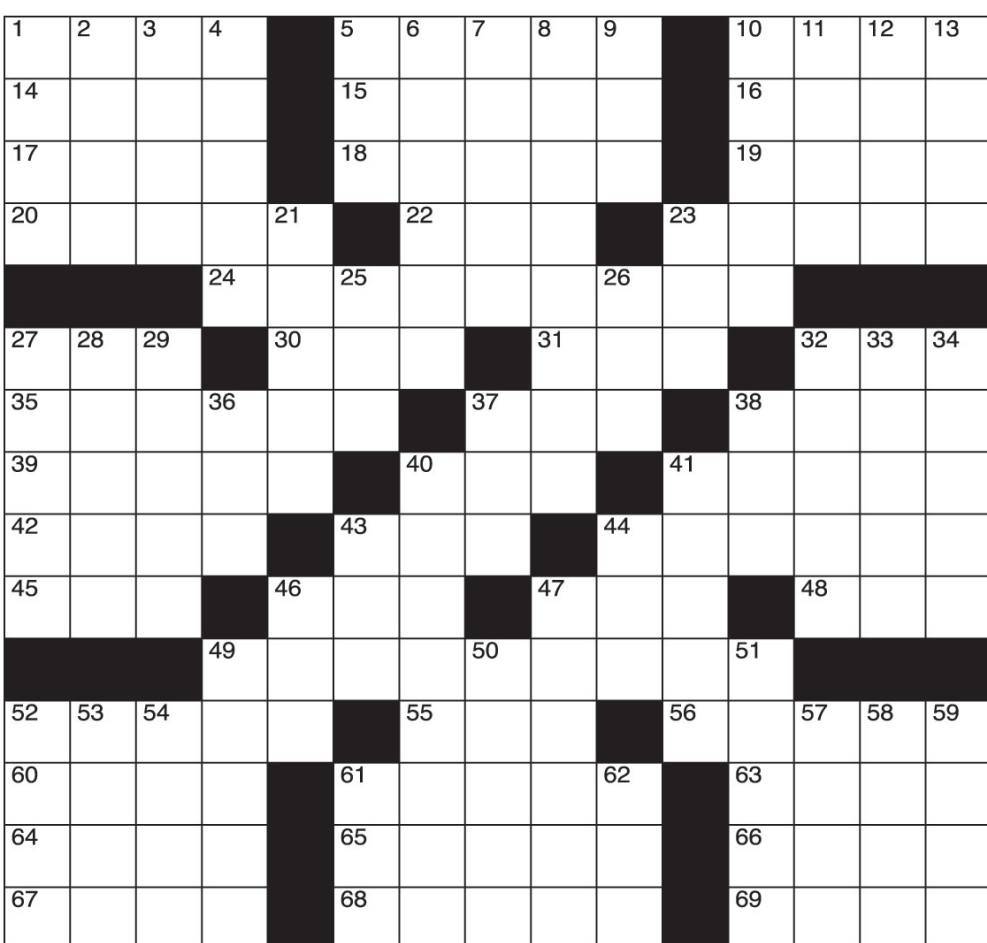
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Public event to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day

BY PAULA BROWN

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee is inviting members of the public to learn more about how overdoses are impacting the community as they prepare to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee will host their 7th annual Overdose Awareness Day event on August 29 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Theatre Orangeville (87 Broadway).

The goal of the event is to allow the community to connect and discuss ways to support those impacted by overdose as well as raise awareness about the stigmas associated with substance use.

"Every day, we see lives around us being changed and lost to overdose. Overdose does not discriminate. It could be you or someone you love; a friend, colleague or your neighbour," reads a press release from the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee is a collaboration of concerned people and service providers in Dufferin and Caledon who have, for the past seven years, organized a local Overdose Awareness Day event.

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), which is recognized on Aug. 31, is an annual commemorative day and campaign aimed at ending overdose while also remembering those who have died and acknowledging the grief felt by family and friends left behind.

This year, the theme for International Overdose Awareness Day is "Together we can," which looks to highlight the impact communities can have when they stand together to address substance use and overdoses.

Attendees of the August 29 event will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of individuals with lived experience and local advocates on the impact of substance use in Dufferin County and Caledon.

Attendees will be able to ask questions, and learn about ways to help those affected by drug use as well as find out more about local resources and support.

Those interested in attending the 7th annual Overdose Awareness Day event hosted by the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee can get tickets at www.theatreorangeville.ca or at the door on the day of the event.

Inglewood reunion to bring past and present community members together

Event will be held at GoodLot Farmstead Brewery on September 4

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Current and past residents of Inglewood are invited to a fun reunion party this September.

From 3 to 8 p.m. on September 4, an "Inglewood Reunion" will be held at GoodLot Farmstead Brewery.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple and can be purchased by e-transfer to the following email address: Inglewoodreunion2024@gmail.com.

Janet Harrison, an Inglewood resident helping to organize the reunion, said Inglewood has a great history and that there's been a lot of positive feedback about the upcoming event.

"It just started up as a bunch of people saying, 'let's get together' ... we're all working hard at it," said Harrison.

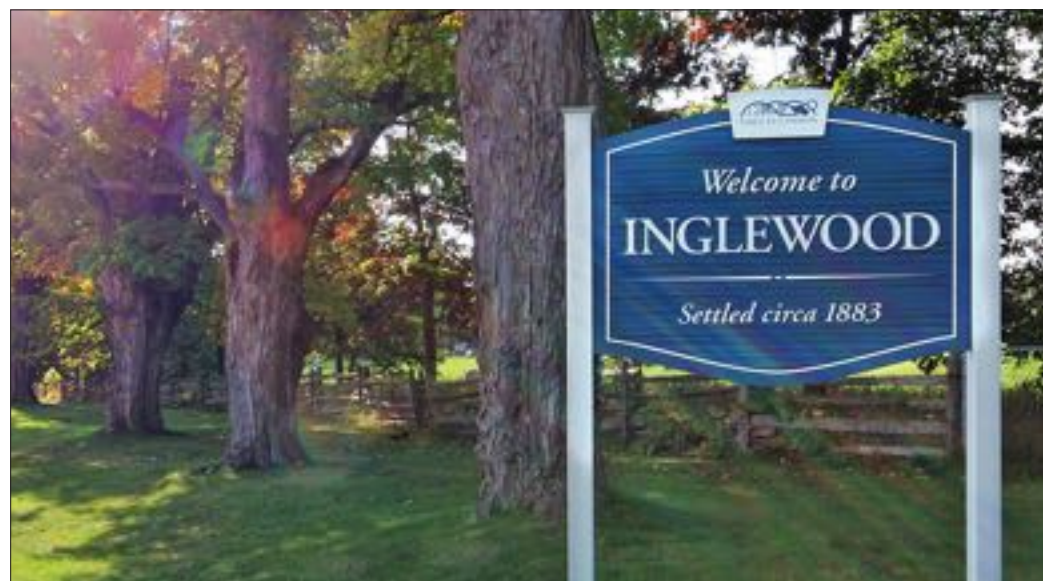
She said it's been amazing how many former Inglewood residents have been found, and she's hopeful many can come. Harrison expects over 100 people to attend the September 4 reunion.

"Even though it's 10 minutes from Brampton, Inglewood still has that small-town quality," said Harrison. "There's some people who have lived here for 50 or 60 years... Inglewood has always had a great amount of spirit and sense of community."

Harrison said there's going to be a memorabilia table at the reunion, and a classic car cruise to the event that any classic car enthusiasts are welcome to participate in.

"I hope the people living in Inglewood now will have the great memories that we had as kids," said Harrison.

