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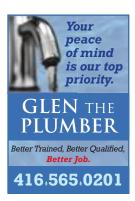
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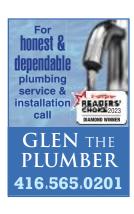
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Caledon Area Families for Inclusion building a community support network, one family at a time



BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A truly inclusive Caledon is possible if residents work together, say leaders of a local non-profit.

Mike Brunetto and Patricia Franks are long-time volunteers with Caledon Area Families For Inclusion (CAFFI), a community support network for individuals with differing abilities and their families. The group places a special focus on individuals with complex needs, such as individuals who are non-verbal, who can often be left behind when it comes to areas like recreation opportunities, housing, and financial support.

Brunetto and Franks each have a child with differing abilities.

Brunetto said CAFFI is looking to grow its support network and bring people together who want to support each other. The more people that join, the more data CAFFI can provide to decision-makers at the Town of Caledon and beyond. For example, the group would like to see staff hired at the Town who have the necessary training to facilitate programs for individuals with complex needs. The more people it can show are interested in such programs, the better.

Franks shared that between two and five per cent of the population has a developmental disability of some kind. She wants impacted families to know they are not alone in the challenges they face — and she wants families who aren't to know what it's like.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SUMMIT - Elected officials, health care leaders and members of the Dufferin-Caledon community attended the Caledon Health Summit on April 7 in Southfields Village. For more, see Page A2. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN









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Caledon Health Summit held at Southfields Community Centre hosted by local health team

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team brings together key partners

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Health care leaders from Caledon, Dufferin and beyond came together for a summit in Caledon this week.

On April 7, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) hosted the "Caledon Health Summit" at the Southfields Community Centre in Southfields Village.

The event was attended by elected officials, health care leaders, and members of the community, and they discussed the future of health and social services in Caledon

Dave Pearson, Executive Director of the HOHC OHT, told the Citizen the summit was all about using partnerships, and a shared vision for success, to improve health care for the entire population of Dufferin-Caledon.



Pearson said efficiencies can be found Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Health Minister Sylvia Jones speaks at last week's Health Summit. through co-location for both health and

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social service providers and their patients and users. A long-term goal of the parties that attended the summit is the creation of facilities in Caledon that are a one-stop shop for health and social service needs. Pearson added that coming together and co-locating also has benefits when it comes to obtaining provincial funding. A Town of Caledon news release notes one of the key outcomes of the summit was "establishing a commitment to collaboration on the HOHC OHT's Caledon Health Plan — a crucial step toward addressing current service gaps and meeting the evolving needs of the growing community." The HOHC OHT hopes to ensure every person in Dufferin-Caledon has a primary care provider (family doctor) in the future. Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said access to high-quality health care remains a top priority for her.

ment to community vitality and livability, a key priority of our strategic plan," said Groves. "By working together with all levels of government and health care partners, we can create a more integrated and responsive health system that meets the needs of all Caledon residents."

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Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones said her government is making record investments in health care.

"The Caledon Health Summit represents an important opportunity to share the progress we have achieved to deliver more connected and convenient care in our community, and across the province," said Jones. "I look forward to continuing to work with local partners as our government continues to expand access to care, including through our Primary Care Action Team which will connect every person in Ontario to primary care, in their community."

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Traffic safety advisory committee to look into red light camera program

Request from Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen to investigate program referred to committee

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An advisory committee will be looking into implementing a red light camera program in Caledon.

At Caledon Council's April 8 General Committee meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen brought forward a motion asking that Caledon investigate options for implementing a red light camera program.

"I've been a strong proponent of automated speed enforcement, which we're slowly rolling out, which has been great," said Sheen. "It occurred to me that red light cameras are being well utilized in the rest of Peel region, but not so much in Caledon."

Sheen said there are many intersections in Caledon where red light cameras could be beneficial.

"My motion simply asks staff to expedite this, recognizing that the public is expecting us to take traffic safety seriously," said Sheen.

He said red light cameras should pay for themselves with the fines they would issue, but that the cameras are not about generating revenue, they're about public safety.

Sheen's motion noted that Peel Region currently operates 35 red light cameras

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in Brampton and Mississauga but none in Caledon.

"Caledon residents regularly witness drivers, including large transport truck drivers, running red lights and stop signs, creating dangerous situations on local roads," reads Sheen's motion. "Medium-sized municipalities such as Hamilton and Niagara Region have successfully implemented red light camera programs to improve road safety... as seen at the ROMA 2025 Trade Show, advancements in technology have made traffic safety devices, including red light cameras, much more affordable and accessible to municipalities of various sizes."

Mayor Annette Groves suggested referring Sheen's motion to Caledon's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee so it can take a deeper dive into what will need to be done policy-wise in order to get red light cameras up and running in Caledon.

She said referring it to the committee would not cause any delays and that Town staff are investigating red light cameras already.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said she would not support the referral.

"I don't understand why we would wait any longer to try and get some movement forward. It is the number one problem that I get in my community. We all get traffic, speeding, red light runners, and accidents," said Kiernan.

Regional Councillor Christina Early also said she wouldn't support the referral.

"We have a lot of red light runners, and I think we need to move forward with red light cameras. I don't think we need to wait," said Early.

Groves' referral to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee passed with councillors Early, Kiernan and Sheen in opposition.

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Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint, leading officers to charge a driver with impaired operation.

"On April 5, 2025, shortly after 10:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Mayfield Road and Bramalea Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The vehicle was described as being operated in a concerning manner. Officers located the vehicle and met with the driver. During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, leading to the driver's arrest."

As a result of the investigation, Jose Sacramento, 47, 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

April 24, 2025, to answer to the charge. The driver's licence was also suspended



for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from impaired drivers. 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 peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stophave to testify.

the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged a Caledon resident with impaired operation related offences as the result of a R.I.D.E. program.

"On April 4, 2025, just before 11:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in the area of Townline in the Town of Orangeville," say Police. "A vehicle entered the area and was met by the officers. After a brief conversation, the officers were quickly led to an impaired driving investigation.

Spiridione Zammit, a 69-year-old male, from Caledon has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended, and their vehicle impounded. The charge has not been proven.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact pers, you stay anonymous, and you never your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, Members of the Dufferin Detachment of injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

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

BREAK & ENTER INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a break and enter of a residence in Tottenham.

"On April 4, 2025, at 8:32 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a residential break in at 12 Sydie Lane, In the Town of New Tecumseth," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers located the basement window to be pried open and determined there had 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www. been a break and enter. Suspects fled the crimestopperssdm.com. When you contact scene prior to police arrival.



that the home owner arrived home from work at approximately 8:15 p.m., and entered through the garage and into a mudroom at which time noticed that clothes had been thrown all over the floor from the drying machine and a safe had been taken from the home.

"Home surveillance shows what appears to be two males exiting through the front door at 4:48 p.m., One male is seen carrying the safe wrapped in a blanket, then what is believed to be a black Ford Escape is also observed backing into the driveway at which time a third male is observed exiting the driver side of the vehicle to assist. Video in the area also shows a female walking around the residence on a cell phone near the address at approximately 4:24 p.m. that officers are looking to speak with."

Suspect 1: is described as male, wearing a black jacket/hoodie, black pants, black shoes, black crossbody bag, black gloves, black hat, surgical mask.

Suspect 2: is described as male with tan skin, wearing a beige/black jacket, grey track pants, brown shoes, grey toque, surgical mask.

Suspect 3: The driver: is described as male, wearing a grey jacket, black hat, surgical mask, and black pants.

