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Caledon residents come together to advocate for road safety after death of young Bolton woman

Adrianna Milena McCauley was killed in four-vehicle collision September 10

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don community and led to the creation of a new road safety advocacy group.

On September 10, Bolton woman Adrianna Milena McCauley, 23, was killed in a four-vehicle collision at the intersection of Coleraine Drive and King Street West in Bolton.

The accident shook the community and led road safety advocates to organize a community meeting at a local convention centre on September 25.

The meeting, hosted by the newly-formed Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group (CCRSA), was attended by around 200 people.

Cheryl Connors, a long-time Caledon resident and road safety advocate, attended the meeting, and stressed the importance of action.

“This is an issue many of us have been concerned about for a really long time... (Adrianna) dying is the tipping point for the community,” said Connors.

She said everyone in Caledon has a story of a scary experience on the road and that these days, people are becoming increasingly scared to leave their homes and drive places.

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Community celebrates two years of Caledon school garden project

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The spirit of community and collaboration has led to the continued success of a garden project in Caledon.

On September 26, a large group gathered at Ellwood Memorial Public School to celebrate two years of the Caledon school vegetable garden project.

There were students, teachers, principals, school board staff, trustees, politicians, community partners and more at the celebration.

Students from Ellwood Memorial Public School prepared an amazing presentation to share with attendees. They shared a land acknowledgement, read poetry, talked about how their garden worked, and shared thanks to the earth and the people who made the garden project possible.

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Students from Ellwood Memorial Public School prepared a wonderful presentation for attendees of the Caledon school vegetable garden project celebration. School board staff, trustees, politicians, community partners and more all attended the event, which was held on September 26.

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Students, teachers, principals, school board representatives, politicians and more attend “garden party”

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The Caledon school vegetable garden project was started two years ago by Caledon’s Peel District School Board (PDSB) trustee Stan Cameron. The vision was to have a vegetable garden at every public school in Caledon, and that vision has now been realized.

Across Caledon, the gardens have engaged students in curriculum-based learning and brought school communities together with a common goal of learning about gardening together and managing a successful vegetable garden.

Many local businesses, such as garden centres and hardware stores, have contributed supplies to the project. Countless volunteers have contributed countless

hours maintaining the gardens. PDSB staff have gone above and beyond to help keep the gardens in great shape. It was thanks to these reasons and more that Cameron wanted to have a celebration to thank everyone involved.

Norma Dwyer, Principal of Ellwood Memorial Public School, said a community garden is a symbol of what can be achieved when people work together towards a common goal.

“Our garden is more than just a collection of plants. It is a living classroom where our students have learned about sustainability, teamwork and the beauty of nature. This project has not only enriched their educational experience, but has also fostered a sense of responsibility and stewardship for the environment,”

said Cameron. “I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the students for their enthusiasm and commitment, to the teachers and the staff for the guidance and support, and to the parents, caregivers and community members for their unwavering encouragement.”

Cameron said it’s been so amazing to see the school vegetable garden project come to fruition.

“This event is really about celebrating all 16 schools at harvest time,” said Cameron.

This year and last, the school vegetable gardens have donated well over 200 pounds of fresh vegetables to Caledon Community Services’ The Exchange, which serves as Caledon’s food bank. Vegetables from the gardens have also been

used for culinary education in schools; and, any school community member who is in need of food may take it from the gardens, no questions asked.

“Most parents are interested in having their children learn the many lessons that can be gained by being part of planting a seed or seedling, nurturing it by watering and weeding, harvesting the vegetables, and giving it away to those less fortunate than themselves,” said Cameron. “Lessons about planting, growing, food insecurities, high costs of fresh vegetables, having empathy for others and linking it all to curriculum, all make this a very attractive initiative for many.”

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Caledon recognizes National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Every Child Matters and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation flags raised at Town Hall

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Municipal staff, politicians, Caledon OPP and community members came together to mark an important day this week.

On September 30, the Town of Caledon marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a flag-raising ceremony at Town Hall in Caledon East.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours children who died at, and survivors of, residential schools in Canada.

Between 1867 and 1996, 140 federally-run residential schools operated in Canada. The schools caused untold harm to Indigenous people; harm that's had devastating intergenerational impacts.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said it's the responsibility of all Canadians to acknowledge the truth of Canada's past.

"This day is not only about reflection, but about taking meaningful steps toward healing, justice and understanding. It is a time to honour the resilience of Indigenous communities and to commit ourselves to a future built on mutual respect and reconciliation," said Groves in a statement.

Caledon's Town Hall was lit orange at night throughout September to recognize Caledon's commitment to reconciliation.

September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, an Indigenous-led grassroots movement to raise awareness on the impact of residential schools. The orange shirt is a symbol of how residential schools stripped away the culture, freedom, and self-esteem of Indigenous children forced to attend them.

At the Town of Caledon's flag-raising ceremony, Regional Councillor Mario Russo shared a land acknowledgement and procla-



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mation.

"This is a sombre day when we reflect on the impacts to Indigenous peoples across Canada," said Russo. "The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is a day to recognize the ongoing trauma caused by residential and day schools and to remember those who were lost, their families, and survivors... Indigenous individuals and communities across the country continue to suffer the intergenerational effects of the trauma from residential and day schools."

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Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a driver with impaired operation following a complaint from a concerned motorist.

“On September 23, 2024, shortly before 8:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a traffic complaint where a vehicle was described as operating in a concerning manner on Valleywood Boulevard,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle, and during the investigation, 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, Michael Fedora, 61, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 10, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven. The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

Officers from the Caledon OPP have also charged a driver with impaired operation following a complaint from a concerned motorist.

“On September 19, 2024, shortly after 3:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a vehicle that had stopped on Highway 10, near King Street, in the Town of Caledon,” say Po-

lice. “There were concerns that the driver may be impaired. Officers located the vehicle and formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Gurpreet Singh, 27, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 10, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

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>

BE SAFE WHILE ENJOYING FALL COLOURS

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

Officers will be focusing on traffic and pedestrian safety, as well as enforcing municipal by-laws. If you are visiting the Cheltenham Badlands, which re-opened in 2018 with a fully accessible platform, the only parking option is in the designated area east of the location on Olde Base Line Road (by reservation only). See <https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/properties/cheltenham-badlands> for the complete details.

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

- Follow the posted speed limit;
- Buckle up - this includes the driver and all passengers;
- Do not take pictures while driving - this is an excellent task for a passenger;
- Parking is very limited in some areas, especially surrounding Forks of the Credit Road. There are many no parking zones where violators will be ticketed and towed at their own expense;
- Avoid breaking on leaves. Wet leaves can be slippery. Drive slowly and avoid hard braking;
- Be aware of the increased pedestrian traffic;
- Focus on the road;
- Don’t stop in a live lane;
- Pay close attention to signage, including roads allowing local traffic only;
- Be patient;
- Never drive impaired.

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“Dufferin County roadways are meant to be shared and enjoyed by everyone, please keep this in mind when operating a motor vehicle.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.”

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We all play a role in making our roads safe, says the Region of Peel.

More than 50% of collisions between pedestrians and vehicles happen when drivers are turning into an intersection while pedestrians are crossing with the right-of-way.

“As part of our Vision Zero plan, Peel Region, together with our municipal and community partners, is working with you to reduce injury and death caused by collisions,” said the Region. “Let’s work together to stay safe while sharing the road.”

If you’re walking:

- Always cross at pedestrian crosswalks or crossovers. Avoid crossing anywhere else.
- Always press the pedestrian pushbutton. Pressing this button will activate the ‘Walk’ signal and give you more time to cross.
- Stop, look, and listen before crossing, even when it’s your turn to cross.
- Where possible, make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you before you proceed.
- Avoid distractions like texting, cellphones, and headphones when crossing the street.
- Once ‘Don’t Walk’ hand signal starts flashing, you can finish crossing, but don’t begin to cross. Wait for the next ‘Walk’ signal.
- Pedestrians can be hard to see at night, dawn, and dusk. When walking, wear bright clothing or reflective materials so others can see you.

If you’re cycling:

- If the intersection has bicycle signals, look for a cyclist pushbutton. If there’s a button, push it and wait until the bicycle signal is green.
- Ride carefully across the intersection within a crossride. Watch for left- and right-turning vehicles to make sure that they see you and are yielding.
- Ride at a speed that lets you stop safely when necessary.
- Make sure that all of your bicycle lights and reflectors are working properly.

If you’re driving:

- Look for pedestrians and cyclists, especially when approaching an intersection.
- Slow down and be ready to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- It’s harder to see pedestrians when it’s dark. Be extra cautious in the early morning and at night.
- Give the road your full attention. Avoid distractions like texting, cellphones, and headphones while driving.
- Drive within the posted speed limits and adjust your speed in keeping with the weather and traffic conditions.
- Be more cautious near transit stops and stations. The high pedestrian activity in these locations can be unpredictable.
- Pedestrian Crossing Safety

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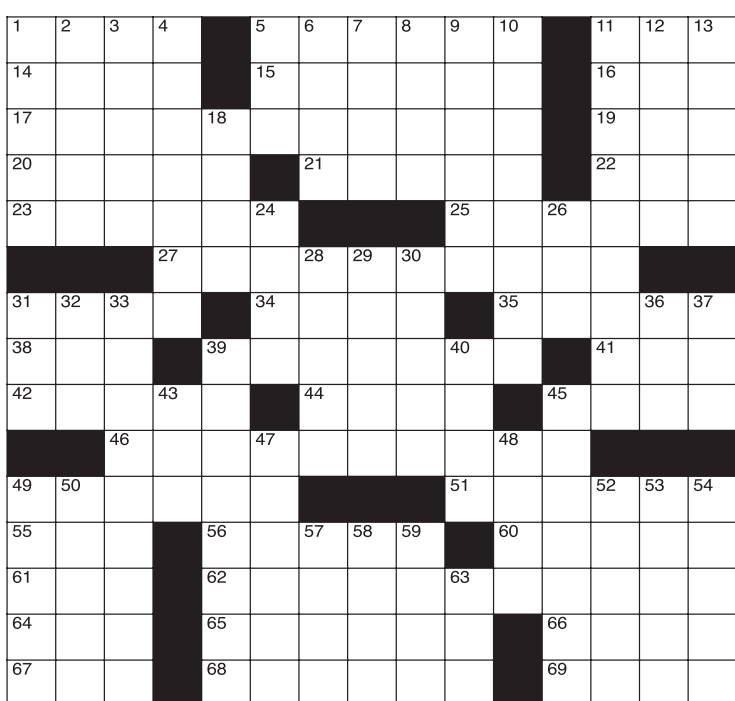
DUFFERIN OPP CRACKING DOWN ON NOISY VEHICLES

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are listening to the concerns brought forward by the residents of Dufferin County.

“Modified vehicles along with loud exhaust have become a major concern to the residents. Dufferin OPP will be conducting patrols for excessively noisy and modified vehicles,” say Police.

“Dufferin OPP would like to remind all drivers that it is their responsibility to ensure their vehicle exhaust systems meets the current requirements of the Provincial Laws, including local by-laws along with the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). This will include the exhaust system is in proper working order, which includes no excessive noise or unreasonable smoke.

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1. Separate with an instrument
5. State clearly
11. One-time MLB speedster Gordon
14. Broad in scope
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Caps
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Checked
25. One-sided
27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
31. Potted plants
34. We all have one
35. Lake north of the Kalahari
38. Unidentified flying object
39. Aging persons
41. Small amount

CLUES DOWN

2. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental waist box
45. Officials
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. Extensive, treeless plains
55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Consumer advocate Ralph
60. Notable Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. One’s responsiveness
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Unhappy
68. Gradually disappeared
69. Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

1. Brushed
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. We all have one
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
8. Outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Uncomfortable feelings
11. Cross to form an X
12. Remove
13. Some pages are dog-__
18. Capital of Ukraine
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Eighth month (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien

31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Irate
37. Travelers need them
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. Form of “to be”
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Think Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The lead dancer: __ ballerina
53. Protein involved in motion
54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
57. Popular 1920s style art __
58. __ Blyton, children’s author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to rest

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Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has reached another step in bringing the community its first-ever magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) suite after years of advocacy, community engagement and fundraising.

Headwaters staff members and community dignitaries gathered outside the local hospital on Friday, September 27, for a special ceremony marking the official breaking of ground on construction of the new MRI Suite.

"This ground-breaking signifies the culmination of so much hard work over the past number of years by many teams and individuals. Offering MRI at Headwaters will make a big difference in supporting high-quality patient care, knowing that MRI

is finally available close to home," said Kim Delahunt, HHCC president and CEO.

In 2022, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced that the Ontario government would be committing more than \$800,000 in annual operating funding for the first MRI suite in the community.

Headwaters Hospital was one of 49 hospitals across Ontario included in the provincial government's announcement of expanding MRI and CT scan services in an effort to reduce wait times.