Harrison said she wanted to give a big thank you to the organizing group of the reunion: Steve Stephens, Erik Peterson, David



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She noted the reunion was originally Phippen's idea.

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Caledon C3 hosts Olympic medalist Newman

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Alysha lives in Caledon (also the home of Olympians Andrew Yorke and Ashley Lawrence and Jake Holden & Brittany Webster) and her coach Doug Woods has his Pole Vault School in Caledon.

“How cool to have Paris come right back to our town and beach?” said C3’s Barrie Shepley. “Nobody works harder to inspire than

our C3 Management – Board and Coaches.”

It’s open to C3 and non-C3 members just for the Friday night from 5:45 p.m. onward. The band plays at 6:30 p.m. Alysha and her coaches will be recognized at 7:15 p.m. It’s free, but anyone (C3 or non-C3 members) must RSVP to the link below so the club can plan for food and parking.

Please fill in the RSVP form at c3online.ca/beach-party

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE: TOWN OF CALEDON SUPPLEMENTARY AGGREGATE POLICY STUDY

Open House Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 -- 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon East Community Complex, (6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East)

Public Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, -- 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon Town Hall, (6311 Old Church Rd, Caledon East)

This is to inform you that a Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments has been prepared for the Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study. An Open House and Statutory Public Meeting will be held to consider the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS STUDY?

To review and update Town Official Plan aggregate policies and to build upon the joint Region and Town Aggregate Policy Review and the Town’s Aggregate Rehabilitation Master Plan. The Study has reviewed the history of aggregates in Caledon, reviewed Official Plan aggregate policies, and made recommendations for updates to those policies to ensure Caledon effectively plans for aggregate resource extraction while protecting its rural residents and natural environment.

In October 2022, Council directed Town Staff to initiate the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and enacted Interim Control By-law No. 2022-075 to control the establishment of new pits and quarries while the Study was in progress.

WHAT STAGE OF THE STUDY ARE WE AT?

In May 2024, Council received a Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study Status Update Report and a Background Report as information items. A Policy Options Report was released for public comment and a public open house held on July 25, 2024. Public input received on the Policy Options Report was used to inform Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments. The draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments are posted on the project website: caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study.

PURPOSE

The Open House and Statutory Public Meeting provide an opportunity for the public to obtain information and provide input on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, before final draft amendments are presented to Planning and Development Committee and Council for consideration and approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

All Study reports and open house materials will be posted on the project website. caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may attend in-person and speak on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments or observe the meeting.
- Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit written comments on the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments by Friday, September 20 to: Joe Nethery, Project Consultant, Nethery Consulting
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If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6.

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Mayor, Councillors delegate to Standing Committee on Heritage Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

Continued from FRONT

McLean said Caledon residents are dealing with massive illegal truck yards operating 24/7. She said people are dealing with traffic safety issues caused by these truck yards, and that Caledon's roads themselves — in areas not designed to support large volumes of truck traffic — are becoming damaged.

"They're full of deep potholes and grooves, another safety hazard," she said.

Illegal event centres are causing residents to lose sleep, said McLean, as many event centres have loud music playing all night and even have fireworks shooting off.

"Despite our efforts, illegal truck depots are expanding with defiance... many operators consider legal fees and municipal fines a cost of doing business, and they're finding ways to circumvent violation notices by converting property ownership to delay prosecution," said McLean. "Just last week, I was reviewing a file that we're moving ahead with in the courts. The file dates back to 2007 — 17 years. One of (our) officers' affidavits was 514 pages in length: 514 pages of notes, pictures, complaints, orders to comply, more pictures, more complaints — it just goes on and on."

McLean said the business in question has not been deterred by numerous prosecutions and has even grown over the years.

"This perception of impunity for illegal land use has important consequences. People who depend on us see this and believe we're not doing enough, and they're not wrong. Current municipal powers under Provincial law are not adequate to address this issue, so our ask of you today is that you add illegal parking and storage of commercial vehicles to the scope of your study, going beyond unlicensed event venues," said McLean. "We ask that you consider amending the Planning Act and Municipal Act to strengthen municipal enforcement powers, including enabling municipalities to physically bar entry to properties; increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and cor-



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porations; and include all charges, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and imposed fines on the title of a property. We need to do more together. Our residents are counting on us."

Maskell said when he became a Councillor he was astonished to learn of the inadequacy of current legislation to with illegal land use.

"Our tools have been maxed out in these situations and we're looking for support," said Maskell.

Maskell said the people operating illegal event centres and trucking yards have absolutely no respect for the law.

"They are well aware that they have a three-to-five-year window to stay in operation before they can possibly be shut down... they have a well-oiled business model that they're operating under," he said. "I feel that at the Town level, we're doing everything that we can possibly do in this situation, and I'm here today asking for the help of Provincial government, because it's not the good actors who are the problem; it's the bad actors, and we need to figure out a way that we can work cooperatively with the province to ensure that people, when they come to Caledon to live and to work and to play — that those things

are respected."

Rosa said Caledon Council is unified in wanting to find a solution to the issue of illegal land use.

"We've really reached a point where we can no longer do this alone. We welcome the opportunity to have this dialogue today, and what we're really looking for is an opportunity to have some type of partnership with the Province," said Rosa.

Groves said the Town of Caledon really wants the ability to be able to barricade illegal trucking yards so that trucks cannot drive in and out of them. McLean said an increase in fines for illegal land uses is badly-needed.

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Choose Your Own Adventure

I was never one for Choose Your Own Adventure books.

Don't get me wrong, they were entertaining enough at the time, but even as a kid I gravitated towards the more linear of stories. I wanted to know what adventure the author had in mind when they set pen to paper – or, more realistically, fingers to keys – rather than having to wind my way through and past all manner of forks in the road they dithered over through the writing process but weren't quite ready for prime time.

Okay, I'm being slightly facetious here. I know there was an audience for them, an audience who enjoyed them for a bit of mental exercise, but I wasn't that key demographic.

In the interests of full transparency, however, my interest in the Choose Your Own Adventure series was heightened when they were more recently translated into board game format – so maybe there's hope for me yet.

But, looking back, perhaps the greatest value these stories held was laying a foundation and desire within the average reader to keep or stay in control of your destiny.

I was thinking about this on Monday morning on the way to work for two reasons.

First, as someone who regularly takes transit between home and office, I'm now in a corner of York Region where there are multiple paths and bus routes between Point A and Point B.

The initial leg of the journey is pretty straightforward with two possible busses to catch, each bound for the same destination – Major Mackenzie West Station near Canada's Wonderland. The next leg takes out all of the guesswork with only one outbound bus going in the direction I need – at least for a bit. Things get a bit more complicated the closer one gets to Yonge with two "adventures" to choose from.

You can either keep going through that intersection to a more direct and faster route to Yonge Street, albeit significantly busier, which you then connect to a northbound bus up Yonge Street to just outside the office door. Or, you can hop out at Keele, connect to a more scenic route through King that drops you at your destination without a further transfer, but might be slightly longer.

The primary problem with this last option is it's a bit of a crap shoot if you're going to save time taking Option B, as, despite the myriad apps out there to help you navigate the transit journey, estimated times vary wildly with no rhyme or reason.

That, if anything, adds some extra adventure to the day – and, indeed, some extra stress when you're working on a deadline and need to be at your desk by a specific time!

The second reason these Choose Your Owns came to mind was reading several articles on Monday's commute on this week's Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Throughout the weeks – and, granted, it seems like months – since President Joe Biden abandoned his bid for re-election and handed the party's baton to Vice President Kamala

Harris, the presumed upcoming nominee has been dogged at several campaign stops by individuals and groups on either side, well, predominantly one side of the Israel-Hamas War.