Suspect 4: is described as female, wearing white pants, surgical mask, black jacket, black shoes, pink hijab.

Investigations are still ongoing, Police are encouraging residents to review their camera footage or dash cam for any suspicious activity that may be helpful in this investigation between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 2025.

If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 Reference (E250408102).

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Staff to look at feasibility of performing arts theatre in Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

All the world's a stage, and some would like to see the Town of Caledon have its own.

At Caledon Council's April 8 General Committee meeting, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa brought forward a motion asking that Town staff investigate the feasibility of, and potential locations for, a performing arts theatre in Caledon.

"Right now, we have a wealth of sports and healthy, active living facilities in our communities... we haven't spent a lot of time investigating what the future of our arts and culture facilities might look like," said Rosa. "I would like staff to investigate where we could put a theatre in our commu-

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nity, if this investigation doesn't happen I'm worried it's going to be lost." Rosa shared that performing arts groups in Caledon often have to go to neighbouring municipalities like Mississauga and Brampton to perform.

He noted that consultants hired years ago by the Town suggested that a theatre needs to be in an urban centre where it can be supported by, and support, local businesses like restaurants and hotels.

"You need the hotels, you need the restaurants, you need the cafes, you need the partnerships in order to make this work," said Rosa.

Rosa's motion was supported unanimously by Caledon Council after a friendly amendment to make the review have a focus on urban centres across Caledon and not just Bolton.

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The Liberty Inn co-owners Jacqui Liberty and Bruno Roldan (centre) are pictured here in front of the Inn with Roldan's sister Daniela Roldan (left) and brother-in-law Julio Elizarraras (right). PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LIBERTY INN

Caledon residents proudly open **The Liberty Inn**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

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northwest Caledon.

In the historic hamlet of Cataract lies The Liberty Inn, which officially opened to the public in February. It's owned by Jacqui Liberty and her husband Bruno Roldan, Alton residents who always had an eye for the building at 1498 Cataract Road.

During the pandemic, they had an opportunity to purchase and renovate the building and they worked hard to create a truly special space. The Liberty Inn has historic charm – the building it's in was built in 1855 - but features modern comforts in its five suites. It also features a Nordic spa with a hot tub, cedar barrel sauna, and cold plunge. Inn guests can reserve the facilities for an hour at a time to enjoy the spa in private.

Liberty is a potter and she created the majority of the tile in The Liberty Inn herself. It was a painstaking but rewarding process. Liberty even made dishware and light fixtures for the Inn.

She's already got a few bookings for the week of the RBC Canadian Open which is being held at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Alton. Cyclists will be happy to hear the Inn has large lockers to store bikes in - there's lots of great biking to be had in the area.

The Liberty Inn building has tons of history. As mentioned before, it was built in 1855. It was Cataract's first post office, and was used as a general store and Inn back when the Elora-Cataract Trailway was a railroad.

"We tried really hard to feature a lot of its heritage characteristics that give it a lot of its character," said Liberty. Those interested in learning more about The "We put a lot of ourselves into it... it pulls Liberty Inn can visit www.thelibertyinn.ca.



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Caledon hires new Director of Transportation

Dan Terzievski is the third senior leadership hire to be announced since March 20

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will soon have a new Director of Transportation.

In an April 4 news release, Town of Caledon communications staff announced Dan Terzievski had been hired as Caledon's Director of Transportation.

According to the release, Terzievski has over 26 years of engineering and transportation experience supporting urban growth in rapidly-developing communities.

Before coming to the Town of Caledon, he worked as the Director of Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering at the City of Richmond Hill. There, he was in charge of municipal service areas like transportation, water and municipal infrastructure.

The release notes Terzievski is a licensed professional engineer with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's Certificate in Municipal Leadership. He's also a certified professional traffic operations engineer.

"His expertise in transportation planning, traffic safety and operations, municipal infrastructure and development will be instrumental in supporting the Town's commitment to improving mobility and accessibility for all residents," said the Town.

Domenica D'Amico, Caledon's Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation, said Town staff are looking forward to welcoming Terzievski on April 14, his first day with the Town.

"His leadership experience and deep understanding of transportation systems will be invaluable as we continue to grow the Town's road network and infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing community," said D'Amico.

Terzievski will be in charge of traffic engineering, road safety, transportation planning, and



DAN TERZIEVSKI TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

environmental assessments for Caledon's roads.

"I am very excited to join the Town of Caledon and work alongside a talented team that's committed to delivering safe, efficient and sustainable transportation solutions for their residents," said Terzievski. "I look forward to collaborating with staff, stakeholders, Council and the community to help achieve Caledon's vision for a connected and accessible transportation network."

Terzievski is the most recent of three new senior leadership hires at the Town of Caledon since March 20.

On March 20, Caledon announced it had hired Solmaz Zia as its new Director of Engineering; on March 28 it announced it had hired Sandra DeMaria as its new Director of Development Planning.

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Caledon to review prohibiting public's ability to take photos, videos during Council meetings

Delegate says if ban goes through it sets a bad precedent

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Town of Caledon staff will review whether prohibiting the public's ability to take photos and videos during Council meetings is warranted or allowed.

At Caledon Council's April 8 general committee meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell brought forward a motion requesting that "the municipal clerk investigate options to prohibit the outside video recording or photography of Council or its Committee meetings through a procedure by-law amendment and report back on findings with any recommendations to [the] governance review committee in the fourth quarter of 2025."

In his motion, Maskell cited concerns about artificial intelligence and other forms of technology being used to alter images and videos taken of councillors to create misleading content.

"This is a request for the clerk's department to take a look at what the practices are across Ontario and see if this is warranted," said Maskell. "I think this is a mere request to investigate this, and then we'll figure out... whether the juice is worth the squeeze on this one."

Caledon resident Mira Budd delegated to Maskell's motion at the April 8 meeting.

"If the Town can record the meetings, so should the media, so should the public... I just don't like the precedent this would put forward," said Budd. "If AI is a concern, [alterations] can still be done with screen re-



COUNCILLOR DOUG MASKELL TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

cordings. There's no law in Canada that says in public places you cannot take photos and videos."

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said Budd brought up great points.

"The key to this motion... is that it's a request for a review. We're not making any decisions. We're just asking staff to look at things, perhaps look at legalities, perhaps look at other options," said Russo. "Having sat in this Chamber, I have seen members of the public just start recording people... people that may not want to be recorded."

Russo acknowledged that Council is recorded but only from a stationary camera that records Councillors and anyone who delegates.

Maskell's motion was passed with only Regional Councillor Christina Early in opposition.

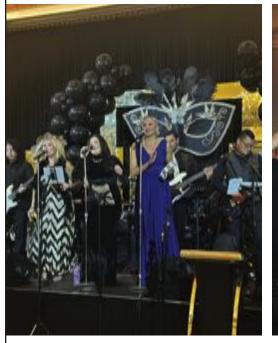


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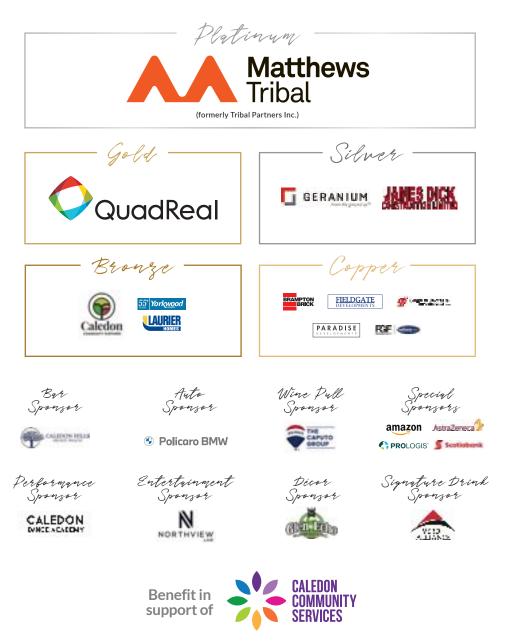
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Malalai Halimi launches Liberal bid, takes aim at incumbent Conservative

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

As the federal election campaign gets underway, Liberal candidate Malalai Halimi is officially launching her bid to represent Dufferin–Caledon, challenging incumbent Conservative candidate Kyle Seeback for the riding.