According to Headwaters, there are approximately 4,000 annual scans that are being referred to other facilities for MRI, meaning the new suite will meet a significant demand for bringing more diagnostic imaging services closer to home for patients.

K.C. Carruthers, CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, said after the

government's 2022 announcement they saw people begin to come forward with donations for the MRI Suite, including those who had never contributed before.

The Morningview Foundation was a key contributor to the fundraising process by committing to match community donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$3 million.

"It was a historic pledge and it's unsurpassed in the history of our foundation and hospital. John and Margaret Roth and their family generously promised to match \$3 million of community contributions with \$3 million of their own," said Carruthers. "We are honoured to recognize their leadership and generosity with the naming of the Morningview Foundation MRI Suite."

Thus far, more than \$6 million has been donated through the Smart Headwaters campaign, enabling Headwaters Hospital to purchase, install and operate the community's first MRI.

The location of the new MRI Suite will be located near the hospital's Ambulatory Care Clinic and Emergency Department. The

spot was chosen to accommodate the electric and mechanical infrastructure requirements of the MRI Suite.

The MRI Suite is an entirely prefabricated unit, designed with four zones that specify the level of increasing magnetic exposure. The prefabricated unit, called a cassette, will mean a significantly faster installation compared to traditional construction as well as minimizing disruptions to daily operations during construction.

"Quicker access to MRI means patients can receive timely diagnosis and treatment, potentially improving outcomes," said Jennifer Zdravec, Director of Clinical Support Services at HHCC. "Having access to accurate, timely diagnosis can lead to better patient outcomes and potentially save lives."

When construction is completed, health care providers can refer patients over the age of 8 to Headwaters for services including abdominals, pelvic, brain, spine, breast, and musculoskeletal imaging.

The MRI Suite is projected to be completed by Spring of 2025.

OCTOBER IS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

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The 166th Annual Bolton Fall Fair brought fun for all ages to town. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ALBION BOLTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Volunteers key in success of 166th Annual Bolton Fall Fair

When fair ends, Albion Bolton Agricultural Society begins planning for next big event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The youth volunteers put in over 350 hours of service, which they can use to complete their volunteer hours required for high school graduation.

The fair ran a food drive on Sunday, September 22, and collected nearly 2,000 pounds of food to donate to The Exchange, Caledon's food bank.

Burnside noted the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society wanted to extend a sincere thank you to all of the generous volunteers and sponsors who made the fair a success.

The theme of this year's fair was "Corn Cobs and Combines", and Burnside said it was great to see all the on-theme creations people made for the homecraft competitions.

She said the theme also was great for agricultural awareness — at the fair, there were different kinds of combines on display. People who don't live on a farm don't usually get to be so close to the machines, learn about how they work, or even know just how expensive they can be.

Burnside said the society was happy that the weather was great for the fair. She said the rodeo and barn dance, which were both back for the second time, were big successes again.

"Everyone was excited, they were well-received. We always try to include a lot with the ticket price," said Burnside.

The Bolton Fall Fair is looked forward to by residents of Caledon and beyond each year.

The fair, however, would not be possible were it not for the tireless efforts of many volunteers.

The Albion Bolton Agricultural Society, which puts on the fair — and the annual Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull — has 140 volunteer members who help make these amazing community events happen.

Jeanette Burnside, a volunteer with the society, shared that this year there were over 15,000 people who attended the fair, which ran from September 19 to 22.

In addition to the 140 volunteers from the society, there were 64 youth volunteers helping out at the fair this year. Together,

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Caledon designates heritage property on McLaughlin Road

Town intends to designate two more properties soon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is taking steps to protect heritage properties.

On September 24, Caledon Council voted in favour of a bylaw to designate the property at 12461 McLaughlin Road as having cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Schedule A of the bylaw outlines the reasons for the designation. The property was first owned in 1831 by the Canada Company, an English land development company granted large amounts of land in southwestern Ontario.

In 1836, the property was sold to a man named Joshua Kelly. In the 1850s Kelly

built a one-and-a-half-storey brick dwelling on the property; in 1873 he sold the property to a man named James Giffen.

Giffen lived in a wood house and farmed the property before constructing a new brick farmhouse in the 1890s.

In 1908, the property was sold to a man named George Hogg, and in 1922, it was sold to Hogg's son, John Ernest.

Ernest's family lived on and farmed the property until 1973 when they sold it to the Ben-Ted Construction Company.

The farmhouse Giffen lived in is the house that's still on the property to this day. It is a two-storey, hip-roofed farmhouse clad in a red brick veneer. There's a one-storey brick wing on the north side of the house with a gable roof.

"The building is distinguished by its southern entrance opening, which contains a centre door, segmental arched transom, side lights and box paneling, by its use of terra cotta in banding around the three elevations visible to the street and in

the filigreed tiles in the second storey of the west elevation and by the narrow projecting brick hoods over almost all window and door openings," reads Schedule A of the bylaw. "Other notable features on the exterior of this structure include almost all openings having segmental arches with radiating brick voussoirs, the two over two original window sashes, the projecting eaves and the coursed, squared rubble stone foundation with a rock faced finish. The building displays a high degree of heritage integrity on the exterior, retaining most of its original features. Contextually, the Giffen Farmhouse is historically, physically and visually linked to its setting on the east side of McLaughlin Road where it is a visual reminder of the agricultural origins of the area."

The Town of Caledon is intending to designate another property as having cultural heritage value or interest soon: 1626 Charleston Sideroad.

The building there was built in 1874

and is best known as the Cataract Schoolhouse. It was used as a rural schoolhouse for almost 89 years (1874-1963). The building is described as a cornerstone of primary education for students in the Cataract area; it also served as a community social hub.

"Visible from the road, the former rural schoolhouse is in proximity to several surviving 19th century farmsteads and the community of Cataract. The property has additional contextual value in being physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings," reads a Town of Caledon public notice.

Another property the Town intends to designate soon is 12304 Heart Lake Road. It's a 19th-century stone farmhouse with an associated bank barn. The property has been used as a farm for at least 130 years and is associated with the agricultural development of the area.

Ontario raises minimum wage to \$17.20 per hour

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Ontarians with minimum wage jobs will see a few more dollars go into their bank account when they are paid next.

The Government of Ontario increased minimum wage from \$16.55 to \$17.20 on Tuesday, October 1, impacting nearly one million minimum wage workers in the province.

"Ontario's minimum wage is one of the highest in the country," said Ontario's Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini.

"This 3.9 per cent increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index, meaning that a worker making the general minimum wage over a 40-hour work week will have up to \$1,355 more in their pockets ev-

ery year. Our fair and balanced approach makes things predictable for both workers and businesses."

Piccini added that minimum wage jobs should be a starting point for Ontario's workers, not an end point.

"That's why we have programs helping people get into good jobs offering higher pay and more benefits. Most recently, we passed the Working for Workers Four Act, 2024, which puts workers first, fills the labour shortage, incentivizes employers to create more local jobs and helps more workers land better opportunities with bigger paycheques," he said.

"We are going to continue to deliver real, positive change so Ontario can continue to be the best place to live, work and raise a family."

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- Community Clean Up at RJA Potts Park – October 26

Visit caledon.ca/energyandenvironment for more information and to get involved.

OCTOBER 6 – 12 is Fire Prevention Week

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Community Recognition Task Force

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.

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Animal Shelter Open House

If you've never visited the Caledon Animal Shelter before, you'll want to stop by our **Open House on October 5** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Caledon Meals on Wheels hosting fundraiser at Royal Ambassador Event Centre

Event takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. on November 7

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A vital Caledon charity is hosting a unique fundraising event this fall.

On November 7, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) will host a charity event at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

“Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels” will run from 6 to 8 p.m. and feature gourmet food from chef-created food stations, live entertainment, and live auctions. Guests will also get to learn more about the work CMOW does in Caledon and surrounding communities. There will be a 50/50 draw at the event and a draw for some cases of wine, too.

It’s the first time CMOW is hosting a gala-style event and CMOW executive director Kim Rodrigues said the charity hopes it will become an annual one.

She’s really excited for the opportunity to bring people together and share CMOW’s vision

of supporting seniors and vulnerable community members.

Rodrigues said there’s an amazing volunteer team planning the event and they’re working hard on all the little details. Hosting the event in the fall will be amazing, said Rodrigues, as the Royal Ambassador Event Centre grounds are beautiful with the fall colours.

Rodrigues said CMOW has been feeling the effects of inflation on food prices — in some areas, costs have risen by as much as 30 per cent. At the same time, funding received has not increased, which has led to an increased need for fundraising. CMOW wants to continue offering its services for free or for as little money as possible, as it currently does.

Rodrigues said “Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels” promises to be a jam-packed couple of hours. She’s hoping as many as 150 people will come out for the event.

Tickets for the event are on sale now and can be purchased online (cmow.org), by phone (905-857-7651), or in-person (10 McEwan Dr. West, Bolton). Sponsorship opportunities are also available, and Rodrigues said every sponsorship means that much more money can go back to the charitable work CMOW does.



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My Tea Bar's Bolton location is up and running, and local Councillors Tony Rosa and Mario Russo stopped by on September 27 to congratulate business owner Kav Brar on the accomplishment. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

My Tea Bar celebrates grand opening of Bolton location

My Tea Bar also located in Orangeville and Brampton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new business is bringing fresh, healthy food and drinks to Caledon residents.

On September 27, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa and Regional Councillor Mario Russo attended the grand opening of My Tea Bar's Bolton location.

The business is run by entrepreneur Kav Brar, who also has locations in Brampton and Orangeville.

My Tea Bar's goal is to serve healthy, delicious food and drinks to the community and provide a great place for people to hang out. It's a pet-friendly business and plans to stay involved with the community through a number of events and initiatives.

Brar said nourishing your body with healthy food and drinks is so important and that's one of the reasons he wanted to start his business. As someone who has travelled a lot, he's seen many amazing cafes and restaurants and it inspired him to create something special right here in the GTA.

Brar is excited to have the Bolton location up and running and is encouraging people to stop by for a drink or meal to learn what My Tea Bar is all about.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bolton Secondary Plans Review

PREFERRED PLANNING ALTERNATIVE

The Town of Caledon is in the process of updating and consolidating the land use policy framework for six secondary plans and other areas within Bolton from the current Official Plan. The new consolidated secondary plan will guide intensification and land use changes in Bolton, especially along the Queen Street/Highway 50 corridor.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public consultation is a vital part of the planning process. A Public Information Session is being held to receive your feedback regarding the draft Preferred Planning Alternative Report for the Bolton Secondary Plans Review.

PREFERRED PLANNING ALTERNATIVE:

At the Open House, the Town of Caledon will present information related to the draft Preferred Planning Alternative.

WHEN:

Thursday October 10th, 2024
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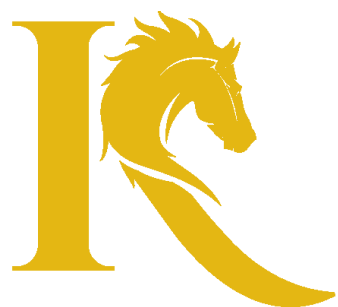
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Stories are all around us if we take a few minutes to pause, look and listen.

Recently, I ventured down in the city to the University of Toronto where Victoria College was hosting its annual book sale. This sale has become something of an annual tradition for my friends and I, and due to the fact they rarely change the layout of the sale, we're able to zero in on the genres of particular interest and get in and out without breaking too much of a sweat – carrying home the haul is another story!

This year's sale yielded "just" seven books to take home and as I leafed through my finds on the train back, I realized that two books, published nearly 70 years apart, had come from the library of the same man – who evidently signed the books when he got them before putting them on the shelf, hopefully well-enjoyed.

The first book, published in 1953, had a big, bold signature in charcoal grey ink just inside the cover, as if the reader's name was etched with a fountain pen with ink drawn straight from the well. It was a confident signature supported by extra, unnecessary flourishes that were undoubtedly chosen to make a statement. The second, published in 2022, bore the same name, potentially signed with the same fountain pen – but, instead of the big, bold signature, the ink was a little fainter, the first and last name penned with a decidedly shakier, more tentative hand, and the superfluous flourishes of 1953 still present, but streamlined perhaps in the interests in time and dexterity.

While I bought the books for their subject matters, in the end I was more intrigued by the story these two signatures, 69 years apart, told.

That is, for me, part of the appeal of used books over newer volumes. While the stories contained on freshly-printed pages can prove timeless, a used volume as a whole can have a story all its own, from when it is first purchased, the places its first reader took it, to the circumstances of why it was donated in the first place, and the start of its next chapter, once it's picked up from a table groaning under the weight of others waiting to find their places in a brand-new library.

I have a similar viewpoint on heritage buildings, particularly houses and homes.

For a time, the paternal side of my family lived in a home built in 1836. We knew the broad strokes of what took place within its walls – thanks to its documented early history as the then-village's first courthouse-and-jail combo and the tombstone that had fallen and been forgotten in the backyard – but I always wondered about the people who lived there, celebrated milestones there, and even died there.

