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A SWEET START TO CANADA DAY - Amy and Rebecca Anderson had a berry good time at the Caledon Fairgrounds on Canada Day. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Amazing turnout for Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival

Caledon Fairgrounds packed with people celebrating Canada Day on July 1

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents came out in droves to celebrate Canada Day this year. On July 1, the Caledon Agricultural Society hosted its annual Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival at the Caledon Fairgrounds.

The event was very well-attended and there was lots for people to do. The classic strawberry pancake breakfast was a hit, and there were many other food options. There was a militia re-enactment, a car show, live music, pony rides, a vendor's market and much more.

The event was made possible thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, and it was something all the dignitaries attending the event noted.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback said Canada is the best country in the world. "We are so blessed to have been either born here, or have come here through a whole bunch of different ways," said Seeback. "My new wife is here. She came to Canada as a refugee and loves this country like you can't believe, and that is the miracle of Canada. No matter where you come from or how you got here, we love this country."

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Joe Tersigni is Caledon's Senior of the Year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has recognized a local senior for his outstanding contributions to the community.

On June 25, Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Council awarded Joe Tersigni with Caledon's Senior of the Year Award.

The award is granted by the Government of Ontario and each year it's given to someone aged 65 and up who has enriched the social, cultural, or civic life of their community.

Groves said she was pleased to honour Tersigni with the award. "(I) congratulate him on this accomplishment," said Groves. "He is an inspiration for all of us and our community has benefitted from his service."

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Annual Caregivers in the Hills event celebrates unpaid caregivers

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team held event in Caledon East

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The work of an unpaid caregiver can often go unseen.

On June 23, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) hosted its annual Caregivers in the Hills event at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The event is held each year to recognize and celebrate unpaid caregivers in Dufferin and Caledon who provide mental, physical or emotional support to family, friends or neighbours.

Attendees of the event enjoyed lunch together,

listened to music and a panel discussion, and connected with local resources that can help them.

Caregivers in the Hills is a program that was started by the HOHC OHT to support, validate and recognize the role of an unpaid caregiver who assists in the care of their loved one(s).

Data from Statistics Canada shows that more than 13.4 million Canadians provide unpaid care to a loved one or friend.

Further, more than 1.8 million of these caregivers provide care to both younger and older age groups, making them “sandwich” caregivers. These caregivers often balance many family and career demands, putting them at an increased risk of stress.

Heidi Vanderhorst, Interim Executive Director of the HOHC OHT, says Caregivers in the Hills “is a free program for any unpaid caregiver who supports somebody who lives in Dufferin or Caledon.”

“The concept behind the program is actually to help validate unpaid caregivers and recognize them as part of the care team of their loved one,” said Vanderhorst. “They receive an identification badge with their name and their picture on it; it identifies



Unpaid caregivers from Dufferin and Caledon were celebrated at a recent event held in Caledon East. HOHC OHT PHOTO

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them as a caregiver and they can use that badge in different health and social care settings.”

Vanderhorst said the annual appreciation event is a great time for caregivers to relax and put themselves first as they are always giving so generously to others.

She said sandwich caregivers are in the age range where they are caring for aging parents, but have their own kids they’re also still caring for.

“Now that they’re caring for two demographics, it adds a lot to their plate,” she said. “It’s potentially a lot of extra stress and burden for them.”

At the appreciation event, the HOHC OHT was promoting its new Dufferin/Caledon Community Help Line: 1-844-806-3093.

It’s available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and

residents can call with any health and social care questions and be directed where they need to go.

“It’s very hard to keep track of who you need to call for what... just call that number and they will navigate you to the right place,” said Vanderhorst.

Michelle Petch Gotuzzo, a project manager with the HOHC OHT, explained the new help line won’t just give you a number to call; you’ll be provided with a transfer to the right person.

“Anything from ‘I’m a new parent, and I need help breastfeeding’ to ‘where’s my nearest walk-in clinic?’ to ‘I’m a senior and I’m looking for programs in the area’... a navigator will answer the phone and we’ll do a warm transfer,” she said. “A lot of people don’t know where to start, this is a great place to get some resources.”

CORRECTION

In a story in last week’s print edition, titled “Zoning for 35,000 housing units approved”, we reported that 12 zoning bylaws were passed by Caledon Council at its June 25 meeting. The story should have stated that 11 (out of a possible 12) zoning bylaws were passed. One bylaw, for the lot municipally known as 12522 and 12580 Torbram Road, was referred back to Town of Caledon staff for further consideration and will return to Council to be voted on later this month. We regret the error.

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Caledon Community Services honours volunteers and donors at AGM



CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar and new honorary CCS life member Ian Armstrong at CCS' 2024 AGM.

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needs right here in Caledon.”
 Aguiar said CCS wants to help create a healthy and engaged community.
 “Everything we do will be evaluated through this lens of advancing community wellbeing by working creatively and responding to community needs,” she said. “We’re committed to our values of leadership, integrity, responsiveness, inclusiveness, innovation and partnership.”
 Aguiar said CCS will be forming a client advisory committee to ensure client voices influence CCS decision-making. CCS will be forming a communication strategy to make sure more people know about CCS and the services it offers.
 CCS will be continuing and looking to expand its partnerships in the community, said Aguiar, and it aims to be a leader in innovative partnerships to optimize service delivery.
 “We hope, and I hope, that you feel challenged and inspired to join us, to contribute, to throw your weight behind our efforts,” said Aguiar.

Meeting held on June 26 at Caledon East Community Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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 INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit is looking ahead to the next three years and beyond.

On June 26, Caledon Community Services (CCS) held its AGM at the Caledon East Community Centre. At the meeting, many long-time CCS volunteers and donors were honoured.

CCS board member Matthew Certosimo was in charge of congratulating CCS' new honorary life members, the first of which is past CCS Board Chair Ian Armstrong.

“Ian played an instrumental role on the CCS board throughout his tenure... he has been an incredible mentor to all of us who joined the board after him,” said Certosimo.

He said Armstrong was instrumental in starting CCS' Velocity Ride for Caledon Seniors, and was a driving force in helping with many other CCS fundraisers.

The next honorary life members to be congratulated were local couple James and Anne Dick.

Certosimo said their enduring support of CCS spans over two decades.

“As local business leaders and dedicated donors their contributions have been integral... their unwavering commitment has enriched countless lives,” said Certosimo.

Former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and his wife Anne were the next to be welcomed as honorary life members.

Certosimo said together and individually they have championed community support for CCS for decades.

“Through their community leadership, they orchestrated successful initiatives that have significantly advanced CCS' mission and vision,” said Certosimo. “Allan and Anne are at the heart of Caledon's caring spirit.”

CCS recently completed its 2024 to 2027 strategic plan. At the AGM, CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar gave a speech about the plan.

“Our plan was informed by over 180 individual contributors; that included input from all of our board, staff, clients and many community partners that I see in the room,” said Aguiar.

She said the current economic situation, and Caledon's imminent growth, are things CCS is keenly aware of.

“The housing crisis continues, as does the affordability crisis for even the most basic of needs,” she said. “We've seen a double-digit increase in our food support program... families are struggling... we are seeing intensification of

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Caledon recruiting volunteer firefighters

Information session to be held July 10 in Caledon East

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The Town of Caledon is currently recruiting volunteer firefighters.

Those interested in being a volunteer firefighter with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid G driver's license with no more than three demerit points, live within eight kilometres of a Caledon fire station, and have a clean vulnerable sector check.

Interested recruits must also register to attend an information session. The next session will be held on July 10 at 7 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Volunteer firefighters in Caledon respond to both emergency and non-emergency situations, such as medical emergencies, vehicle rescue calls, alarm activations and investigations, and other public calls that require assistance.

Volunteer firefighters are paid for their time out on calls.

Caledon's Fire Chief, Dave Pelayo, said being a volunteer firefighter turns regular people into everyday heroes.

"Caledon's volunteer firefighters join a team of dedicated individuals who come from all sorts of backgrounds but have one thing in common: a commitment to helping keep their community safe," said Pelayo. "If you're curious about your future as a volunteer firefighter, please attend an information session."