Amid a crowd gathered at her campaign office in Orangeville, Halimi greeted friends, family, and political allies. She welcomed them to her campaign and expressed gratitude for their support.

"I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to all of you for being here," she said. "Here today at our new campaign office, surrounded by so many supporters, friends, MPs and our past candidates."

Halimi's campaign is centred on a message of unity, something she says is a contrast to the Conservative platform, which has dominated Dufferin-Caledon. Since the riding's creation in 2004, Conservative candidates have claimed its seat in every election.

"We know that our community is strong, we are not broken," she said. "While the Conservatives have voted against programs like \$10 a day child care, a national food program, dental care, PharmaCare and more, the Liberals have and will continue to introduce policies to support the middle class and protect the environment, build more homes and keep Canada strong."

She voiced strong support for Liberal Party leader Mark Carney, citing alignment on key priorities such as affordability, housing, and international trade.

"I have been very pleased to hear some of the priorities Mr. Carney is focused on," Halimi said. "Standing up against Donald Trump and his threats, cutting taxes for the middle class, saving families up to \$825 a year and building 4 million homes across Canada. Mark Carney and I are focused on growing the economy, diversifying industries, uniting our Canadian economy, and growing trade partnerships with international allies."

Halimi emphasized that now more than ever, Canada needs leadership that brings people together during uncertain times.



Malalai Halimi is joined by Maninder Sidhu of Brampton East as they pose with supporters and allies after delivering a speech at her campaign office on Thursday, March 27. PHOTO BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Halimi, who lives in Dufferin–Caledon with her family, says it was her experience in the community that inspired her to run for office. She made an emotional appeal to voters about the need for strong leadership in the face of global and national challenges.

"Dufferin-Caledon is my home. It's where I'm raising my three teenagers, and where I hope to build a better future for them and our residents," Halimi said.

"It will take strong, experienced leadership, not slogans, to get us through the challenges we face in the years ahead."

Halimi has been focusing her time on community events and reaching out to voters since launching her campaign. She has visited events across the riding to connect with residents and said she is grateful for the experience it brought.

"I have met thousands of incredible people all over Dufferin-Caledon and I have been able to hear from so many Dufferin-Caledon residents about their priorities and concerns here at home," she said. "And one message that keeps ringing through is Mr. Carney's statement that markets don't have value, people do."

She said that this election will be critical for the future of Canada, and echoing Mark Carney's statement, she said people are the most important part. "Everything we love about Canada is at stake in this election because of Donald Trump's threats," she said. "I'm confident that Canadians recognize that and will come out to elect a strong government that will stand up for our economy, our sovereignty, and keep Canada strong."

Among the guests at the campaign launch was Brampton East MP Maninder Sidhu, who voiced strong support for Halimi.

"It was very important for me to be here tonight to show my support," Sidhu said. "You've got a wonderful candidate here, in Malalai. We've been knocking [on] doors in Brampton, you've been knocking doors here. The energy is very real, people want real change,"

"When we come together, when we unite, we stand for Canada," he said. "So let's keep building."

"Let's turn this riding red. I'm so delighted, so excited for Malalai and the whole team here," Sidhu added.

Until the polls close, Halimi plans to continue campaigning and hosting events to connect further with Dufferin-Caledon residents.

Next up, she will be hosting a Barbeque on Saturday, April 12 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at her campaign office (236 Broadway).

Town looking into improving website

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Town of Caledon staff will be working to improve Caledon's website in the coming years.

At Caledon Council's April 8 General Committee meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen brought forward a motion asking that Caledon's website be improved.

"I've often come across stale, dated information or [found that] things are hard to find. I've heard members of the public come here to the podium and talk about how hard it is to use the search function on the town's website," said Sheen. "I truly believe that Caledon is committed to delivering exceptional customer service to our residents, and this is certainly a significant tool that should be working well for them to access information."

Sheen said his motion was brought forward to ask Town staff to investigate what options may be available, what they might cost, and when they could be implemented.

"Residents increasingly rely on the Town's website as their primary source for accessing essential services, staying informed about community events, reviewing public records, and participating in civic processes, making it a vital tool for fostering community engagement and transparent governance," reads Sheen's motion.

Town staff noted Caledon's current website platform will expire in 2027 and that staff have already begun preparing for what will come next.

Staff acknowledged the site could be better and are hoping to come to Council with a budget ask this year for improvements to the site. Staff are also conscious of next year's municipal election and do not want to make large changes at a time when access to information is needed most.

"We're strategizing when the best time is to move that data to the new site, but we continue to modernize and improve the data at our site that we have currently," said staff.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo suggested referring Sheen's motion back to staff so they can create a workshop for Council and educate Council on the work they've done so far and what is planned for the future.

The referral was unanimously supported by Council.







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- Esplanade (Indaziflam 200g/L Envu)
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- Hasten NT adjuvant (Methyl & ethyl oleate 75.2%, Norac)
- Milestone NXT (Aminopyralid 60%, Florpyrauxifen 4.77%, Corteva)
- Navius Flex (Metsulfuron-methyl 12.6%, Aminocyclopyrachlor 39.5%, Envu)
- Overdrive (Diflufenzopyr 205, Dicamba 50%, BASF)
- Roundup WeatherPro (Glyphosate 540g/L, Bayer)
- Telar XP (Chlorsulfuron 75%, Envu)
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Encouraging young writers

Today, April 10, is apparently National Encour- well-earned place at the table. age a Young Writer Day.

Why? I'm not sure.

Who says? Well, I'm not sure of that, either.

All I know is that this particular observance is listed on the National Day Calendar along with such other "notable" national days as National Alcohol Screening Day, National Erase Self-Negativity Day (this one, as it happens, has an origin Day Calendar has some suggestions. story to go along with it and is one we should be following as much as possible), National Farm id imagination, maybe someone who likes to tell Animals Day, National Cinnamon Crescent Day, and National Siblings Day, so it must be...something.

Wherever it came from, I'm glad it's here and that it's today, because encouraging young writers Encourage them to pursue their goals and develop – and older writers, for that matter – is something that is terribly important in this day and age.

We're living at a time when letter-writing has become something of a lost art. If you handed a kid a post card, chances are they would most likely look at you as if you had an extra two heads popping out of each ear if you asked them to fill them in and stamp them.

Sadly, independent booksellers are, with each passing year, becoming more and more of an endangered species. Cursive writing is now seen in some circles as outdated at best and obsolete or irrelevant in others.

We might still be a long way off from Artificial Intelligence, such as it is, threatening those who make their living by the written word, or find a vital creative outlet through setting pen to paper, into obsolescence, but it's working double time to convince some of those who employ them that they're inconvenient or too expensive compared to the alternatives.