Each step on the creaking floorboards was a gentle step in someone else's footsteps and it fostered almost a custodial feeling for the brief time we lived there. I wonder if the current occupants, a business, ever have the same thoughts.

My thoughts, as they often do on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, turned to our shared history – not only the tragic history of residential schools writ large, but the individual stories of both those who were victimized by the system and never came home and those "warriors" who lived to shine a light on cultural genocide. This year, as they have in the past, also turned to their non-Indigenous peers who likely had no idea how truly lucky and privileged they were.

On Monday evening, I was transfixed by the moving words of Traditional Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley, always a pow-

erful voice for what's needed to achieve true Reconciliation, as she delivered a lesson we all can and should learn from.

Her voice and wisdom, combined with the smell of the smoke from the nearby sacred fire, are always transporting as they come together to share a reality that so many find difficult to comprehend.

As the sun began to set on another National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, I was snapped back to where I was seated taking it all in by the sound of flip-flops slapping against the freshly-laid concrete of Aurora Town Square.

The carefree child, ribbons in the colours of the Medicine Wheel cascading down her back, fluttering with each slap, was Wheatley's granddaughter.

As her grandmother and her peers spoke around the fire, she was a ball of energy running circles around the space, eventually pausing with a friend to play in a couple of puddles left over from the in-ground fountains that were turned off to make way for the ceremony.

As she came to a stop to get her young hands dirty, I couldn't help but take in the setting as a whole.

This all-important ceremony remembering the victims and honouring the survivors of residential schools was taking place in the shadow of a venerable old school that has served the community for generations in one form or another.

The Church Street School was completed in 1886, more than 50 years following the establishment of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in 1834, serving as both a high school and an elementary school until 1968, nearly 30 years before Canada's last residential school was closed.

Class photos taken outside the building are widely shared in Aurora and some of those students' faces appeared in my mind's eye as I surveyed the entire scene.

Were they aware of the reality of what was happening in their fair dominion? Perhaps they were aware of the existence of residential schools, but the actuality of what the schools represented was probably swept under the rug. Were they fed lies that these facilities were for the greater good? What untruths were they told about our Indigenous peoples?

As such, the sad question is, would they have even cared? What would they have made of the situation happening on the ground from the lofty heights of their second-floor classroom window?

Did anyone in the crowd who ever called Church Street School theirs have similar thoughts?

It's impossible, of course, to answer those questions but they are important to think about.

From where Wheatley stood, the Church Street School was immediately before her. Behind her, the Aurora Public Library – powerful testaments to education and learning both.

While it might be intriguing to speculate on what the students of the past would have thought had their eyes been opened to a troubling truth, it is important to note that these buildings, and those in all of our communities, while their purposes and configurations have evolved somewhat, still provide nearly limitless opportunities to learn and grow.

We can never learn enough about the dark realities of our own history, but we have no excuse not to try – and the best way we can do that is to listen, ask questions, take what we hear to heart, and look for ways to foster a better future for all.



Are food additives slowly killing us?

by Mark Pavilons



We are what we eat, has been our catch phrase for generations.

And yes, what we put in our mouths and bellies is more important today than ever before.

Unfortunately, the list of additives on our food packages continues to grow, leaving us scratching our heads. These substances may also be making us sick, and ultimately shortening our lifespans.

According to an online study published by The BMJ earlier this year, convincing or highly suggestive evidence linked diets rich in ultra-processed foods with increased risks for premature death, cardiovascular disease, mental health disorders, diabetes, obesity, and sleep problems. Associations between ultra-processed foods and asthma, gastrointestinal disease, some cancers, and other health issues were limited, and need further investigation.

Some of the culprits, according to another study, are soft drinks, both diet and regular. And here some of us were led to believe zero sugar drinks were better for us. Refined grains in breads and baked goods are another enemy. Who knew bread could be so bad?

Processed meats (deli) are also a no-no. Additives include preservatives, emulsifiers, artificial colours and dyes, bleaching, gelling and glazing agents, added or altered sugar, salt and fats, all designed to make our food more appealing and appetizing.

Wow. This isn't new and yet, I don't hear many alarm bells ringing from healthy eating advocates and government agencies.

I came across a very interesting social media post that compared several common food items from the 1980s with today.

Common popular bread varieties once contained only enriched wheat, flour, water, sugar, yeast, salt, milk and butter. The same loaf today contains more than 20 ingredients that include calcium propionate and calcium sulfate, ammonium sulfate, DATEM, high fructose corn syrup, and more.

Old school or perhaps even real French fries should only contain potatoes, beef tallow and salt. Yet, ingredients in this fast-food staple today include dextrose, sodium acid pyrophosphate.

For those peanut butter lovers, you were fine as a kid. But today's brands contain sugar and hydrogenated vegetable oils.

Common sports hydrating drinks once contained only water, sugar, potassium and lemon juice.

Today's consumers are getting dextrose, modified food starch, Red 40, glycerol ester of rosin, sodium citrate, monopotassium phosphate and more. Now that's bang for your buck!

Anyone could find thousands of examples of this today. And while ingredients are clearly labelled, along with nutrition facts, many consumers still roll merrily along, filling their temples with horrible, modern chemicals, all in the name of "preserving profits."

My wife has trained us all on reading all of the ingredients on packaging and we've been doing this for a few years now. I am most shocked by the amount of added sugar and carbs in almost everything we digest.

She has told me my diet soft drinks were bad, but I figured since diabetes ran in my family, I should stick with these sugar-free alternatives. Has it been detrimental, and has it contributed to my prostate cancer? From what I understand, my type of cancer isn't directly tied to lifestyle, other than smoking and drinking alcohol.

According to University of Montreal professor Jean-Claude Moubarac (as quoted by CBC's The Nature of Things), "poor diet is a nutritional calamity." Half of the calories we consume daily come from these ultra-processed concoctions, which aren't really food at all.

Health Canada does publish national food guidelines, but how many of us have glanced at them?

They recommend the bulk of our diet consist of fruits and veggies, followed by protein foods and whole grain foods. Water should be everyone's drink of choice.

Whole grains include whole wheat, barley, wheat berries, quinoa, oats, brown rice. Fish, poultry, beans, and nuts are all healthy, versatile protein sources.

The problem transcends generations, and many younger people have become accustomed to diets of burgers, fries, pizza and instant noodles.

And, it's estimated that only 20% of Canadians cook every day at home.

That's sad. I recall growing up in rural Caledon just north of Bolton. My mom had an expansive, 50-foot-long garden, nurturing everything from tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, green beans, even strawberries and rhubarb. These were staples at our dinner table.

And I suppose that's the basis of the resurrected idea of the farm (or garden) to table idea. Not rocket science, just good, old-fashioned know-how.

When I look back, I now know just how important this diet was. And yes, I did eat my veggies. But I took it for granted, not really embracing the "good health" vibe. It wasn't really a thing in my youth, maybe because we were doing everything right – eating better, getting exercise and shouldering less stress. And of course, eating those home-cooked meals!

We're all aware of the cost of groceries these days. And eating well comes at a premium. But that shouldn't stop us from pursuing a healthier lifestyle.

We need to switch out the bad and introduce the good. Eat more home-made meals and avoid eating on the run and making bad choices out of convenience.

I realize it's all easier said than done. But every time you pick up a package of processed food, read the ingredients. It may just shock you into action.

Eat well and live well, everyone!

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First responders

Several years ago, I was driving up Highway 400 around 10:30 p.m. heading north.

There was a car ahead of me travelling a little too slow for my liking, so I pulled into the left lane and hit the gas. As soon as I got around him, there were flashing red lights in the rear-view mirror.

I pulled over one lane to let him pass, but nope, he stuck with me.

I moved over one more lane and the police car stayed right behind me. That feeling of dread came over me when I realized he was pulling me over.

As I pulled onto the shoulder of the road, I was already calculating the fine in my head.

As the police officer walked toward my car, I decided the best course of action was to simply be polite. There was no way I was going to try to dispute what had just happened. I was well over the speed limit and he was right behind me.

"You know you were doing 130 back there?" he said when he came to the driver's window.

"I believe you're right," I replied as I handed him my driver's license. "I really juiced it

when I passed that car."

He took my license and went back to his police car. Most likely he checked to make sure I wasn't wanted for anything and to make sure my driver's license was valid.

The police officer returned to my window less than two minutes later, handed me my license, and said, "This is your lucky night. We're looking for drunk drivers. Slow down"

I thanked him for his understanding.

I have no doubt that the reason I got a warning that night rather than a \$300 fine, was simply because I was polite, courteous, and acknowledged that I was speeding. Maybe this cop just appreciated not getting an earful from another driver who is angry for being pulled over for an offense THEY committed.

Police officers take a lot of grief from the public – from mouthy motorists who are indignant for being stopped after blowing a red light, to criminals who take a swing at them to avoid being arrested for a crime THEY have committed.

The police are simply upholding the law and doing the necessary job they have been hired

to do.

Quite often, first responders don't get the credit they deserve for the work they do in our communities.

You probably pass by your local fire hall all the time and don't give it much thought.

When you call the fire department, they respond – every time.

The fire department plays a vital role in society, and it's also an extremely dangerous job.

First, there is the inherent risk of being near a fire. There is a risk of burns, smoke inhalation, collapsing walls, and collapsing floors. There is risk of explosion and dangerous gas.

When attending a motor vehicle accident, they use powerful tools that pose a risk for the operator and those standing nearby. There is the risk of being on a street and having another car driven by a drunk driver crashing into you while you are completing a rescue.

Then there is the psychological trauma of dealing with some very bad situations.

Fire fighters are always training to mitigate the risks of the job, however, the risks will never completely go away.

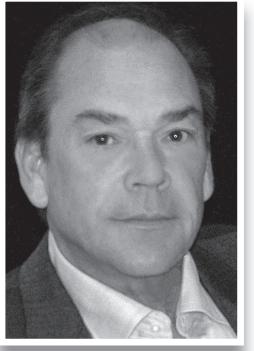
Paramedics are first responders who have to deal with worst-case situations all the time.

They are routinely called when there has been a serious accident or someone is in a life threatening situation. They have to remain calm, assess the situation, then act – possibly to save someone's life.

It is a tough job where you have to pack your emotions away, and do the job you were trained to do. You can't become emotionally involved because a child has been seriously injured or a person is going through the last stages of life and you are trying to help them stay alive.

This is another job where the trauma of dealing with such things over a period of years can put a drain on even the strongest people.

The men and women in our cities and towns who take on these jobs and are the first to be there when you need them, deserve the greatest respect from our society, because when you really need them, they'll be there.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

It's my party and I'll sigh if I want to...

Someone I know and love will be hitting a milestone birthday soon and, while mine isn't a milestone, as I write this column, I too am celebrating another year around the sun. It puts me in a reflective mood, beginning with the conscious decision many like me also make - that when you've had any kind of a health challenge - every birthday is a milestone and a reason to celebrate. That said, the older I get (and the more world-weary) it's my party and while I am celebrating, I'll also sigh if I want to.

Birthdays can have a sobering effect. Especially birthdays after a certain age, when you realize that realistically, you have more years behind you than in front of you. I don't mean that in a depressing way, but using my current age as a starting point, to think I have another 50 years to do whatever I want would put me well above 100 (closer even 120!) and since Canada's life expectancy tops out at 83.9 years for women, that seems unrealistic. Essentially what birthdays over the age of 50 should mean is that if you do have a "to do" list - you better start working on getting it done! This alone is a reason to sigh..... but let's try to focus on the positive instead.

If there's any money left in the kitty, it's time to treat yourself and stop waiting for the proverbial

"rainy day." Treat today as the rainy day and every day is "today." Not everything is about the big glamorous adventures, either. I simply think that after putting in time working hard; maybe raising some kids, paying down a mortgage, or both, the post-50+ years should be a time to shift the focus back on to oneself. That said, this is another one of the things that makes me sigh. Why? Because maybe, just maybe, we've got it all wrong and we never should have waited in the first place. Life doesn't come with any kind of warranty and there's only one way out and not a single one of us ever knows when our "best before" date might be. So treating yourself, yes even while on a budget, or squished in between hockey practice or parent/teacher night, should still be on your list of things to do regardless of age.

I've always thought that evolutionary speaking we're kind of a dumb species. Many of us, myself included, are no better than the squirrels running around gathering nuts in feverish anticipation of winter. Supposedly us humans have evolved beyond basic autonomous functioning and are capable of higher-order thinking and yet, as my Mum would say, "you can't put an old head on young shoulders." It doesn't matter how many times we encourage a

new parent to enjoy the little moments, or to sleep when the baby sleeps, because they are too busy in the moment to appreciate the advice. They scoff, (indeed I scoffed) thinking "give me a break, I have kids, laundry, a job, a mortgage...I don't have time for a treat, or to appreciate the little things."