Those interested in applying to be a volunteer firefighter must do so by July 14 — more information is available online at caledon.ca/fire-recruitment.

IMPAIRED OPERATION

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

"On June 27, 2024, shortly before 5:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor-vehicle collision on Escarpment Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "No injuries were sustained. While investigating, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by drugs and was subsequently arrested."

As a result of the investigation, Andrew Kaniewski, 35, of Etobicoke, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – drugs;
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 22, 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.

"The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from impaired drivers. Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment."

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.

"On June 25, 2024, shortly before 1:00 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report of a possible impaired driver on Old School Road," say Police. "Officers located the vehicle. Officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result of the investigation, Prabhjot Randhawa, 53, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 11, 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.

"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."

SERIOUS COLLISION

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a single motor vehicle collision that sent five patients to hospital with minor injuries and one to a local trauma center with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

"On June 29, 2024, shortly after 11:00 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP and emergency crews responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the area of County Rd 13 and Highway 89 in the municipality of Adjala-Tosorontio," say Police. "One male passenger suffered severe injuries; he was transported to a local trauma center. His injuries were deemed serious but non-life threatening. The other five passengers reported having minor injuries and

County Rd 13 and Highway 89 was closed for majority of the day while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionist assisted with the investigation."

The investigation remains on going and police are asking if you or any one you know witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 705-434-1939 or 1-888-310-1122, or you may submit your tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

ALLEGED FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Police are currently investigating a fraud in New Tecumseth.

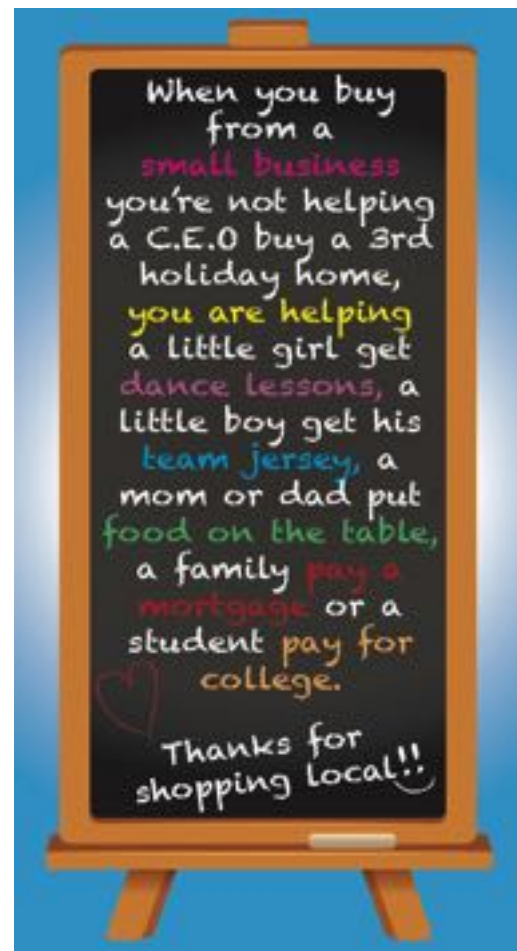
"This scam appeared to be a result of a Roofing scam, in which the businessman requested cash upfront for work to be completed," say Police. "Unfortunately, the victim provided the money, and the work was not completed, and the suspects asked for additional money."

The suspect is described as a Caucasian

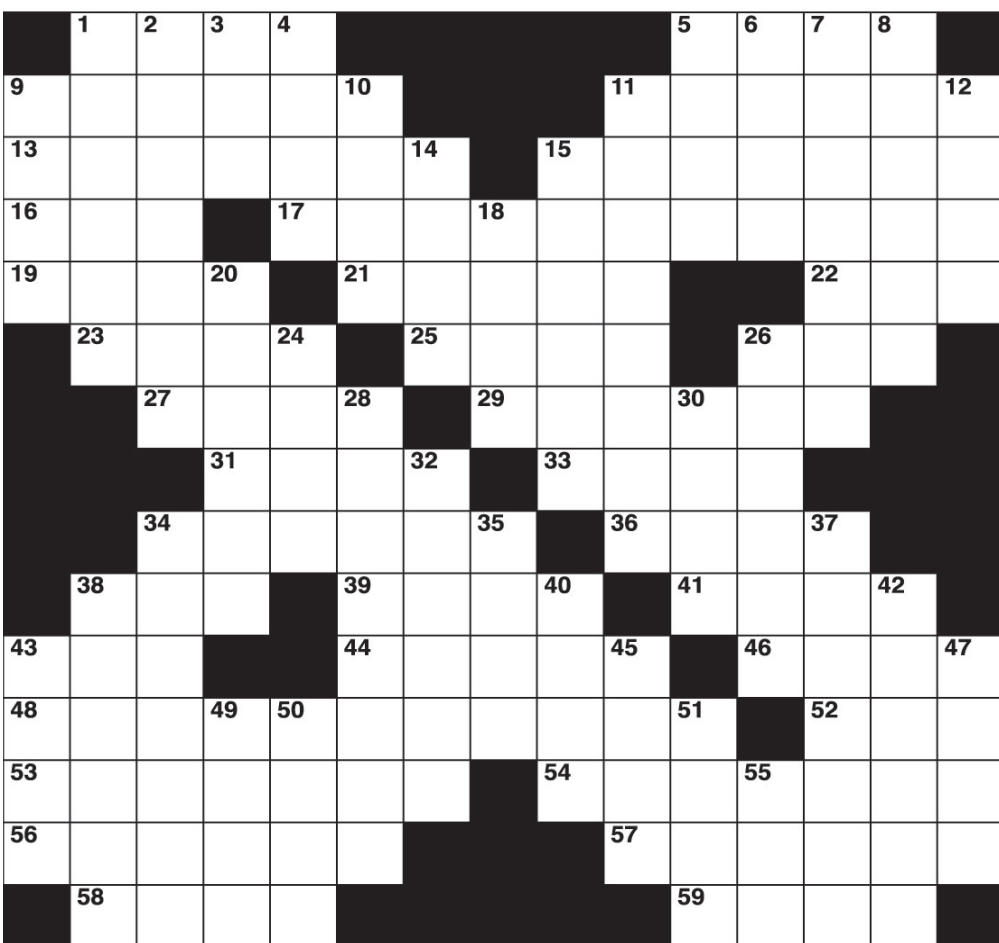
male, heavier build, 40 and approximately 5'8-5'9 with an Irish accent.

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Town recruiting for Illegal Land Use Task Force

Interested residents must apply by July 21

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon residents interested in stopping illegal land use in Town may want to join a new task force.

On June 27, the Town of Caledon announced it was seeking residents interested in joining its new Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF).

Applications for the task force must be made by July 21 and can be made on the Town's website, caledon.ca.

The ILUTF will begin meeting this fall and provide its first update to Caledon Council in the first quarter of 2025.

Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services Catherine McLean said she's heard loud and clear that illegal land use is an important issue for Caledon residents.

"We look forward to building a task force that will work collaboratively with our community partners to improve the quality of life in Caledon," said McLean.

Jack Hunjan, Caledon's Director of Municipal Law Enforcement, said Caledon has investigated hundreds of properties across Caledon and that the ILUTF is the next step in addressing illegal land use.

"The Task Force will play an important role in furthering enforcement by advancing community education, inter-agency collaboration and advocacy with higher levels of government," said Hunjan.

The decision to create a new ILUTF was made at Caledon Council's June 4 General Committee meeting, where Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell and Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa were appointed to participate in the task force.

A staff report from Joel Assaly, a Municipal Law Enforcement Analyst for the

"We look forward to building a task force that will work collaboratively with our community partners to improve the quality of life in Caledon"

Town of Caledon, was presented at the meeting. It said Caledon has seen a worrying rise in illegal parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles.