At times I despair for the young scribes coming up and pursuing careers in journalism, creative writing, advertising copywriting, and related fields, as it feels while there are passionate people who impart knowledge and foster the next generation of talent in the classroom, lecture hall, or workplace, once those days are over and you're setting out to ply your trade, find a job, or hang up your own shingle, you're required to really do the heavy lifting. It's a matter of making the case for not only why you're the right person for the job but, in some instances, why the job should exist in the first place.

While this is often discouraging, at the same time, however, there are more outlets than ever before for the aspiring writer to hone their craft and find an audience.

Libraries that serve our communities are more bustling now than ever before. Writers groups in these libraries and elsewhere never have a shortage of participants eager to let their creative juices flow onto paper or their screen of choice and, in with flower, which wilted down to her jawline. turn, participants eager to channel their passions into constructive criticism of their peers

But, in this odd timeline we're currently living in where writing, in some of its forms, is under regular attack while, concurrently, there are more avenues for writers than ever before to get their names out there, how can we encourage young writers to pick up the pen or crack their knuckles before hitting the keyboard? Well, the National

"Do you know a young person who has a vivstories and reads a lot of books? These may be signs of a great young writer," they say. "National Encourage a Young Writer Day would be a good time to talk to them about their ideas and dreams. their writing skills.

"Give a journal. A journal provides a place for daily writing. From short poems to inspired essays, this is a place young writers can feel free to stretch their wings unjudged. Offer writing prompts. These random bits of inspiration can come from the most unlikely sources but often generate unexpected results. Encourage them to read. The more they read, their experiences with writing and writers will expand. Have young writers try multiple writing styles and different voices. Changing perspective will keep their writing style fresh, allowing them an opportunity to find their personal style. Create a young writers' group. It's a good way to see their story from the reader's point of view and to receive feedback from peers."

I was fortunate enough to grow up in a home where writing was always encouraged. My father, once upon a time, was a journalist and continues to find pleasure through this form of creative expression. My mother was and remains a voracious reader, always eager to crack in and provide feedback.

Under their watch, there was always a ready supply of journals, note pads, random assortments of scrap paper, and plenty of pens, pencils and crayons about for whenever my young self had a moment of creativity.

Short stories were my preferred medium at that point, and with plenty of time to spend after school and over the summer holidays, I would regularly churn out stories – we don't need to discuss the quality of the product at that time – inspired by just about everything around me. A regular inspiration for me in the 1990s were riffs on the two Addams Family movies (still two of the finest comedies ever committed to film, in my opinion), the nature around me, and a random character named Mabel. Where she came from in my imagination, I have no idea, but she had many an adventure in her "trademark" pillbox hat, complete

and the foxes that lived in our backyard didn't of "thought, belief, opinion and expression ...



Just what does it mean to have "faith?"



It's been said that faith can move mountains. And most of us, at one point in our lives, take a leap of faith.

But just what is it, and how does it impact our lives?

I don't want to get into a religious discussion, but examining one's "faith," is important.

In this article, I attempt to answer the questions: "Do you have faith? If so, how do you act on faith?"

can also mean sincerity of intentions; allegiance or wanted him to have comfort in his final years. duty, fidelity and trust. Of course, human beings sometimes believe in something for which there is no proof.

No matter how you define faith, it seems it's quite a powerful thing, a substance that can guide us on our journey. Faith can be our companion, trusted friend and a shimmer of light in the darkness.

I am going to try to address all of these, in the hopes we can all "have a little faith."

The first notation in Section 2 of our Charter of Rights (Fundamental Freedoms) is a "freedom of My iterations of Gomez and Morticia, Mabel, conscience and religion" followed up by a freedom

by Mark Pavilons

embrace "belief" through my studies in ancient cultures, and the vast array of religious icons, symbols and figures throughout our history.

To a Christian in the early days of our modern societies, a small, hand-carved wooden cross carried tremendous meaning. It was their lifeline in a very difficult world. It provided comfort that yes, things will work out.

I own several iron and bronze crosses of many designs, from the 1100s through to current times. I find them mysterious, marvellous works of art, and symbols of human faith. I keep one - dated to the 17th century – on my key chain and the bronze has become a shiny gold colour from the constant rubbing of my fingers in my pocket. As I hold one of these relics in my hand I wonder about the owners over hundreds of years and what their lives may have been like. I try to connect with them in some sort of spiritual way.

My parents never bought me a cross or crucifix. The first one I possessed was one my Aside from a belief, trust and loyalty to God, faith wife purchased for my dad – a real beauty. We A biblical definition of faith reaches beyond mere belief - the simple acknowledgment that God exists -into the realm of trust. The Hebrew word for faith is "Emunah," which is derived from the same root as "uman," which means an artisan, craftsman, or practitioner. Faith is an ongoing pursuit, an "artistry" that gets better with time and practice.

> A true believer fixes their gaze on things that cannot be seen. We know that the things we now see will one day be gone, but it's those we cannot see that last forever.

I find the paranormal truly remarkable. And if

shines a light on authors and publishers large and small, is always an event that brings out a healthy and diverse crowd. The arrival of a new independent bookseller – new or used – on the horizon never fails, at least from what I'm seeing, to make a splash and arouse excitement.

Elsewhere, in less traditional forms, social media outlets are changing the rules of the writing game – and not necessarily for the worse. A well-crafted Tweet - have we settled on a name times, but they remain powerful outlets not only yet on what to call posts on X? – can be an artform in and of itself. The same for a pointed Instagram caption or particularly compelling Substack. New forms are nothing to sneeze at and have their own efit.

Events like Toronto's Word on the Street, which exactly set the world of youth lit on fire, but given the time to explore these avenues, I believe, other, we can make it, "livin' on a prayer." helped me build a solid foundation.

> Now is a time when young people are considering their next moves, whether they're still weighing their options for their post-secondary education, trying to break into a career with a fresh degree under their belts, or simply looking for a place to get published.

> Work in these fields might seem discouraging at for expression but for creativity and even keeping people informed of the world around them - and they deserve every encouragement as we all ben-

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voices, values, and lived realities of the people it they understand best. serves. But lately, it feels like our voices are being cannot afford to ignore.

cil in early March proposed a significant shift in being considered. And let's not pretend this is a onehow we elect our Regional Councillors. Without off. The pattern is becoming harder to ignore: maany public announcement or meaningful consultation, the report recommended moving from our properly informing or consulting the very people current tri-ward model-where Regional Councillors are elected by grouped wards-to a town-wide "at-large" voting system. This model would see the

As a long-time resident of Caledon, I've always top two vote-getters across the entire town elected, believed that local governance should reflect the regardless of where they live or which communities

This proposal was buried within what appeared increasingly sidelined-and that's something we to be a routine post-election report. There was no public engagement, no advance notice, and no clear A recent staff report presented quietly to Coun- explanation as to why such a drastic change is even jor decisions being proposed or advanced without they impact.

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Singer Bon Jovi told us that when we have each

Keep the faith. A test of faith. It goes beyond a shadow of a doubt, sometimes it's blind.

So, my friends, faith can be total confidence and trust in one another. It can be unbelievable strength when we combine our power and love for a common purpose.

the fact that they will be there for us each and every sured with high accuracy. The Standard Model day. We look forward to seeing their faces when we come home from work. We never contemplate life without them.

are many people involved - the person themselves, At present our current best theory is that they arose their circle of friends and family, and even a handful of acquaintances.

For me in my "battle" with cancer, I have all of them. I also have countless medical practitioners, researchers, students, scientists and pharmaceutical companies working on treatments. My faith is in them, and that one day they will have that life-changing "eureka" moment. I can't wait.