Under the category of yet another thing that makes me sigh is this: why is it only as we get older we begin to understand those little things were the things that really mattered. If only our evolutionary process had a built-in "it's ok to be selfish" once in a while and to not feel guilty about taking a time-out to actually enjoy the process of living, rather than just squirreling away the nuts in anticipation of a future that's not guaranteed.

Whatever your age, my hope for you is that THIS is the year you commit to yourself. It doesn't mean to the exclusion of all else, but rather, that you recognize the importance of you and all that you offer to this world. YOU are special and there are people who love you no matter what and even in your darkest moments. What might those people say to you, or about you, right now? What would you say to your best friend, or your child or your parents? If it's something nice, or to do something nice for yourself, it's ok to say all of those things to your-

self too. Don't wait for the rainy day. Aging and perspective both, are a privilege denied to many. Don't squander them.

Oh yes – and while I am encouraging you to say what's on your mind, here's one last thing that really does make me sigh. A tunnel. Seriously. A tunnel under the 401, Premier Ford? For real? That's your answer to traffic chaos when there's a perfectly good highway, barely used, just down the road? In the used car sales business, the 407 would be called "pristine," labeled as "low mileage," and a "steal." Open the damn 407 for goodness sake and for the record, no we can't bore a tunnel under the 401 – it's an idea so ludicrously absurd one wonders if this announcement was made simply to serve as a distraction from something else?

Dear readers, you didn't really think I'd write a whole column about sunshine and rainbows, aging and perspective, and not be even a tad curmudgeonly on my birthday did you? It's my party and I'll sigh if I want to - in this case over yet more traffic nonsense.



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

Will He? Won't He? Netanyahu Decides

Will Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, really launch a full-scale war against Lebanon-based Hezbollah when Israel is still fighting Hamas in Gaza? Of course he will.

Hamas is gravely weakened after losing at least 10,000 fighters killed in a year of fighting in the shattered streets of Gaza and the tunnels beneath them. But it would take at least twenty thousand Israeli soldiers to keep the remaining Hamas fighters in their holes.

So why would Netanyahu take on Hezbollah, which is a much more formidable enemy? It completely controls southern Lebanon, next to Israel's northern border, and it has at least 50,000 full-time fighters plus another 50,000 reserves. More importantly, it has 150,000-200,000 rockets, largely supplied by Iran.

Thousands of those rockets are precision-guided ballistic missiles with big explosive warheads that can reach anywhere in the country. Israel has good anti-missile defences, but they would be overwhelmed by sheer numbers if Hezbollah went all out.

Involving Israel in a full-scale war with Hezbollah and perhaps also with its Iranian sponsor sounds like a disaster in the making, but the Is-

raeli prime minister is a slippery customer.

He successfully evaded the blame for being caught off-guard when Hamas killed 1,200 Israelis and kidnapped 250 others last October 7. Enough time has passed and enough Palestinians have been killed in Gaza that the Israeli public has now moved on.

But he also needs to keep the war going. That's why he promised President Biden to accept a ceasefire five times, and reneged on his word just as many times. (The last time was less than two weeks ago.) Biden simply can't get past his loyalty to the long-gone Israel of his youth, so although he loathes Bibi personally, Israel keeps getting all the weapons it wants.

But why does Netanyahu need to keep the war going, and why escalate it now?

Keeping the war going means that Netanyahu's coalition government doesn't collapse, and so long as he is a wartime prime minister the corruption trial that would probably send him to jail is suspended. Escalating now would mean a big war in the Middle East just when Americans are voting, which should favour Donald Trump, Netanyahu's friend and ally.

Moreover, there's always the possibility that

a big war with Hezbollah would drag in Iran, which would then probably also pull in the United States, which would be Netanyahu's dearest wish come true.

However, Israel's northern front has been stable, if not quiet. Hezbollah was firing up to 150 short-range rockets and artillery shells into northern Israel every day and Israel has been doing the same thing back, but it was mostly for show. A lot of people fled or were evacuated on both sides, but not many were being killed.

Then, about ten days ago, Netanyahu started ramping it up. First the exploding pagers and walkie-talkies that killed, maimed or blinded several thousand Hezbollah operatives and some innocent bystanders, and saturation bombing and shelling of Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon and Beirut.

And finally, last Friday, the massive strike using "bunker-buster" bombers on Hezbollah's underground headquarters in Beirut that killed Hasan Nasrallah, its leader for the past 32 years, and an unknown number of other senior Hezbollah officials.

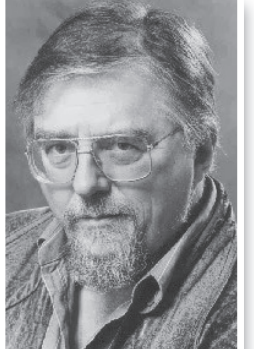
This has all been meticulously planned, probably over six months or more. Victory would

certainly seal Netanyahu's redemption and make him electorally fireproof – but the project to put an end to Hezbollah is still not assured of success.

The organisation has taken a terrible beating, and so many key people have been killed or put out of action that its response times will probably be slow. But I went in with the Israeli troops as a journalist the first time they invaded Lebanon in 1982, and it didn't even work very well that time.

There was little serious fighting at first, but as the occupation continued the resistance grew. Hezbollah was created, Israeli casualties mounted, and after eighteen years of ambushes and suicide bombings the Israelis pulled out.

The Israeli Defence Force invaded Lebanon again in 2006, and Hezbollah fought them to a standstill in 33 days. Despite the damage it has sustained recently, it is even better armed and trained today. Netanyahu should not count his chickens prematurely.



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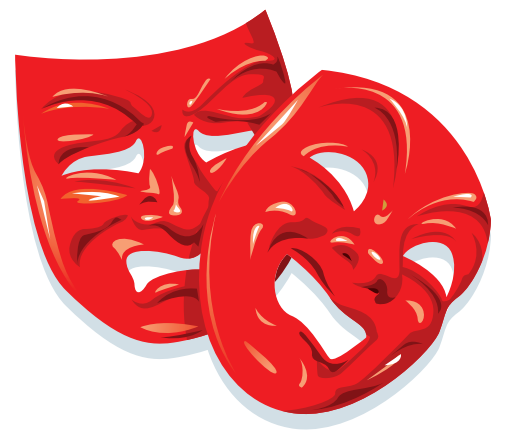
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ARTS & CULTURE



Arts and culture celebrated at Caledon Creative Arts Festival

Festival was held on
September 28

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The grounds of the Caledon East Community Complex were a lively place last Saturday.

On September 28, the Town of Caledon hosted the Caledon Creative Arts Festival in Caledon East.

It was the third iteration of the festival, which started small in 2022 and has been growing ever since.

The festival is part of Culture Days, a celebration of arts, culture and heritage that's happening right now in communities across Canada. Culture Days brings free and pay-what-you-can activities like festivals, workshops, classes, performances and studio tours to communities.

Caledon is in the midst of Culture Days right now, as Culture Days is on until October 13. By the time Culture Days is finished, over 100 events will have happened in Caledon.

The Caledon Creative Arts Festival ran from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and featured artist workshops, arts activities for kids, live music, dance performances, and a vendor's market.



The Caledon Creative Arts Festival took place on September 28 on the grounds of the Caledon East Community Complex. It featured live music and dance performances, art activities for both kids and adults, a vendors market, and much more. PHOTOS BY BRIGHTPIXEL STUDIOS



Bruce Trail Day to be celebrated this weekend

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Families and hikers have been invited out to experience the beauty of the Bruce Trail at a special event this upcoming weekend.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will be celebrating Bruce Trail Day on Sunday, October 6. The event, called "Tunes on the Trail", will be held in an area known as "Split Rock Narrows Nature Reserve" (755437 2nd Line EHS) in Mono from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We want to invite the residents of the area to come out and see a section of the trail and get to know the club that is representing the area," said Don Stewart, co-organizer of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Day.

As families and individuals walk the trail, they will have the opportunity to learn more about the trail itself while listening to the tunes of some notable bands and musicians, including Twin Fawns, Dean Woods and BonGioVanni, The Fitzees, Sandy Harron and Brenda Carol.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will also be offering a complimentary barbe-

que for visitors.

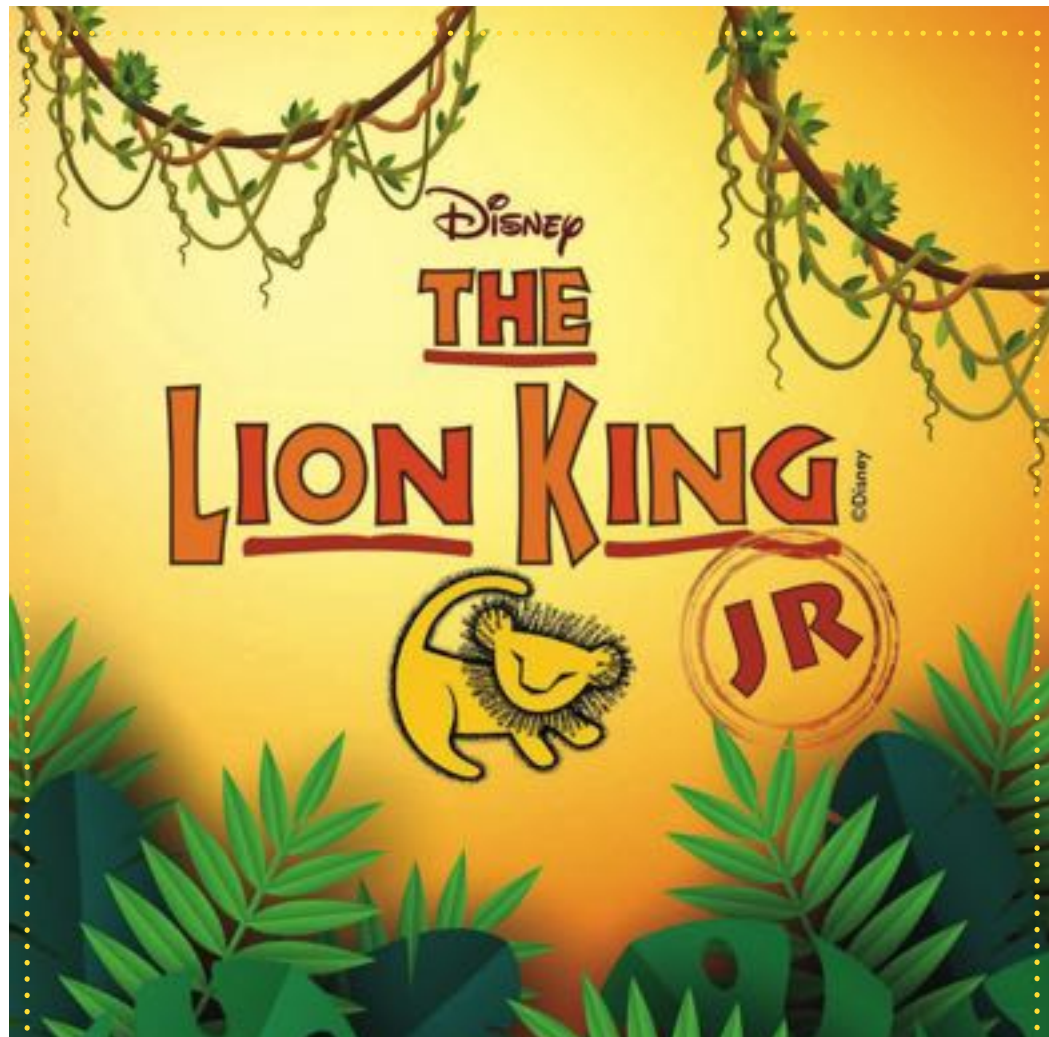
Every year, on the first Sunday of October, the nine clubs under the Bruce Trail Conservancy host a special event in recognition of Bruce Trail Day.

The purpose of Bruce Trail Day is to introduce more residents to the beauty and serenity of the trail and to encourage involvement with the local club as members, volunteers, sponsors and hikers.

"The trail is free for anybody to go to at anytime and we want people to know that it's here and promote all the benefits of being part of the Bruce Trail," said Stewart.

The Bruce Trail is a roughly 900-kilometre trail, with around 450 kilometres of side trails, that runs the length of the Niagara Escarpment. The trail features many different landscapes such as cobble beaches, open meadows, waterfalls, rocky crevices, and old-growth forests.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Section of the Bruce Trail runs from Mono Centre in the south to Lavender in the north, for a total distance of 56.3 kilometres. The local portion of the Bruce Trail passes through areas of natural beauty



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Passion for fashion: Lord Dufferin IODE to host local models at upcoming fashion show fundraiser



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BY SAM ODROWSKI

One of the oldest service clubs in the region is holding a special fundraiser for Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Orangeville Food Bank.