Protestors have been demanding to know just where Harris stands on calls for a ceasefire in this tragically ongoing conflict should she be elected this fall and installed in the White House in January. It's a fair question, and one that is very much in the minds of voters this election cycle, but it's curious that events hosted by her most prominent opponent aren't demanding the same of him.

Perhaps it's because he's made his position very clear over the campaign thus far, and it's a position that is very much out of alignment with those of the demonstrators, but one hasn't seen, at least not yet, these same individuals following him from place to place trying to persuade and win the hearts and minds of the Republican nominee.

It's curious indeed, and one can't help consider whether there are other motives at play, but what's baffling is that those who want a resolution here are encouraging those to either refrain from voting or vote against the candidate who is closest aligned with their views just to spite... well, I can only think of themselves... and tip the balance in favour of the candidate who is waving at them from clear on the other side of their philosophical canyon.

I'm reminded me of a quote that has been said, revised and paraphrased much over the years, and has previously appeared in this column in a different context, and bear with me as I paraphrase once again: If you're going somewhere and there isn't a bus to get you directly to where you want to go, don't watch dozens of buses go by in the vain hope that a unicorn of a bus will just happen by and drop you off. No, you take the route that is going to get you closest to your destination.

This mindset can apply in so many spheres of life, but in this day and age it's particularly fitting in politics.

In a time where rhetoric is so heated and political schools of thought are increasingly divisive and polarized, I doubt we will ever see a candidate again with that mythic and magic touch to please all of the people all of the time. You might not agree with a candidate on every single point, but surely with careful examination of their platform you'll find one that resonates with you the most and helps move things further in the direction you want.

But that assumes people will take the time to exercise that careful examination.

It's incumbent on all of us to figure out where we want to be, where we want to go, where we want the world to be, and our best routes to get there. Otherwise, the choice of "adventure" will no longer be yours alone.

It might not get you dropped off at the end of your proverbial driveway, but a stone's throw away is better than nothing.



The intricacies of human venting

by Mark Pavilons



Venting: "... to give often vigorous or emotional expression to ... to relieve by means of a vent." We all do it. Sometimes it's as if the human shell is one giant pressure cooker, hissing inwardly until she blows.

And the results can be quite loud and messy. Specialists say venting is a way to relieve stress and it's vital that we do it, lest we, well, combust. Is it cathartic, a way of hitting restart?

For the person doing the venting it may be okay, but those on the receiving end are often left speechless, attacked, and helpless. It's one of the more confusing human outlets, that often don't have a response or solution.

Most of the time, venting takes the form of loud outbursts – letting loose the old-fashioned way. It would be great if we chose jotting down our thoughts in a journal as a way of venting. Or baking; yes, baking is a great way to get out your anger!

Engaging someone in a conversation while they're expelling the inner demons isn't always the best approach. You need to listen, and listen good. There may be some quick fixes or simple solutions, or there may not be.

Research has shown that the difference between positive and negative venting can be focused on the ways in which the person hearing the vent responds, both through speech and action.

The key is empathy –empathy is active validation, sympathy is not.

We hear the saying to "walk in another person's shoes," but frankly I've never been able to do that. How can we? People are so different, unique and interpret the world around them in different ways.

Unless I had those very same physical ailments and psychological traumas, then perhaps I could empathize. But only to an extent.

Apparently sharing our feelings is healthy but unfortunately, a lot can get lost in translation here, especially when the opposite sexes are concerned.

Men and women are different. We feel and share differently. Yes, we are apples and oranges and shouldn't really be in the same fruit basket, unless we're both destined to become jam.

I'm a Boomer and was taught to be tough, keeping most of the mushy stuff inside. Yes, we were allowed, even encouraged, to show love, compassion and respect. We were brave, chivalrous, the proverbial hunter-gatherers.

But a lot has changed in the past few decades, changes that have kept men's heads spinning.

Letting out our emotions hasn't always been easy.

I admit that it's getting easier, and I have broken

down and cried more times than I care to remember. Does it help? Somewhat.

My youngest often asks me why I don't get teary-eyed talking about my late parents and sister. I don't know.

In their final stages, all were in a certain amount of pain and in and out of consciousness. They suffered. Watching a family member suffer is like getting a red-hot branding iron to the gut.

For all three of my family members, who passed within a 10-year time frame, there was always something to do, something to arrange, to plan for.

I couldn't fall apart because I was the rock, the logical and organized male who had to take control.

Sure, the tasks required focus and took your mind off grieving, but in the end, you simply didn't have time to feel sorrow. So, you packed it away.

But venting helps us cope, doesn't it? I never saw much use for it.

In our family circle today, venting is usually the result of some minor household annoyances – the kids' bathroom, dishes in the sink, and forgotten chores.

My wife says I'm hard on the kids, demanding they rise to the challenge and pitch in. I don't see why they can't and I don't believe in coddling them.

When my mom came home from grocery shopping, I felt compelled to run to the door and grab the bags from her. It was second nature – I didn't have to be asked. Doing things for my mom particularly was just natural.

My dad, on the other hand, had a not-so-subtle way of telling me what was next on the to-do list. He never asked if I was busy or had plans – it didn't matter.

So yes, out I'd dash and return when I was sufficiently covered in dirt and sweat. Thanks, or any form of appreciation, were understood.

But these things didn't hinder my ability to function. They didn't damage me emotionally or cause me to vent.

I understood the importance of family and pitching in when and where needed. It's pretty simple if you think about it.

We would never think about "fixing" or "changing" our old school parents. Heck, they went through a lot, including picking up the pieces after the Second World War, going through tough times and moving to a foreign land to start over.

To this day, I feel that any whining on my part was ridiculous, given their struggles.

My kids have it pretty easy. We have given our kids so much they have no reason to complain, feel neglected, restricted, poor, under-fed or emotionally starved.

Yes, I was spoiled, but kids today ...

Often I'm dumfounded when they vent over what I see as trivial matters. There's really no reason getting worked up over stupid things – life to much too short to waste precious time on such things.

I have been guilty of it, too. But I'm going out of my way to curb this bad habit.

I think we can all contribute if we really listen, validate and offer our support. It's really not that hard.

To those who vent, I say let it out and scratch where it itches!

Our Readers Write

MP on Capital Gains

At the end of the last Parliamentary session, the incompetent Finance Minister scrambled to bring in her latest tax hike to pay for her uncontrolled inflationary spending.

The Liberals claim this is a tax on the ultra-rich. It's not. It's a tax on death, food, homebuilding, retirement, doctors, pharmacists, truckers, and small business owners.

Only Justin Trudeau would tax farmers during a food affordability crisis, doctors, during a doctor shortage, and homebuilding during a housing crisis.

Canadians will be worse off because of Justin Trudeau's new tax.

The Liberals forced a last-minute motion in Parliament to try and implement this new tax, but they will be forced to table legislation to enact the tax in the fall. There is still time to stop this tax.

Email the Finance Minister at chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca and tell her you can't afford this tax.

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DUFFERIN-CALEDON

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The inclusivity myth

How many times have you seen an organization, whether public or private, claim they are an “inclusive” institution.

That is usually followed by some statement, with a huge list of different types of people they welcome.

Sometimes the list gets a little too long and I expect them to list zombies and gargoyles as being welcome to their party, club, or hiring list.

I consider myself to be a rather inclusive type person. If I’m throwing a party, which is rare, but could happen if I had a bigger house, and an invited person shows up with an uninvited guest, I would be more than willing to welcome them to the party. I’m a “more the merrier” type of person, and would welcome a person to my home if they are a decent person and want to be there.

I might draw the line if a woman shows up with her new boyfriend who is still wearing his prison issued jump suit.