Faith and belief are often used in the same context, sometimes interchangeably, but they are not quite the same thing. Belief is a strongly held opinion about an idea or world view. Beliefs are also opinions that you form about what you read, hear, or see. Beliefs can change over time, as you grow and learn new things.

Religious faith is not something you start and build from; faith can only be received; it must be given by God. True faith can take on doubts and questions, but it remains intact. We can grow in our faith, but the foundation is always the same.

James 2:19 says "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder." Take that Satan!

I've never been overly religious, but have come to

there are ghosts, imagine the power of love and the energy contained in one's soul, to keep one's essence "alive" in this world.

Religion and science are not mutually exclusive. In fact, they're complementary.

We think that the universe was created 13.7 billion years ago. The "Big Bang" model of universal creation makes a number of very specific and nu-We love our family members and take comfort in merical predictions which are observed and meaof Particle Physics employs something known as "Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking" to explain the strength of the laws of nature. Within the Standard When someone we love is fighting a battle, there Model the strength of these laws are not predicted. "by chance."

> The fine tuning of gravitational attraction and electromagnetic interactions - which allow the laws of nature to enable life to form - are too perfect and clever to be a mere coincidence. To me, this means that some super-force, with specific intentions, created well, everything. Read into that what you will.

> If you ever see photos from Hubble or the Webb space telescopes you cannot help but be overwhelmed by the expansive beauty of it all. Heaven, the cosmos - creation itself - it's all very mind-boggling, almost divine.

> There is so much we don't understand. And there's so much right under our noses that we ignore

> I believe it's important to have faith – in ourselves, our fellow men and women, and in something a little bit more.

> I don't question anyone's belief, especially when you consider we come from a long line of ancient ancestors who looked up at the sky and wondered. We still do.

We still have faith that things will turn out okay.



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municipal politics and concern in the com- and the various processes by which you can munity around illegal land use and traffic ensure your voice is heard. Rather, it's hoped concerns, it seems appropriate today to also a few myths might be dispelled concerning share a bit of information on how easy it is how difficult it might be to do so. The bigfor you to have your say about the matters gest hint - it's NOT difficult! Furthermore, that matter most to you.

about issues of importance to all residents, ious activities AND working a full-time job. and we also know that sometimes these col- That's because there are actually multiple umns go on to generate further conversation ways to have your say, starting with the easithroughout the community. But then what? est of all, called "Have Your Say!" an online What comes after you share information or tool available through the Town of Caledon's talk to your neighbours? Well, there is a way website found at www.caledon.ca for you to have your say in a more construcor on social media. It's never been easier.

Here's a little cheat sheet on the "how."

isn't meant to be a direct hands-on tutorial any of the "current opportunities" listed in

With so much chatter about elections, local on exactly how to navigate the town website order to provide your input on what's hap-"not having time" isn't really an excuse, even

We often spend time in this space talking if you are running the kids to school, or var-

Once on the Town's website, you can click tive way than just complaining over the fence on the link "public engagement" which will take you directly to the "Have Your Say" portal. Once there, you can register with just a First though, a caution that this column few clicks of a button, and then select from

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Why now? Why this? Why the silence?

When residents aren't part of the conversation, it raises uncomfortable questions. Some Councillors, including Kiernan, Early, Maskell, Sheen, and de-Boer, have rightly pushed back-demanding transparency and public input. They understand what's at stake. Councillor Maskell even suggested that public consultation be embedded in the bylaw process itself, because the implications of this change are simply too great.

Caledon is not Vaughan or Mississauga. Those cities are dense, urbanized, and relatively uniform in needs. Caledon is different. We are a patchwork of unique communities-rural hamlets, agricultural lands, and growing suburban centres. The issues facing Palgrave, Inglewood, and Caledon Village are not the same as those facing Southfields or Bolton.

That's why ward-based representation matters. It ensures our Regional Councillors have deep knowledge of the communities they serve-and it guarantees that rural and urban voices alike are brought to the table. The "at-large" model may sound democratic on paper, but in practice, it silences smaller

communities. It invites candidates to chase votes in the most populated areas, leaving others behind. As Councillor deBoer pointed out, communities with fewer residents may never see or hear from a candidate, let alone feel represented by one.

So why is Council—particularly the Mayor—so eager to move this forward without talking to the people it affects most? Why downplay a proposal that could permanently shift the balance of power in Caledon? It's hard not to wonder if there's more at play here than just electoral efficiency.

Thankfully, due to the persistence of a few Councillors, the public will now have a chance to weigh in—April 15 will be a key opportunity to speak up. Caledon Council will be hearing from residents at a 7 pm public meeting in Council Chambers in Caledon East.

Let's not allow our communities to be quietly redrawn out of relevance. Let's not let representation be decided behind closed doors. Let's remind our Council-and our Mayor-that this town belongs to all of us, and our voices aren't optional.

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pening around town. You can do all of this from the comfort of your couch, and at any time day or night, so there's really no excuse to not register your compliments or criticisms about upcoming matters related to how our town is managed; the facilities it provides, taxation, development, or any number of similar issues.

It's just as fast and simple as posting a comment on social media, but in this case actually provides way more potential for our collective voices to be heard (by the employees of the town, our Mayor and our Councillors) and then acted upon.

Clicking on the "Have Your Say" portal, as it appeared at time of writing this column, led to surveys on the proposed new method of electing regional councillors at large, on short-term rental licensing (e.g.; Airbnbs,) both issues we addressed last week in this space, and also, there's even a "Tree Preservation Bylaw" survey you may wish to participate in. In the time it's taken you to read this column about how to have your say, you could just as easily have had your say!

Other options for having your voice heard include delegating to council, but that too is not nearly so daunting as you might think. There are several ways to do so and two of them don't even require your physical presence in Council Chambers. The town recognizes that we all lead busy lives and has made it easier for residents to participate in democracy. These tools are readily available and I believe we should all make use of them as they represent an important opportunity to ensure Council and our Mayor hear, firsthand, about resident concerns.

According to the Town of Caledon's web-

site you can register to delegate to Council directly either "in-person or virtually and speak to an item listed on



an Agenda prior to the start of a meeting." It's as easy as visiting the town's website and notifying the municipal clerk's office by way of a simple click on a button that will take you to a registration page. Your name, address and contact information are recorded and the system will prompt you for a short description of the topic on which you wish to speak. If you have materials you wish to have included in the public record you can upload them and anything submitted prior to the meeting "will be published to the agenda forming part of the public record."

The bottom line is simply this: if you have something to say, you can certainly attend a meeting in person and take your turn at the microphone, but if that's not feasible, you don't even have to leave your home. After still following the previously described registration process, you can take your turn virtually, attending the meeting from the comfort of your couch. Perhaps easiest of all, you can simply choose to submit your comments about a particular agenda item in writing in order to have them included as part of the written record.

There's a lot going on in Caledon at the moment, from illegal truck facilities and general traffic mayhem, to massive planned population growth and increased housing development. These are issues that impact us all and now that you know how easy it is, there's really no reason not to get involved and have your say.

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Caledon Area Families for Inclusion building a community support network, one family at a time

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"If we have the opportunity to talk with people in the community and have them realize what the real struggle is, then there'll be more empathy within the community," said Franks. "When they see us as families, when they see these people in the community they'll treat them more like a member of the community and not something to be shoved away in a corner."

Brunetto said it's so important for individuals with differing abilities to be able to be social and part of the community even after they age out of the school system at 21. At that time, options and support for these individuals dry up almost instantly.

Right now, many Caledon families access recreational services for their loved ones outside of Caledon.

Feeling like a true part of the community can be a real challenge when families are faced with prejudice.