The Lord Dufferin IODE, established in 1907, is bringing the Classic Casual Boutique Fashion Show back to Trattoria Semplice Restaurant in Orangeville on Thursday, October 10.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will feature seven local fashion models, showing off clothing from Classic Casual Boutique, based out of Guelph. The clothing to be modelled includes denim, bamboo yoga wear, dresses, jackets, sweaters, cardigans, casual tops in regular and plus sizes, as well as purses and accessories. All of this will be available for purchase after the event when the models are finished showing off the merchandise.

"It's a fundraiser and it's an opportunity for ladies to have a night out. When was the last time you were at a fashion show? We just don't see them around our area that much anymore," said Dori Ebel of the Lord Dufferin IODE. "It's an opportunity gather a couple of girlfriends and come out to see some fashions, have some finger food, a glass of wine if you wish, and enjoy a lovely evening," said Ebel.

She spoke highly of Classic Casual Boutique, noting the two owners have a true "passion for fashion."

The two women running it are retired teachers who turned their passion into a successful business in 2019.

But it wasn't without its challenges.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic started shortly after the business got up and running, but the owners pivoted to virtual fashion shows, which were a great success.

"Would you believe they opened their business, a little boutique, just three months before COVID-19?" said Ebel.

The Lord Dufferin IODE held a fashion show last year at Trattoria Semplice with Classic Casual Boutique, and due to its success, raising around \$2,500, the IODE decided to have them back.

Last year, a full dinner was served, but this year, attendees will enjoy appetizers, charcuterie boards and finger foods, so they can focus on fashion instead of the food.

"That way they're more concentrated on the models, which is what we want them to do, because we also want [Classic Casual Boutique] to sell products as well," Ebel noted.

Mary Gibson, Vice President of the Lord Dufferin IODE, said attending the fundraiser is a great way to "showcase a small company."

Ebel, who volunteers at the Orangeville Food Bank, said it's a critical time to raise funds for the not-for-profit organization, as it faces an unprecedented level of demand not seen since it opened in 1992.

She said a couple of weeks ago, they

couldn't offer food bank clients certain items because they were all out of stock.

"When people come and we have empty shelves, it's heartbreaking," she said. "I just went home and felt sick. I just thought, this is awful."

Ebel said she hopes the money raised through the fashion show will help to temporarily restock some items.

She also hopes the money raised for Headwaters Health Care Centre will help with the purchase of an MRI suite and much-needed equipment.

"I think that's something that grabs everybody's heart because at some point all of us need the hospital. And I think what we hear about the food bank is pretty devastating," said Ebel.

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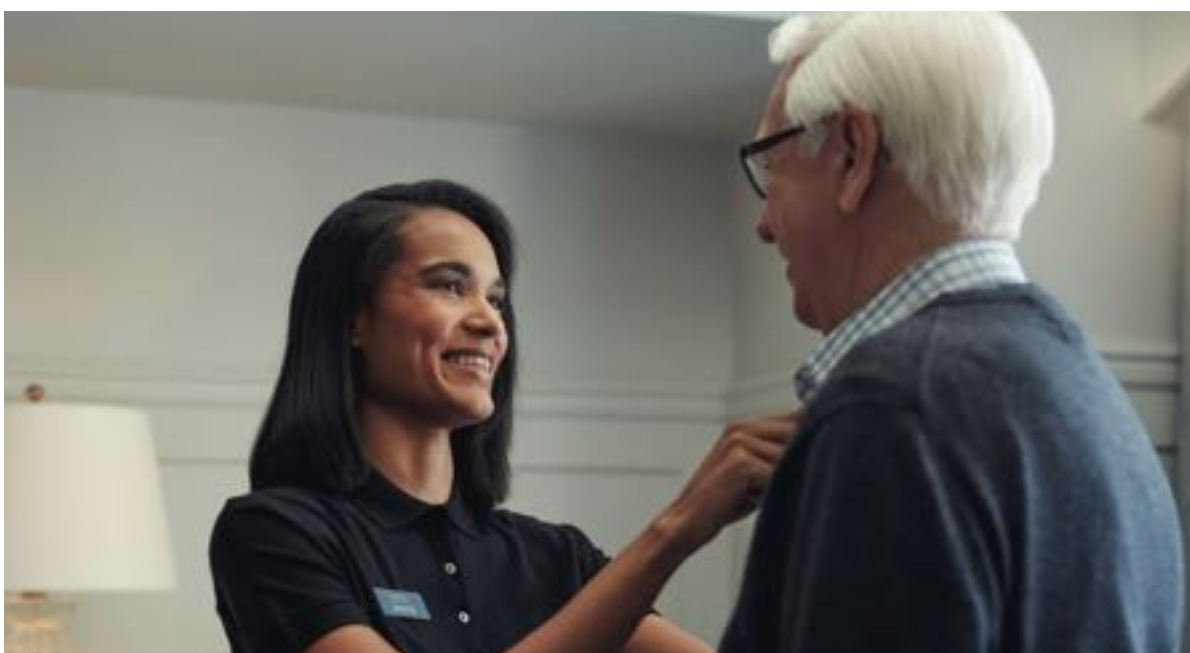
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Caledon residents come together to advocate for road safety after death of young Bolton woman

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“Enough is enough, we are not safe,” said Connors.

Connors explained the CCRSA is trying to keep the conversation focused on actionable goals. She said decades of short-sighted planning at all levels of government has led to an unreasonable concentration of heavy trucks near Caledon’s residential communities.

There are five immediate goals the CCRSA is advocating for, and they are as follows:

- The Town of Caledon must declare a road safety crisis;
- The Town of Caledon must impose a moratorium on approvals for truck-heavy development until resident safety can be guaranteed;
- Enforcement on all Caledon roads must be increased, whether it’s enforcement for speeding, impaired driving, unsafe vehicles, or trucks driving on no-truck routes;
- Schedule weekly truck blitzes to check for unsafe trucks for a period of six months, reviewing and extending if necessary, to remove unsafe trucks and drivers from Caledon roads;
- Convene an urgent traffic safety meeting with representation from municipal, regional, and provincial



23-year-old Bolton woman Adrianna Milena McCauley was killed in a four-vehicle collision in Bolton on September 10. Her death has spurred Caledon residents to form a new road safety group and advocate for changes so a similar tragedy will not happen again. **GOFUNDME PHOTO**

government; neighbouring municipalities; traffic safety specialists, engineers, and bylaw enforcement specialists; first responders; stakeholders from the trucking and aggregate industries; and Caledon community groups

and residents. Connors said at the CCRSA’s meeting, she heard from many people who were angry, sad, and scared.

“It really struck me how afraid people are... my son is 23 as well, it really struck

home and everyone’s heart broke,” said Connors. “People are living with fear every day.”

On October 3, at 5:45 p.m. residents are going to meet outside the Humber River Centre in Bolton for a solemn walk titled “March to Save the Next Life” in honour of McCauley.

The walk takes place ahead of a scheduled Town of Caledon and Caledon OPP community traffic safety meeting which runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Humber River Centre.

Connors hopes the new CCRSA group can bring together people from across Caledon to advocate for road safety.

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Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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2. Roll No. 21 24 010 007 05806 0000; MAYFIELD RD.; PIN 14348-0556 (LT); PART LOT 1 CONCESSION 2 ALBION AS IN AL13689 SAVE AND EXCEPT VS47016 PART 1, 2 & 3, PLAN 43R12449, AL19471, PART 2 & 3, PLAN 43R1688, VS296414, AL20749, AL21503, AL20126, AL21572, R01011500, AL21787 & PART 1 & 2, PLAN 43R2384, PARTS 1, 2, EXPROPRIATION PLAN PR3546564; SUBJECT TO EXECUTION 94-05539, IF ENFORCEABLE; CITY OF BRAMPTON; File No. 22-11

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A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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

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

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HOME & GARDEN

A beginner's guide to fall planting and maintenance

Spring and summer are perhaps the busiest times of year for gardeners. However, fall also is a prime time to tend to gardens.

The tree and bare root retailer Bower & Branch advises that soil temperatures in many regions of the country may still be warm enough to encourage root growth well into the start of winter. Furthermore, fall is often the ideal time to plant, fertilize and keep a garden going or to get a head start on next year's bounty.

Here are some tips to make the most of the fall gardening season.

Think about fall annuals and bulb planting

Near the end of September, start planting cool-weather-loving pansies and violas for pops of colour as summer flowers fade. Also, it's a good idea to stock up

on bulbs that will bloom in the months to come before they sell out in stores. Wait until the temperatures really cool down before planting them in desired spots for spring sprouts.

Sow salad seeds

Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and arugula tolerate cooler temperatures. Try new and interesting lettuce varieties and enjoy salads well into the fall season.

Take inventory of the sun

Positioning a garden carefully means maximizing hours of sunlight, which begin to dwindle in the fall. Experts say gardens grow best in sunny locations



that receive six hours of direct sunlight each day. This is where container gardens can be helpful, as they allow gardeners to move plants into spots that will get ample sunlight.

Fill in landscaping gaps

Some fall plants can add colour around the landscape and brighten up homes to add curb appeal. In addition to pansies and violas, asters, kale and chrysanthemums are fall blooms. Keep in mind that mums can come back year after year. So take them out of those flower pots and get them into the ground. They can be enjoyed next year as well, sprouting in early spring and developing leaves and buds through late summer.

Clean up unwanted growth

Fall is an ideal time to cut back spent vegetable plants and get rid of errant weeds. Rather than bagging leaves, mow them with a grass catcher and then add the mix to a vegetable garden as an excellent soil insulator. The nitrogen and carbon will fertilize the soil, enhancing growing possibilities and limiting weed growth.

Propagate plants in the fall

As temperatures gradually begin to cool, start taking cuttings from perennials, gathering seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons and dividing hardwood cuttings, says the resource Gardening Know How. Consult with a garden centre or horticulturist on the proper ways to propagate stems using rooting hormone and other techniques.

Continue to water plants

Water is essential in the fall and winter as roots can still be growing. Gradually reduce watering duration as plants go dormant.



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A homeowners' guide to *ice dams*

COLD WEATHER contributes to many different conditions that can affect homes. When winds are blowing fiercely, homeowners may soon discover deficits in insulation or in caulking around windows and doors. Icy conditions can cause walkways and stairs to become slick.

One winter condition can cause extensive headaches and damage and could be a mystery to many homeowners. Ice dams occur when warm air in the attic heats up the roof and melts accumulated snow. Water from this melt runs down the roof and refreezes when it reaches the colder roof edge. A mound of ice forms at the lower edge of the roofline as a result.

Icedams may help create a picturesque winter vista, with icicles hanging and glinting in the sunlight, but they can cause significant damage. According to experts, ice dams can weigh hundreds of pounds if they get large enough, potentially affecting the structural integrity of

roof eaves. In addition, ice dams can cause melted runoff to back up under roof shingles. This water can eventually make its way inside, ruining ceilings and walls. The roof, gutters, insulation, interior drywall, and other home surfaces can be damaged if ice dams are left unchecked.

The following are some conditions that make a home vulnerable to ice dam formation:

1. The presence of snow on the roof.
2. An average outdoor temperature that is 32 F or lower.
3. A roof surface temperature above 32 F at its higher points and below 32 F at the lower end.
4. Indoor heat making its way to the underside of the roof.



Homeowners should take a few steps to address ice dams. The first is preventing future ice dams from forming. According to First American Roofing and Siding, LLC, improving insulation in the ceiling below the attic and addressing any inefficiencies in the home is necessary. A professional can do a blower door test, which works by depressurizing the home and using a thermal camera to find areas where insulation is poor. In addition, adequate ventilation under the roof deck is necessary

so cold air can circulate and prevent the attic from getting so warm that it will melt the snow on the roof.

The next step is to remove excess snow from the roof with a roof rake and keeping gutters clear. If ice dams have already formed, hire a professional to remove them, as it can be dangerous to do it oneself.

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3 modern kitchen features to consider

IT'S WELL-DOCUMENTED that kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Kitchens are where families tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a child has tackled their homework as mom or dad prepares dinner just a few steps away.

With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder kitchen renovations are popular. Whether homeowners are planning a full-scale remodel or a few tweaks to update the room, the following are three popular features of modern kitchens.

Kitchen island

A recent survey from the interior design experts at Houzz found that kitchen islands are popular for a variety of reasons. Fifty-eight percent of respondents indicated they enjoy eating at kitchen islands, while 49 percent reported they like islands for entertaining. Forty-five percent of respondents like socializing around kitchen islands. Islands provide a versatile functionality that comes in handy when preparing

meals on typical weeknights and when hosting friends and family on special occasions like the holidays and birthdays. Islands come in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be customized to fit just about any space. Mobile islands can be utilized in small kitchens when homeowners want the extra prep space but think the kitchen would be too cramped if a permanent island were added.

Deep Sink

The popularity of farmhouse-style sinks is proof that large and deep sinks are sought-after among today's homeowners. Farmhouse sinks may be best suited to a particular aesthetic, but a 2021 study from the National Association of Home Builders found that side-by-side double sinks and walk-in pantries were the most popular of 30 listed kitchen features. That study surveyed more than 3,200 recent and prospective home buyers. Deep sinks are especially useful for people who love to cook, making them a solid addition to any kitchen



where home chefs ply their trade most nights of the week.