"Despite enforcement efforts, the illegal expansion of truck depots and other forms of illegal land uses persist, exacerbating the problem," reads the report. "Violations such as fill importation occur even when by-law officers are present on-site, indicating a blatant disregard for regulations... existing fine amounts are insufficient to deter illegal activities, as they are viewed merely as a 'cost of doing business' by offenders."

The report also notes legal proceedings can be lengthy and that there are delays in court. Even more issues are detailed in the report.

"Some properties change ownership after receiving violation notices, complicating enforcement efforts and allowing offenders to evade accountability..." it reads. "It is often challenging to track down property owners, particularly when they are corporations or located outside of Ontario, delaying the service of summonses... operations are sometimes owned by corporations, with no clear individual in charge, further complicating enforcement efforts and accountability measures."

As Caledon faces many challenges with illegal land use, the task force will be working to advocate to higher levels of government and looking to collaborate with other agencies to help with enforcement.

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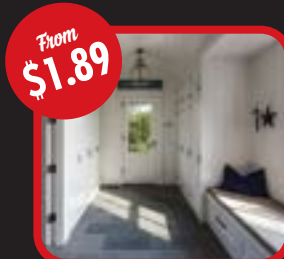
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Headwaters Arts' latest members' exhibition is called Trilogy and features a painter, glass blower and wood turner. HEADWATERS ARTS IMAGE

Trilogy: Headwaters Arts unveils new members' art exhibition

Kathryn Thomson, Marnie Cooke and Lawrence Kristan featured in new show

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A painter, glass artist and wood turner have teamed up for a new art exhibition.

On July 3, Headwaters Arts opened "Trilogy", its newest members' exhibition that features painter Marnie Cooke, glass artist Kathryn Thomson, and wood turner Lawrence Kristan.

Thompson said the juxtaposition of the three different mediums will be a unique yet complimentary experience.

The exhibition, which features over 90 works, is on until August 5 in the Headwaters Arts gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Headwaters Arts' marketing lead Sue Powell said there will be an opening reception for Trilogy on July 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. and that all three artists will be in attendance.

Powell said Thompson uses glass blowing to create ethereal bowls and vases. Thompson furthers the intrigue of her art using sandblast-

ing to add detail and create stories in her work.

Cooke is a contemporary interpretive artist, said Powell, and uses acrylics in an impressionistic style with nature as her main inspiration.

Kristan turns wood to create organic-feeling vases and bowls, said Powell, using wood found locally such as spalted or silver maple and box alder.

The Headwaters Arts gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, which is located at 1402 Queen Street West.

Powell said Headwaters Arts is proud to be presenting Trilogy and that it's a very dynamic show.

All the pieces on display at the show are for sale.

Headwaters Arts is a non-profit organization and its goal is to bring together artists and art lovers to promote the development, appreciation and enjoyment of art in the Hills of Headwaters region. Headwaters Arts is now accepting submissions for its 2024 Fall Festival, Juried Art Show and Sale. Emerging and established artists alike are welcome to submit their work for the festival, and interested artists must do so by July 31.

For more information, artists can visit headwatersarts.org, email info@headwatersarts.org or call 519-943-1149.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Open House

Town of Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study

Meeting Date: Thursday July 25, 2024
 Public Meeting Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Alton Legion
 1267 Queen St W, Alton, ON L7K 0C4

This is to inform you that a Draft Policy Options Report has been prepared for the Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and the Town is looking to solicit feedback from the public through an Open House event.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS STUDY?

To review Town Official Plan aggregate policies to include updated policies, and to build upon the joint Region and Town Aggregate Policy Review and the Town's Aggregate Rehabilitation Master Plan. The Study has been looking at background on aggregates in Caledon, reviewing aggregate Official Plan policies, and is making recommendations for improvements to those policies to ensure Caledon can reach its planning goals.

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

WHAT STAGE OF THE STUDY ARE WE AT?

In May 2024, Council received a Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study Status Update Report and a Background Report as information items. The current step in the project is to consider policy options, and a Draft Policy Options Report with preliminary preferred directions has been released for public comment. This Report is posted on the project website: caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study

PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE

This Open House is being held to solicit public feedback on the policy directions outlined in the Draft Policy Options Report, to ultimately inform the preparation of draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to implement the study recommendations in September 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

All currently prepared Studies and Reports and Open House materials will be posted on the project website. caledon.ca/en/government/plans-reports-and-studies-aggregates.aspx#Supplementary-Aggregate-Resources-Policy-Study

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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| <p>1. Attend In-Person:</p> <p>Members of the public may register to attend in-person and provide their insights to the policy directions outlined in the Draft Policy Options Report.</p> | <p>By mail:</p> <p>Joe Nethery C/O
Strategic Policy Planning
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| <p>2. Submit a Written Comment:</p> <p>Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the Draft Policy Options Report to:</p> <p>Joe Nethery
Principal Project Consultant on behalf of the Town of Caledon</p> <p>Nethery Consulting
Email: caledon@netheryplanning.ca</p> | <p>3. A Statutory Public Meeting for Council is anticipated for September 2024. Additional information to follow.</p> <p>Notice Date: July 4, 2024</p> |



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(Clockwise from Above) The chicken run saw contestants race to the finish line while trying to keep a pylon on their back. From mini to massive, all kinds of tractors (and trucks) competed in the pull in different classes. The best beard contest was hotly contested. Announcers kept the crowd entertained with a steady stream of jokes and information about the trucks, tractors and their drivers.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Great crowd at 46th Annual Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Crowds were wowed by high-horsepower machines last weekend.

On June 28, the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society held its 46th Annual Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull.

The Albion Bolton Fairgrounds were packed with fans for the event, and they cheered as the modified trucks and tractors competed for the furthest pulls.

In addition to the pulling, attendees enjoyed food from the many food trucks and drinks from the Bavarian gardens. In between pulls, crowds were entertained with games and contests like a “chicken run” and best beard contest.

The Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull is a not-for-profit event that’s run by a dedicated team of volunteers and welcomes thousands each year.



The Community Cooking Club, which met at the Palgrave United Church, donated over 500 healthy meals to The Exchange between January and June.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Palgrave United Community Kitchen celebrates success of community cooking club

Meals made at club donated to Caledon Community Services for food bank clients

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A community cooking club started in Palgrave has become a big success.

On June 27, the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK), Caledon Community Services (CCS), ecoCaledon, and 100 Women Who Care Caledon (100WWCC) celebrated the success of PUCK and ecoCaledon’s Community Cooking Club.

The club, which ran from January to June, was made possible thanks to funding from 100WWCC.

The club met once per month at the Palgrave United Church to learn how to make healthy, plant-based meals. The Club would then try the meals together, and donate all the meals they made to The Exchange, Caledon’s food bank that’s run by CCS.

Karen McDonald, Chair of 100WWCC, said the Club had many different aspects of things 100WWCC likes to see happen with its donations.

“It impacted a lot of people in the community because they were able to bring the food to The Exchange and it was used in the food bank which was wonderful,” said McDonald. “It really hit a whole bunch of marks.”

PUCK volunteer Barb Imrie said the Club was proud to have donated over 500 healthy meals to The Exchange.

CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar said the meals are a lifeline to those in need in the community. “Our clients at The Exchange received over 500 nutritious meals cooked with such care and love... that intention travels through,” said Aguiar.

Imrie said after the success the club saw, PUCK is looking to host it again as soon as possible.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Heritage Designations

Passing of By-law 2024-046 - Heritage Designation

The Town of Caledon has passed By-law 2024-046 to designate 16054 Airport Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

16054 Airport Road is legally described as PIN: 14293-0113 (LT) – Lot 7 Plan CAL4 Caledon E; Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel.

Any person who objects to this by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by giving the OLT and the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice of passing, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the OLT.

Passing of By-law 2024-047 - Heritage Designation

The Town of Caledon has passed By-law 2024-047 to designate 16060 Airport Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

16060 Airport Road is legally described as PIN: 14293-0112 (LT) – Lot 8 Plan CAL4 Caledon E; Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel.

Any person who objects to this by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by giving the OLT and the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice of passing, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the OLT.