"We've had many cases where we've gone to a restaurant and sometimes our kids make some noise. There's two kinds of reactions people can give: smile and understand, or laugh," said Brunetto.

When the reaction is laugh, it's extremely hurtful.

"It's something that has to change because our families are not going anywhere... it's not easy for us but we're just trying to fit in," said Brunetto.

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Mike Brunetto and Patricia Franks are pictured here at a monthly "CAFFI in Conversation" event. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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son. He doesn't speak – I don't know how happy to see her." someone who can't speak can teach you so much about life but he has."

Brunetto said it's the responsibility of interactions in the community have on her

"No matter where she goes in town "Together, it's all possible, but when we somebody knows her, somebody says helwork in pieces it takes longer," he said. lo to her, and it just makes her day," said "Until you start giving, you'll never know Franks. "And then I've had feedback from the benefits... I learned that through my other people telling me it made them so

As a voice for those facing unique challenges, Brunetto said it's important that Franks shared the importance positive CAFFI be invited to the table for discussions on the future of Caledon. CAFFI also wants to partner with more organizations in the community.

"We need to be heard... we need to be recognized as a dedicated group," said Brunetto.

In addition to its advocacy efforts, CAF-FI has lots planned for the year ahead including its monthly "CAFFI in Conversation" talks that are open to all, events for Mother's Day and Father's Day, a summer barbeque picnic, and a Christmas party. To learn more, those interested can visit cafficonnect.ca.

Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Form 2

Expropriations Act

In the matter of an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, being in the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Town of Halton Hills, and in Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton, Province of Ontario.

The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

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Ministry of Transportation

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Notice is hereby given that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

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> Minister of Transportation 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8 416-327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/ engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

SCHEDULE A

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Town of Milton and Halton Hills,

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- 3. Part of PIN 14257-0053 (LT), being Part of Lot 24, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0020 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41632.
- 4. ALL of PIN 14257-0051 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0019 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41631.
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- Part of PIN 14297-0451 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, 7. Concession 1, East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Parts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0018 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41665. Parts 7 and 8 subject to as easement as in CH32240.

Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival seeking volunteers

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Organizers of the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival are looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a success.

The festival's 2025 Volunteer Drive kicked off last month, and volunteers are still needed to assist with various parts of the festival.

Anyone interested in volunteering can fill out an application online at orangevillebluesandjazz.ca/volunteer or email Norm Trudeau, the festival's volunteer coordinator, at norm@orangevillebluesandjazz.ca.

Students can use the volunteer hours they earn at the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival to meet their community service requirements for graduation.

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Moraine Relay set to return after five-year absence

Relay is celebration of all Oak Ridges Moraine has to offer

BY BROCK WEIR

The popular Oak Ridges Moraine Adventure Relay is set to return this June after the global pandemic pushed it onto the backburner.

The Oak Ridges Trail Association announced the event's return last week following a \$20,000 grant from the Greenbelt Foundation.

While routes are still being finalized, the Adventure Relay will take participants from Rice Lake into York Region and serve as a fundraiser for the Association to support maintenance of trails that span from Caledon in the west to Northumberland in the east, and build awareness of all the natural beauty the Moraine has to offer.

The full relay begins with a canoe leg on Rice Lake, moving westward along the moraine into York Region, with 14 stages along the way. The half-relay will also begin west of Rice Lake, before finishing after seven stages at Trail Hub.

"With the exception of the two-person canoe stage, one team member will complete each stage; however, an individual may do multiple stages. Thus, teams may consist of up to 15 members," say organizers on the full relay. "The Half Relay course is a subsection of the main relay and will be divided into seven stages of varying distances consisting of road and trail biking, and running portions. One team member will complete each stage; however, an individual may do multiple stages. Thus, teams may consist of up to seven members."

Participants will be organized into two divisions: Elite, which is for those participating in the full relay only, with the first one across the finish line taking home the glory; Recreational participants can take part in either event, but has a more leisurely pace.

"Take your time and focus on enjoying the journey. Only time actually spent on the course is timed (time between when a racer leaves one checkpoint and arrives at the next one) and the cumulative time for all checkpoints is added up. Time spent resting at a checkpoint, changing clothes or fixing equipment is not counted. The team with the lowest overall cumulative total wins."

"Our past records show that the average time to complete the full relay is around 11 hours and the fastest record so far is eight hours and 51 minutes. In the spirit of adventure, participants must be self-sufficient. Each team and participant is responsible for bringing and transporting whatever equipment and supplies they may require during the race. Water and snacks will be provided at the Check Points that link stages. Full relay teams are responsible for their own canoes, paddles, mandatory safety kits, and mandatory life jackets or personal flotation devices (PFDs) approved by one of Transport Canada, Canadian Coast Guard, Fisheries and Oceans Canada."

Karen Graham, President of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail Association, said they are thrilled to see the Relay come back, but added after such a long absence due to the pandemic they were almost resigned to the idea of the event being "retired."

Board Member Jeremy Reesor, however, had other ideas. He came to the table with lots of happy memories of participating in the Relay with his family and was determined to help bring it back.

"It is good to remind the public about the importance of the Moraine, for people to be aware there is a trail that stretches from Caledon to Northumberland along the Oak Ridges Moraine, that there is a group of volunteers, a Trail Association, that maintains the trails and runner association," says Graham of the importance of bringing the Relay back. "We do need to invest some funds in trail maintenance so our hope is this will be a fundraiser and help us with some funds to do some trail maintenance in certain places. A spin-off benefit would be to also have some additional volunteers, people step up to be on our Board.

"We offer more than 200 hikes per year. Membership is only \$40. It's a good deal if people want to get into shape and help nature."

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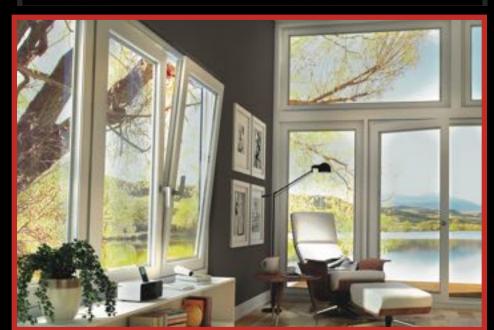
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never a big basketball fan, but he is a person who

stood out to me because I've listened to podcasts and media of him speaking on how he failed multi-

ple times in his life, which is why he succeeded in

the end. He never gave up on his goals and I use his

image as a reminder that nothing is impossible with

hard work. His leadership and competitiveness in

his sport stands out to me and seeing his outcome

in life influences me to do everything in life with

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Ath-

Malaya Loberg: "I am very proud that I have

been nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Stu-

dent-Athlete of the Week. I am proud that I was recognized as an athlete at Hall and I am grateful as

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Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

Malaya Loberg is a "force to be reckoned with" as blocker and hitter for the Senior Girls Hall Wolfpack Volleyball team



MALAYA LOBERG

BY JIM STEWART

Grade 11 Honor Roll student-athlete Malaya Loberg is coming off a satisfying season as the on-court leader of the Hall Senior Girls Volleyball team.

The star blocker and hitter was pleased with the Wolfpack's 2024-25 performance.

"Even though we didn't place first in ROPSSAA, I am very proud of how far we competed in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals in front of my school. From the long rallies, quick time-outs, and CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

and ensure I am performing at my highest potential. As a teammate, I am extremely supportive and loud on the court. I always make sure to support my teammates throughout the game and constantly communicate no matter what the score is. If someone is lacking confidence, I am able to cheer them up and encourage them to keep playing and move on. Lastly, I am a very competitive player. I am extremely dedicated to winning and am not someone who will back down when the game gets tough. I am able to push myself hard to score points, and assist my teammates in every way possible."