How inclusive has the world really become? A lot of people talk a good game, but the truth is the world is not inclusive, and it never will be.

Many churches proclaim “everyone welcome” on the sign on the front lawn – and they mean it.

Anyone is welcome to come inside and take part.

However, many other religions practice the exact opposite. You aren’t welcome unless you’re a certified, baptized, or a divine member. That includes several mainstream or fairly large religions who are totally exclusive.

I’ve met members of religious groups who would barely acknowledge I was in the room, while others refused to interact with me at all because they knew I wasn’t a member of their religious group.

I’m glad I wasn’t brought up in that type of church group.

Country clubs and other social clubs routinely practice exclusion – and they do it openly. Try looking at the membership requirements of any of these type of clubs. You have to answer a lot of questions to prove your worthiness to hit a golf ball around a course with any of these people.

First, they want to know how much money you make, then they question who you are socially connected to. After all, they don’t want you if your connections won’t also help them.

Many of these clubs claim to have eliminated restrictions based on ethnicity or social status, or religion years ago, however, drop by the club one day and see who’s really there.

Private schools can also be very exclusive.

My best friend, when growing up, transferred to a rather prestigious private school the year we entered Grade 7.

I recently went on that school’s website and looked under “applications” just to see what they required.

This school is still over the top when it comes to requirements. Just having the money to pay for tuition won’t get you in this school – not by a long shot. There is a long list of personal questions, and that’s just the on-line application. From there, there is a long interview process.

The one question that really made me laugh, was the suffix after the applicant’s name. As in, “Are you Thurston Howell, II, III, or IV?”

I guess being fourth in line with the name Thurston bodes well for you.

Several years ago, I read a rather lengthy article in a Toronto newspaper about a local service club. They are well-known and worldwide. The interview was with the current president of that local chapter.

She explained that members of the club are all professionals – whatever that is supposed to mean. Many people are very professional in their job.

However, in one of the last quotes of the article, she said, “We don’t want just anyone joining our

club.”

I couldn’t believe that a service club, who supposedly raises money for charity, would have such an arrogant attitude toward others.

They seemed like the type of club that would raise money for a homeless shelter, and get their photo taken while making a presentation, but then look at a homeless person with disdain when actually seeing someone on the street.

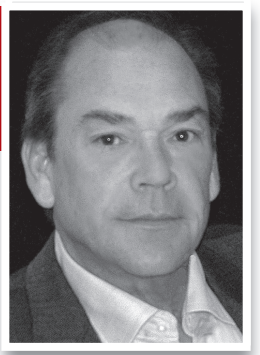
I should point out that particular club has changed their tune over the past few years, and now has a more open policy when it comes to accepting new members. It seems they had started running out new members because no one wanted to join a club with such a snobby attitude.

I really don’t care if a country club doesn’t want me as a member. As far as I’m concerned, any club or group can be as exclusive as they want to be, it doesn’t bother me at all.

Exclusivity exists everywhere, even in those institutions that claim to include everyone.

I’ll just follow the Groucho Marx philosophy – “I wouldn’t want to be a member of a club, that would have me as a member.”

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Things that don’t take a vacation

Summer is often considered a quiet time. Not because no one is doing anything, or because nothing is happening; in fact often it’s quite the opposite. One of the reasons it’s considered quiet, however, is because we tend not to hear quite as much from our provincial and federal politicians. As well, lots of people, (at least those with the means to do so) head out to spend time camping, cottaging, touring and travelling. In a strange coincidence, many of those same people are politicians! But you know what doesn’t take a vacation? Illegal trucking, illegal event spaces AND Doug Ford’s ineptitude.

Thankfully, at least our municipal politicians appear to be making an effort to work through the summer months. Most of our Councillors (and the Mayor) are making appearances around town at special events like Caledon Day, Cheltenham Day, Ribfest, the Canada Day Strawberry Festival, Bolton’s Midnight Madness and others.

As well, and perhaps more importantly, they’re delegating. After receiving an audience with the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy, Council delegates spoke to the concerns mentioned above with the hopes of securing support for the illegal land use crisis we face here in

Caledon. Additionally, happening right now, many of these same Councillors are also attending AMO – the Association of Municipalities of Ontario meeting, this year taking place in Ottawa where, presumably, there is plenty of event space available to meet – what with federal politicians being long gone.

Federally, the government is taking a “short” break, having left the parliament building June 19 and scheduled to return September 16. On the other hand, the Ontario provincial legislature rose (in other words, stopped working) on June 6 of this year and they don’t return until October 21! Unlike the two weeks’ vacation most of us regular “folks” get, that’s a more than four-month break! Good gravy, who is running the province?

Back to delegating. Mayor Groves, assisted by staff and several members of Council, including Tony Rosa and Doug Maskell, spoke about “a lot of illegal land uses happening in our town,” stating, “it’s very disruptive to our residents in the area.” On the table for discussion were both illegal trucking/parking, and also, illegal event spaces, which are popping up at an alarming rate all over our community. Speaking of alarming, just recently, two persons were shot while attending an event at one such

location. With so many politicians and staffers out for summer break, let’s hope the government will at least read the Hansard minutes because Caledon’s delegation was asking for more help in the form of legislation that gives more “teeth” to the actions we can take at the local level to dissuade these illegal operators.

Currently, any action Caledon can take is quite limited, and according to Catherine McLean, Commissioner of Community and Human Services, such actions, “are being met with defiance, (as) many operators consider legal fees and municipal fines a cost of doing business.”

McLean went on to state the magnitude of these issues locally. “In Caledon, this looks like illegal event centres, as well as parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles—two different land uses with very similar impacts to our residents: long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, risks to public safety and disruption to residential communities, to name a few.”

If people are getting shot, and at least one illegal trucking firm has been tying up the Town in court proceedings since 2007, “public safety and disruption” is an understatement. Not to mention, accord-

ing to Mayor Groves, area roads are also feeling the impact of such actions, with a staggering rise in fatal collisions on both Highway #50 and Highway #10.

Caledon Council and our Mayor need all the help they can get to address these significant concerns.

Let’s hope our municipal team is equally able to get this message heard while attending AMO.

Let’s hope that at least a few provincial party members, MPPs and perhaps even the Premier himself will be in attendance long enough to hear about the impact his massive growth plans are having on our town. Then, let’s hope when Ontario MPPs get back to work – AFTER THANKSGIVING – Caledon might start to see results in terms of changes that will give our municipality, our bylaw officers and even the OPP, more “teeth” when it comes to dealing with illegal land usage. That’s a whole lot of hoping on an issue that hasn’t ever taken a vacation, and in case you need to hear this Mr. Ford, it’s not something that a veterinarian can step in and help us with either.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Thailand: Bring Up the Reserves

“I have consulted with my father on all issues, whether on private matters or about work, since I was young,” said Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Thailand’s new and youngest prime minister (37 years old). She is the third member of the Shinawatra family to hold this office, and part of the “evil cycle” that has paralysed the country’s politics for the past 18 years.

The evil cycle began when her father, Thaksin Shinawatra, a self-made telecoms billionaire of humble origins, was overthrown by the army. He had become prime minister in 2001 on a populist platform, and kept his promises of help for the poor so faithfully that he was re-elected by a landslide in 2006 – so the military stepped in.

The senior generals were and still are closely connected with the conservative old-money establishment, and to defend their wealth and privileges they had long fostered a hyper-royalist reverence for the monarchy. They had also gained almost complete control of the courts.

Shinawatra was found “guilty” of various crimes and went into exile to avoid jail, but permanently

denying the rural population and the urban poor any real political voice does not work a country whose people think they live in a democracy.