Storage

As the NAHB study indicated, kitchen storage space is sought after among modern homeowners. As home cooks expand their culinary horizons and cook more elaborate meals, they need extra places to store specialty pots and pans, ingredients and other materials. Homeowners looking to add more storage in the kitchen

can consult with a local contractor about how to create such space. A walk-in pantry can do the trick, but homeowners with kitchens where space is more limited may need to get a little more creative. Sliding-door pantries and roll-out shelving in existing cabinets can add functional space in kitchens with close quarters.

Modern kitchens are visual marvels and highly functional spaces. A new island, a deep sink and some extra storage space can help homeowners transform their existing kitchens into spaces that cater to their every need.



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Now a strategic partner with the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, DOTCOM Metals is actively networking

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Jonathan and Justin own the newly launched metal supply business, DOTCOM Metals, with their father, James, serving as General Manager overseeing day-to-day operations.

5 SIGNS IT'S TIME TO RENOVATE

HOMEOWNERS RENOVATE their homes for a variety of reasons. Renovations can increase the value of a property and make homes safer and more comfortable for their occupants. Improvements also can be made to stay current with the times or to give a home a new vibe.

Statista projects \$510 billion will be spent on home improvements in 2024. The home improvement market is generating significant revenue. In fact, nearly a quarter of Americans opting to renovate their homes will spend an average of \$10,000 on their projects. According to a Home Stars Renovation report, 8 percent of Canadian homeowners who have renovated have spent more than \$20,000 on a home improvement project.

Kitchens and bathrooms often get the most attention when it comes to home improvement. However, every room and space in a home

may need a renovation at some point, and the following are five signs it's time to renovate.

Age

The National Association of Home Builders states that 50 percent of U.S. homes are over the age of 40. That means that age alone could dictate a need to renovate, particularly if some materials are original to the home. For example, asphalt roofs typically last 25 to 30 years, while window frames can last 20 to 50 years depending on how well they have been maintained.

Inconvenient layout

Some homeowners scratch their heads when faced with awkward floor plan layouts. While one may live with the inconvenience for some

time, typically a floor plan that isn't working for the homeowner is a major driver of renovations.

Outdated looks

A home can look dated even if it is a relatively recent build. That's because trends change quickly. For example, dark, cherry cabinets that were popular just a little while ago have now been replaced by lighter colour palettes. Homeowners whose homes do not match the looks emulated in design magazines may consider a change, particularly if they're planning to sell soon.

Deterioration

Signs of water, storm or structural damage should be addressed as soon as possible. Any deterioration should be a strong indicator that it's time to renovate.



Efficiency

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Lobban Appliances is a family-owned business that opened in November 2021. Teneisha Campbell, the owner, decided to open the location in Orangeville due to its central location and the need for such a business in the community.

THE IDEA FOR LOBBAN APPLIANCES was born out of Teneisha's own experience. When her washing machine broke down, she needed a replacement immediately. She checked out the big-box stores, but the prices exceeded her budget. She searched

online for an open-box appliance store nearby, but none were available. She would have to travel over an hour to find one, and the delivery costs would have been excessive. The repair person she called told her that the machine was too old and the repair parts would be costly. However, a friend helped her fix the washing machine, and they managed to repair it for under \$100. It was a satisfying feeling of accomplishment! Although the washing machine never broke down again, Teneisha eventually replaced it with a brand-new one from Lobban Appliances at an affordable price (with a sheepish smile).

Lobban Appliances offers a wide range of appliances that cater to any budget. Whether you're looking for top-end, gently used, or scratched and dented appliances, we've got you covered. If you don't mind not having all the latest bells and whistles, then our gently used appliances might be a more sustainable option for you. If you're on a tight budget but still want a top brand that offers modern technologies, our selection of scratched and dented appliances might be more affordable. Suppose you have an unlimited budget and

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FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING FURNITURE

Buying furniture can be an exciting prospect. The opportunity to breathe new life into a home with the addition of different furnishings inspires many people. However, at the same time, searching for furniture can be a tad overwhelming, especially when homeowners do not know where to begin.

Statistics Canada reports that Canadians



spend an average of \$934 on furniture each year. While furniture may not be the most costly investment, it's also not the cheapest, which is why getting it right is important.

Determine your needs

The first step in purchasing new furniture is to decide what is needed. Assess current furniture and think about what works for certain pieces and what doesn't. Then you can gear purchases around desired features. For example, if you've determined chenille fabric holds on to too much pet fur, the next couch may be leather or microfiber.

Measure more than once

Measure your room multiple times and create a mock floor plan. This will help when figuring

out if certain pieces can fit into the space. Some retailers even offer floor plan software on their websites so that you can upload the dimensions of your room and see how certain items will fit in your spaces. In addition, be sure to measure the width of doors to ensure that it's easy to get the furniture into the home when delivered.

Determine your style

Figure out which style best fits your personality and lifestyle. This may be traditional, transitional or modern. Incorporate pieces accordingly, or mix and match to create a completely unique look.

Confirm materials

Consider your budget when choosing the construction materials for the furniture. Solid

wood tends to be more expensive, but often more durable than engineered products. In addition, check to see how items are built. Pull out drawers and check hinges to ensure the quality is there.

Save money on sales

Furniture can be expensive, but there is room for savings. Shop when retailers offer seasonal sales. Consider warehouse retailers, which often sell select items at a discount.

Read reviews

Before taking the plunge, be sure to read reviews of items and retailers. While items may appear perfect, reviews can shed light on how pieces stand up to wear and tear.

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"We encourage everyone that needs new windows and doors to stop into the showroom and see the product we carry," says Dave Patterson, President of Cedarport Window & Door Centre.

"Once you see the product, touch it, and view the available options, you'll understand why we chose the product lines we carry. Something as simple as a new front entrance can really update your home and give it the facelift it needs. We take pride in our offering and provide top-notch installation with installers who are seasoned and know what they are doing."

Cedarport's showroom is located inside the Mono Plaza on Highway 10 and is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday until 4:00 p.m. "If our operating hours don't work with your schedule, give us a call, and we will work with you," said Patterson.



"Cedarport has been at the Mono Plaza for a while now. Our showroom has expanded a few times over the years. We are really proud of our showroom. It has the most extensive window and door display in the Orangeville area. We have found that the showroom assists our customers in making choices that can really change and modernize the exterior and interior look of their home and most importantly, provides them with excellent quality energy efficient solutions," said Patterson.

"The difference that premium quality windows and doors can make in a person's home is quite dramatic.

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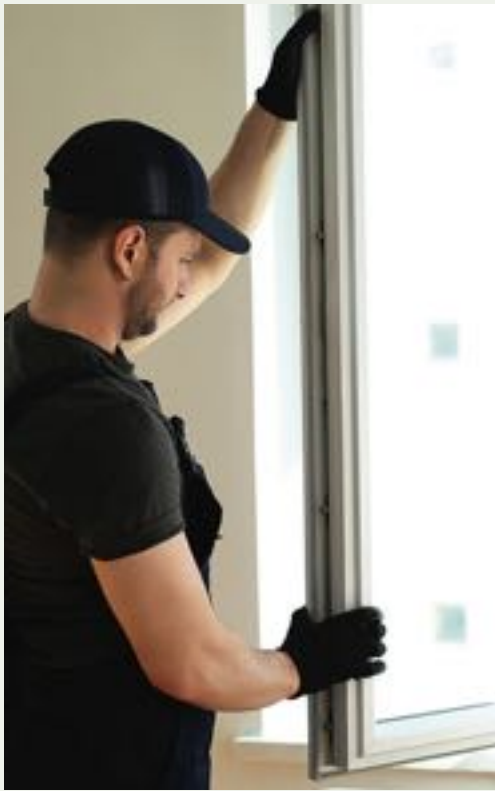
"The glass in windows can be fine-tuned to fit any homeowner's needs. Too much sun & heat coming in your kitchen window? There is glass for that," explained Patterson.

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How to recognize when it's time to replace your windows



Windows are a major component of a home. Window installation professionals will tell homeowners that the average life span of residential windows is between 15 and 30 years.

MOST WELL-MAINTAINED products can last 20 years, so homeowners who have windows approaching that age may want to schedule a window assessment and possible replacement. Replacing windows is a job that requires advanced skill, and this is not a do-it-yourself project. There are many qualified professional window installation companies that will work with homeowners to measure, order and

install windows that will fit with the style of a home and local weather, all while providing features the homeowner desires.

• **DIFFICULTY OPENING AND CLOSING WINDOWS:** A window that does not operate as it should can aggravate homeowners. If windows are sticking shut or cannot be securely closed, it's probably time for something new.


• **THERE'S APPARENT WINDOW DAMAGE:** Accidents happen, and if a rock is kicked up from a lawnmower and cracks a window or if spring baseball practice has gone awry with an errant throw, windows may require replacement.

• **DRAFTS IN THE WINDOW ARE COMMON:** If heating and cooling systems are working overtime, drafty, poorly insulated windows could be to blame. Various agencies can perform energy efficiency tests in a home. Windows that are determined to be the weak spots should be replaced.

• **DATED WINDOWS ARE PRESENT IN THE HOME:** Older windows may pose safety hazards, especially those in older homes. A larger window may be needed to comply with fire safety codes allowing for window egress. Dated windows also may simply look "old" and compromise the aesthetics of a home.

• **OUTDOOR NOISES ARE NOTICED QUITE READILY:** Newer windows can help reduce noise transmission. So those leaf blowers, airplanes, barking dogs, and kids playing basketball up the street won't disturb homeowners as they try to enjoy some peace and quiet indoors.

• **FADING INDOORS IS NOTED:** Windows that do not feature low-emissivity (Low-E) glass coatings will not block UV rays. Those rays can cause fading to wood floors and furniture or pretty much anything the sunlight touches. Replacing existing windows with Low-E coating alternatives can safeguard belongings and improve window efficiency.



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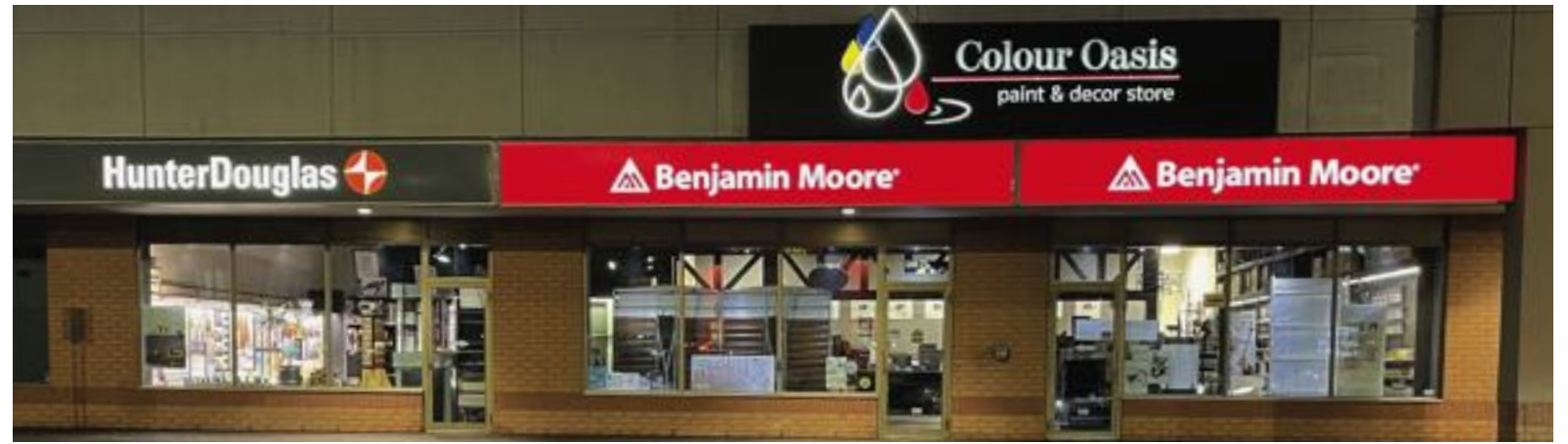
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SIGNS A ROOF MUST BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED

THE EXTERIOR COMPONENTS OF A HOME, such as the siding and the roof, help to protect its occupants from the elements. While many roofing materials can last for decades, at some point in time homeowners will likely have to repair or replace the roof on their home.

Roof wear and tear may not always be so evident, particularly because most homeowners do not make it a point to get on their roofs very often. The first sign of roof damage typically is a leak that is noticeable from the indoors. It may include a browned spot on the ceiling or even pooling water in the attic. Leak from storm damage or something minor like a water intrusion through a nail hole or from a lost shingle typically can be repaired easily enough. However, additional indicators may necessitate a complete roof overhaul. Here are some signs a roof is in need of repairs or replacement.