Roll student since my first year in high school, and still continue to put in my best effort to achieve 80s and 90s in my classes. The sports team that I belong to at Robert F. Hall is the Sr. Girls Volleyball team and I have been an athlete at Hall in volleyball since Grade 9."

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

Malaya Loberg: "I have a goal to go into business marketing. I am very interested in this field and want to work with it in my future, mainly to be a marketing manager for a personal business, or for a professional sports team. I've been looking to take an undergraduate degree for marketing at universities in Ontario, but as well as achieving a scholarship or a spot on a university volleyball team so that I can continue to experience playing on a team after high school."

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

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multiple games and practices each week, it was a long journey, but we made it through successfully."

Wolfpack Volleyball coach Tania Knappich nominated Loberg as a Student-Athlete of the Week because "Malaya is a highly skilled volleyball player who also plays Rep Volleyball for Georgetown Impact."

"Beyond her high level of skill, she has become a great leader on the team, exhibiting a high level of commitment and a great positive attitude."

Coach Knappich described Loberg's academic diligence at Robert F. Hall: "Malaya's teachers describe her as conscientious, hard-working, and an overall great student. She is a great role model in the school." What impresses Coach Knappich most is "Malaya's ability to juggle school volleyball, rep volleyball, school, and work."

The veteran volleyball coach could not isolate one key performance to highlight. Instead, she pointed out her star player's consistent excellence throughout the season: "Every game, she was a force to be reckoned with as a middle blocker and hitter."

Malaya Loberg took time from her second semester studies, her rep volleyball commitments to the Georgetown Impact, and her preparations for the provincial championships with the Impact Crush 17U squad to answer our interview questions:

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

Malaya Loberg: "I have demonstrated a variety of qualities throughout my Senior Girls Volleyball Season of 2024-25. I am a very dedicated player on and off the court, putting in my highest effort at all times in order to constantly improve my abilities **Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2024-25 season that you are most proud of?

Malaya Loberg: "I was most proud of being able to keep my mental game strong, especially when we were playing weaker teams. Most players tend to play down to a team's level when competing, but I was able to show up to every game and play almost every set, blocking out that struggle, and continue to play to my highest potential and win the game, even if it got tiring. An accomplishment I shared with both of my setters that I was most proud of was practicing and eventually learning to run quicks with them in the middle. This stood out to me because it is a difficult job to adjust to running these plays with different setters, when being used to playing with my club setter, but I was eventually able to achieve this when I hadn't with them in the previous season."

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

Malaya Loberg: "In addition to my high school volleyball team, I also play for the Georgetown Impact, and the team I am on is Impact Crush 17U - A Team. In April and May 2025, I am attending Provincials in a Champion Division, and then Canada's Nationals."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F. Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll? Malaya Loberg: "As well as a hard-working athlete, I am also a hard-working student. I am able to manage my extracurricular activities and balance them with my academics. I have been an Honour Financial Advisor (905) 857-0874

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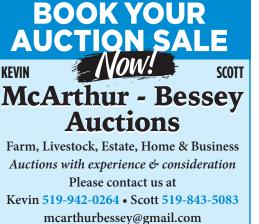
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Mary was known for her caring and generous nature, always taking a genuine interest in everyone she met. She dedicated 32 years of her career to the US Consulate and, following an early retirement, devoted many years to volunteering with Hospice of Peel and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Brampton.

In her final years, Mary resided at Maple Grove Care Community, where she cherished the company of those around her, enjoyed visits from family and friends, and spent time in the garden. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the team at Maple Grove for their unwavering dedication to Mary's care over the years.

A memorial mass will be held in St. Patrick's Church, 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton, on Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 10 am. A reception will follow at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South (Hwy. 50) Bolton. A private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to Bethell Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 75, Inglewood L7C 3L6 (www.foundation.bethellhospice.org). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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Loving Auntie, Great Aunt, Great Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Muriel will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Muriel retired from Northern Telecom after 30 years.

She could be found either on the golf

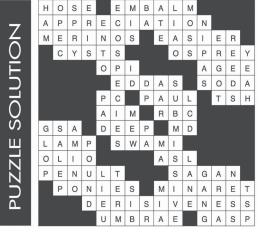
course, sipping a cup of coffee at Tim Hortons or spending time with family. She lived a strong active life and will be missed by many.

At Muriel's request a private family service will be held

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WILLOUGHBY (BILL) TOM **BENTLEY**

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Bill passed away peacefully at Headwater Health Care Centre in his 95th year. Beloved husband of Shirley. Loving father of Michael (Anita), Darryl (Rhonda) and Patricia. Proud Grandfather of William (Ainsley), Thomas (Jamiee), Johnathan (Stephanie), Christianna, Mitchell, Allie (Chris), Samantha, Mary (Mateo) and Adam. Great Grandpa to Charlotte, Everleigh, and Hudson.



Bill operated a dairy farm in Amaranth until selling in 1989 (Shirwill Farms).

He worked at Honda Canada Alliston for 6 years until the age of 65. He also worked for Carmen Doney Construction. He worked on the ski hills in Mansfield and on the potato fields in Melancthon. Farming and family were his passion.

Bill will be surely missed.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Avalon, Shelburne Residents, and Headwaters Health Care Centre- E Wing, for their amazing care and compassion over the years.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday April 26, 2025, at 11:00 am, with a service starting at 11:30am, at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 3L6.

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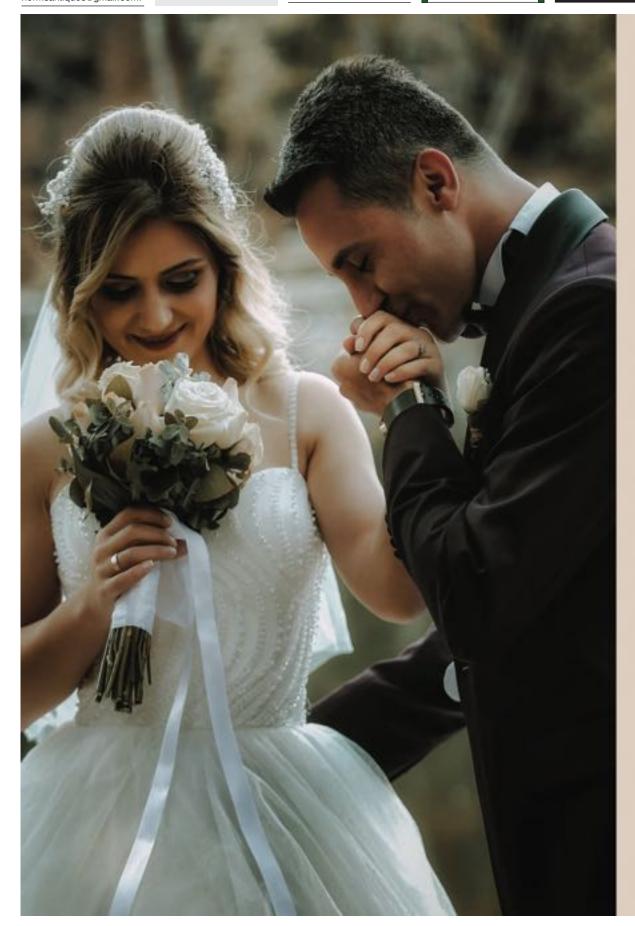
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Honeywood Arena to receive \$35,000 as finalist in 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition

BY BRIAN LOCKHART AND SAM ODROWSKI

They didn't win the big prize, but Mulmur residents will still come out ahead in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition.