The army killed a lot of innocent civilians in the 2010 protests against thinly disguised military rule, but it’s not just a murder machine like its Burmese counterpart. Some of its officers were deeply upset about slaughtering unarmed fellow Thais in the streets – and they managed to talk the top brass into holding a free election in 2011. They did that by promising that pro-army political parties would win, but they were wrong. The voters promptly made Thaksin’s younger sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, prime minister in his stead. Like her brother, she favoured the farmers and the urban poor, and like him she was overthrown by the army in 2014. She followed him into exile to avoid jail too.

The military stayed in power this time, although General Prayut Chan-o-cha eventually began pretending he was an elected prime minister, not so much to fool the Thais as to present a more acceptable face to the rest of the world. And the rap-

id growth that once made Thailand an Asian “tiger cub economy” has become anaemic: only 2.7% this year.

What has stalled the growth of both Thailand’s economy and its democracy is an unusually strong and united “establishment” that includes the old rich, the army, the courts and a substantial part of the Bangkok middle class. They simply cannot accept the urban poor and the rural majority having an equal say in how the country is run.

The ruling general, Prayut Chan-o-cha, having created a facade of democracy, actually managed to lose an election last year. The big winner was the Move Forward Party, a newcomer that has stolen most of the Shinawatras’ political clothing, then added a youthful buzz.

A coalition between Move Forward and the Pheu Thai party, the current vehicle of the Shinawatras, would have had a comfortable majority in parliament, but that didn’t happen.

The leader of Move Forward, Pita Limjaroenrat, was immediately suspended from parliament by the constitutional court on specious charges. The en-

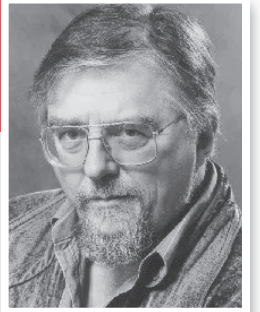
tire party has now been dissolved by the courts, although it was immediately re-founded with a new name, People’s Party.

Pheu Thai made a coalition deal with the military and royalist parties to form a government, presumably in exchange for the return from exile of its exiled leader Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister Yingluck. A Pheu Thai party activist, Srettha Thavisin, was made coalition leader and prime minister – but he has now been forced to resign by the constitutional court.

The political casualty list is getting so long that they are now bringing up the reserves, notably in the form of Thaksin’s youngest daughter Paetongtarn – who promises to do as prime minister whatever her father thinks best.

But the blizzard of strategies and stratagems, bargains and betrayals will probably continue. Thailand is trapped on the threshold of becoming a real democracy, but it still hasn’t managed to cross it.

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Hundreds attend King Animal Hospital's grand opening

BY JIM STEWART

The King Animal Hospital opened officially with much fanfare on August 13 in ideal midsummer conditions, and it might have been the most secure event in King Township history.

Hundreds attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the 60,000 square-foot, cutting edge veterinary hospital (KAH) tucked away on 19th Sideroad between Bathurst and Dufferin.

Attendees toured the impressive multi-disciplinary referral and emergency facility that includes seven operating rooms, 12 exam rooms, a pharmacy, a separate cat ward, indoor arena for equine assessments, outdoor paddocks for horses and green spaces for dogs, heated outdoor ramp for horses and trailers, an auditorium for knowledge exchange and continuing education, water therapy facilities for both horses and dogs, the only hyperbaric oxygen chamber for veterinary care in Ontario, and advanced diagnostic imaging equipment, including two MRI machines, one recumbent CT scan for small animals, one standing CT scan with robotic arms for large animals, nuclear scintigraphy, C-Arm fluoroscopy, and digital x-rays.

Over 125 KAH staff—clad in their distinctive black scrubs—mingled freely with equine industry VIPs, King business leaders, including founders Danielle and Rob Scheinberg, and CEO Tracy Jones, as well as political dignitaries including Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and King Councillors David Boyd, Debbie Schaefer, Jennifer Anstey, and Mary Asselstine.

The administrative and political dignitaries were protected by a phalanx of security guards, supported by the York Regional Police, who regulated the arrival of guests at the facility's 19th Sideroad gated entrance. The arrival of Premier Doug Ford at the 50-acre campus created the biggest show of security at a King event in recent memory. Premier Ford delivered a folksy, upbeat speech to attendees. He referenced his own amusing anecdotes about dog and cat ownership and the avowed animal lover praised the leadership of Danielle and Rob



Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Minister Stephen Lecce, and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini were among the dignitaries presiding over the grand opening of King Animal Hospital last week.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Scheinberg, whom he thanked personally.

“We want to thank Rob and Danielle for all they do for the community. Their philanthropy is well-known—they’re constantly giving as a family. They’ve created a state-of-the-art hospital. There’s no place in the country that has a place like this. It’s an amazing facility. The transition from the last time we were here to today is staggering. It’s a Five-Star Hotel for our animals that we love.”

CEO Tracy Jones welcomed attendees and noted the historical significance of the grand opening: “Today marks a new era in veterinary medicine. This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to our level of care. I feel honored to work with those that cherish the human-animal bond.”

Jones cited “Rob and Danielle Scheinberg’s passion and dedication” and noted “their generosity in providing animal care. I welcome you to the King Animal Hospital where we are leading with care.”

Co-founder Rob Scheinberg acknowledged to attendees that the hospital “has

been a project for seven years.”

He noted that “we’ve provided a calm environment for both patients and their owners, accommodating all creatures great and small.”

Mayor Pellegrini delivered a warm, personal address that was as sunny as the morning on which it was delivered. Mayor Pellegrini, whose chain of office glittered in the eastern light, noted both the prevalence of brilliant sunshine in King Township and expressed his gratitude toward the hospital’s founders and their civic leadership.

“It’s a spectacular day in King. This facility is another example of the excellence of Rob and Danielle Scheinberg who have been community builders with Dog Tales and their work with Seneca College. This is the finest veterinary facility in Canada.”

After the four speeches by dignitaries and the conclusion of the Grand Opening ceremonies, Minister Lecce held court in a sizeable media scrum and expressed his excitement about “opening the King An-

imal Hospital as it blazes a trail forward for animal care across Canada, right in the heart of our community.”

The King-Vaughan MPP was thrilled about the services that will be provided for his constituents and their pets.

“This state-of-the-art hospital will serve so many residents who love their pets by providing veterinary medicine that combines expertise, technology, and compassion in a beautiful natural setting.”

Minister Lecce was generous with his time after the ribbon-cutting and offered personal insights into the Township’s enviable level of services.

“This is an example of King punching above its weight. I’m so pleased to see this level of excellent level care for our animals. It is a state-of-the-art centre for our horses and dogs. It’s also a reminder that when we work together to bring a top level of care for the agricultural sector. We’re celebrating a significant advancement in animal care.”



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Valleywood Block Party happening this weekend

Event will be larger than ever: organizers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Valleywood residents are preparing for their annual block party.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 24, the third-annual Valleywood Block Party will take place at Lina Marino Park in Valleywood.

This year, the event will be a fundraiser for local non-profit Bethell Hospice.

Sonia D'Alimonte, the organizer of the block party, said she and the other volunteers helping plan the event are very excited and proud to be supporting Bethell Hospice. One of the unique ways money

will be raised is through a dunk tank. Party attendees can make a donation to Bethell Hospice to get a chance at dunking some special guests.

"I have managed to convince councillors Christina Early, Dave Sheen, Mario Russo and Mayor Annette Groves to get in the dunk tank," said D'Alimonte. "It should be fun."

Bethell Hospice Executive Director Margaret Paan will also be placing herself in the splash zone for the fundraiser.

The Valleywood Block Party will feature food trucks and vendors, an artisan maker market, and community partner stations. There will be a kids zone with bouncy castles and soccer games, a magic show, and visits from superheroes. There will be dance performances and a live DJ too.