- **SAGGING ROOF:** If the roof is sagging, it could be due to excess loads, such as water-damaged shingles or even weakened roof structure. A professional will need to restore the integrity of the roof.

- **CRACKING AND BUCKLING:** It is likely that shingles will have to be replaced if there is cracking or if shingles are buckling and warping.

- **EXPOSED NAILS:** Exposed nails may rust and contribute to a leaky roof, says Family Handyman. How long the nails were exposed could indicate if the roof can be repaired or if everything should be redone.

- **LOST GRANULES:** Asphalt roofing shingles have small granules on the surface. Over time these granules will slowly degrade and fall off. If there are many granules in gutters or if one can see that portions of the shingles

are bare, it is likely time for a new roof.

- **VISIBLE LIGHT:** Homeowners who can see light streams coming into the home need roof repair. This is indicative of holes, cracks or spaces in the roof.

- **GROWTH ON THE ROOF:** Mold and mildew on the roof is a sign that the roof needs to be repaired or replaced. Such growths contribute to rot that jeopardizes the integrity of the roof.

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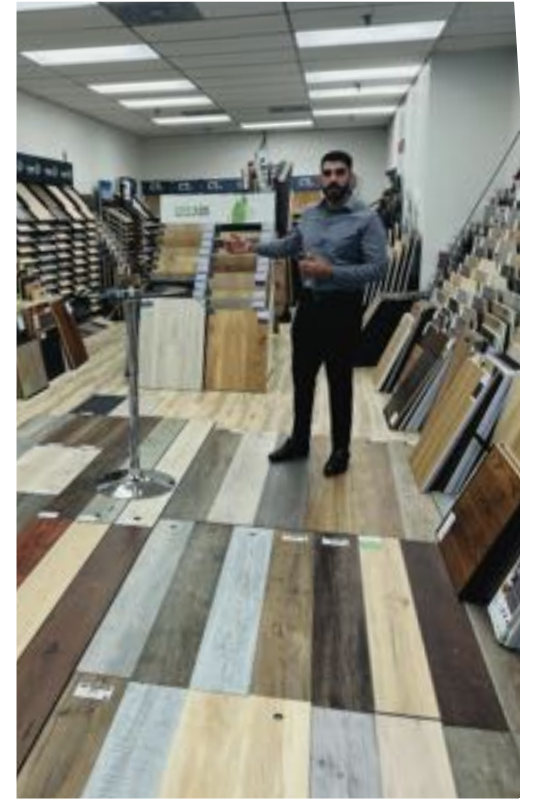
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IN THE CURRENT MARKET, striking the right balance between quality and affordability poses a significant challenge, particularly in home and commercial improvements such as flooring. Many companies present a choice between high-end materials that come with a hefty price tag and cheap alternatives that compromise on durability. However, The Flooring Mart Inc. has successfully carved out a niche by offering premium flooring solutions at competitive prices.

For both homeowners and businesses, flooring is a pivotal element of interior design, shaping and delivering both aesthetic appeal and a space's ambience functionality. Whether the preference leans towards the timeless warmth of hardwood, the contemporary elegance of luxury vinyl tile (LVT), or the resilience of waterproof laminate, The Flooring Mart Inc. provides comprehensive options. What truly sets them apart from their competitors is their steadfast commitment to furnishing top-tier products at affordable rates.

Numerous companies lay claim to providing cost-effective flooring, yet often, their offerings entail a compromise on longevity or visual appeal. The Flooring Mart Inc., however, distinguishes itself. The compa-



ny exclusively sources the finest materials to ensure that customers receive flooring that seamlessly combines durability with style. Whether the requirement is for a bustling commercial office or the comfort of a residential living space, their product line is engineered to endure the test of time.

Beyond the provision of exceptional materials, The Flooring Mart Inc. boasts unparalleled installation services. The company maintains a team of highly skilled professionals who take pride in their craftsmanship. Their meticulous attention to detail ensures the completion of every project, regardless of scale, to the highest standards. Furthermore, their pricing structure is tailored to ensure that clients can obtain a flawless installation without depleting their financial resources.

Amidst a market where prices appear to skyrocket with every home improvement endeavour, encountering a company like The Flooring Mart Inc. is indeed refreshing. Their fusion of affordability, quality, and professionalism positions them as a premier choice for those seeking to invest in new flooring. For those contemplating a flooring upgrade for their home or business, The Flooring Mart Inc. serves as a testament that there exists no need to compromise on quality in order to adhere to a budget.

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(MCC) MANY HOMEOWNERS EXPRESS INTEREST in creating fewer barriers between the interior and exterior of their homes. Some may have backyards built for entertaining and want to facilitate the transition between the inside of the residence and the outside when guests arrive. In other instances, homes may back to a nature preserve that homeowners want to enjoy more readily. Whatever the reason for bringing the outside in, all-season rooms can serve as a welcoming bridge between indoor and outdoor spaces.

What is an all-season room?

Also known as a four-season room, all-season rooms are specially engineered spaces that provide a connection to the outdoors no matter the season. They are like sunrooms, but climate-controlled so that they will be comfortable throughout winter, spring, summer, and fall.



What is the difference between a three-season room and an all-season room?

The biggest difference between these two spaces is the level of usage and the capacity of the room to be heated and cooled. Individuals who reside in climates with moderate year-round temperatures may get by with a three-season room. However, those who experience all four seasons may need a more insulated space to make the room usable throughout the year.

Features of all-season rooms

One of the more notable features of an all-season room is an abundance of windows, which allow plenty of natural light to shine in. All-season rooms also can feature creature comforts like a reading nook, outdoor kitchen spaces and televisions. Retractable screens can be installed when privacy or shade is desired.

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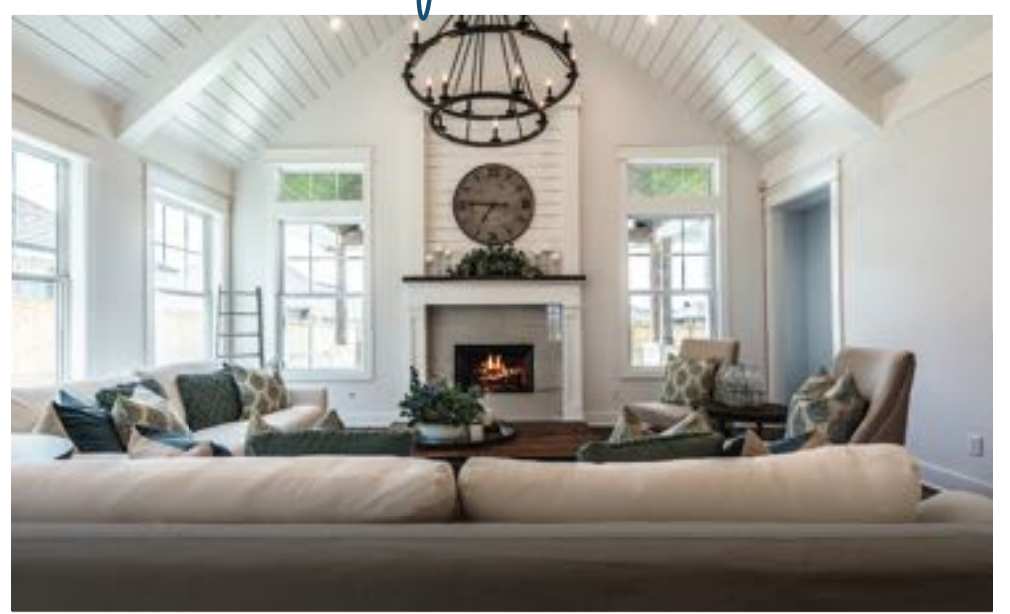
All-season rooms can be built with adequate thermal insulation and energy-saving features. Insulation will be installed in the walls and roof, and homeowners may have a choice of window ratings for efficiency. Some all-season rooms are specially equipped with HVAC systems that may or may not be tied in to the home's general heating and cooling system. Some people use portable heaters or air conditioners to control the temperature in all-season rooms. It's best to speak with an all-season room contractor to identify heating and cooling needs.

How much does an all-season room cost?

Prices vary by region and are contingent on the features homeowners desire. Typically a three-season room can cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$50,000 to build. A four-season room can cost \$20,000 to \$80,000 to add. If there is an existing three-season room, it may be more affordable to upgrade the space into an all-season room, but an architect and contractor should inspect the space to determine the scope of the project.

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Motionball Caledon raises \$26,000 for Special Olympics

Local Marathon of Sport event attended by over 100 people

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
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This year's Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport was a massive success.

On September 28, Motionball Caledon held its annual fundraiser for Special Olympics at Edelweiss Park in Bolton. It was attended by over 100 people, and between fundraising and sponsorships, approximately \$26,000 was raised.

Team Scorch, led by local Special Olympics athlete Jason Scorcia, was the top fundraising team. Scorcia himself raised over \$3,000, and his team raised over \$6,200.

Team Sportscorp Charisma was the second-highest fundraiser and brought in \$2,900 for the cause. The Caledon OPP came third, raising \$1,500.

Motionball Caledon volunteer Lucrezia Chiappetta said the event was so amazing, as was support for it. The original fundraising goal was \$20,000 and that number was easily beaten.

Eight teams participated in the event, playing sports like soccer, ultimate frisbee, and kin-ball alongside Special Olympics athletes. Amazon was the presenting sponsor for the event.

"Talking to some of the participants, they're already looking forward to next year," said Chiappetta.

Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Regional Councillor Mario Russo, and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell all



This year's Motionball Caledon event was bigger and better than ever, with eight teams participating and over \$26,000 raised. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

attended Motionball Caledon to show their support.

Chiappetta said she wanted to thank the Motionball Caledon organizing committee,

the many volunteers who helped at the event, and the sponsors who provided monetary and in-kind donations.

"Having that community support really

means a lot to us," she said. "I'm thrilled for the athletes, I'm thrilled for Motionball, and thrilled for the community that we've been able to do this."

"Stick & Green" Football Club captures BWSC Men's Open Age Division Championship

BY JIM STEWART

"Stick & Green" FC – also known as the "Old Boys" – captured the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club's Men's Open Division Championship at Edelweiss Park in Bolton on Thursday night.

The Old Boys earned a hard-fought 1-0 victory in the championship final by "sticky-ing together," according to Stick & Green FC spokesman Terry Indelicato, who has been with the squad since its inception.

The champs' intrepid march through the

2024 playoffs was delineated by the 15-year veteran player: "After finishing fourth in the league after the regular season, the team mounted an impressive playoff run, achieving four consecutive shutout victories: 6-0 in the opening round, 1-0 in the quarterfinal, 3-0 in the semi-final, and 1-0

in the final."

Daniel Lazarra scored the decisive goal for Stick & Green while veteran goalkeeper Daniel Brovedan, who is turning 40 this week, recorded the clean sheet in the championship game.

Indelicato also noted the personal connections that are at the heart of the recreational soccer club:

"The team, captained by Kevin Cordeiro, has been a mainstay in this division for roughly fifteen years with many of the players having grown up together playing with Bolton Wanderers since age five. Now, well into their late 30s, this championship win not only reflects their skill, but also the lifelong friendships built on the field."

In the spirit of season-end celebration, Indelicato expressed the team's "gratitude to league organizers, both past and present, and referees for their dedication." He also offered a friendly warning to the rest of the teams in the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club regarding the upcoming 2025 season.

"The boys, and their speduci barbecue, will be back next season to defend the title."

Clearly, this is the best expression of the spirit of recreational sports. As Indelicato noted in our interview, "The best part is getting together with our good friends once a week and playing soccer – something we all love."



Stick & Green FC BWSC Men's Open Age Division 2024 Champions

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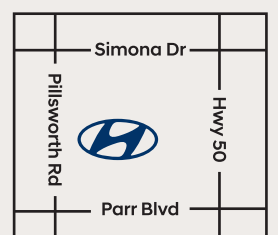


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Caledon Junior Hockey: A Month in Review

BY JIM STEWART

The Town of Caledon is a hockey hotbed blessed with three Junior teams: the Caledon Junior 'A' Admirals of the OJHL; the Caledon Junior 'B' Bombers of the GOJHL; and the Caledon Junior 'C' Golden Hawks of the PJHL.

All three teams work in unison to develop players for the next level of competition.

The following is a recap of how Caledon's three local junior hockey teams fared during the last week of the September as they completed the first month of their respective seasons:

Caledon Admirals

The final week of September was a rough one for Caledon's Junior A squad. The Admirals lost 7-1 to the Wellington

Dukes on Wednesday. Nasser Abou-Marie's power play goal narrowed Caledon's deficit to 2-1 at 6:16 of the second period, but Wellington scored five unanswered goals to provide the margin of victory. The Dukes outshot the Admirals 52-31. On Monday night, the Admirals were on the receiving end of an 8-0 loss to the Stouffville Spirit during which they were outshot 40-20. Caledon finished September in 12th place in the 12-team OJHL West Conference with a 1-7-0-0 record.