Honeywood Arena was announced as one of the four finalists in the competition to name Canada's top hockey town on Saturday, March 15.

Along with Honeywood, Lower Sackville in Nova Scotia, Crossfield in Alberta, and Saint-Boniface in Quebec were finalists vying for the most votes to be named the winning arena.

In the end, Boniface, Quebec took home the grand prize of \$250,000 for arena up-

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As a finalist, Honeywood Arena will reof brand-new youth hockey equipment, courtesy of NHLPA Goals and Dreams.

the official announcement on April 5.

Kraft Hockeyville issued a statement in response on April 8, confirming that Boniface, Quebec did in fact receive the most votes and win the grand prize.

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"For nearly 20 years, Kraft Hockeyville son game. But Honeywood wasn't left emp- has united communities nationwide through their shared love of local hockey. This year there was some confusion about the winner ceive \$25,000 in upgrades and \$10,000 worth of Kraft Hockeyville 2025. Based on what we have heard, some visitors to our website noted seeing Honeywood, Ontario, mistak-However, there was some confusion about enly listed as the winning community," reads the contest's winner, with some Mulmur res- a statement from Kraft Hockevville. "We idents saying the Kraft Hockeyville website conducted a thorough investigation and can had Honeywood listed as the winner before confirm with certainty that the website was working properly throughout the entirety of the Kraft Hockeyville 2025 competition."

> The statement continues, "We can confirm with certainty that Saint-Boniface, Québec, is the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2025, having captured 31.8 per cent of the total vote. The other three finalists included: Lower Sackville, NS (27.4 per cent); Crossfield, AB (21.1 per cent); and, finally, Honeywood, ON (19.7 per cent)."

> Members of the Honeywood Hockeyville Organizing Committee planned a special twoday event leading up to the final announcement about which town would be the winner.

> However, the ice storm knocked the power out in Honeywood and the arena was in darkness.

The Town of Shelburne pitched in to help and offered their arena so the event was moved to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC).

The event kicked off on Friday, April 4, with a day-long celebration. There was free skating, a hockey skills competition, and former NHL players signing autographs.

A special girls' hockey game was played in the afternoon. Visitors had the chance to use desktops in the arena to cast votes for Honeywood to win the competition.

As it was also a school P.A. Day, there were plenty of kids who turned out for the event.

"We were always going to do something on the Friday (April 4) because that's when voting starts," explained Jeanette McFarlane, lead organizer of the local Hockeyville fundraising team. "Whether or not people could

gather, we were still going to do something. Kraft Hockeyville is an opportunity for older hockey arenas across Canada to win a prize - \$250,000 – for arena repairs and upgrades. The competition was open to the entire country. There were over 800 arenas nationwide and we were selected as one of the final four arenas. We had to fight for that position. We had to submit stories and photos and tell our story of why we should potentially win. There were times when arenas were neck and neck with points for all their submissions, but it comes down to the compelling story."

Honeywood relied heavily on the fact that they have a lot of female hockey players who don't have the facilities to meet their needs.

"Right now, we have the highest enrollment of female athletes and hockey players and we do not have the proper change rooms - the girls use the storage closet," McFarlane said. "Today (April 4) is a community rally to get people to come out and vote. It's a 32hour vote-a-thon."

On Saturday, April 5, there was another festive event at the CDRC with an alumni game.

People gathered in the upstairs banquet room of the arena to watch Sportsnet Hockey Night in Canada when the winner would be announced live.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) issued a statement on April 8 about the Dufferin County community coming together to ensure the Hockeyville event could take place, despite the power outages and severe weather that plagued Honeywood.

"Honeywood's participation in the competition not only showcased incredible community pride but also demonstrated resilience and unity in the face of adversity. Despite a devastating ice storm that impacted our local community, the people of Honeywood continued to rise above the challenges, embracing the spirit of togetherness that defines Dufferin County," reads the statement from Dufferin OPP.

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FUN TIMES – A free skate was enjoyed by members of the public during the Kraft Hockeyville event in support of Honeywood Arena on April 4. The event had to be moved to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) in Shelburne due to the ice storm that left Mulmur residents and the Honeywood Arena without power. The event ran both April 4 and 5, featuring former NHLers signing autographs, a hockey game, and a chance to vote for Honeywood in the Kraft Hockeyville competition. There was a strong party atmosphere and a feeling of community spirit among attendees of the Hockeyville event.

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"A special mention must also be made to the Town of Shelburne, who in true Dufferin County fashion, stepped up in a major way to ensure the festivities continued. Shelburne opened the doors of their arena, allowing the event to go on, ensuring that the community could still come together to celebrate the spirit of hockey and the power of community."

The Hockeyville competition started on Jan. 1, with the Nomination and Rally phase. Community members submitted nominations and explained why the Honeywood Arena is so important to them and the community.

Honeywood Arena needs new change rooms. The current rooms are small and outdated and when girls play on boys' teams, they have to dress separately in a small closet-type area.

The arena was hoping to use the money to build some new change facilities.

The current Honeywood arena was built in 1965. It is the third arena at that location.

The original rink was built in 1912. After a roof collapse due to heavy snow, a second arena was built in 1948, but tragedy struck when the building went up in flames in 1965.

As a finalist, Honeywood will receive \$25,000 in upgrades to their local arena and \$10,000 worth of brand-new youth hockey equipment, courtesy of NHLPA Goals and Dreams.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Kraft Hockeyville competition. It brought awareness to the myHoneywood campaign and the needs of the Honeywood Arena. We would like to thank all of the incredible volunteers who gave their time, energy, and heart to make our Kraft Hockeyville weekend unforgettable — we are beyond grateful," said Roseann Knechtel, Township of Mulmur Clerk.

"While we didn't take home the top prize, we're still celebrating with \$25,000 being given towards arena upgrades and \$10,000 in equipment. And most importantly, a community that came together like never before. We are truly ONE TEAM."

Eight teams competing for Province-wide Junior C Schmalz Cup

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The battle for the 2025 Junior C Schmalz Cup is underway with eight teams in the first round of playoffs in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Conference finals are a best-of-seven series with the first team winning four games to become conference champions.

When the conference championships are decided, the remaining four teams will go into the next round to determine who will go to the Schmalz Cup provincial champion-ship final series.

The defending Schmalz Cup champions, the Lakeshore Canadiens, were eliminated in the Stobbs Division championship series after taking a 4-2 series loss to the Essex 73s.

The Terriers are now up against the Hanover Barons in the North conference final in the first round of the Schmaltz Cup playoffs.

After three games, the Barons are leading the series 2-1. The East Conference Final has the Napanee Raiders up against the Clarington Eagles.

Clarington finished the regular season as the first-place team in the East Orr Division with a 36-7 record.

Napanee finished in second place in the East Tod Division after another upset where they eliminated the first-place Frankford Huskies in six games.

Napanee is leading that series 2-0.

In the South Conference Final, the New Hamburg Firebirds are leading the Grimsby Peach Kings 2-1 after three games.

Both teams finished in second place in their division this season.

The Firebirds are a surprise entry this year. They finished second in the regular season, but the South Doherty Division had an upset when the fourth-place Wellesley Applejacks managed to knock out the first-place Norwich Merchants in the second round of that division's playoffs.

New Hamburg won over Wellesley in the division final. The West Conference Final has the Essex 73s up against the Petrolia Flyers.

Essex finished in first place in the West Stobbs Division with a 37-5 record.

Petrolia won the West Yeck Division, finishing the regular season with a 29-14 record.

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