"New this year, we are going to finish the event with a big foam party on the soccer field at three o'clock," said D'Alimonte. "We'll have a big foam cannon and the kids can run around and jump through the

foam and dance."

Kids attending the party will also have the chance to meet their local firefighters and check out their fire trucks, meet the Caledon OPP auxiliary, and even check out an ambulance from Peel Regional Paramedic Services.

D'Alimonte said it's amazing how much the Valleywood Block Party event has grown since its inception.

"It's growing every year, so we're putting a plan in place for next year so we can make it even bigger," said D'Alimonte. "It's incredibly exciting because Valleywood is such a tight-knit community... being able to do something like this on a grand scale is amazing... seeing everyone come out with smiles on their faces and celebrating the community is truly rewarding."

Support from volunteers and sponsors for the event has been amazing, D'Alimonte added.

Mono's End of Summer Party benefits Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The 3rd Annual End of Summer Party is returning to Mono College Park early next month, with lots of activities for families to enjoy.

Attendees can enjoy bouncy castles, axe throwing, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, cotton candy, live entertainment, a vendor market, a beer tent and wine tasting when the party returns Sunday, September 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It is a fun family day for every member of the family, from the kids to the older adults we have something for everyone to enjoy the day, play, eat, drink and be merry," said Velvet Alcorn, event organizer.

Swag bags will be handed out to the first 250 attendees through the door.

There will also be a raffle and a 50/50 draw. All raffle proceeds go to Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, and attendees are encouraged to bring a bag of non-perishable food items for the Orangeville Food Bank in exchange for a raffle ticket.

Jo Alcorn, Celebrity Designer of Alcornhome.com, will be at the End of Summer Party, offering free 10-minute design sessions to anyone with a photo of the room they're re-designing.

The event was started by four women who wanted to bring the community back together after the COVID-19 pandemic began to sub-

side.

"Families wanted to get out and mingle with other families, it was a great day. Children were safe on bouncy castles, on the ponies, [we] provided candy floss, face painting, while mom and dad sat and listened to the bands," noted Alcorn.

The first event, held in 2022, brought out 500 attendees, doubling the organizers' expectations of 250.

In 2023, when organizers were expecting a similar turnout to the year prior, they had approximately 1,000 attendees. So, this year, they're preparing for 2,000 to show up.

Alcorn said she's encouraging the whole community to stop by the End of Summer Party, shop the vendor market, and enjoy some fun activities.

"Get out and meet the families and the businesses of our community while having fun doing so," said Alcorn. "I can guarantee that if you come one year, you will be here every year, as it is such a great inexpensive family outing."

Mono College Park, where the event is being held, is located in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision at 8 Hawthorne Rd., Mono.

The cost for admission to the End of Summer Party is \$10 and can be bought in advance by emailing cardinalwoodsocial@gmail.com. Call 519-939-9806 to learn more.

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Interested residents can learn more and apply by visiting caledon.ca/committees. Applications are due September 13, 2024 by 4:30 p.m.

Should you require the application in an alternative format, please contact Council and Committee Services at 905.584.2272 x 2366 or agenda@caledon.ca

Community Recognition

Looking to make a difference in Caledon?

The Town of Caledon is looking to recruit residents to be part of the new Community Recognition Task Force. The task force will consist of five community volunteers (four members and one chair) with experience supporting various initiatives within Caledon and will be responsible for recommending award winners to Council for the Caledon Civic Awards Program and Caledon's Walk of Fame.

Interested? Apply today at caledon.ca/committees. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on September 27, 2024



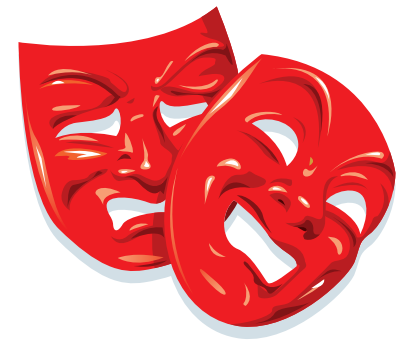
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ARTS & CULTURE



Orangeville Art Group hosting 52nd Annual Art Show and Sale

Show will take place from September 4 to 15 in the Pond Gallery at Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local art group is hosting the next edition of its long-running annual art show next month.

From September 4 to 15 in the Pond Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, the Orangeville Art Group (OAG) will host its 52nd Annual Art Show and Sale.

The show will be viewable during the Alton Mill Arts Centre's open hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Admission to the show is free, as is parking. The Alton Mill Arts Centre is a fully-accessible facility.

A special reception for the show will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on September 15 where guests will have a chance to meet the artists participating in the show, enjoy refreshments, and purchase artwork.

Genni Selby, coordinator for the OAG's current show, has been involved with the group since 2016. She said the OAG is especially excited to be bringing its show back after a hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OAG was founded by a group of nine women in 1955 in the basement of Westminster United Church in Orangeville. The OAG's first show was also held that year at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

"The original nine women were very close



Dancing Poppies, a painting by Gillian Wharton, will be on display at the OAG's upcoming show.

GILLIAN WHARTON IMAGE

friends who had a shared vision... they knew exactly what they wanted to achieve and what they wanted to bring and they worked and acted with the highest degree of integrity imaginable," said Selby.

In 1969, the OAG started its annual art show and sale. The group has had a longstanding mission to provide opportunities for local artists and promote art education, art appreciation, and

inter-group collaboration.

Selby said the mission has been a guiding light for the OAG throughout the years; that it's a remarkable vision.

This year's OAG art show and sale will feature 13 exhibitors. A few of the exhibitors in the show have been members of the OAG for over 40 years.

The OAG is a group with a rich history —

and it's one that's looking forward to the future as well. The OAG is always looking for new members and planning ahead for the future of art in Orangeville and the surrounding areas.

"Over the years, the OAG has been so connected to the community... it's important to remember how dedicated OAG artists have been to bringing the community awareness about art," said Selby.

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U13AA Caledon Hawks – AKA “The Dark Knights” – capture Summer League Championship



The Dark Knights hockey team comprised of locals playing for the Caledon Hawks U13 AA team won the Carnevale Hockey Group summer final tournament recently. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

BY JIM STEWART

The Dark Knights Hockey Team—in essence, the U13AA Caledon Hawks—won the Carnevale Hockey Group Summer League championship in Toronto last Monday.

The Knights – or Hawks – defeated the Pacific Mall Patriots 8-1 to hoist the championship hardware.

As Head Coach Jim Schutz explained, “From late-May to August 12th, right from the get go, we outskated teams over the 14-game regular schedule. Our guys were really coachable, we adjusted forechecking strategies, and the players responded well to instruction. Their commitment level was excellent for the entire summer season.”

The Dark Knights seized the summer

league opportunity to build team spirit and take advantage of extra ice time in Toronto before their Fall season.

Coach Schutz explained his team’s winning efforts down the stretch in the playoff games held at Scotiabank Pond in North York.

“We were the second seed after the regular season and defeated the Scarborough Spirit 4-0 in the semifinal. We beat Scarborough in the 7:30 p.m. game and had to play the #1 seed Pacific Mall Patriots in the championship final at 9 p.m. Playing back-to-back games is tough anytime, but we led 3-1 after the first 25-minute half. Then our guys really poured it on in the second half and we scored 5 goals in a row to beat the Patriots 8-1 to win the championship.”

Warden wallops game-winning hit in Brewers’ dramatic 2-1 walk-off win to open NDBL semifinals against Ivy Rangers

BY JIM STEWART

Steve Warden delivered the game-winning hit and Aaron Dzib pitched a complete game two-hitter to lead Bolton to a dramatic come-from-behind 2-1 walk-off victory over the Ivy Rangers at North Hill Park on Sunday night.