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Standing on guard

Are you proud to be Canadian?
We in this country might not have a reasonably popular country song telling us that we should all take the same amount of pride in our red-and-white as our neighbours to the south do in their red-white-and-blue, but the answer on our side of the border was very often a given.

"Of course," is sometimes the reflex answer, with some of the reasons for the affirmative response proving particularly telling.

If your answer is indeed yes, people usually cite the persons who gave, give, or have given back to the country we call home to such an extent they have become international icons. Terry Fox, often comes to mind, and following his return to the spotlight this past weekend at the Glastonbury festival, Michael J. Fox does as well. Rick Fox doesn't often pop up in the conversations I have, but, then again, I'm not a huge sports nut, so that's not a huge surprise – but I digress...

Others cite Canada's work as International Peacekeepers, as scientific and technological innovators, as celebrated figures in the arts and culture communities.

Then there are those luck-of-the-draw things that are part and parcel of this country that make us proud like summer heat and winter snow; clear, cool and refreshing lakes, streams and other bodies of water, and majestic mountains. Well, we had nothing to do with that, really, except for water protection, but there's nothing wrong with revelling in our great, good natural fortune.

For others, evaluating pride in one's country can be a rather more difficult and emotional process, but it's always a worthwhile exercise of exploration.

Still more take pride in what Canada is not – most often, this comparator is the United States – but more on that later.

Unfortunately for me and my own Canada Day experience, I woke up on July 1 feeling a bit under-the-weather, so my own contributions to the veritable sea of red and white we're surrounded by every time the holiday rolls around were rather limited.

Instead, my own infusion of Canadian pride came on June 30.

Meeting friends in city, the decision was made to swing by the Toronto Pride Parade for the first time, at least for me, in more than a decade. Aside from perhaps a shift towards the political as international calamities continue befall us, little had changed content-wise from my perspective in the intervening decade.

One group of participants, however, spoke to me as a particularly Canadian moment. That is when a contingent representing LGBTQ+ individuals from a diverse array of African countries who were now in Canada experiencing their first ever Pride Parade. The fact that they've only been able to live as their authentic selves here so far away from home – even if that wasn't their primary driver to move from Kenya, as one of the very prominent flags being waved indicated – spoke volumes to me about who we are as a nation. And what it means to have the "Canadian Experience."

But recent polls suggest that however you define the Canadian Experience, such experience isn't what it once was.

In many ways, the results of a recent Leger poll of 1,607 Canadians in the lead-up to Canada Day, which showed that "national pride is lower than it was a few years ago," didn't surprise me, given the divided nature of our politics and how some have co-opted our flag for movements of varying legitimacy.

"The results suggest the vast majority of us – 76 per cent – would call ourselves proud Canadians," said CTV News of the poll results. "But 45 per cent of people who did the survey said they were feeling less proud than they did five years ago in 2019. Leger said that's up 16 per centage points from 2021, when they posed the same question. Respondents were asked to choose from a list of things that make them proud to be Canadian. The country's natural beauty topped the list, followed by universal health care, freedom, and equality, a peaceful and safe society and multiculturalism.

"Just one in five said their fellow Canadians made them feel proud. Long wait lists, lack of family doctors, and overburdened emergency rooms that have made headlines across the country in recent years are taking a toll on our collective pride in medicare. The state of the healthcare system was near the top of the list of concerns for respondents, second only to economic inequality and poverty as the thing that made people feel least proud to be Canadian. Coming in third on that list: the current federal government.

"The vast majority of people who chose the Trudeau Liberals as a top concern also said they were backers of the federal Conservatives, the poll said. In fact, Conservative voters were more likely to say they're less proud to be Canadian than they were five years ago, with 65 per cent agreeing with that statement, compared to just 26 per cent of Liberal voters, 41 per cent of NDP supporters, and 36 per cent of those who back the Bloc Quebecois."

The report notes that 94 per cent of Liberal voters said they're proud to be Canadian, while, for NDP voters, this figure stood at 88 per cent.

As noted above, given the divisive nature of our homegrown politics in the last decade, the partisan figures should come as no surprise. Personally, however, I was both concerned that the current state of our public health system figured so prominently in this survey of public opinion – but, in an odd way, I was also optimistic in the fact that (a) people care and (b) it is fixable.

Following last week's byelection in Toronto, political change feels to be in the air in one way or another, no matter what point in the political spectrum you fall upon, whether you're buoyed by the inroads the Conservatives are making, hopeful that the Liberals might make an invigorating change at the top, or pleased the federal NDP are flexing policy muscle.

By and large, therefore, our political system is functioning as it should. But what of our neighbours?

On Canada Day, the American Supreme Court took it upon themselves to completely redefine the role of President, giving the office-holder alarming new powers that have and will have implications on every American citizen at home and abroad.

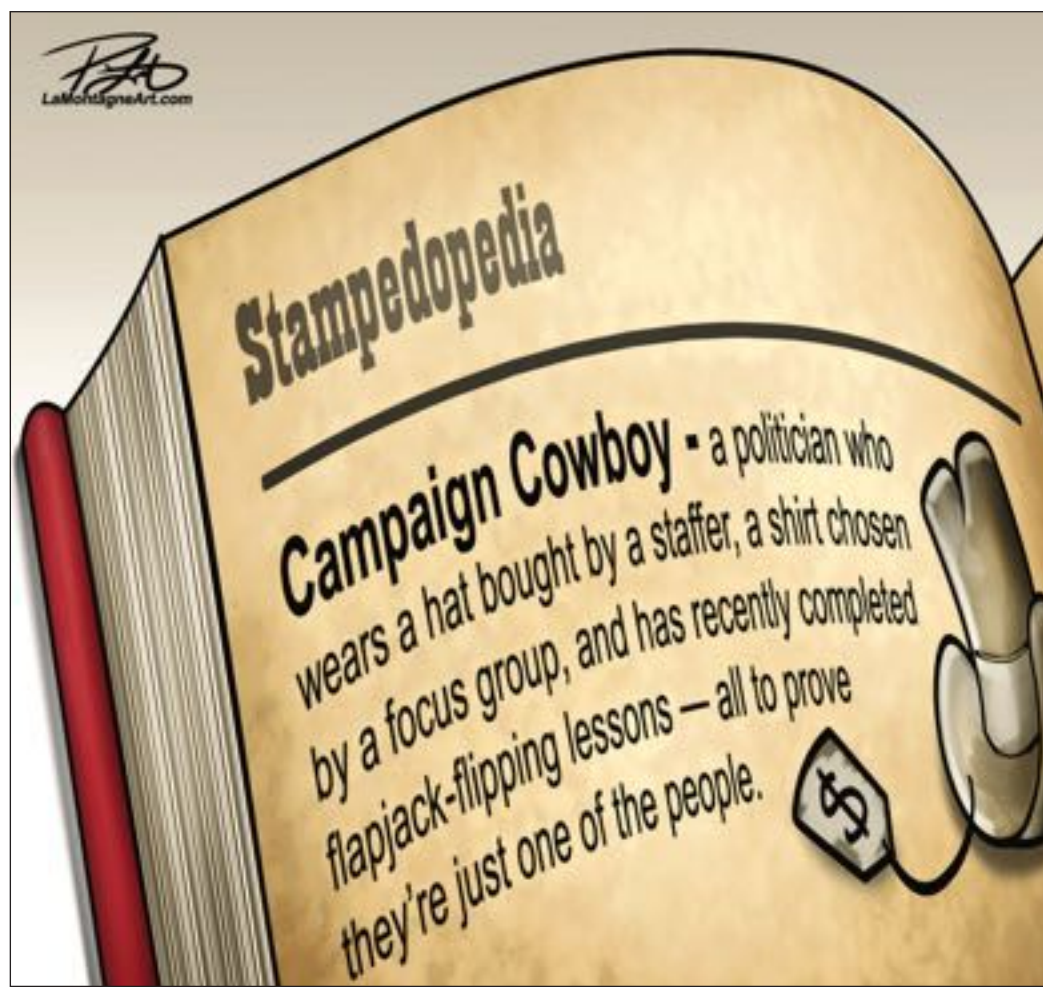
All we can do here in Canada is sit back and see how this all unfolds. Or is it?