Caledon Bombers

Caledon's Junior B squad finished September in 11th place in the 11-team GOJHL East Conference with 1-5-0-0 record. The Bombers lost 7-1 to the second-place St. Catharines Falcons (5-1-0-0). Bomber Ryan Scott fired a shorthanded goal at 5:42 of the third period to cut the Falcons'

lead to 5-1, but St. Catharines added two more goals to secure the six-goal victory over Caledon.

Caledon Golden Hawks

The Golden Hawks have moved divisions for the 2024-2025 season from the North Carruthers to the East Orr and the new level of competition has been intense.

In the battle of birds of prey on Sunday at the Mayfield Recreation Complex, the undefeated Clarington Eagles (6-0-0-0) flew out to an early 3-0 lead before Ryan Baxter's unassisted goal narrowed the Golden Hawks' deficit to 3-1.

However, the Eagles scored three more in the middle frame before Golden Hawks' forward Kieran Pottes scored at 14:39 to cut Clarington's lead to 5-2, but the PJHL perennial powerhouse Eagles scored five unanswered goals to soar to victory.

On Thursday night at the MRC, Caledon earned an OT point in a 6-5 loss to the Port Perry Lumberjacks by scoring with one second left in regulation.

Port Perry's Cameron Marshall scored the OT winner for the Lumberjacks 59 seconds into the extra period.

Roenik Mahal opened the scoring for the Golden Hawks at 7:04 of the first period, but Port Perry tallied five consecutive goals to take a four-goal lead with 17 minutes remaining in the third period. A spirited and sudden comeback by the Golden Hawks ensued as Caledon scored four consecutive goals--Ryan Baxter at 14:19, James Yang at 15:31, and Baxter hit the score sheet again at 15:48 then Mahal scored his second of the game at 19:59 to force the overtime period.

The Golden Hawks finished the first month of the PJHL season tied for sixth place with Uxbridge in the 7-team East Orr division with a 1-4-1-0 record.



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DORIS ISOBEL PAWLEY

A resident of The Village of Sandalwood Park, Doris passed peacefully on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

Born and raised on Heart Lake Road, at the Pawley homestead on November 18, 1928 to Roy and Lena Pawley. Doris attended public school at SS#14, Chinguacousy, which was located on the former Gray farm at Dixie Road and Countryside Drive. Following high school, she worked for many years as a Dental Assistant with Dr. J. Faulkner in Brampton.

Doris had a generous heart; always putting others before herself. Her focus was family; she loved her home and devoted much of her time caring for her aging parents and was grateful to have had that opportunity. She was determined in all that she did and had the willpower to never stop trying.

Predeceased by her parents, Roy Pawley (1978) and Helena (Sackrider) Pawley (1987); her sister, Muriel Livingston (2012) and her brother-in-law, Bert Livingston (1982).

Doris will be remembered by her nephew, David Livingston (Linda); nieces, Diane Irwin (Harold), Susan Livingston (Kevin), Lynn Crawford (Bill), Dr. Lori Livingston (Susan); cousins, Jean and Arvilla Widdes, Midland, and Sharon Durling, Woodstock.

Doris was blessed to have many wonderful people in her life. She treasured all her friends and will be missed by many. Doris had fond memories and a lifetime of stories of the holidays and family reunions shared with the Davidson and Widdes clan, and would often reminisce about the wonderful fun they had together.

She loved music and while her sister took singing lessons, Doris preferred the piano. She credits her ability to play by studying under the late Herb Campbell, who was the local music teacher. A dedicated and long-standing member of Mayfield United Church in Caledon, Doris served as the church organist for well over 20 years.

In retirement, she joined Christian Women, volunteered at the Brampton Fall Fair, was active in bible study, U.C.W. and craft groups and spent many enjoyable afternoons playing bridge with her friends.

Doris was a wonderful seamstress and had a passion for making teddy bears and stuffed animals. She spent countless hours ensuring each one was finished to perfection and then generously gifted them to family and friends.

An avid sports fan, she was an enthusiastic follower of curling, the Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto Maple Leafs and in later years, the Raptors.

After entering The Villages on April 23, 2013, Doris continued to enjoy a variety of events and activities; craft groups, Chime Choir and gardening, but a highlight was always a good game of euchre with her card partner Lois Scrace.

A very warm and special thanks to The Reverend Lisa Naumann and Doris' long-time Mayfield Church family. Your prayers, kindness and thoughtful gestures meant so very much to her.

To Donna Bach and Norma Jean Thompson – a most sincere thank you. Together, you surrounded Doris with love and laughter and in return, enjoyed her wit and sense of humour.

And to Dr. S. Wijeyasekaran, the Administration, Nurses, Caregivers, Staff and Volunteers at The Village of Sandalwood Park, thank you for your exemplary and compassionate care during these last few years.

For those who wish, a memorial donation may be made to Mayfield United Church, 12496 Dixie Road, Caledon L7C 2L7. Private interment will take place at Dixon's Union Cemetery, Caledon. Please join us to celebrate Doris' life on Friday, October 18, 2024 from 12 noon until 3 p.m. (Words of Remembrance at 1:15 p.m.) at Royal Ambassador, 15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon East. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home, Bolton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

BRUCE MOLYNEAUX

It is with heavy hearts and lots of tears that the family of Bruce Molyneaux announce the sudden passing of a very joyful, fun, people-oriented father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend whose sense of humour never wavered.



Bruce loved the outdoors which included camping, canoeing, and star gazing with his ever-growing arsenal of telescopes and accessories. He absolutely loved his yearly, day-long walking trips throughout downtown Toronto to experience its historical buildings and sites. Bruce started his work career as a Surveyor Technician, which ultimately led to him being self-employed as a Land Title Searcher. He thoroughly enjoyed site plotting for major pipelines in northern Ontario and Eastern Canada. His love of being around people proved invaluable in his skills at plotting the pipeline sites, working with the construction crews, and in negotiating with the landowners. Bruce was very passionate about his hobbies, politics, travel, and history - and most of all his family and friends. We will miss dad's/grandpa's smile, his zest for life, and amazing conversations, especially during his daily 'coffee outings' when living in Brampton and Orangeville, and pub visits with mom's/nana's family in England. We all love you so much! In lieu of flowers or donations, Bruce's family ask you to enjoy every minute with your family and friends and never leave without telling them that you love them. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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Ron was a well-respected businessman who loved his family. In his early career at Orenda Engines as a draftsman Ron worked on the engine design of the Avro Arrow Aircraft. Following the death of his father he purchased 3 buses from the estate and began Coles Coach Lines Ltd. Ron was a hands-on Manager and was rarely at his desk. He could be found in the garage under a bus, training a new driver, driving a school run or conducting a tour to Ottawa or Quebec City.

Ron was a faithful member of the Parish of Mono. He served in his church as a warden and lay minister for many years and was a member of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

Ron was a Rotarian and served as President for 2 terms from 1980-1981 and 1993-1994 and was awarded the Paul Harris Award for his work and contributions to his community. Ron served 2 terms as a councillor for Township of Mono in the 1990's. Following retirement in 1989 Ron and Olive had time to travel and one of the most memorable trips was taking the Queen Elizabeth II from New York to England and flying home on the Concord.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Shelburne Residence Home for their care of Ron especially over the past two weeks.

The family will receive friends at the St. John's Anglican Church East Orangeville (3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON L7K 0G7) on Friday October 4, 2024, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Funeral Service will take place at St. John's Anglican Church East Orangeville (3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON L7K 0G7) on Saturday October 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM.

The family will receive friends one hour prior. Reception to follow the service.

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If you are unable to attend the service in person, there will be a live stream available at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnsorangeville/streams>

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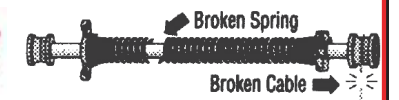
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Orangeville man provides free sports equipment to thousands of local families

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Purchasing sports equipment for children and youth can be financially draining, especially when they're growing out of the equipment year after year. It can also be a big risk for parents to purchase gear for a sport that their child has never tried, and may not want to pursue.

But, an Orangeville man is donating his time and resources to fix this problem.

Brian Hooper, who owns and runs Hooper's Skate Sharpening, takes in donations of used equipment, refurbishes it as needed, and gives it to families in need.

He's been helping outfit kids to play sports since he started his business decades ago. However, in the last six years, the charitable effort has taken off, with a steady flow of donations coming in and flowing back out into the community.

He now provides several hundred pieces of equipment to kids per year. In 2024, he's already donated 300 skates, and each pair comes with a complimentary sharpen.

While he primarily takes in hockey equipment, he also receives gear for lacrosse, baseball, soccer, golf, and snow sports.

Since starting the initiative, he's outfitted thousands of kids, who otherwise might not have had the chance to play minor sports – all at no cost.

"People don't realize that set of shoulder pads for two boys [to play hockey] and a set of pants, that's easily \$600 that parents would pay in the store for those four things," Hooper said. "That's \$600 they now can pay put towards something else."

Hooper's commitment to the local sports community goes beyond sorting and refurbishing equipment for children looking to play sports. He provides free skate sharpening with each pair of donated skates he finds a new home for. If he charged for each pair that was given out, he'd have thousands of dollars in profit, but instead, he ensures there are zero barriers to getting kids out on the ice.

He also keeps his skate-sharpening costs low.

Until July of this year, he only charged \$5 per pair of skates, but he's had to up it to \$8 a pair to cover rising costs.

"It's the first time in 20 years that I've had to go above \$5," Hooper said. "My sharpening stones have gone up by more than a third [in price] in the last two years. My power bill has gone up huge."

Typically, most skate sharpening places charge

\$10 to \$14.

Hooper also helps with skating programs at local schools.

When children don't have skates or helmets for an outing with their class, the school calls Hooper and lets him know what sizes are needed. He then sharpens the skates, finds the correct sizes of helmets and puts them in a bin for a teacher to pick up.

Much of Hooper's efforts beyond refitting equipment, such as helping run youth programs, are supported by monetary donations from people or organizations in the community. However, in the past, he had to cover some costs out of pocket.

But Hooper's largest cost is his time.

Since the middle of August, he has spent two to five hours accepting donations, sorting them, repairing items as needed, and redistributing. On the weekends he easily spends eight hours a day or more.

"It has its moments where the days can be long, but if you look at the smiling faces of the kids that leave here to play sports, it helps to recharge my batteries," Hooper said. "I also supply teach at schools almost every day and in almost every class from kindergarten to Grade 12 I go to I meet kids that know me through the equipment program."

He added, "It usually makes my day easier when

I get into class and they know me. They are usually the first ones to pay attention and make sure the others do as well."

Hooper has just two rules when kids receive equipment from him.

"They need to show love and respect to their parents or the person that brought them to Hoopers because they obviously care about you and deserve it," he said.

The second rule is, "I want them to try hard in school. Not in the way they think though. It's not about As and Bs, even though that's good as well, but it's about being a good person in school, being a positive leader in class. Have pride in their school and be the person that steps up when a classmate needs help with work and if they need a friend. Be the reason why someone's day is a better one. That's it. If they do that, then they are welcome to take anything that fits and play sports."

Not only does Hooper's free equipment swap help kids in need, but it also has a positive impact on the environment.

"A lot of this equipment would go into a garbage if people didn't know where to put it," he said.

Hooper encourages anyone with equipment sitting in their home, to drop it off to him so it can be used by others.

"It doesn't cost you anything to do it. You've already spent the money on the equipment," he said. "If you've got equipment sitting in a garage gathering dust, drop it off. It makes no sense to keep it."

Hooper only asks that the equipment is of decent quality and can be used as is or for parts.

He'd encourage anyone in need of equipment to stop by Hooper's Skate Sharpening.

"There's no pressure. If it's here and it fits, it's yours," he said. "I'd rather have an empty garage and be able to say all the equipment that was donated here is being used. Every piece of equipment is potentially giving the opportunity to another kid to play a sport."

Inquiries for the equipment primarily come through his Hooper's Skate Sharpening Facebook Page, which now has over 1,700 followers. Hooper can also be reached through email at Hoopersharpening@gmail.com for anyone who would like to donate or receive equipment.

At the moment, he could outfit up to 60 kids for hockey but has around 150 pairs of skates. Hooper's stock of hockey helmets, gloves and elbow pads is currently low, so those donations will help him provide more full sets of hockey equipment to anyone in need.

Four full-time firefighters join Fire and Emergency Services



BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is expanding its team.

On September 27, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services announced four new full-time firefighters had graduated their training and will be joining the

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Caledon's Fire Chief, Dave Pelayo, said it's always a joy to celebrate the milestone with new recruits.

"These recruits have completed intensive coursework and obtained the certifications required to be ready to respond in an emergency. Their dedication to serving our community is commendable

and we thank them for their service," said Pelayo.

Town of Caledon Communications Staff said demand for highly-trained first responders is growing as Caledon does.

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