The sudden, seventh inning surge by the Brewers gave them a 1-0 advantage in the best-of-five North Dufferin Baseball League semifinal series.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead at the top of the second inning when Riley Davies’s double was plated by Noah Sauder’s RBI single. It was one of only two Ivy hits surrendered by Dzib who struck out six Rangers in his seven innings of work.

The visitors held their one-run margin until the bottom of the seventh when Brewers’ four-spot hitter Warden transformed a woeful night at the plate into a wonderful walk-off win for his ball club. Warden’s game-winning heroics also appended a masterful 13-strikeout shutout performance by Ivy ace Matt Barr.

With Brett Chater on second and Amin Juarez on first, the Rangers opted to walk the Brewers’ three-spot hitter Ben Sterritt to load the bases and face Warden. Barr had struck out Warden three times on Sunday night prior to the clean-up hitter’s seventh inning plate appearance and the Rangers rolled the dice.

Brewers’ Head Coach Mike Wallace described Warden’s climactic game-winning hit.

“Steve had struggled up to that point, but I was surprised that Ivy would put the winning run in scoring position by walking Ben. After the intentional walk to Sterritt to load the bases, Steve hit a first-pitch slider the other way—a hot shot, line drive over the second baseman’s head to plate Chater and Jaurez. That was a good way to win.”

Coach Wallace expressed a combination of satisfaction and relief—regarding his club’s semi-final win at North Hill Park.

“It was great to be part of that game. It’s a big win for us and one of the most enjoyable games I’ve ever been a part of. Both the pitchers were really rolling. That was good one to win, a tough one to lose, and we protected home field advantage in the series. North Hill Park is suited to our style of gap-to-gap hitting and the bigger dimensions help the type of hitters we have.”

Coach Wallace applauded his starting pitcher for his timely performance and credited Dzib as a significant factor in the team’s big win.

“Without Aaron, we don’t have a chance. It was his best pitching performance this season.”

The performance of Dzib’s counterpart, Matt Barr, was also noted by the Brewers’ bench boss.

“He’s one of the league’s best pitchers—if not the best pitcher in the entire league. To beat a guy of his caliber is a big win for us to start a playoff series.”

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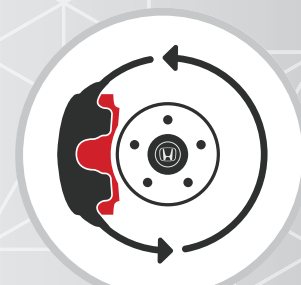


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OBITUARIES

HENDRIKA (RETA) ENDEMAN

At Matthews House Hospice, after a brief battle with cancer, Hendrika (Reta) Endeman (nee Bouwers) was taken by the Lord into eternal rest on Monday, August 12, 2024 in her 85th year.



Beloved wife of Johannes (John) Endeman (+) for 58 years.

Loving mother of Chuck and Nellie Endeman, Wendy and Pete Schoon, John and Sheryl Endeman, Eric and Fleurette Endeman, Jeff and Hetti Endeman. Cherished grandmother of 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Fondly remembered by her siblings, Trudy and John Gansekoele, Henk and Hennie Bouwers, Willy and Jack Visscher, Hendrix (+) and Betty Bouwers.

Dear sister-in-law of Harold John and Henny (+) Endeman, Mary and Harry DeWitt, Grace and Harold (+) Jonker, Jane and Bert Komdeur, Diane and Egbert Vinke.

Also remembered by many nieces and nephews.

The family received their relatives and friends at the Canadian Reformed Church of Orangeville, 55 C-Line, Orangeville on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A funeral service was held in the Canadian Reformed Church of Orangeville on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery, in Orangeville.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Anchor Association (361 Thirty Road, Grimsby, ON L3M 0L1) or online at www.anchorchristianhomes.ca.

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OBITUARIES

KEATON ROLLIE COOK

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It is with profound sadness that the family of Keaton Rollie Cook, affectionately known as Keatie, announce his passing on August 15th, 2024, in his hometown of Orangeville, at the young age of 29.



He was the cherished son of Wendy Cook and Brian and Cathy Cook and loving brother to Hailey (Jordan), Jennifer (Kevin), Aaron, Christina (Darryl) and Daniella (Kyle) and families.

Keatie's legacy of smiles, giggles and love for family and friends will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A service to celebrate Keatie's life will be held at the Compass Community Church - 246289 Hockley Road, Mono, ON L9W 6K4, on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, at 12:00 Noon. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to service time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Keaton's memory can be made to Ontario Brain Injury Association or Sick Kids Foundation.

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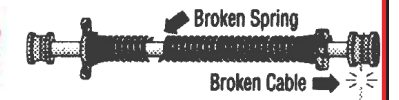
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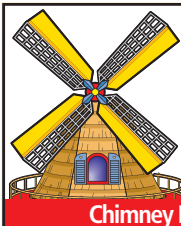
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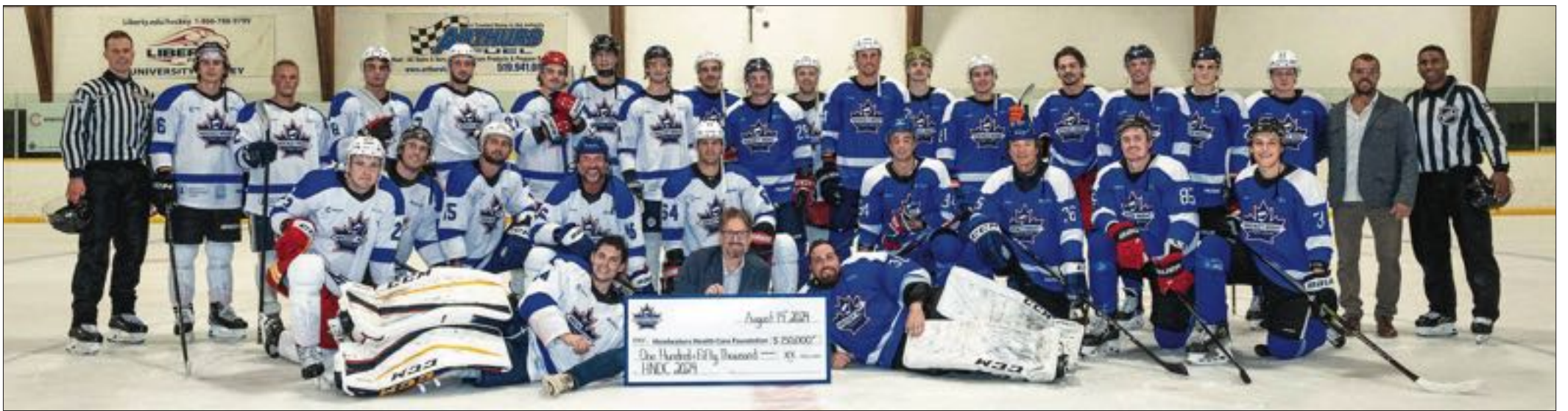
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Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon raises \$150,000 for local hospital

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Headwaters Health Care Centre is one step closer to purchasing its first MRI machine.

The third annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon event at Teen Ranch on August 14 raised \$150,000 for the hospital's fundraising campaign for an MRI. Headwaters is anticipating it will have the diagnostic technology by spring of next year and once operational, it will be able to conduct up to 4,000 scans per year.

Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon saw up-and-coming NHL players compete with veterans, making for some high-level hockey action for fans to enjoy.

"It's kind of like an all-star game. The score was 13-10, with huge swings back and forth. Team

Dufferin was up 4-0 at one point. Then they were up 7-3, and they ended up losing 13-10, so it was a really fun game," said Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who spearheads organizing the event each year.