As personally disappointing as I found the court's decision to be, one of the few silver linings I could find in the situation was the system of checks and balances we continue to enjoy in Canada, and it continues to function as it should.

And that, as it happens, gave my own feeling of Canadian Pride on the Nation's Birthday a shot in the arm.

But we'll only be able to continue to enjoy this by staying aware, staying engaged, and keeping apprised of any threats to this system as they arise.

In short, we must stand on guard for what we're proud of.



Connecting with nature is literally at your feet

by Mark Pavilonis



"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." – Albert Einstein

Well, Albert wasn't just a scientist, but a pretty wise man.

It seems this connection with nature – with the Earth and everything it contains – is a two-way street.

Khalil Gibran said the Earth itself "delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair."

Research has confirmed what nature lovers have always known – connecting with nature is good for your health, and your soul. Research has also shown that walking barefoot – on the grass, ground or beach – provides our bodies with an abundant supply of antioxidant and free-radical busting electrons. It's natural energy that's all around us, if we know just how to plug in.

According to Dr. James Oschman, an energy medicine expert: "Our main hypothesis is that connecting the body to the Earth enables free electrons from the Earth's surface to spread over and into the body, where they can have antioxidant effects."

So my friends, my advice – toss the shoes and sandals and go free!

I remember the days when the family ventured annually to the venerable Delawana Inn. While I brought plenty of socks, I don't think I wore a single pair the whole time I was there. Liberating.

Walking barefoot, given the fancy name of "grounding" or "earthing," offers many benefits like reduced inflammation, improved sleep and even improved tissue and cell repair. It releases endorphins which can improve our mood, anxiety and even depression.

Some researchers believe that the Earth connects all living cells through a living matrix held together by electrical conductivity. This behaves similarly to antioxidants as an immune defence system that restores the body's natural immunity by connecting to the matrix.

We have roughly 8,000 nerves in our feet and if you've ever delved into reflexology, you will soon discover the feet are the gateway to well, everything.

I'm not going to get into all the details here, but we all know that being constricted in closed-toe shoes for most of our days has led to a multitude of current ailments. Our ancestors connected with the Earth for hundreds of thousands of years before footwear was invented.

Can a key to good health really be that simple?

We all require Qi (chee) to live and many Indigenous peoples have spoken about the Mother's healing power.

I recently heard that we North Americans spend roughly 93% of our lives indoors. That right there should sound alarm bells. Can you imagine spending only 7% of our lives outside, enjoying the Creator's bounty?

Of course, there are many who work outdoors and others who embrace nature every chance they get. They understand. They are likely the most "grounded" people of all.

I know I'm not alone when I say that every time I look at photos of cottage rentals or vacation ads, my thoughts turn to ditching the flip-flops and getting dirty! I want to be in that photo, right in the middle of nature's beauty. I don't know if it's as much an escape, or the fact nature calls us.

For me, the deeper the better. I love the idea of visiting a cabin in the woods, remote island or even abandoned castle. Oh, the stories these could tell.

A revolution of sorts has been taking place in the scientific understanding of trees. Some studies confirm that trees are far more alert, social, sophisticated, and intelligent, than we thought. Trees of the same species are communal, and will often form alliances with trees of other species in what can be described as the "wood-wide web."

The fine, hair-like root tips of trees join together with microscopic fungal filaments to form this network. It appears to operate as a symbiotic relationship between trees and fungi. The fungi consume roughly 30 per cent of the sugar that trees photosynthesize from sunlight. The sugar is fuel for fungi, as they scavenge the soil for nitrogen, phosphorus and other mineral nutrients, which are then absorbed and consumed by the trees.

This resembles the neural networks in the brain and trees actually share information. They can also help one another defend against disease.

I had an inkling that nature was much more than a bunch of flora and fauna, but this is incredible.

This furthers the idea that all living things on our home world are connected in some way.

Indigenous Peoples have long known this and only recently have we "westerners" begun to realize the splendor that is Turtle Island.

What took us so long?

Can we harvest the power of flora, too, as our toes dig into Mother Earth? Is the concept of life much more elaborate and intricately in tune than we ever thought? It makes me wonder about this universe of ours and creation itself.

Our odds – yours and mine – of being here are literally astronomical. For you and I to have been born and lived, our family lineage would have to have been unbroken for thousands of years.

Our ancestors survived plagues, droughts, famine, war in order to continue the family lines.

For our planet to have emerged the way it did is also quite impressive.

"The possibility that intelligence is extremely rare and Earth 'lucked out' remains quite viable," according to astronomer David Kipping.

If we are so lucky, we should never waste a second exploring this world.

William Shakespeare once wrote that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Indeed, Bill, indeed.

Our Readers Write

Reader takes issue with MP's mailer

I would like to comment on Kyle Seeback's latest mailing to Caledon residence. With all the lies created by Donald Trump, where he said recently, "Democrats are aborting babies at 8, 9 months into a woman's pregnancy and even after the baby is born." This American-style

politics has to stop and not infiltrate into Canada's elections.

In Kyle Seeback's "Tell Me How To Vote" flyer, he says on the first page that we currently have a Liberal-NDP government. Not really, because our parliament has a Liberal caucus, not NDP. As far as I know, the Liberals are the incumbent party that are currently in power.

The first page comments about Conservative Bill C -351 regarding Paul Bernardo being moved to a "cushy-medium security" from maximum security. Seeback says. "On top of this, Justin Trudeau's Public Safety Minister, Dominic Le

Blanc, has always had authority to issue directions to Correctional Service Canada."

Marco Mendicino was the Minister of Public Safety who made this decision on July 26, 2023 and he was dismissed for it. Dominic Le Blanc did not make this decision.

Furthermore, medium security prison is not "cushy"; it means prisoners can move around, where maximum security means barred in a single cell for most of the day.

Medium security still looks the same as maximum security and most of Canada's most dangerous offenders are housed in medium security prisons.

Seeback's front page flyer is inundated with exaggerated untruths. I don't like this kind of politics in Canada.

DIANNE NARROL

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Let's say you're hiking the trail and slip on a rock, and twist your knee or ankle during a Saturday romp through the woods.

By Monday morning your limb is swollen and painful. A trip to the doctor is required to find out how serious your injury is.

The doctor, whom you have never met before, takes a look at your swollen appendage, then tells you it's nothing to worry about.

They then suggest a prescription for Minoxidil to be applied to the area.

You immediately question the doctor's suggestion, because you know Minoxidil is a hair treatment formula – it's not used for pain relief or injuries.

After doing some research, you find out your doctor didn't actually qualify for medical school, but was allowed to attend, and given a medical diploma based on the fact that they had red hair.

Would you go back to that same doctor the next time?

Apply that same formula to any other job. Would you allow an unqualified electrician to wire your

house? An untrained lawyer to represent you in court? A guy who has never paved a driveway to complete the job for you?

Probably not.

People are generally hired because they are qualified for a position in some way.

Discrimination happens in the workplace, there's no doubt about that. There are plenty of companies that only hire certain kinds of people.

I used to know a guy whose family run business produced a food product and they were quite successful. They hired only Spanish speaking people, and only those that belonged to the right religious cult.

Publicly funded groups, including government offices, are not supposed to discriminate in any way. Everyone is supposed to get an even shot at a job.

At least that's the way it was.

But the public library in Burnaby B.C., has gone the other way. They don't hire white people.

They openly discriminate, and are proud of it. They call it the "special hiring program."

Recently they had 84 white candidates apply for five positions. Every single one of them were rejected outright, because of their race.

The British Columbia Human Rights Code prohibits discriminatory hiring based on race or ancestry, how-

ever the Burnaby Public Library is one of several organizations that have been granted a special exemption by the B.C. Human Rights Commissioner to openly deny employment to white people.

The University of British Columbia also has been granted special program status so they too can openly practice discrimination.

The big joke here, is the person at the library who holds the "Chief Librarian" title, is white. The Special Hiring Program, that won't hire white people, exempts the position of Chief Librarian from being under that rule.

So, the white woman, who won't hire white people, is exempt from her own rule. You can't make this stuff up.

This is what happens when extremism takes over any institution.

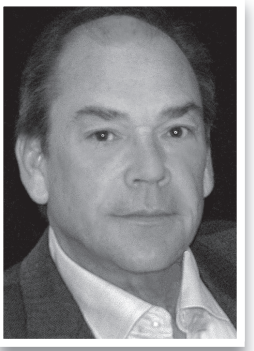
The thing is, extremists always end up doing exactly the same thing as those on the other end of the spectrum are doing.

They end up hating each other for having the same behaviour.

The extreme leftists take things so far, they end up doing the same thing that those in the extreme right are blamed for doing.

If the Human Rights Code openly allows discrim-

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Lament for a Nation

With apologies to George Grant, author of what many consider a seminal essay on Canadian nationalism, today's lament is perhaps fittingly, more focussed upon our American neighbours on the 247th celebration of their autonomy from Britain. Specifically, their escape from the rule of the monarch King George III whom many considered "mad," and unfit to rule. In Lament, Grant deplored our potential slide toward embracing "all things American." Proud Canadians would deny there was ever a risk, but I hope now more than ever, such a slide would prove impossible. That's because ironically, America might soon be in the hands of someone that many consider equally as unstable as old King George, now that SCOTUS has handed the "keys to the kingdom" to the office of the presidency. I really hope my assumptions are correct because as America's closest neighbour, we should be very, very concerned. It might be time to re-read Grant's Lament.

On July 4, 1776 the founding fathers of America declared the thirteen colonies would no longer be subject, and subordinate to, the rule of a Monarch, and that the concept of a monarchy was, of course, undemocratic. America, on July 4, specifically celebrates the founding fathers' declaration that America be "united, free and independent." A recent Supreme Court ruling however, would seem to be

trying to turn back time, by granting a sitting President, for all intents and purposes, similar powers to those of that long ago mad monarch. For lack of a better analogy it seems the pendulum has swung so far over to the other side that not even a Swiss timepiece engineering could fix the clock and time is running out for democracy.

If all of this seems an exaggeration to you, consider these facts: while it is too soon to declare victory, in France the nationalist, anti-immigration and economically protectionist party led by Marine Le Pen are currently leading in the first of their two-round parliamentary elections.

Across Europe, "far-right parties produced strong or record results" in the 2024 European Union parliamentary elections. While the EU parliament's influence is indirect, it's a strong indication of a shift in thinking and not for the better. Italy (as just one example) is now in the hands of far-right Prime Minister Georgia Meloni who appears to have softened her stance on certain policies but, per the Washington Post, "leads the Brothers of Italy party, which has roots in post-war fascism," and which it should be noted, "still bears the same three-coloured flame logo adopted by neo-fascist groupings after the war." In Hungary, Viktor Orban has sought "to align the executive, legislative and

judicial powers of the state," which, in a traditional democracy, would be used as a check and balance against one another. Sound familiar?

This rudimentary run-down only scratches the surface of what appears to be a significant shift towards insular, protectionist, anti-immigrant leanings; all sentiments, it appears, are shared not just by Donald Trump, but also by the Supreme Court of the United States. Where do these sentiments begin to take root? Is it too far of a stretch to suggest provincial governments granting "strong mayoral powers" to local governments is an example of the first instances of frustration that a tax-paying citizen might experience? When even grassroots, municipal level democracy is circumvented, perhaps it's easy to see how even those who believe passionately in democracy feel concern about whether it is actually working well.

But for now, back to America. As for Trump himself, the facts are he is a convicted felon. He's a misogynist, overseeing a supreme court decision to strike down Roe vs. Wade, and who was caught on tape actually exclaiming that when you're a star (one assumes he thinks of himself as such) "you can do anything (to women) even grab 'em by the p**y."

Trump has previously referred to immigrants

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as "vermin," who are "poisoning the blood of our country." He has promised "to use totalitarian tactics to carry out the largest mass detention and deportation program in the nation's history." At least one poll "found that 38 percent of Americans, including nearly half of Republicans, agree that the U.S. needs a leader who "is willing to break some rules if that is what it takes to set things right." These are scary statistics. If they indeed reflect the sentiment of the people, it appears the Supreme Court of the United States has just found a way to give Trump permission to do exactly that; break rules whenever he wants and without any fear of repercussions during, or after, his term as president. Almost sounds like those monarchy days of old when kings also did whatever they wanted. So, what exactly is America celebrating today? George Grant wrote Lament for Nation in 1965 decrying "an emerging Americanization of Canadians and Canadian culture." I firmly believe the average Canadian would vehemently deny an affection for "all things American." Let's hope that is especially true now more than ever before.

The West: Enormous Changes at the Last Minute

By Friday (5 July), we will know the outcome of the British election. On Monday (8 July) we will know the result of the French election. And by the middle of the month it will be clear whether Joe Biden remains the Democratic presidential candidate in the United States. If he does, then Donald Trump will probably win the election in November.

Very little of this was planned. The British election was expected this year, but in October or November – until Prime Minister Rishi Sunak surprised everybody (including his own Conservative Party) by calling it early. It was a gamble that failed.

No national election was expected in France until 2027, but President Emmanuel Macron called the National Assembly (parliament) elections three years early after his party took a severe beating in the European elections early last month. Another dramatic gamble that has failed.

And the Democratic Party seemed certain to choose Joe Biden as its candidate for the presidency again despite some muttered misgivings in the party about his age (81). That certainty imploded after Biden's poor performance in the first TV debate with Donald Trump last week, and there is now a panicky debate within the party about replacing him.

Technically it's not too late for the Democrats to change horses – their nominating convention is in late August – but in practical terms it cannot be done at this late stage without Biden's full and willing cooperation.

We'll know within the next two or three weeks if there's any hope of easing Biden out without triggering a war within the Democratic Party. If an exit deal is not visible by then, we can conclude that Biden will go ahead and fight – and probably lose the November election. His mind may still be sharp most of the time, but perceptions matter more.

So, there we suddenly are, with three of the four biggest Western countries, containing about half of NATO's population, facing elections that may radically change their political orientations.

In the American and French cases, their next governments may be hard right, with fascist undertones.

The United Kingdom's election is the soonest and the least alarming, so let's start there. The Tories (Conservatives) have been in power for 14 years by now, so time would have eroded their popularity even if they had wonderful and successful policies. Their policies were neither of those things.

They left the European Union (Brexit) and lost

free access to Britain's largest market by far. They imposed savage and needless austerity measures simply to serve their ideological goal of shrinking the state. British family incomes at the end of their 14 years in power, astoundingly, are actually lower than they were at the start.

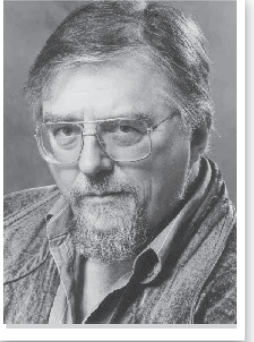
Things went crazy in the last five of those years, during which the country had four different Tory prime ministers but only one election. Once Brexit was done the party ran out of ideas, so the Conservative members of parliament broke up into vaguely ideological gangs and started fighting each other.

One prime minister was forced to resign for serial lying (Boris Johnson), another for crashing the economy (Liz Truss). The British economy rotted, the National Health Service is near collapse, and Prime Minister Sunak's final obsession was to "get the flights going" to export asylum-seekers from Britain to Rwanda. (Cost: more than \$1 million per person.)

That will never happen now, and the only question will be merely a catastrophe (two terms in opposition and then maybe a comeback), or a full-scale extinction event from which there is no return.

The Conservatives have been in office for more than half the time since the "modern" party was

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founded 190 years ago, but apart from Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists in the years before the Second World War they have never before had to face a challenge from the right.