Teen Ranch's hockey arena was packed for a sold-out game between Team Dufferin and Team Caledon.

"There were maybe 10 or 15 empty seats in the whole arena, and it has a capacity of almost 1,000 people," Seeback said. "It was definitely the best year we've ever had. Lots of energy, a really great game."

The game featured NHL players, such as Doug Gilmour, Darcy Tucker, Mike Krushelnyski, Aaron Downey, Brett Ritchie, draft pick Logan Sawyer, and the Frasca brothers.

"It was great to see some of our up-and-coming young talent like Logan Sawyer, who was just drafted by the Montreal Canadiens," said Seeback.

During the Chuck-a-Puck game at Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, Seeback said the kids who participated made memories that will last a lifetime.

"There was a really, really great moment when all the kids were lining up to do the Chuck-a-Puck Contest. Every kid walked past [former NHL player] Aaron Downey, and he let them hold his Stanley Cup ring," said Seeback. "These kids have absolutely priceless memories from that. What a class act he was."

Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon began in 2022, and each year the event has generated more money for Headwaters, now totalling \$350,000. In

its first year the event raised \$85,000, in the second year it raised \$115,000, and this year it raised \$150,000.

"The growth and support of this event by the community has been phenomenal," said Seeback.

He noted that a great deal of that money comes from the local businesses that sponsor the event each year.

Enercare was the title sponsor again this year and UPS was the diamond sponsor.

"None of it's possible without our sponsors," he noted. "Our sponsors are where the money comes from... so I can't thank them enough, these are all local businesses in the riding."

Seeback also thanked Teen Ranch for providing ice time at no cost and the volunteers for helping to make the event a success.

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Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services launches new partnership with Loblaw and Shoppers Drug Mart to Ensure Safety for All

Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) is proud to announce its new partnership with Canada's food and pharmacy leader, Loblaw Companies Ltd ("Loblaw"), to launch a transformative program to enhance the safety and well-being of the Caledon and Dufferin communities. This innovative initiative marks the local adaptation of the highly successful Ask for Angela campaign, originally established in the United Kingdom in 2016.

The Ask for Angela campaign has garnered widespread recognition throughout Europe for its ability to assist individuals who feel unsafe, vulnerable, or threatened at bars, clubs, and various other venues. Through collaboration with Loblaw and its stores – Zehrs, Fortinos, No Frills, and Shoppers Drug Mart, CDVS aims to extend the reach of this program to the Caledon and Dufferin communities, ensuring the safety and protection of patrons across the area. Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services has been supporting victims of crime and tragedy in Caledon and Dufferin for over 30 years. During this time, we have been able to establish a wide variety of partnerships for referrals. We believe no one should have to go through a crisis alone and together, we will ensure those experiencing issues of safety or violence are getting the support they need.

The Ask for Angela campaign revolves around discreetly approaching staff members at participating venues and requesting "Angela" as a code-phrase. This simple action will signal to the staff that the individual requires assistance. Promptly and compassionately, staff members will guide the person to a secure and private location, away from their companions, allowing for

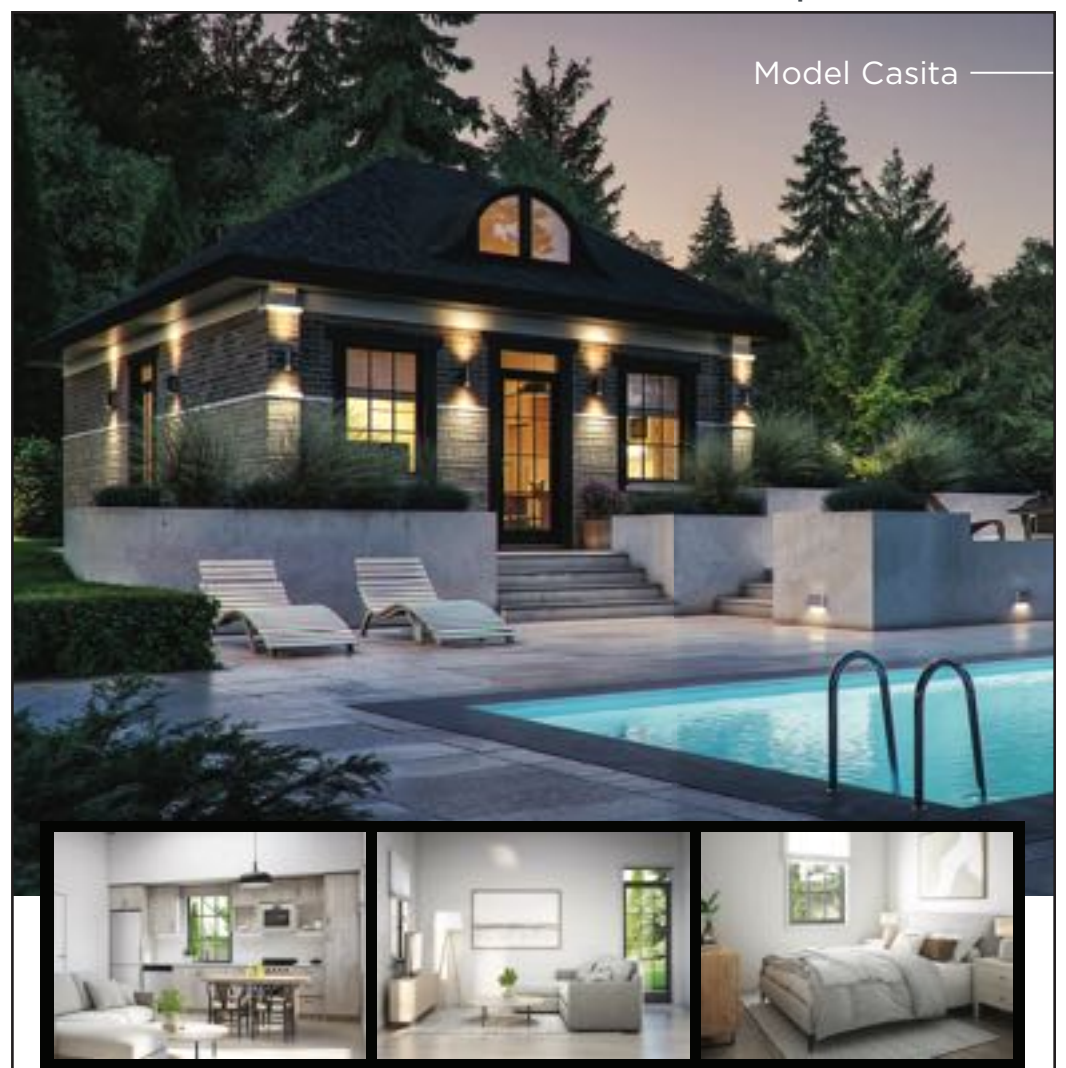
open dialogue and an accurate assessment of their needs.

Appropriate actions will be taken based on the individual's situation, which may include contacting the police if requested, Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services, a friend or guardian. It is important to note that the staff members at participating venues are not expected to provide counseling services but rather to facilitate the necessary support channels for those seeking help.

To ensure a seamless implementation, a concise and user-friendly online training tool is accessible to the staff of participating stores. Training includes a video presentation and a guidance sheet, empowering staff members to effectively respond to individuals in need. Additionally, an eye-catching poster has been designed as a visual reminder of their crucial role in assisting those facing challenging situations.

By working together, the two organizations can foster a safer and more inclusive community where everyone feels protected and supported. This partnership represents a powerful collaboration between a respected community service organization and a renowned retailer, highlighting their shared commitment to community well-being.

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