Nigel Farage's Reform UK Party is nationalist, populist and dog-whistle racist, but it is a far more sophisticated operation than Mosley's ridiculous blackshirts. Farage's goal is to supplant the traditional Conservative Party as the natural home for right-wing Britons, but he is not averse to achieving that goal by a hostile take-over of the Tories.

There are prominent figures in the Conservative Party, fearing near-annihilation in this week's election, who see this as their only plausible route back to power within the next decade. The populist wave that threatens to engulf the West is a long-term threat in Britain, too – but for the next five years, at least, the Labour Party will govern with a massive majority.

It will take longer than that to repair all the economic and social damage that has been done, but at least it's a start. Elsewhere, the picture is darker.

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Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

Tyler Ferlito led the Hall Wolfpack to ROPSSAA Football and Baseball Championships in 2023-24

BY JIM STEWART

Grade 12 Robert F. Hall CSS two-sport athlete Tyler Ferlito ended his high school athletic career with an impressive flourish to earn The Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week.

Ferlito quarterbacked the Wolfpack to the ROPSSAA Senior Boys Football Championship in the Fall. Eight months later, the clutch hitter and big game pitcher led the Wolfpack to its second consecutive ROPSSAA Varsity Boys Baseball Championship.

Two regional championships in two major sports in one school year is an impressive feat not lost on his football and baseball Head Coach Jason Sweeney. The veteran Hall coach was succinct in his praise of Ferlito's crucial efforts on the gridiron and the diamond.

"He's an exceptional leader and an outstanding athlete who excels in both sports."

Coach Sweeney also acknowledged Ferlito's qualities as a student at Robert F. Hall CSS.

"Tyler's the first one to help out a teammate and a classmate. He helps out with the Senior Girls Soccer team, as well."

What impressed Coach Sweeney the most about Ferlito were "his leadership qualities, as well as his commitment to sports and academics."

He highlighted Ferlito's pivotal role in two ROPSSAA championships this school year.

"Tyler was a key reason why we won both Football and Baseball championships last year. He led us to the Championship game in Football Tier 1, coming up just short of the school's first OFSSAA berth. He is a big reason why the baseball team was in the playoffs for the second straight year and why we defended our ROPSSAA championship."

Tyler Ferlito took time from his summer holidays to answer our interview questions



TYLER FERLITO
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

and reflect on his double-championship final year of high school:

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

Tyler Ferlito: "I think one of the most important qualities that I show on that baseball field is that making mistakes is a part of the game. Baseball is a game where you lose more than you win, so being able

to let the last play stay in the past and look to the next play is a good quality."

Caledon Citizen: What key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season are you most proud of?

Tyler Ferlito: "For me, not leaving runners stranded and clutch-hitting with runners in scoring position has been a huge part of why our team is so successful. After not pitching for a while before this season, I'm proud of how I'm able to work counts and still be a successful pitcher."

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

Tyler Ferlito: "I play AAA football for the Brampton Bulldogs; I also used to play baseball for the Brampton Royals AAA."

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?

Tyler Ferlito: "I would describe myself as a passionate kid who loves sports – both playing and watching. At school, I'm a huge science guy and I want to go to school for forensics. I'm a quarterback for our school football team and I play for the school baseball team."

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

Tyler Ferlito: "I'm looking at a science route of post-secondary, specifically forensics science. I would love to play football in post-secondary because football is a passion of mine."

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

Tyler Ferlito: "One of my biggest role models is Joe Burrow, he plays Quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals, and he went to school at LSU. The reason I look up to him so much is because he is the most calm, level-headed player on the field at any given time. He is known for not letting anything phase him when he is on that field and that's exactly the person I want to be."

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Tyler Ferlito: "I feel pretty excited to be nominated for this not just because I'm being nominated, but because our school is getting recognized for our athletics. The coaches and teachers put all their time into sports at this school so that we can have successful sports teams and it's nice to see that it's getting recognized."

She Plays Golf event coming to TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley

Girls aged eight to 18 invited to beginner-friendly event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A junior girls golf event is coming to Caledon this weekend.

On July 6, Golf Canada is hosting a "try golf" day for girls aged eight to 18 at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley as part of its She Plays Golf initiative.

No prior golf experience is required, and the event will introduce players to fundamental golf skills in a relaxed and social environment.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will feature putting, chipping, and full swing lessons and a lunch social.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to bring a friend or sibling, and participants will be grouped by age wherever possible.

Golf-specific attire is welcome but not required for the event. Interested golfers don't need to have their own set of clubs, as clubs will be available.

When arriving at the event, partic-

ipants are asked to make their way through the parking lot following the She Plays Golf signs.

For more information about the event, interested parties can email sheplaysgolf@golfcanada.ca or call 905-849-9700 extension 244.

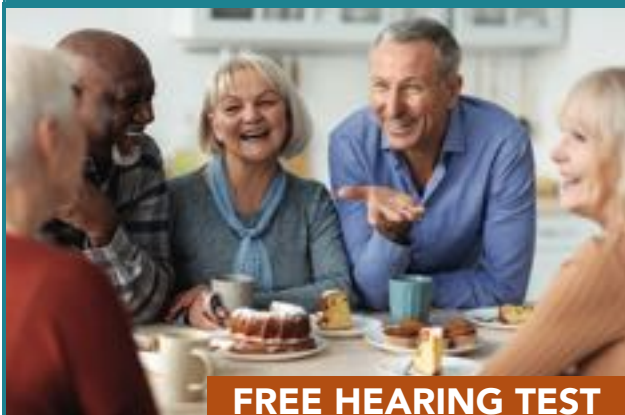
A media release authored by Lia McKay explains She Plays Golf is a celebration of golf for women and girls that's taking place at locations across the Greater Toronto Area at the same time as the Ororo PGA Women's Championship of Canada — which is being hosted at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley.

The initiative is being made possible thanks to funding from RBC and a number of other partners. She Plays Golf was first launched in Alberta in 2023 and in 2024, it has expanded to Ontario and British Columbia.

"The festivals feature inclusive programming for women and girls, addressing gaps in the participation pathway and introducing the game in a safe, fun, and judgment-free environment," said McKay. "Activities take place at golf courses across the host city region during the same week as the She Plays Golf Championship Series event."

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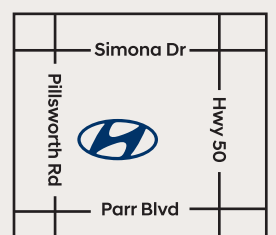
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Stothers pitches CG gem and Larmer delivers two RBI in Bolton Brewers' 4-1 win over Padres

BY JIM STEWART

Mateo Stothers's complete game performance and Jack Larmer's big 2-RBI hit powered the Bolton Brewers to a 4-1 victory over the Creemore Padres 4-1 on Thursday night at North Hill Park.

The Brewers used a pair of two-run innings to subdue the visitors, but Bolton's best performance of the night was on the mound.

Mateo Stothers, in his first year in the North Dufferin Baseball League's Senior Division, delivered a tidy complete game performance for the Brewers. Stothers allowed zero earned runs and walked none over seven innings of work. A product of the Caledon Nationals rep baseball program, Stothers scattered seven hits and struck out four Padres in his quality start.

Brewers' Head Coach Mike Wallace praised his starter's performance.

"Mateo was phenomenal. He was ahead of them all night. He started most of the Creemore hitters at 0-1 and took many to 0-2 to stay in control of the zone. Mateo held them hitless until the fourth inning."

Coach Wallace delineated the other keys to victory over the Padres.

"It was nice to see us win another way on Thursday in a close game. We've bludgeoned teams this year, but winning the close ones prepares the team for the well-pitched games that we'll see later in the season and in the play-

offs."

He applauded the efforts of both starting pitchers as well as his team's focus on the base-paths.

"Mateo was terrific, but so was Tommy Gateman for the Padres. The game was quick and we were finished before the sun was completely set. Both pitchers were dealing, but a difference maker for us was our baserunning. It's really improved this season. Both our pinch runners scored at the bottom of the fourth on Larmer's big 2-RBI hit."

Coach Wallace's team got its typical production at the top of the lineup as leadoff hitter Brett Chater and two-spot hitter Ben Sterritt delivered an RBI each in the second inning. Five-spot hitter Jack Larmer's 2 hits and 2 RBI paced Bolton's offence. Chris Falfalios, Logan Hart, Dalton Cooke, and Dan Accardo each scored a run in Bolton's conquest of Creemore.

With the victory over the Padres, the Brewers improved their first-place record to 11-2-0 to stay one point ahead of the second-place Owen Sound Baysox (10-2-1) and two points ahead of the third-place Lisle Astros (9-3-2).

Only seven points separate the Top 7 teams in the 11-team Senior Division.

The Brewers lead the Senior Division in runs scored with 123—averaging 9.4 runs per game.

Bolton hosts the sixth-place New Lowell Knights (6-3-3) on Thursday night. First pitch at North Hill Park will be 7:30 PM.



Councillor Cosimo Napoli, Councillor Tony Rosa, Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Councillor Christina Early, Mayor Annette Groves, Joe Tersigni, Councillor Mario Russo, Councillor Doug Maskell, and Councillor Dave Sheen. TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

Tersigni received honour on June 25

Continued from FRONT

Tersigni moved to Caledon in 2014 and began getting involved with local organizations like the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre and Humber River Foundation where he helped organize fundraisers and community events.

In a media release, Town of Caledon

communications staff said Tersigni was instrumental in securing Caledon's sister city agreement with Isola del Liri as he hosted delegations and joined councillors on visits to the town.

"Joe Tersigni's contributions exemplify the vital role seniors play in enhancing and nurturing the fabric of our community," reads the release

COMMUNITY events

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

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

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with

alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonanon@gmail.com.

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MARILYN FRANCES ELKIN

Marilyn Francis Elkin, originally of Dundas, died unexpectedly on June 13th, 2024 at Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville.



Born on December 18th, 1948, to Harry and Bea Elkin, Marilyn grew up in Dundas, Ontario. She graduated from Parkside High School, and stayed local, receiving her BA at McMaster University. Upon graduation, Marilyn took a job with Canada Post, and delivered mail for several years in Hamilton, before furthering her education at Western University, receiving her Masters in Library and Information Science in 1989.

In her second career, Marilyn worked for several Law Libraries in the Peel and Dufferin areas, and made a positive impact in the Law community. She settled in Orangeville - close to her work, and to her lifelong passion, horses.

Marilyn loved horses, and riding. Her pursuit of all things Equestrian culminated in her achieving the rank of Senior Dressage Steward with Equestrian Canada, with which she traveled the province judging shows, and making friends. She also volunteered with the LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society, and the Orangeville Probud Club, both of which brought her much satisfaction.

Survived by her brother Bob (Shelley), her nephew Andy (Angie), her niece Erin (Manny), and 5 great-nieces and nephews.

Missed and fondly remembered by her colleagues in Law, Libraries, and Equestrian.

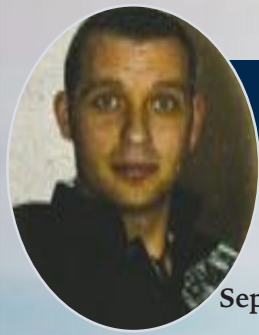
Celebration of Marilyn's Life will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday, July 8th, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. with words of remembrance at 3:30 pm. Marilyn's ashes will be laid to rest at Grove Cemetery in Dundas on Monday July 15th, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Donkey Sanctuary or LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society would be appreciated.

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MARY ELIZABETH "BETTY" BRYAN (NEE SIMPSON)

Peacefully surrounded by her family, Betty passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2024 in her 82nd year. Predeceased by her loving husband Tom Bryan (2005). Beloved Mum of Wayne (Lori), Charlie (Liz), Stan and Laurie (Mark). Proud grandma of Lindsay (Josh), Jacob (Justyna), Ben, Rachel, Josh, Luke (Kirsten), Emma (Kyle), Jason and Drew. Great-grandma to Allen, Chloe and Natalie.



Betty was born on November 2, 1942 in Orangeville, Ontario to her parents Mary Kathleen (nee Galbraith) and Murray Charles "Mutt" Simpson. Cherished sister of Russell (Susan) Simpson, Jeannie (Colin) Brookes and Peggy (Peter) Wiegert and sister-in-law of Marg Rooney, Zita Simpson, Murray Bryan, Alice Mourmahan and Grace Petty. Predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Sheila (Bob Murray), Harry Simpson, Bill Simpson, Robert Simpson, Heather (Doug) Brown and Frances (Allen) Glassford.

A Graveside Service to celebrate the life of Betty took place at Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville, Ontario, on Thursday July 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life followed at the Orangeville Christian School, 553281 County Road 16, Orangeville, Ontario from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Memories of Betty took place at 2:00 p.m.

If desired, donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County or a charity of your choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

We are so grateful to the staff at Dufferin Oaks for their exceptional care throughout the years. Their kindness will always be remembered.

JENNIE RUTLEDGE (NEE ANDERSEN)

Jennie Rutledge (Andersen) 77 of Orangeville, Ontario passed away June 1st, 2024 at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville, Ontario



Jennie is survived by her husband Ralph Rutledge of Orangeville, Ontario, Nina Rutledge, Sean Rutledge, Cynthia and Jared Fulkerson, Scott and Kelsea Quillman, Matthew Legge, Noah Legge, Joshua Heard, Maggie Jay Weatherford, Maria Andersen and Peter Andersen in Denmark.

Jennie is predeceased by her daughter Denise Quillman (2012).

Jennie was the daughter of Ruben and Anna Andersen, born in Denmark on July 11, 1946. November of 1958, Jennie came to Canada with her parents, Jennie and Ralph were married on November 28, 1964,

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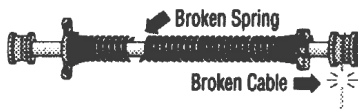
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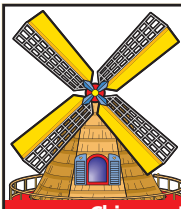
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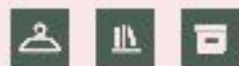


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(LEFT) Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones wished residents a happy Canada Day. (Right) Members of the Alton Legion raised the Canadian Flag. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

unteers who put this on... this is outstanding," said Kiernan. "This is a big day for our volunteers."

Ed Taccone, President of the Caledon Fair Board, wished everyone a happy Canada Day.

"As we gather with friends and family to

celebrate Canada Day, let's honour the Indigenous peoples who have stewarded this land for generations and the cultural contributions of all the diverse communities that call Canada home," said Taccone. "Let's come together to celebrate our shared values of equality, diversity, and inclusivity."

Caledon Fairgrounds packed with people celebrating Canada Day on July 1

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Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones said she loved seeing so many families out enjoying the day together.

"This event is organized by volunteers who give up their Canada Day so that you can have a fabulous Canada Day," said Jones.

Regional Councillor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early said it was wonderful to

see how many people came out to celebrate Canada Day this year.

"It's like we've never seen before... It's such a tradition," said Early. "When we walked in and saw the lineup for those pancakes, it was just music to everyone's ears."

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said it was a joy to see so many people at the Caledon Fairgrounds.

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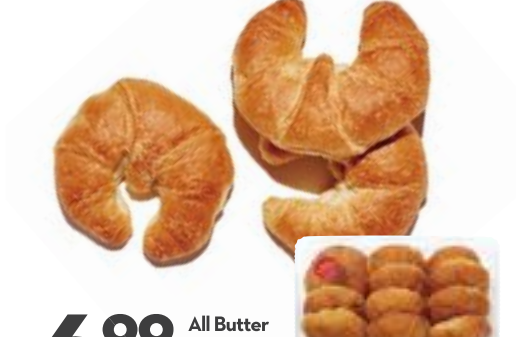
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